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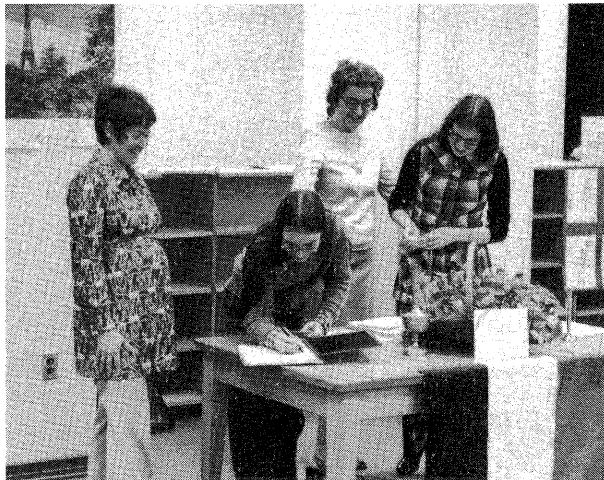
Bulletin de la Société Honoraire de Français

“French In Action” Photo Entries



FIRST PRIZE

Connellsville Area Sr. HS
Connellsville, PA
Mr. Anthony Keefer



HONORABLE MENTION

Albemarle HS
Charlottesville, VA
Mary A. Lederman



HONORABLE MENTION

The Immaculata
Chicago, IL
Miss Nancy Van Zeyl



HONORABLE MENTION

Bishop O'Reilly HS
Kingston, PA
Sr. Joan Fritzges

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Excerpts From Annual Reports

Satellite HS, Satellite Beach, FL Kathleen Moore, Sponsor

The ceremony began with a musical procession of the inductees and the singing of *La Marseillaise*. The words were printed in the program for the non-French-speaking parents. In the center of the table on the stage was a board, resting at an incline, on which were fastened white candles in the shape of a large fleur-de-lis. As each inductee's name was called in alphabetical order, he or she went to the front and lit one candle, received his certificate with congratulations from the teacher, and then was seated again.

West Stanley HS, Oakboro, NC Charlene W. Miller, Sponsor

West Stanley HS members of SHF will call themselves "les Djinns." They compiled a booklet for distribution in the school and community. It appears the first day of each month and contains news of the French Club and the Société as well as cultural articles about France—the railroads, the production of wine, the observance of le Jour du Muguet, information concerning Pompidou and the new elections, jokes, and simple games like word searches. The Journal is primarily in English so that all students (and faculty) can read and enjoy it.

Northwest HS, Omaha, NB Diane Koslowske, Sponsor

The club sponsored a bicycle race for the whole school. Entries could represent a club or an individual. The race took place in a residential area that was blocked to cars during the race. International road signs were placed along the route. The first prize was \$10 and a big bouquet of flowers and second prize was \$5.

Notre Dame Catholic HS, Bridgeport, CT Winnie Botosani, Sponsor

We have a bulletin board decorated every month by two different members. The last theme was "les Provinces Françaises."

Walter A. Williams HS, Burlington, NC

Edith Allen, Sponsor

The French Honor Society gave a presentation of "Blanche Neige," written by our vice-president. The story was narrated in English and characters spoke in French. In this way, our student body was able to follow the action of the play.

R. J. Reynolds HS, Winston-Salem, NC

Joan Elliston, Sponsor

"Croque-Monsieur," Fondue, and Crêpe parties; Spanish group vs. French group football game; French-style picnic; speaker on Existentialism (Germaine Brée).

Sacred Heart Academy, Louisville, KY

Barbara Danzig, Sponsor

SHA was fortunate this year to host two French exchange students, one of whom is vice-president of our Club. They told us about life in France, taught us French songs and dances. We are presently working on the publication of our French magazine "Le Babillard." Plans for the future include a "Tour de France" bicycle race and our annual Gala dinner, which includes a French meal prepared and enjoyed by our Club members.

