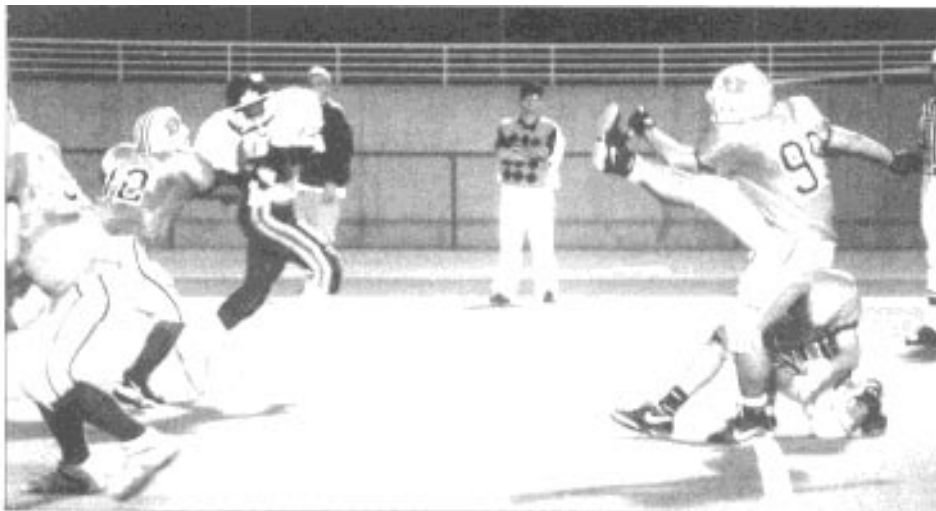




BENEDICTINE BULLETIN

St. Andrew Abbey and Benedictine High School

Fall 1997



A HOT STREAK

Erol (The Machine) Senel connects on his 29th extra point in a row dating back to last season. He had 10 in the first two games this season and 19 straight last year. Against Glenville, Senel extended his streak to 33. Story on page 6.

'Memories and Mission' benefit marks Abbey's 75th year

By Amy Fenske

Celebrate 75 Years—Memories and Mission is the theme for the St. Andrew Svorad Abbey 1997 Benefit, to be held Sunday, November 9, at 4 p.m. at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium.

The yearly Abbey event takes on added significance this year as the monks plan to celebrate their 75th anniversary. Instead of honoring just two men as "Monks of the Year," this event will honor all the monks who have passed away since 1938.

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Memorial Mass

Alumni breakfast features Gerry Faust

By Amy Fenske

The Benedictine Alumni Association Family Memorial Mass and Fellowship Breakfast will be held Sunday, November 2, at 10:30 a.m. at St.

Andrew Abbey Church. A full complimentary breakfast will follow immediately in the high school cafeteria.

Guest speaker will be Gerry Faust,



Gerry Faust

assistant vice president of Public Affairs and University Development at the University of Akron. As a football coach in the early 1960s, he built the Cincinnati Moeller High School varsity football program virtually from scratch. Faust spent 18 years there, posting a 72-1 record in his last seven years.

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126 frosh enter BHS



Charles J. Reynolds

By Charles J. Reynolds '56, Principal

Our freshman class enrollment this year is the highest it has been in several years, as 126 young men have enrolled at Benedictine.

Some credit for the increased enrollment goes to our three state championship athletic teams, which created thousands of dollars worth of positive publicity for our school last season and swayed some eighth graders to enter Benedictine.

Our admissions office also worked hard to increase freshmen enrollment. They had set a goal of 126 freshmen this year and reached it, thanks to hard work and the use of new recruiting techniques.

A visit to our school's second floor will show that we've made great strides in computer technology, as two old classrooms have been refurbished and turned into computer labs

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Two monks celebrate 60 years Abbot Roger Gries (center) concelebrates Holy Mass with Fr. Andrew Pier (left) and Fr. Armand Gress. They were ordained 60 years ago and are the first two Benedictine monks to reach this milestone anniversary together.

'Memories and Mission' benefit marks 75th anniversary

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Rich Sulzer, a singer, musician and actor, will furnish the entertainment at the gala. Sulzer has performed for such organizations as American Airlines, IBM, Sherwin Williams and Miller Brewery. He and his group, *The Spice of Life*, have toured the country with their shows, ranging from Broadway music to music from selected American decades. Sulzer's Irish music is featured in his album *The Pipes are Calling*.

Co-chairs for the "Memories and Mission" event committee are Vincent and Evelyn Francioli. Vince is a former Benedictine High faculty member; a past director of the Civil Service Commission for Cleveland under Mayor Ralph Perk, and a past advertising manager for the Ohio Lottery Commission. Thomas Perciak is chair of the honorary committee. He is a '66 Benedictine alumnus and president of the Strongsville Savings Bank.

"Sulzer has a strong following in the local area and puts on a top-notch show," said Vincent Francioli. "Those who attend are going to get their money's worth. A full house at Lakewood Auditorium would be a real tribute to all the Benedictine monks who have served as disciples of Christ in this community and around the country."

