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for Alumni, Family & Friends

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Friends,

The 93-94 school year marks the 30th Anniversary/Reunion of the Class of 1963, which was the fourth graduating class and the class of which I was a member. I remember Sr. Mary Thomas, Sr. Ruth Marie, Mr. Bentz and Sr. Carmelitta fondly.

I can now note with a touch of joy that this High School played a major part in the lives of its students

and how lucky we all are to have been a part of the tradition, intimacy, friendliness and yes, the smallness of Bishop Donahue.

Reflecting even further, it seems to me that B.D. was doing exactly what it should have been doing- preparing us for the future. Perhaps a bit grandiose and heroic, but now we understand that the disciplinary measures and religious training were to prepare us to inherit the world.

It is great to remember the past and its proud traditions, but now we must RE-INVEST in our school, so that our current students can be assured of a bright future. Your past help has been most appreciative and comforting, but as we approach the 21st century, we will need your continued support.

Before you make your INVESTMENT, I believe that you need to know that B.D.H.S. is still strong in the community with many of the same ideals of the past. We have the support of the Bishop, Pastors, parents and an excellent and dedicated faculty who feel strongly about Catholic Education.

I hope that we can work together to RE-INVEST in our students futures. They are the hope of tomorrow and our greatest resource. Please keep us in your prayers as we will for you.

God Bless

Alan B. Jafrate
Alan Jafrate

BARB McCULLEY NAMED TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Barb McCulley ('82) was named as the Loris High School 1992-93 "Teacher of the Year". Barb, a remedial reading teacher, has taught at Loris High for four years and also coaches girls' tennis, softball, basketball and serves as trainer for all athletic teams.

"I was surprised," said McCulley, when asked how it felt to receive the distinguished honor.



Dr. Bobby Nalley, Principal at Loris High, said that one of the biggest forms

of recognition is to be chosen by your peers. He said that Ms. McCulley is a dedicated and unselfish teacher who spends a "lot of extra time" working for the betterment of Loris High, for which she is not compensated. According to Nalley, Barb spends a lot of "after school hours" helping students "not only academically, but with athletic injuries as well. She's the type of teacher you wish you had hundreds of."

"I'm honored to receive the award and honored to represent Loris High School, but I also feel there are many other teachers that deserve the award" Barb modestly noted.

Barb indicated that the fact that her peers voted her the award made the honor especially sweet.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

THROUGH A STUDENT'S EYES

By Senior, Joe Giovengo

The High School years are one of the most important times in our young lives. It is when teenagers are molded into young adults and are prepared for college and life in the "REAL WORLD." Being such a pivotal part of one's life, the choice of the right high school is an important decision. Choosing Bishop Donahue was a difficult choice for me, but one that has proved to be very rewarding. When deciding on a high school, I considered the importance it would have in shaping me for the future and I was also looking for a school that could best prepare me for college.

To describe the many qualities of B.D.H.S. let me begin with the faculty. Our teachers are a group of educators who are obviously concerned with the welfare of the students and the school. The teachers are here to instill the knowledge that students will need to become the leaders of the future. The sacrifices they make, both financially and time wise, prove that our faculty are devoted to the students.

The most important part of Bishop Donahue is the student body. Every student at B.D.H.S. is given the chance to utilize the excellent educational opportunities available. The students respect each other and build the friendships and relationships that will grow in the future. The students are genuine people who take PRIDE in everything they do.

Being a Catholic school, one can understand the importance of religion in our lives. It is a requirement that every student take a religion course each year at Donahue. The students are taught values, morals, church history and to respect life. The student body attends mass regularly, participates in school retreat programs and many students are involved in the TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST program.

In closing, when asked what makes Bishop Donahue special, three key words come to mind, "COMMITMENT, TRADITION and PRIDE." It is the COMMITMENT of our faculty, the TRADITION of our graduates and the PRIDE of our present students that makes us special.



CURRICULUM NEWS

TEEN ISSUES DAY On November 12th, all B.D.H.S. students participated in TEEN ISSUES DAY. Organized by Mrs. Loretta Metz (Chairwoman of the Religion Department), the programs intent was for students and guest speakers to address issues related to adolescent development. Topics discussed included: Drug & Alcohol abuse, Self Esteem, Teen Depression, Teen Pregnancy, Abortion, Teen Suicide, AIDS, Rape and Date Rape and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Speakers from the local community along with State officials were our guest for the event.

CURRICULUM EXPANDED Thanks to the generosity of a local car dealership, B.D. is offering a Driver Education class for the first time in school history. Sam Yanen Ford of Moundsville has graciously provided the vehicle for our use and the program has received approval from the WV Department of Education.