Mountain View HS, Kingsley, PA Paul J. Pasko, Sponsor

In cooperation with the Home Economics teacher (Inter-Disciplinary teaching), our students prepared by themselves and then partook of a full 8-course French meal, including such specialties as "Bouillabaisse" and Beef "Bourguignon."

Falls Church HS, Falls Church, VA

Vivien Sulpice, Sponsor

The week of May 13-17 has been designated as French week. A French program including "Meurtres chez le Coiffeur," a one-act play, and songs and recitations in French, will be given in the Little Theatre.

Gainesville HS, Gainesville, FL Linda Hodges, Sponsor

Seven of the members participated in the "Congrès de la Culture Française en Floride," a yearly state-wide convention of French students. Competitions included déclamations, discours, dictées, workshops, pièces de théâtre, and entertainment. Students at GHS won third place in the state.

West Haven HS, West Haven, CT

Emma Blanch, Sponsor

All year long students wrote poetry and short stories, the best of which were published in the West Haven Chapter publication *Les Etoiles*, with lovely designs to accompany some of the works.

Central HS, Seat Pleasant, MD Cynthia Perkins, Sponsor

As members of the French Club, most of the new inductees had participated in preparing and serving a French luncheon to 54 paying guests. The menu consisted of hors d'œuvre, choice of coq au vin or bœuf bourguignon, rice, salad, bread, and cherries jubilee. Profits went toward the expenses of a trip we took to Montreal and Quebec during spring vacation.

Pekin HS, Pekin, IL

Lezlie Padgen, Sponsor

At Christmas time they had a party at which they painted plaster Nativity characters as "santons," after the santons popular in France.

Nyack HS, Nyack NY Arthur Brady, Sponsor

A meeting of the entire French Honor Society was held at which it was decided that the Society would organize a French tutoring program every year as part of its regular activities. It would also organize contests and sponsor prizes every year. The tutoring program is being started this February, and one culture contest is being planned for the spring. If successful, more contests will be added to our regular functions.

Thomas Edison HS, Alexandria, VA

Michelle Rogers, Sponsor

The induction ceremony took place at the Maison de Crêpes in Alexandria. After eating delicious "crêpes salées et crêpes sucrées," the Constitution was read. A lighted candle was passed around as each student received his card and recited his lines in French. (Acceptez-vous cette carte, symbole de votre place dans la Société Honoraire de Français qui représente la reconnaissance de vos accomplissements dans l'étude de la langue Française au lycée Thomas Edison.) Guests of the French class were an Air France pilot and air hostess, a representative from Sabena Airlines, and two native ladies from Haiti and Martinique. The guests participated in a program called "Voyage aux Pays Francophones" when the French class was turned into an airplane and students into travellers and Air France crew.

North Hunterdon Reg. HS, Annandale, NJ

Nelly Chin, Sponsor

Sous l'oeil attendri et admiratif de nombreux parents et de tous les administrateurs de l'école, trente élèves furent installés dans une cérémonie émouvante. La présence de M. André Maman, doyen-adjoint de l'Université de Princeton, Professeur de cette même université, Président de la Société de Professeurs de Français, délégué au Conseil Supérieur des Français à l'Etranger, rehaussa la soirée et fit de l'installation un événement mémorable. Sa causerie sur "De Tocqueville," nom choisi par la section, éclaira les assistants et inspira les nouveaux membres.

Ball HS, Galveston, TX

Marion Ellis, Sponsor

Class projects: students made models of French castles, the Bastille, the Eiffel Tower, copied French painters, made games and puzzles in French, made posters and road signs in French; participation in Jeune Alliance, an affiliate of l'Alliance Française of Houston; money-making project, a very successful sale of French perfume.

North Springs HS, Atlanta, GA

Nancy H. Sohl, Sponsor

Members of the French Honor Society, along with other students of French, are going to present "Une Soirée Française" to parents and friends in May. This evening will include a play by Ionesco, several original skits in French, the dramatization of a Fable by La Fontaine, and French songs.