Tickets are \$40 each for the performance and reception or \$15 for the performance only. Donations will support the Abbey's medical and retirement fund. Givers will receive listing in the program and preferred tickets to the performance and reception, depending on the gift.

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To order tickets for the Abbey Benefit, persons can call Donald or Pamela Haluska, 216-381-5448. To advertise in the printed program, call Larry Becker at the Benedictine Development Office, 216/721-5300 Ext. 357.

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Cloister Clippings

Abbot Roger went to Eureka, Missouri, to visit **Fr. Gregory Oravec**, who was recovering from surgery at Saint Joseph Hill Infirmary. Fr. Gregory, 79, has been in residence at Saint Joseph's for the last few years and would welcome correspondence from friends and former students at:

Fr. Gregory Oravec, OSB
St. Joseph Hill Infirmary
St. Joseph Road
Eureka, Missouri 63025

Several monks turned student this summer furthering their education. Librarian **Fr. Timothy Buyansky** took two classes that focused on how to integrate the Internet into a high school curriculum.

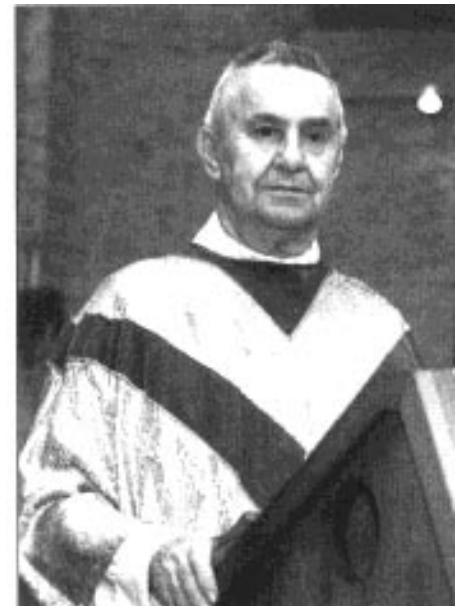
The first class was at the University of Pittsburgh and the second was sponsored by the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland. . . . Assistant Principal **Fr. Gerard Gonda** updated his knowledge of developments in college writing expectations as did BHS English department chairman Mark Francioli during a week-long class in College Composition at Ursuline College. . . . Social Studies and theology teacher **Fr. Michael Brunovsky** pursued the history of racism at John Carroll University. . . . This fall **Bro. Nicholas Spisak** will begin his studies in practical nursing at Marymount Hospital, Garfield Heights. Bro. Nicholas works in Vaniscak Hall, the abbey's infirmary for monks who are aged or sick. . . . **Bro. Justin Dyrwal** represented the abbey at the August 19 lecture at John Carroll University on "The Quality of Democracy in Slovakia Today" sponsored by the Cleveland/Bratislava Sister Cities Program. Bro. Justin then returned to theological studies at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He will be ordained to the diaconate on December 21. . . . In September **Bro. John Melody** began philosophy classes in Borromeo Seminary's pre-theology program through John Carroll University.

At the conclusion of abbey vespers on September 2, Abbot Roger conducted a short prayer service to receive **Fr. Jonathan Zingales** back into residence at the abbey as he began his formal probation year of re-entry to the monastic community. For the last eight years, he has been serving in the diocesan priesthood.

Visiting confreres at the monastery during a Labor Day weekend visit to Cleveland was **Fr. Anthony (Norbert) Ozimek**, who is serving in his second term as chaplain of St. Vincent Hospital and Health Center in Billings, Montana. . . . Banners hung across the abbey infirmary hallway in July to welcome back **Bro. Paul Marconyak** after a lengthy three-month hospital stay. Though still wheelchair-bound, the 86-year-old monk has once again lent his strong voice to the monastic choir at daily prayers. . . . **Fr. Bede Kotlinski** moved back into his old abbey room and into a new classroom at BHS. He has completed a three-year term as chaplain-in-residence at the convent of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word in Parma Heights.



Fr. Gregory (right) enjoys a coffee break with his friend Fr. Paul Daneault of Manchester, New Hampshire at St. Joseph Hill Infirmary.



Fr. Robert's Golden Jubilee

Fr. Robert Wilkes, a '39 BHS grad, celebrated his 50th year anniversary of ordination at St. Andrew Svorad Abbey. Concelebrants for the Golden Jubilee Mass were Abbot Roger Gries and Prior Joachim Pastirik, and other monks of the Abbey.

Abbey accepting stamp collections as donations

Aware that some people change hobbies at regular intervals, the monks of St. Andrew Abbey ask that any former stamp collectors donate their stamp albums, or sheets of unused stamps, to the Abbey.

Father Placid Pientek said that he has received two excellent stamp albums in recent months and encourages families cleaning their attics or basements to consider donating their stamps to the Abbey while claiming them as a tax deduction. Proceeds from unused stamp donations help the Benedictine Order and the Abbey's mission activities.