The Religion department, under the guidance of Mrs. Loretta Metz, has expanded the community service project that began last year. Beginning in 1993-94, each student will be required to participate in this program.

The Art Department is offering Multimedia Art, an introduction into several types of art design and structure.

A College and Career Center, intended for all students is being erected in the library. Numerous resources will be available to all students as will a computer and large college database.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS 3rd ANNUAL APPEAL

B.D. Stock provides excellent INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

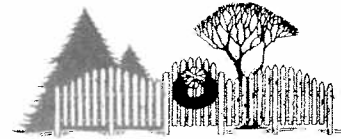
The 3rd Annual "Alumni & Friends" Development Appeal is underway. Literature and pledge cards were mailed to all B.D. "Family" members in early October. A follow-up PHONE-A-THON was conducted on the evenings of October 19th & 20th and over \$7,000 was pledged to our goal of \$25,000.

Simply stated, we are inviting you to make an INVESTMENT in our students and in our school. Your INVESTMENT will augment the continued academic and spiritual growth of our students and the continuation of our legacy of excellence.

The return on your INVESTMENT will be immeasurable. Your PROFIT will be returned in the near future as our young men and women become the leaders of tomorrow. Donahue Alumni have been successful in all walks of life and your INVESTMENT will ensure that this tradition endures.

As wise INVESTORS, how do you take advantage of this opportunity? Merely return the pledge card on the back of this newsletter with your INVESTMENT today! You may make your gift in full, pay monthly or quarterly or use your VISA or MASTERCARD. Your employer may also be able to "double" your INVESTMENT, just ask if they participate in a matching gifts program.

Please INVEST in the FUTURE today. Your gift of will be a tremendous benefit to our most valuable resource, our students.



THANKS, AWARDS, WELCOME, CONGRATULATIONS, MISCELLANEOUS

- Thanks to HILLS Department Store of Benwood for their continued support of B.D.H.S. Last year B.D. was the regions #1 school in the HILLS "Supply-a-School" program. By collecting roughly \$500,000 in register receipts we were awarded TV's, VCR's, art supplies and school books to supplement our curriculum.

- Congratulations to Cindy Cramer, Jason Marling, Joe Giovengo and Karen Swierkos for being honored as Rotary Students of the Month. Jason and Cindy were recognized in September and Joe and Karen were November honorees.

- Let's give a warm Donahue welcome to our two new faculty members, Leigh Cliser and Amy Reasbeck. Leigh is teaching English I and Amy is the Freshmen and Sophomore Religion instructor.

- Congratulations to Karen Swierkos, Kari Ebbert, Ella Richmond, Lorrie Green & Courtney Greenwood for being named as members of the Homecoming Court. Special Congrats to Courtney and Gene Polsinelli who were named Queen and King.

- Congratulations to Marty Strganac and Michelle Brautigan for being named as the Bank of McMechen Students of the Month respectively for September and October.

- Congratulations to Jamie Fitzsimmons for winning the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the VFW.

- Congratulations to the new Sophomore Class officers: Billie Jo Klug, Josh Giovengo, Cari Gordon, Erin Niemiec and Greg Green.

- Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Class of 1997: Jay Walton, Clint Stoehr, Jennifer Groome, Todd Yocum and Dana McLaughlin.

- Congratulations to Christine Estep (daughter of Joan Albertini Estep) who was chosen as the Sophomore class winner of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership award. Christine will represent B.D. at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Seminar later this year.

- Thanks to all Alumni & Friends who made our 3rd Annual Reunion Picnic the biggest and best to date. Over 200 of our closest friends gathered at St. Jude Park on July 18th. Hopefully, we can continue to increase attendance and renew many old friendships.

CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 64 Bob Straface and wife Rosemary reside in Port Neches, TX. Bob is employed with Ameripol Synpol Corp. Bob reports that his oldest child, Angela(24) is now half way through her 3rd year of Med School, that Bobby(22) is a senior at Lamar University and playing basketball and that Ryan(15) is a Freshman and studentathlete at Port Neches-Groves High School. Bob sends his best to the B.D.H.S. family.

CLASS OF 65 Karin Durkin Tamm and husband Ed reside in Folsom, CA. Karin and Ed celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in March of 93. CONGRATULATIONS KARIN & ED
Frank Crabtree, wife Donna, daughter Dawna (17) and Frank Jr. (14) reside in Somerset, KY. Frank is employed by radio station W.L.L.K. as a D.J., news reporter, etc.

Jane Earnest Hauger, husband Joseph and sons Joseph, Jr. and Bob reside in Terra Alta, WV. Jane is employed by the Preston County Board of Education and has taught Kindergarten for 11 of the 24 years she has lived in Terra Alta. Jane reports that she is still shy but no longer skinny. Joe, Jr. graduated from Wheeling Jesuit College and is now working for the Wheeling News Register and Bob is a senior at Preston High.

