

National Merit Awards To Shrink, Disappear On A Four-Year Basis

Evanston, Ill. (CPS)—The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) will phase out its four-year national scholarships next year and replace them with a less costly program of one-year, \$1,000 awards.

The change is a result of a cut-back in the amount of funds granted to the corporation by the Ford Foundation, according to Harold Harding, NMSC's director for information. Ford has supplied

funds for all national awards in the past.

The industrial, or sponsored scholarships, will not be affected by the impending change, Harding said. The sponsored awards make up the bulk of the financial assistance given out by the corporation—there were about 1800 sponsored awards made last year, and only six hundred national awards—but the national scholarships have al-

ways been regarded as the more prestigious of the two kinds of awards.

According to Harding, the corporation plans to award about four hundred national scholarships next year, and none the year after. It will phase in the one-year awards during the same period.

The NMSC official said the total amount of financial aid given out by the corporation over the next two years would remain at about the level of last year's aid, which he estimated as \$7.8 million.

Since 1956, when the corporation was founded, several hundred high school students have been chosen from among the National Merit finalists each year to receive the national awards. (Last year there were 14,000 finalists.) Every state was given a quota of national awards, with the winners from each state being selected by a national board, composed mainly of college administration officers.

The awards were given for a four-year period, and ranged in amount from \$100 to \$1,500 per year. According to Harding the national board selected recipients more on the basis of factors like their high school performances and extra-curricular accomplishments than their scores on the NMSC's qualifying test.

The sponsored awards, most of them given by corporations or private donors, usually establish one or more criteria for the selection of recipients. Harding explained that "commonly, the criterion is that the recipient be the son or daughter of an employee of the sponsor. There are others, however—some of the sponsors want recipients who are going to a particular school, or come from a particular county."

The new program—giving \$1,000 awards for one year—will go into effect this year, according to Harding. He said that about 500 of the one-year grants will be made to seniors graduating this spring, and about 1,000 of them the following year.



Seniors Patsy Martin, Betsy Payne, and Bumpy McIver learn the art of trimming Moravian Christmas Candles. Monday night, Dr. and Mrs. Gramley helped the Senior Class prepare the candles that were used in today's Christmas Assembly.

Santa Receives Letter

Santa-Babes, It's about time for you to make the big scene in your reindeer machine, spreading good cheer and a little bit of "sock it to me" over the countryside. So pack your bags and get your gear, because where you're going is nowhere near.

Just for the record, fat man, these wild chicks at Salem U have been good girls all year through. Like man, they've been keeping their coke bottles out of sight and all that trash. I would like to send out a few soul-shaking requests for your big night:

Alice Wightman, better known as Madame X, would like a crystal ball. She's already got that palm business knocked and she's ready for the big time.

Rumor has it that Lisa Mabley needs a little bit of help gaining weight. Her appetite pills don't seem to do the trick. How about giving her some "Weight-On" for an extra boost?

Roberta Thompson, our animal lover, wants more ponies. Please give her a direct line to the Monarch Company as a vital representative of the "Society for the Prevention of the Extinction of Ponies."

There just haven't been enough

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seniors will be entertained with refreshments in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dale H. Gramley after the Christmas Assembly, Monday night.

Dormitories will close at 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 20. If anyone needs to leave later than this hour, she is asked to please notify her counselor and take her luggage to Clewell Reception Room and wait there.

- Heidemann -

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the Salem College School of Music which periodically features faculty concerts as part of its concert programs.

Mr. Heidemann presented another concert in assembly Wednesday, December 13. His first selection was a Beethoven *Sonata, Op. 13*, which is referred to as the "Pathétique." This moving, forceful piece is one of the best and most recognizable of the Beethoven Sonatas. The first movement is especially noteworthy because of its form and its popularity in the musical field. Mr. Heidemann presented the selection in the forceful, dynamic style that has won this work its fame.

His second selection was the *Sonata in A major* by Mozart. This work is a light airy one that is characteristic of the delicate work created by Mozart. Mr. Heidemann showed great ability in this quick-moving piece.

It has been said that the sonata is the true test of an artist's ability. Mr. Heidemann, in selecting the sonata as the text of his performance, proved to everyone present his mastery of the art. His recital was worthy of the ovation given to him.

serenades for Lyn Davis this fall. She's hoping for an influx of pins over Christmas, so that she can have a serenade to tape every night of the week.