Canceled stamps also are being collected, but Fr. Placid says, "Please leave a half-inch border around the stamp, or just leave it on the envelope." Stamp albums or stamps can be sent to the treasurer's office at Benedictine High School, at 2900 M.L. King, Jr. Drive, Cleveland, OH 44104.



Computer gets up



Brother Theodore Girard, computer systems administrator at BHS, checks out one of the innovative-design computers students are using in classes. Unlike traditional computers, the screen is at fingertip level alleviating neck strain.

State-of-the-art facility, phone system unveiled

By Amy Fenske

Benedictine has unveiled a new, state-of-the-art computer facility and a new phone system. The computer lab and phone system are a part of the program chaired by Fr. Timothy Buyansky, which is seeking to bring the school and abbey up to date technologically.

The new computer lab, which will eventually be supplemented with a second lab, houses 26 IBM-compatible computers, including one for the teacher. Each computer features a monitor mounted under the desk so that the user can view the screen at a normal angle, eliminating neck strain. "That [setup] was our first choice," said Fr. Timothy. "If we raise enough money, we'd like to do the same with the second lab."

The labs will be used for teaching everything from word processing and spreadsheets to web page design and presentation skills. Fr. Timothy hopes to have Internet access within the first two months of school. The new computers will also allow access to programs never before used at the school. "Before, we were unable to present kids with anything on Windows95," said Fr. Timothy. "Now we can teach all current programs."

The new phone system, installed by Warwick Communications, includes 125 new phones with an automated switchboard and a voice mail system.

The system will make it easier for teachers to receive calls, as each classroom is now equipped with a phone. Previously, teachers had to walk to the school office to receive calls, making it nearly impossible to contact them during the day.

The lab and phone system are phases 3 and 4 of the five-phase, \$670,000 program to update the school. The first two phases involved computerization of the school and business offices, and the Abbey and high school libraries, as well as the

installation of a network file server, school management software, and scantron into the high school main office. Phase Five, when completed, will place 100 computers in classroom, library and administrative areas, as well as in the second computer lab. About \$100,000 has been raised from alumni and other donors for this program. For more information, contact the Benedictine Development Office, 216/721-5300 Ext. 357.

Four faculty added

Three full-time faculty members and one part-timer have been added to the teaching staff this semester. They are:

Michael Choksi of Eastlake who will teach world history, Thomas Erzen of Chesterland and Michael Skolen of Steubenville who will teach theology and Alla Pyatkovskaya of Richmond Hts. , who will teach French.

Choksi is a Kent State University grad. Erzen graduated from Borromeo College and has teaching certificates from John Carroll University and St. Mary Theologi-

Michael Choksi



cal Seminary. Skolen has a BA in theology and an MA in theology/Christian ministry from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Pyatkovskaya, who will be here part-time, has taught French and music in Ukraine and presently is a French teacher at Beaumont School. She was graduated from the Odessa Mechnikov State University in Ukraine with bachelor's degrees in the French language/literature and in music education.



Thomas Erzen



Michael Skolen

HIGH MARKS FROM GRADS

Class of '97 praises school, faculty

By Amy Fenske

Benedictine's class of 1997 has disassembled, heading off, in most cases, to college. And in a final report card to the school class members gave their alma mater higher-than-average grades.

A survey of last year's senior class revealed that the Universities of Akron and Cincinnati were the most popular college choices, with six graduates

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enrolling at each. Almost as many picked Ohio State (5), Cleveland State (4) and Allegheny College (4). Nearby John Carroll University will receive two more Benedictine alumni, while the University of Toledo will do likewise.

Exotic locations also did well, with grads travelling as far as Florida A & M, the University of Northern Iowa, Duke University in North Carolina, and St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. Northwestern, Carnegie Mellon, West Point and the University of Notre Dame were among the most prestigious schools chosen.

Five of the grads received full athletic scholarships, while 16% won academic scholarships. Seventy percent of the class had praise for the guidance and counseling program at BHS.

For one-quarter of the respondents, the 1996-97 state championships in basketball, football, and track were the experiences they would remember the most, and most (81%) said they believed that the emphasis on team sports was about right and that participating in student activities was valuable and useful.

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Teachers, however, received higher marks, with over three-quarters of the class reporting that faculty were available and willing to give outside help. Almost as many students thought the quality of teaching was good or excellent.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 2, 1997—Alumni Memorial Mass and Breakfast
- Nov. 9, 1997—Abbey Benefit, Lakewood Civic Auditorium
- Dec. 9, 1997—Alumni Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10, 1998—Alumni Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 21, 1998—Night at the Races—6 p.m.
- Apr. 26, 1998—Hall of Fame/Hall of Honors Reception
- May 12, 1998—Alumni Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- June 26-27, 1998—Reunion Weekend
- June 27, 1998—Boosters Club/Alumni Golf Outing

Boosters sponsor Night at the Races

The Benedictine Boosters will hold their second annual Night at the Races Saturday, February 21, 1998 starting at 6:30 p.m., with post time at 7:30.

