



THE TRADITION



The following are excerpts from the Spring edition of THE TRADITION, you can read the newsletter by visiting our school site at:
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A Message from the Principal...It has been nearly two months since Brother Kelly left to attend to his medical conditions. I'm happy to tell you that he is doing well, his spirits are good and he wishes to be remembered to everyone. He still asks for you to keep him in your prayers.

I am filling in for Brother Kelly for the remainder of the school year; his are big shoes to fill. I am left with the task of continuing the work that he started and the vision for the future that he and the Marist Brothers have for Bishop Donahue.

One of the things that has impressed me about Bishop Donahue is the spirit of the school. We have a gold mine of a school here, but my concern is that there are a lot of people in the local communities who don't know about the qualities of our school. We are a small school and we are going to remain small, but we do need to increase our enrollment. I firmly believe that if the people out in those communities saw the level of dedication and work on the part of the faculty and staff, we would have a line out the door of people trying to get their children enrolled here. Having worked at many "larger" schools, I don't know of a school our size that offers as much as we do to our students or that is as technologically advanced as Donahue.

As always, I welcome your input and concerns and look forward to meeting you. You, the parents, alumni and friends have a great school in Donahue and a great spirit within it. Whatever small things I can do to help continue the tradition of excellence at Donahue, I'm happy to do so.

Hall of Fame Dinner....On February 26, 2000, Bishop Donahue held its first annual Hall of Fame Dinner Dance. Four Donahue graduates were honored that evening. The honorees were Father Raymond Jablinske, '59 and Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church; Sigrid Little, '63 and Donahue School Secretary; Bernie Twigg, '73 and CEO of One Valley Bank and Jeffrey Kessler, '74 and attorney and WV State Senator.

Annual Appeal Recognizes Donors....The Annual Development Campaign was held last fall and once again, we want to thank you, the alumni, family and friends of Donahue for your generosity. Your gifts through this campaign have helped us to provide another year of excellent Catholic education to our students.

Annual Reverse Raffle..... Bishop Donahue's Reverse Raffle is being planned for June 1, 2000. It will be held at the Esquire again this year. The top prize will be \$5,000.

Lost Alumni....The Development Department does not have up-to-date addresses for quite a few Donahue alumni. We would like to be able to send all alumni the school newsletters and information about the Green & Gold Weekend. If you know the address or phone number for any of the alumni listed on the web site, please write (BDHS, Development Office, 325 Logan St., McMechen, WV 26040) or call the school at 233-3850 or the Development Office at 232-1286.

Open House 2000.....Bishop Donahue will host an Open House and Registration for new students May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Brother Michael Flanagan, Principal of B.D.H.S., invites all prospective parents and students who are interested in enrolling at Bishop Donahue to attend.

Community Service....As in the past, the Donahue junior and senior classes are volunteering to be of service to their community. Ms. Loretta Metz, the junior and senior religion teacher, organizes these service projects. Every Friday, instead of receiving classroom instruction, the students use that time to perform service. The seniors volunteer at the Honey Pot Daycare Center, which is located across the street from Donahue, and at the McMechen Housing Authority where they spend time with senior citizens. The students may be involved in planting flowers, helping out with various household chores, grocery shopping or just simply enjoying a nice chat with a resident. These projects are very helpful to the community and provide us the opportunity to put our faith into action.

B.D. Opens Second Computer Lab.... Donahue's second computer lab was recently dedicated. Fr. Raymond Jablinske, class of 1959, donated \$5000 for the lab in memory of his parents Anna & Walter Jablinske. Other individuals who donated their time and talents to make this lab possible are Butch Munas, Terry & Betty Jo Trabert and Dale Wilson.

Here's what's COOKING at Donahue (by Craig Long and Mike McCombs)...This year at Donahue, we started a Culinary Arts Class. There are ten students who prepare hot lunch for the entire student body and faculty. All of this experience will help us in the future. Some students want to make a career of cooking, but even for those of us who don't, we will have learned an invaluable skill. After all, we all need to eat!

Coach Tom Tribett Retires as B.D. Basketball....After 24 years with Donahue's Basketball program, Coach Tom Tribett has resigned as Head Coach. He began his career at Donahue as an assistant to John Stanko. Coach Trib's 1985 team were state champs and the 1989 team finished as state runner-ups. Coach Tribett finished his career with 261 wins. We thank Tom for his past years of coaching at Donahue and wish him the best for the future.

ALL ALUMNI REUNION...The first annual "GREEN & GOLD" ALL ALUMNI WEEKEND is scheduled for July 14th, 15th and 16th. We must have your reservations no later than May 22. Please mail your reservation and payment to Sandie Muccheck Frasnelli(61), 2 Belle Fern Place, Wheeling, WV 26003. If you have any questions call Sandie at (304) 242-8278.

Track Team On the Run....The Track and Field Team promises to give their opponents a run for their money this year. Nikki Giovengo is captain of the girl's team and Ed Blankenship is in charge of the boy's team. The Head Coach of the team is Brother Dan O'Riordan; his assistants are Bill Strauser and Kenny Stillwell.

B.D. Coach is a SMASH....Eric James, Athletic Director and Coach at B.D.H.S., was recently hired by the Steel Valley Smash. The Smash are members of an indoor football league, whose games are held at the Wheeling Civic Center. Good luck Coach James.

B.D.H.S. PLAYS HARDBALL IN 2000.....The Baseball team is currently 4-1 under the guidance of first year Head Coach Eric James. The team returns a solid nucleus and should provide our fans with an exciting season. Coach James is assisted by Andy Emmerick and John Fazio.

BASKETBALL SEASON ENDS....The Boys' squad finished the year with a 9-12 record. One of the season's highlights was the December trip to New York City. The Bishops played powerful St. Mary's and John Coleman High. Special thanks to our seniors, who include: Adam Shinsky, Travis Tellitocci, Jamie McCabe, Mike McCombs, Tanner Trenton, Anthony Catalano and Nils Soderstrom.

LADY BISHOPS HOOPS....The Girls' Basketball team finished the season with six victories. Amber Graebe averaged over 20 points per game and led the team in rebounds. Amber finished her career in style, eclipsing the 1000 point mark during the season. Graduation will claim the services of Amber, Cindy Morris and Laura Jura, but the youthful team is sure to experience their share of success next year.

A LITTLE OF THIS AND A LITTLE OF THAT....

TADS or Financial Aid Forms are available to students at the school. Should you desire one be mailed to you for your student, call the school and we will get one to you right away.

Senior Travis Tellitocci had his Aquinas Medal Award presented to him at this year's Bishop's Dinner in Morgantown on April 9, 2000.

It's nearing Prom Time & this year's Prom will be held on May 28th at the Pine Room in Oglebay Park. A king and queen will be crowned for the evening.

PLEASE CALL OR WRITE TO THE SCHOOL IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE TRADITION. OUR PHONE NUMBER IS (304) 233-3850.



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