Nancy Johnson needs a longer skateboard, preferably fluorescent for night-riding. She has a definite problem putting both big feet on that board.

Of course, all the student teachers are hoping that you'll create "more hours in the day" so they can teach longer. Also, there is a group in Biting that is counting the days until the fourth edition of Jeopardy is released.

Cece Dillard wants a few extra inches and Sandy Gills joins her in that request.

Second floor Biting requests a separate line for Nancy Richardson. It's awfully disheartening when every call that comes in is from Ed.

Santa baby, how about twelve o'clock Sunday night permissions for the juniors all wrapped up in a big green bow and gold paper?

If you can, Patsy Mathews would like to teach Latin somewhere. Is there a place for her in the Vatican?

Bring, as you wing your way down from Maine and other northern parts, a certain male exchange student for Eva Drexler. Make sure he's wrapped up tight and secure and take special care of him.

Jane Litton is afraid she'll break a four-year streak, so please Santa, arrange her a date with a certain boy in Winston-Salem.

Janet Smith would like a movie of her part in the Gramley Thanksgiving party. Her one-line walk-on, "Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker", deserves an Oscar.

Santa, there are a lot of girls who want husbands, but fitting them into stockings would be too hard even for you and Rudolph. Therefore, diamonds will just have to do.

Well, Nick-baby, these are just a few hints to speed you along. Now jump on it and ride.

T. P. and 'son

- Teachers -

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this practice teaching season comes to an end, there are mixed emotions in the heart of every student teacher.

Happiness: no more papers to grade, aching feet, and bleeding chalk-caked fingers. Sadness: no more "Will you come to the game Friday night?", no more "See ya Monday!"

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lence in the face of a deadline. With a larger staff, a better and more creative *Salemite* would be possible. We need writers, proof-readers, typists, layout staff, runners—anyone who is interested and willing to work.

If you want to do something constructive to improve your school paper, come to *The Salemite* office. A welcome awaits you; moreover, you will be a more involved and satisfied *Salemite*.

Sincerely,
Jane Horton

French Organist Plays; Benefits Musical Fund

French Organist Marie-Claire Alain presented a concert for the Agnew H. Bahnson, Jr. Memorial Organ Fund in Hanes Auditorium Friday, December 8.

Miss Alain demonstrated her talent for bringing out the individuality of an organ in all of the pieces she performed. Although she seems to be most sensitive to French works, she displayed this characteristic with Bach's *Fantasy in G major*. Her next selection, *Litanies*, was written by her brother Jehan and into this work she seemed to put her entire self. Three choral preludes followed the *Litanies* on the program. These were "Schmucke dich, O Liebe Seele," "Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns wend," and "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme."

Following a very brief intermis-

son Miss Alain performed Franck's romantic work *Fantasy in A major* with much control. Her next selections were most difficult. These were *Three Dances* which involved much pedal work and which are not usually performed because of their difficulty.

For her final improvisation she presented her interpretations of *Veni Emanuel*.

Miss Alain has performed in concert throughout Europe and the United States. She received her musical background from her family and from French schools. She received the *Grand Prix du Disque* for her recordings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dormitories will re-open at noon Tuesday, January 2. Anyone returning before that hour may wait in the Day Student Center.

Christmas holiday sign-outs and meal count must be completed by Monday night, December 18.

Dr. William B. White spent the week of December 11 serving on jury duty for Forsyth County.

- Conference -

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was filled with formal programs; there was much time for socializing, since the purpose of the conference was to get to know people of both races as individuals. One of the leisure activities provided was a tour of the Redstone Arsenal and NASA.

A closing comment made by one of the faculty present was that people seem to learn better in a crisis and that perhaps the integration crisis can be the opportunity for students to learn more.

ATTENTION

A dinner will be held for those who helped with practice teaching, January 11. This group will include critic teachers, principals, teachers who had students observing in their classes and all others who cooperated with teacher education at Salem. The practice teachers will serve as hostesses for the occasion.

- Tripping -

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you have some relief when it rains. We assume it makes your decision a little easier!

After surveying the campus for weeks and weeks, we have decided that there is only one answer. Mathematicians and Home Ec majors, get out your sliderules and tape measures! Something must be done to help the average over-walked *Salemite*. Let's find the shortest distance to everywhere on campus. Let's publish maps so that everyone can benefit from our extensive research. Now, please help us solve one additional problem. When walking to the bookstore, how do you decide which two cars to walk between?

Decisions, decisions, decisions! What's a poor girl to do?

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