Tickets are \$10 for the all-you-can-eat hot dog buffet with snacks, beer and wash also provided. For tickets, call Cheryl Zelenka at 440/886-5271.

Proceeds go toward the purchase of new tables and chairs for the cafeteria.

126 freshmen enter BHS

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where our students can learn and improve their computer skills, so vital in today's high tech society.

And now a special note to our Alumni Association membership. I've attended many of your meetings since becoming Benedictine's principal. I have asked the officers to make a concerted effort to increase minority participation at meetings and Association-sponsored activities. Our athletic teams, with their diverse ethnic and minority makeup, are representative of our student body makeup. I hope that in time the Alumni Association's membership will be reflective of our student-body makeup.

I personally invite all our minority alumni to join me at our November 2 Alumni Memorial Mass and our next Alumni Association meeting December 9.

Now that Benedictine truly is the HOME OF CHAMPIONS, I hope to see more alumni at our athletic events, better yet wearing those good-looking Benedictine alumni jackets that are available in our bookstore.

I ask all grads, particularly minorities, to get involved.

Go Bengals!

Triple crown golf shirts

The Benedictine Booster Club is selling a great looking golf shirt with a football, basketball and track shoes embroidered on the upper left front. Prices: Sm - Xlg-\$25 - XX-Lg-\$27 XXX-Lg-\$28

Contact Dave Kovach for orders - 216-941-8690.



Never look back

Bengal gridgers look for back-to-back titles

At press time, Benedictine reached the 3-0 mark for the season, defeating Glenville 28-0, as Sean Lucas and Justin Fraley scored the four touchdowns and accounted for 221 of the Bengals' 250 rushing yards.

Erol Senel kicked four extra points, increasing his season streak to 14 and his overall streak to 33 straight in two years.

By Wally Mieskoski '71

Benedictine High was the only school in Cleveland to win a state football crown in 1996. The Bengals dropped Columbus DeSales, 14-3, in the title game to win the Ohio Division III championship on their way to a 12-1 record.

"But that was last year," said head coach Al Hodakievic. "We're taking this season—as we always do—one game at a time." Hodakievic is beginning his fourth year as head coach at his alma mater.

"There's a lot of leadership in our senior class," said Hodakievic. "And we must continue to improve and develop some of our younger players," he added.

"On offense, we have a little more experience than we do on defense," said Hodakievic.

Returning on offense are three-year starters Gene Mruczkowski (6'3", 290 lbs.) at tackle, Kevin Moore (6'1", 210 lbs.) at fullback, and Dan Hodakievic (5'11", 205 lbs.) at center.

Two-year starter Tom Fejes (5'10", 170 lbs.) returns at quarterback. Guard Charles Chaney (6'1", 185 lbs.) and tackle Ivan Douglas (6'7", 295 lbs.), both seniors, saw plenty of playing time last season and will be important contributors this season.

Schedule for the rest of the season

Friday October 17—Youngstown Cardinal Mooney—7:30 p.m. home

Saturday October 25—VASJ—7:30 p.m. away

Friday October 31—St. Edward—7:30 p.m. home

Home games are played at Bedford Stadium.

Seniors Pat Kane (6'0", 185 lbs.) and Dan Chalhoub (6'0", 250 lbs.) are fighting for one of the guard spots. Junior Adam Szveda (6'2", 170 lbs.) will battle for the other wide receiver position. Senior Anthony Ferrara (6'0", 185 lbs.) should be the tight end.

Justin Fraley (6'0", 180 lbs.) has been a leading candidate for the running back position. A freshman last year, he saw action on the varsity as a substitute defensive back.

Junior Darryl Knight (5'7", 165 lbs.) is challenging at tailback and at linebacker on defense. It is the defense that has Hodakievic most concerned. "We have only two returning starters," he pointed out, adding that "Some of our young players have to step up and do the job."

The two returning starters are tackle Gene Mruczkowski and linebacker Kevin Moore, who was the leading tackler in 1996.

Mruczkowski and Douglas anchor the defensive line. Dan Chalhoub and John Zajac (6'1", 260 lbs.) are vying for a tackle spot. Chris Robertson (6'2", 190 lbs.), Pat Kane and Chris Griffin (6'0", 208 lbs.) are in a battle for defensive end.

Moore is the mainstay at linebacker, while senior linebackers Dan Hodakievic and Charles Chaney are newcomers to the defensive side of football.

Junior Carmen Camino handles the punting chores, and senior Errol Senel returns as one of the better place kickers in the area. Last year, he tied a school record with 39 extra-point kicks.

Credits assistants

Track coach accepts award

Cy Levkanich bows to his assistants as the principal ingredients to his success.

Benedictine's head track and field coach was named 1997's Coach of the Year after his team won the State Division II Championships in June after dominating the opposition all season.

Levkanich, who teaches developmental reading in a state-funded van in Benedictine's parking lot, has been involved with the track program at the school for 15 years, five as head coach. He credits his three assistants with being the key to this year's success.

