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During the 1954-1955 school year, Mrs. Auburn of ICA kindly offered her services as advisor and helped the Student Prints staff learn a few of the fundamentals of journalism. Tony Yu was editor at this time, with Jeanne Foxworth as his assistant.

When the school paper was first issued in 1955, substantially the same staff controlled it. Peter Shek and Margaret Hillis retained their former positions as news and feature editors respectively. Larry McConnell became the sports editor, and May Wang typed the paper with Jennifer Chang's help.

When the seniors began working on the annual, however, they turned the Student Prints over to the other high school students. Tony Yu and his staff appointed Margaret Hillis to editorship. At their suggestion she chose Peter Landerman as her assistant, Tony Dralle as news editor, and Dierdre Field as feature editor. Joanne Shesko and Eleanor Kiang took over the strenuous job of typing the paper, and Larry McConnell continued to supply the sports news. Later Doug Linebaugh replaced Peter Landerman as assistant editor.

Toward the close of the school year, Margaret Hillis returned to America leaving the Student Prints in the hands of the assistant editor at present. Tony Dralle was immediately promoted to assistant editorship, leaving his former position of news editor open to David McFeely.

Despite these many changes in the newspaper staff, the Student Prints has been published regularly and has become almost a school tradition. This is due not only to the enthusiastic efforts of the staff in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties (such as the failure of reporters to meet the deadlines) but also to the faithfulness of a few who work behind the scenes. We wish to thank Mrs. MacDonough for her ready encouragement and timely suggestions. Loud applause should also go to Miss Mackay who types the stencil regularly. Thanks finally to the janitors for mimeographing the thousand copies that are published every other week.

[[image - black & white photograph of The Student Prints staff]]

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