CLASS OF 66 John Yeager has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Wheeling National Bank. John is currently the Associate Administrator for Financial Services and Strategic Ventures at Wheeling Hospital. John, wife Rita ('65) and their daughter Nicole live in Benwood.



Seniors Gene Tolsinelli, Jason Spielvogel and Jason Marling

Roberta "Bobbi" Sabic Lander, husband Alan('64) and daughters Lori('85) and Vicki('88) are all B.D.H.S. graduates. Alan is employed with CONSOL, INC.; Lori graduated in May '93 with a Masters degree in Physical Therapy and is employed as a Therapist at O.V.M.C.; Vicki graduated on August 14th with a Masters degree in Psychology; Bobbi is employed by Peoples Security Insurance Co. in Elm Grove.

CLASS OF 68 Robert Wysocki and wife Cathy have been married 14 years and reside in Glen Dale with their three children, Brett(12), Geoffrey(9) and Jenny Beth(4). Robert holds a Masters degree from W.V.U. in Curriculum and Instruction and is employed as a 2nd grade teacher by the Marshall County Board of Education. Robert is active in Boy Scouts, Little League Baseball, Volunteer Firemans Dept. and has served as President of the Upper Ohio Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited the past two years.

Anita Albertini Estep and husband Robert are the grandparents of 2 lovely grandsons, ages 2 and 3 months as of 7/19/93.

Judith Smith Giovengo and husband Tom have had 2 sons graduate from B.D.H.S. (Tommy and Jeff) and currently have 2 sons attending B.D.H.S. (Joe & Josh).

Regina "Jeannie" Potts is employed by the W.V. State Police as a Dispatcher. Jeannie's comment was simply "Work, Work, Work."

Joanna DeCola-Reed enjoyed the 1993 All Alumni Reunion and seeing a large number of the Class of '68 grads. Joanna recently moved back to Glen Dale and loves seeing her old friends. Joanna's daughter Jenna (an alumni picnic favorite) is now a 4th grade student at Glen Dale grade school. Joanna is still in the hair styling business.

Rosemarie Polus Zearott is the mother of 3 beautiful daughters.

Wheeling News-Register

February 1993

Students Honor 'Uncle Herman'

"Uncle Herman," as youngsters at Bishop Donahue High School called him, must have been a wonderful man. Members of BDHS graduating Class thought enough of him to do something very special. Herman Conti Jr. worked with BDHS youngsters for many years. He served as assistant athletic director until he died in February. Members of the graduating class had planned to cap off their high school years with a trip to the Kennywood theme park in Pittsburgh. They had about \$500 saved from various fund-raising projects. The trip would have been a fun, carefree day for the young men and women. Then some of them decided to do something different with the money. They used it to establish a scholarship fund in Conti's memory.

They began spreading the word. To date about \$2,000 has been contributed to the fund.

That's enough to provide a modest scholarship to two seniors each year. Kennywood would have been nice. It would have been a day to stick in the memories of these young people for years. But they gave it up. They haven't given up wonderful memories, though. By their thoughtful, selfless actions the BDHS graduates have created a bright, shining memory which will stay with them longer than any trip to an amusement park. Kids? No. Their sacrifice marks the graduates as mature, caring young men and women. Once students, they now have switched roles to become teachers of the greatest lesson of all time: love.

CLASS OF 70 Tom Cook is the Senior Account Executive at Gannett Corporation, NJ. A resident of Manhattan, Tom is continuing his education at New York University (Business Administration). Tom is also involved in competitive running and skiing.

Jane Lynch Wilson graduated this past Spring from Wheeling Jesuit College with a B.S.N. degree and honors. Jane works in the emergency room at Wheeling Hospital.

CLASS OF 72 Gino Delbert won at the Natural Athlete Strength Association bench press meet (held on St. Clairsville.) Gino competed in the pure division (life-time drug-free.)

S. James Woods, wife Patricia and daughters Jamie and Sally reside in Maineville, OH. James received his MBA from the University of Cincinnati and is currently the Manager of Sales Support at Cincinnati Bell Telephone. Patricia is the Assistant Dean at the University of Cincinnati.

CLASS OF 73 Judy Melko Hays and husband Okey welcomed the addition of their third child. Jeremy Lloyd was born June 25, 1992. Judy and Okey have two other children, O.J.(4) and Jessica(2).

CLASS OF 78 Marggie McCulley Sweetman and husband David of Ketchikan, AK. were expecting their second child in August.