Bob Holpuch is his right-hand man. Ron Alexander took care of the shot put and discus throwers, who set a new school record and had two state qualifiers. Spencer Johnson, a former Benedictine head coach, drilled the sprinters. Levkanich, who had coached cross country for 20 years, completes the team with his knowledge of distance events. "It should have been more of a coaching staff award," said Levkanich. "Having these guys has made an enormous difference in the way the program is being run."



Soccer team on the rebound

After finishing 2-11-3 last year, the Bengals' soccer team is seeking to improve this year in a new conference. The conference comprises independents Geneva, Madison, Painesville, Riverside, Villa Angela-St. Joseph and Chardon. Last year, the team beat VASJ and tied with Riverside.

Dave Hummel, in his second year as head coach, is confident that the Bengals will make a good conference showing. "We're hoping to win the conference," he said.

Hummel has 13 returning players, including eight starters, and 13 new players. Senior John Kotalac will lead the team, starting for the fourth straight year at forward. Ben Richards, Matt Yarmock, Tom Manfreda, Tony Costanzo and goalie Walt Morris will return to lead the defense, with Tim Bogo and Pat Fitzgerald returning to play midfield.

Starting forwards include Kotalac and two freshmen, Jonathon Vicchio and Matt Fiktus. Erol Senel, who kicks for the football team, will also play forward.

Cross country rebuilding

Benedictine cross country will seek to regroup this year after graduating most of their top seven runners. The team reached the state finals in 1995 and 1996. Coach Cy Levkanich, who coached the track team to the state championship last spring, is counting on seniors Peter Quilligan and Tim Jackson to lead the way.

Last year, Jackson ran his personal record at the state meet, finishing the five kilometer course in 16:35.

Quilligan is returning from a stress fracture that sidelined him most of last year. He looks to be in top form, winning the first meet of the season in 17:53. Seniors Andre and Adrian Marin are expected to run third and fourth for the Bengals, with seniors Brian Watson and Jeff Belin among the runners competing for the fifth spot.

At their first meet at Shaker Heights on August 26, the Bengals trounced their opponents, 17-38.

HALL OF FAME/HALL OF HONORS

Our BHS Hall of Fame/Hall of Honors committee is looking for your nominations for the class of 1998.

Did you play with an outstanding BHS athlete who still has not been installed into the Hall of Fame? Do you know of an outstanding BHS grad whose name does not appear in the Hall of Honors?

If the answer is yes, you have an opportunity to do something about it by filling out the nomination form below and returning it to:

Benedictine Alumni Affairs Office
2900 M.L. King, Jr. Drive
Cleveland, OH 44104

The Hall of Fame/Honors installation dinner will be held at the University Club on April 26, 1998. Event chairman is Walter Mieskoski '71.

BENEDICTINE HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME/HALL OF HONORS NOMINATION FORM

Nominee's Name _____

Circle Category— Hall of Fame Hall of Honors

Address _____

Graduating Year 19 _____ Home Phone No. _____

Business Phone No. _____ FAX No. _____

Benedictine Affiliations _____

Past/Present Employer _____

Job Title _____

Church Affiliation _____

College _____ Post Graduate _____

Clubs/Organizations _____

Honors/Achievements _____

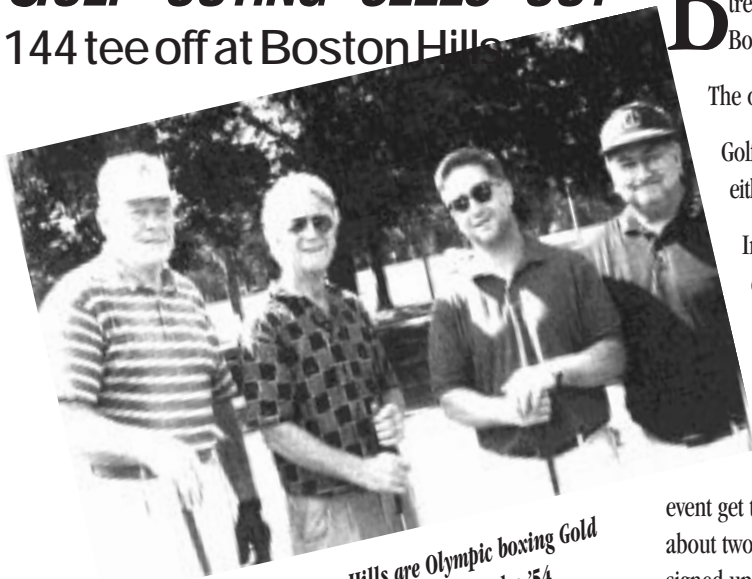
Other Interests _____

Your Name and Phone No. _____

ON A SEPARATE SHEET, GIVE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF WHY YOUR CANDIDATE DESERVES TO BE IN BENEDICTINE'S HALL OF FAME/HALL OF HONORS.