Bishop Reilly HS, Fresh Meadows, NY

Walter Eggmann, Sponsor

Activities are limited to assist department with certain administrative matters, such as proctors to administer a language aptitude battery, serve as ushers for foreign language events, participate in tutoring less able students, publish a brief newsletter.

North Miami Beach Sr. HS, North Miami Beach, FL

Pearl Chiari, Sponsor

Chapter 801 of SHF exhibited two entries in the Dade County Youth Fair. One of the entries, submitted by Jacqueline Olan, depicted the role of the French mother in a dioramic presentation, with an accompanying booklet explaining the typical French menu. The other presentation, created by Ellen Weiss, centered around La Maison, or the French home in a dollhouse style. It also showed the use of prepositions à and de. Each won red ribbons, or second prize, in the most original and most artistic divisions, respectively.

Wrangell HS, Wrangell, AK

Gail Nolan, Sponsor

For the past two years fund raising activities have been conducted for the following purposes: to purchase special books for French students at a discount (for example, a set of *Astérix*, *Berlitz French for Travelers*, and Eli Blume's *Premier Livre* were among the books students ordered for themselves); to raise a \$500 contingency fund for the ten students whom I'm taking to Europe this summer on Scholastic International's program: The Language, People, and Culture of France.

Mt. Brook HS, Birmingham, AL

Ann Lyn Stephens, Sponsor

We've held nighttime meetings with native speakers telling about their countries (Canada once, Belgium another time) and with American speakers telling of their experiences (one was a law student who went to Aix-en-Provence for a year to study Arabic).

Hickman Mills Sr. HS, Kansas City, MO

Janet Fisher, Sponsor

Our SHF organized a trip to a local French restaurant for all students enrolled in French. We also participated in a Foreign Language Booth for a PTSA meeting. Junior High students and their parents were invited to visit the high school and by viewing displays become acquainted with Club activities and various elective courses offered at the high school level.



Letter From The Editor

Thank you, SHF Sponsors, for being so prompt in returning your annual reports. This is a special edition of *L'Elan* (and our last for this year) devoted entirely to your SHF activities for this past year. I was grateful for the photographs you sent, and our decision for the contest was indeed difficult. Continue to send me photos, even without my requesting them, and I'll try to get them into *L'Elan*.

I am sorry I couldn't print your reports in their entirety, nor those that reached me after May 15. I would welcome any materials you could send me for publication in future issues. I hope that you have seen some improvements in our newsletter over the past year and would welcome your comments.

Until I hear from you again this fall, then, I wish all of you, SHF members and their sponsors, a very pleasant summer vacation.

Yours sincerely,

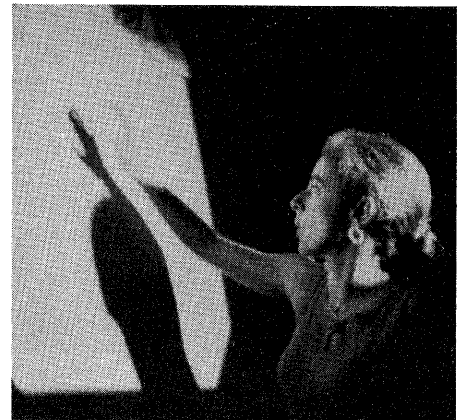




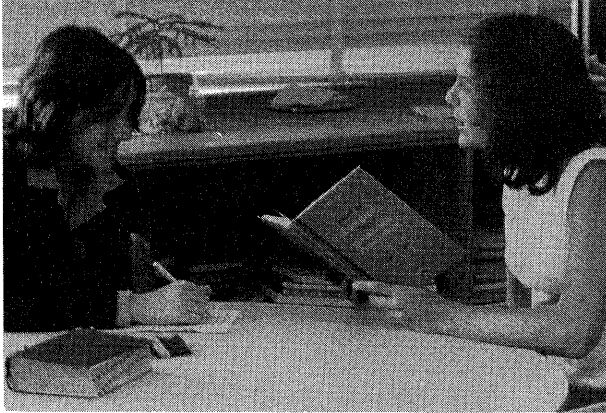
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