CLASS OF 79 Carol Martin Rosen and husband Tom are proud to announce that they are expecting their third child in April.

PHONE-A-THON VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the following for their time and effort in making the 1993-94 "PHONE-A-THON" a huge success. Over \$7,000 was pledged to the 3rd ANNUAL APPEAL on the evenings of Oct. 19 & 20 with their help.

Jim Welsh	Cookie Welsh	Pat Shreve
Loretta Niemiec	Janice Polsinelli	Babe Terry
Janice Zelewicz	Jody Campbell	Donna Kordack
Nancy Greenwood	Chris Kessler	Rhonda Purpura
Gene Tribett	Sherrie Moore	Carolyn Gordon
Ted Berisford	Monica Melko	Charlie Hawkins
Connie Hawkins		

Special Thanks to Mary Helen Marling for chairing the PHONE-A-THON, the students of B.D. for their secretarial services and Ernie Bonitatibus, Al Albertini, John Martinella and Paul Baum for hooking up the phone service in the library.



CLASS OF 83 Debbie Smith Richmond and husband Lewis reside in Benwood with their two sons David Michael and Robert Lewis. Debbie is a Nursing Assistant at Wheeling Hospital and Lewis is a member of the Glen Dale police force.

CLASS OF 87 Lisa Cunningham Lantrip, husband Derrel and sons, Jacob and Joel reside in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Lisa manages a Jewelry store and is soon to take charge of several stores in the district. Derrel is a police officer. Congratulations to Patricia "Bully" Shaw Keller and husband Paul who are expecting their first child in Oct. 93.

CLASS OF 88 David Cutright & Lori Hummel Cutright('88) reside in Mechanicsburg, PA. Dave is a city employee and Lori is employed by Excel Logistics. Dave & Lori were married Sept. 15th, 1990.

Bob Pyle graduated from Belmont Technical College 6/19/93 with an Associate Degree in Applied Science-Electrical Engineering.

CLASS OF 91 Mike Hawk is currently a junior at Wheeling Jesuit College and is majoring in Criminal Justice.

CLASS OF 93 The Class of '93 has made a very generous and unselfish gift of \$500.00 to the Herman Conti Memorial Scholarship Fund.

PARENTS OF ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Lynch of McMechen are proud to announce that their grandchildren are now starting their education at B.D.H.S. Dana McLaughlin will be a freshman this year.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!

Pete Magnone('76) and Corinne Mary O'Connor were married Sept. 26th in Farmington, CT. Pete is currently employed with Weyerhaeuser Inc. as a Transportation Analyst. Pete and Corinne will reside in Seattle, WA.

Joseph D. Schmidt('82) and Laura A. Dellget('86) were married on May 1, 1993. Congratulations Joe and Laura! Lisa Suter('85) and Charles J. Hayward exchanged wedding vows on August 28th, 1993. Best wishes to Lisa and Charles.

Leslie Suter('85) and Joel Foster were married on June 12th, 1993. Congratulations Leslie and Joel!!!

Joyce Smith('86) and Lance Bibey were married on June 26th, 1993. Congratulations to Joyce and Lance!!!

Scott Roxby and Kelly Swierkos Roxby on the birth of their second child, Tyler Roxby.

Fr. Raymond Jablinske('59) celebrated his 25th jubilee anniversary on May 18th, 1993. Congratulations Fr. Ray and thanks for your dedication and devotion to B.D.H.S.

Mike Hart('85) & Shelly Fuhs('88) were married at St. Francis Xavier on May 29, 1993. Mike is a Manager with Rite Aid Drug and Shelly is a Graduate Assistant at Marshall University and will graduate with a Masters degree in Communication Disorders in Dec. 93. The Hart's reside in Huntington.

IN MEMORIAM

Herman E. Conti, Jr., a long time friend of Bishop Donahue and the assistant Athletic Director died February 18th, 11993 at the age of 56. He was a member of the St. Jude Catholic Church and a member of the Holy Name Society at St. James Catholic Church. Surviving are his wife Rosalie and two daughters, Katheryn and Gigi. Herman's long and dedicated relationship to the school will never be forgotten. Memorial contributions to the Herman Conti Memorial Scholarship fund may be made to Bishop Donahue High School.

Lawrence D. Potts, a friend and parent of five alumni died March 19, 1993. Mr. Potts was a member of St. Francis Xavier parish in Moundsville. Surviving are his wife Dorothy, sons Jim('65), John('66), Larry('79), Pat('82), and daughter Regina('68). Please keep the Potts family in your prayers.

BISHOP DONAHUE HIGH SCHOOL 3ND ANNUAL APPEAL PLEDGE CARD

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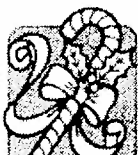
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