GOLF OUTING SELLS OUT

144 tee off at Boston Hills



Waiting to tee off at Boston Hills are Olympic boxing Gold Medalist Pete Rademacher (left) Charles St. John '54, Christopher St. John '77 and James Flowers '59

Benedictine's first combined Booster Club/Alumni Association golf outing was a tremendous success as 144 golfers participated in the shotgun-start event at Boston Hills Country Club.

The outing was scheduled as part of the Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Golfers enjoyed 9th hole snacks and beverages; following their rounds they feasted either on steak or hamburger. Several dozen prizes were awarded to the golfers.

Ironically not one member of the winning team, all relatives of BHS athletic director Frank Novak, was a Benedictine graduate. They are Ed Fann, Doug Troyan, Tom Fatur and Mike Fatur. They had a 9-under score.

Co-chairs were Joseph Lorber of the Booster Club and Robert Toth '63 of the Alumni Association.

"I suggest that next year, those who are serious about playing in our event get their reservations in early," Lorber said. We had to stop taking reservations about two weeks before the outing, and returned several checks that came in after we signed up our 144th golfer."

Memorial Mass and breakfast

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After that success, Faust spent five years as head football coach at the University of Notre Dame, where he posted a winning record and coached his teams to two Bowl appearances. Faust has also served as the head football coach at the University of Akron, where he presided over the transition from Division I-AA to Division I-A.

While the Mass is intended to honor the lives of all the Benedictine graduates who have passed away, the breakfast will allow alumni to reunite with members of their graduating class. Alumni can arrange for a group table reservation at the breakfast by calling the Alumni Office at 421-2080, Ext 358.

Chairman Robert Toth '63 has organized a committee comprising Jack Siemen '48, Donald Haluska '54, Gerald Czajkowski '57 and John Vieland, Jr. '59. "This is a fellowship get-together, not a fund-raiser," said Toth.

"We particularly invite the families of all our deceased graduates to attend, so we can pay our respects to those who have passed on from Benedictine High School."

IN MEMORIAM

Please join us in remembering the following members of our Benedictine family whose passing came to our attention in recent months. If you have information about the passing of any alumnus or friend of Benedictine, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office by letter or by phone, 216/421-2080.

Mary Adoryan—May 1997 (mother of Alan and Steven '71)

Ethel Wilkes—May 1997 (wife of Elmer '43)
'39—Louis Ciomcia (Crane)—Apr. 7, 1997
'44—Frank J. Budaji—Jan. 15, 1997
'45—John J. Soltes—Jan. 16, 1997
'46—Edward Avsec—August 1997
'46—Frank J. Brichacek—Apr. 1997
'49—Raymond S. Kozlowski—Mar. 1997
'49—John Palguta—Jan. 1997
'49—Steve M. Sarisky—Apr. 1997
'68—Kenneth Kovalik—Jan. 21, 1997

Missing—but not for long!

Can you help us track down these missing '48 grads? In anticipation of next year's 50th Anniversary Golden Years reunion, we are anxious to invite these "missing" graduates of the class of '48. If you know of their whereabouts, please call or drop a line to the BHS Alumni Affairs office, 2900 M.L.King, Jr. Dr. Cleveland, OH 44104 Phone—216/421-2080, Ext. 358..

Frank Bova
William E. Dolan
John E. Dubecky
Emmett R. Duffy
Howard M. Flournoy
Ernest L. Forgony
Michael or Joseph Haggerty
Alvin F. Horvath
Rudolph R. Horvath
Donald P. Hronek

Leonard T. Hudik
Rudolph E. Koletic
Michael T. Kollar
John G. Konz
Joel F. Kopilchak
Steve R. Kornuc
Robert C. Kowatch
Joseph J. Kralovic
Richard J. Krupka
Richard K. Kundrach

Alfred J. Loutitt
Raymond G. Marhulik
Joseph H. Patton
Louis J. Pochron
William J. Rumplick
Robert J. Szabo
Edward R. Szewczyk
Daniel E. Vilt
Robert J. Vittel
Eugene T. Vondrak





The golden anniversary Class of 1947



Richard France '47 has a good laugh as Joseph Dorsey '57 tries to cut in.



Philip Karolick (right) estimates for Blaise Tylicki how many times he wrote "Number Ones" for Fr. James. Both are in the class of '62.



Class of 1952 and their guests.



Class of 1957



Greg Roberson '67 and John Knuth '47



Chris St. John and Norman Rosco—'77.



John Janofsky, Kenneth Kovacs and Joseph Rubino—'72.



Class of 1967



David Kornatowski, Timothy Riley and Gregg Schlaudecker of the class of '82



Class of 1972



Beginning with this issue, we are publishing the names of class reps under their respective years of graduation. Class reps will be helpful resources for information-sharing about alumni events, class reunions and phonathons. Contact them with your news!

'30s

1931—A footnote to Fr. Gerard's note in Cloister Clips about Fr. Bernard. Another living member of the '31 class who was on hand for the opening school bell on Sept. 8, 1927 at BHS when it first opened at St. Andrew's on Superior was **Cornelius Mahall**.

1939—**Fr. Robert Wilkes** (Ray Wilkes) recently celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. In retirement, he lives at St. Andrew Abbey.

'40s

1941—**Joseph Huszai**
16455 Elderdale Dr.
Middleburg Hts., OH 44130-6435
440/234-8542

1946—Condolences to the family of **Edward "Ozzie" Avsec** on his recent passing. He played on the 1945-46 basketball team.

1947—**Richard J. Golias**
12323 Reindeer Ave.
Garfield Hts., OH 44125-2917
216/581-1837

Joseph J. Stipkala
8424 Thornberry Dr.
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-5060
301/627-2084

Fr. Richard Kardian of the Maryknoll Fathers has spent 35 years as a missionary and six years doing development work. He retired June 1 but is still working in development. He lives on Edgewater Dr. in Cleveland. While at BHS, he was sports editor for *The Bennet*. . . **Joseph Stipkala** planned his son,

Jeremy's, Ph.D. party. He received his doctorate from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

1948—**Leonard Buttita** spent 41 years with the YMCA, most of them as an aquatics director. He taught SCUBA and certified over 4,500 persons. All four sons are BHS grads and bandsmen like their dad, who played the tuba. Len, Sr. played on the Bengals' 1948 city champs basketball squad and was a founder of the BHS Alumni Association. . . . Prayers are requested for **John Miklus**, who suffered a stroke. He retired as vice president of purchasing for Heublein. Send cards to 43 Musket Trail, Simsbury, CT 06070-1727.

1949—**Frank M. Stipkala**
4903 Corliss Rd.
Lyndhurst, OH 44124-1132
216/381-5016

Michael Jusko, who spent 24 years in the USAF (retiring as a major) and another 10 years in civil service, has retired as a chief contract programmer and lives in W. Ogden, UT, with his wife Lena. . . **Edward Wharton** of Wickliffe has recovered from heart by-pass surgery

'50s

1950—**James St. John**
202 Center Rd.
Bedford, OH 44146-2741
216/232-7261

After serving in the Korean Conflict, **Fred Cultrona** took up barbering for 23 years. He then joined Conrail as an engineer. Retired, he and wife Gerri lived in Las Vegas, CA. . . .

Joseph Kocab, president of the Czech Catholic Union, is heading a drive for funds to help youth in the Czech Republic understand the Catholic Church and its values. For information, call Joe at 216/341-0444. . . . In 1973 **Joseph Kovach** retired as a USAF Lt.Col., after 20 years of flying fighters and instructing new pilots. In January 1997, he retired as chief investigator/office manager for the U.S. District Attorney in Georgia. He invites classmates driving on I-75 to visit or play a round of golf. Call him 912/242-5159. He and wife Marion have four boys and a girl and live in Valdosta, GA.

1951—**Joseph J. Hornack**
5223 Eastview Dr.
Independence, OH 44131-6027
216/524-3037

George Pope had a hole-in-one on his way to shooting a 72 to win the Super Senior Golf Championship at Erie Shore Golf Course in Madison. He works in sales for Duellman Electric Supply and lives in Euclid with wife Joanna.



Joe Hornack and his wife Dolores have returned from escorting their fourth "Walk the Footprints of Your Forefathers" heritage tour in Slovakia, which covered all regions of the Slovak Republic.

1952—**Jerome W. Catalano**
6752 Hickory Hill Dr.
Mayfield, OH 44143-1558
216/449-2658

Peter Gramuglia hasn't lost his batting eye since his days on the Bengals' baseball varsity. This summer, while playing in the ASA Seniors 60 and Older National Softball Tournament in Palm Springs, CA, he won the batting title with a .783 average and was named a first team All American. He played third base for Rio's Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Gramuglia played on the 1951 Bengals' football team, which was an East Senate co-champ, playing Collinwood to a 12-12 tie. The Railroaders went to the Charity Game because they gained 34 more yards than the Bengals. . . . **Michael Schaffer** is an attorney with Schaffer & Schaffer in Vermilion. He and wife Gail have 2 children.

1953—Most people go through life without leaving a permanent legacy. Not **Frank Jaczkowski**, who recently retired after 40 years from HNTB Ohio, Inc., a highway engineering consulting firm. He was involved in the I-480, I-271, the Denison-Harvard bridge over the Cuyahoga River and the bridges in the I-480 I-271 interchanges. He also helped rehab the Main Ave., Hope Memorial, Veterans Memorial and other local bridges.

1955—Enjoying retirement after 32 years with Ford Motor, **Gerald Simcak** and his sons own and operate the 300-plus acres Simcak Spruce Farms on the Mohican River. He and wife Carol have five children and reside in Grenmont, OH.



1957—Gerald J. Czajkowski
7424 Orchard Grove Ave.
Brooklyn, OH 44144-1313
216/661-4858

A first for a Benedictine grad? **Joseph T. Ellis**, who spent 28 years in the U.S. Army, recently retired as a Brigadier General. He now works for Raytheon Texas Instruments as a logistics manager and resides in DeSoto, TX, with wife Joyce. They have two children. . . . February was celebration time for **Joseph Sfiligoj**. He reached 25 years at the Kirby Div. of Scott & Fetzer as quality control engineer and hopes to retire next year. He and wife Pat have a son.

1958—Thomas W. Lisy
7835 Rexford Ave.
Bay Village, OH 44140
216/871-9641

In 1982 **Walter Luchka** ended a 22-year naval career in submarines and is now maintenance supervisor for American Trust Bank. He and wife Gloria, who have two boys and five girls, live in Frostburg, MD.

'60s

1960—Ronald A. Brzoska
7117 Alice Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44105-5771
216/271-7683

Benedictine monk/teacher **Fr. Dominic Mondzelewski** has been elected religious faculty representative to Benedictine's Board of Governors, replacing Fr. Gerard Gonda '71, who had served the two-term maximum (6 years consecutively) on the board. Fr. Dominic had previously served for 25 years on the board.

1964—Michael Quinn was vice chairman of the recently completed BHS phonathon. He works at John

Carroll U. as director, Development Communications. . . . Age hasn't dimmed **Daniel Wheatley's** batting eye. He has completed his third year of play in the Men's Senior Baseball League (Lehigh Valley 40+), and for the second straight year he participated in the MSBL "World Series" in Arizona. He lives in Walnutport, PA.

1965—How many people get to shake the hand of the First Lady? **Thomas J. Hyclak** did. She invited him to attend a briefing at the U.S. Dept. of Commerce about her trip to Europe and later he got to shake Hillary Rodham Clinton's hand at the White House. A tenured economics professor at Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA), Hyclak spends summers taking students overseas to study economics. This year he went to Germany; but has also visited Argentina, Canada and Holland. He and wife Jean have two children.

1966—As part of a U.S. State Department promotion, **Michael Sundra's** outstanding photographic works are on display in Ukraine along with works of some of America's most prominent photographers.

1967—Pierre Edwards is an optometrist at the Oakland (CA) Outpatient Clinic for the Department of Public Affairs. He also is an assistant clinical professor at the Berkeley School of Optometry. Edwards lives in Albany, CA. An outdoors enthusiast, he enjoys exploring the western deserts and the Sierra Nevada Mountains. He has two children.

'70s

1970—Richard Hyclak is Second VP/associate actuary for the Kanawha Insurance Co., which serves employees of Springmaid Textile Co. . . . **Joseph M. Onchak** is a computer specialist—senior system programmer—for the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board in Glendale Heights, IL. He and wife June celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary in July.

1972—Two former Marines and classmates—**Frank DiMarco** and **Dennis Toohig**—visited BHS recently to meet with their old buddy-classmate, **David Zelenka**, who manages the Abbey Deli. DiMarco retired as a major after 20 years, most of them as an infantry officer. Toohig retired as a Master Sergeant after 24 years. Both Marines toured several continents.

1977—Patrick Hogan
5250 W. 151st St.
Brookpark, OH 44142-1743
216/433-1824

Christopher St. John
2396 Edgerton Rd.
University Hts., OH 44118-3726
216/932-0874

Ben Holbert served as chairman of the recently completed BHS phonathon. He is a general assignment reporter and substitute anchor for the Ten O'Clock News on WUAB-TV (Ch. 43).

1978—Jamie E. Georgeson
48007 Ashwood Dr.
Plymouth, MI 48170-5247
313/207-9599

Self-employed carpet installer/contractor **Anthony Hominsky** says he's busy working and, with wife Laura, raising his five boys and a girl.

1979—Jeffrey A. Molchan
3050 Greenwich Ln.
Brunswick, OH 44212-2385
330/225-3769

Robert Zoldak was recently featured in the *Wooster Daily Record* as owner of the Kaffee Haus/Country Acres Family Restaurant on U.S. 250 in Wooster. He credits the Benedictine monks for giving him, a solid educational foundation. Zoldak also has a fifth degree black belt in Chinese Kempo, and he and his wife Jennifer launched Jen Lee's karate school in downtown Wooster. The couple has two children.

'80s

1981—Paul C. Gnatowski and wife Becky are first-time parents with the birth of Paul David, born November 22, 1996. He was baptized by Fr. Christopher Schwartz, OSB, pastor of Assumption Church. The Gnatowskis live in Broadview Heights and have been Assumption parishioners since 1990. Paul David's godfather is **David P. Gnatowski '78**. Paul is a financial analyst and David a project engineer, both at McDonald's Corp., Independence. . . . **James Grazko** is director of underwriting for Qua-Med Inc. and supervises the West Coast. He and wife Marybeth live in Auburn, WA and have a seven-month-old son.

1982—Timothy Lang is a regional sales manager for *Paperboard Packaging Magazine* at Advanstar Communications, Inc. He and wife Jennifer welcomed their first child, Emily Alice, in April. . . . **Thomas Cranley** is manager of Anderson Consulting in Chicago, where he resides with wife Tracy and a daughter and a son.





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