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Securing the Future

Indianapolis Mayor
Greg Ballard, '72 and
Denise Farrell, (Hon. '08)
are helping to keep
Cathedral in the hearts
of those who love her.

a message from the president

Dear Friend of Cathedral,

Greetings from the students, faculty, staff and administration at Cathedral High School! We hope that 2010 is a wonderful year for you, your family and your friends!

We are having a very successful school year, and our young people continue to make us very proud of who they are and who they are becoming. I am often asked, "What impresses you most about Cathedral students?" That is not an easy question ... but I almost always reply, 'I am so impressed by how many different things our students do so well.' They perform in the classroom, they produce remarkable stage productions, they create brilliant performances as a band or choir, they win an awful lot of athletic contests, they contribute thousands and thousands of hours in service to those in need and much, much more.

We continue to be blessed with the presence of a remarkable group of men and women who serve as the faculty and staff at Cathedral. The commitment these adults make is truly a blessing.

We periodically ask current parents to share feedback regarding their child's experience at CHS. They give us a number ... 1 through 10 ... and then are able to write comments in support of the number they have assigned to our performance.

One parent wrote, "Cathedral is a very special place with a rich history and tradition, where the emphasis is on preparing your son or daughter for college. Cathedral is a place ... where students can flourish and gain a quality education in a Catholic/Christian atmosphere; with an emphasis on moral values and character development, respect for self and others, as well as learning the importance of service to others in the greater community and global society we live in. Cathedral is unlike any other high school — the ad-

ministration, staff, teachers, students and families make you feel welcome, like one of the family, and they are truly concerned about the individual academic and social needs of your son or daughter."

This is a wonderful statement from a current parent who describes the experience we want to provide for each and every one of our students ... today, tomorrow and forever.

But this remarkable experience carries a price tag. Most of that cost is borne by the mothers and fathers who choose to send their student to Cathedral and make sacrifices to pay tuition.

Some of that expense needs to be borne, as it has for more than 90 years, by men and women who believe in this special school and her mission. The most important mechanism for gathering this support comes through the Cathedral Fund, the school's annual effort to seek financial investment from those who believe in what we are trying to do.

We need to raise \$1.2 million this year for the Cathedral Fund. We need every person connected to this school to consider an investment as we seek the resources needed to provide the experience the parent described above.

A new strategy is in place that lets you as the investor direct your gift to a specific area. The "family of funds" are: academic and faculty initiatives, arts, athletics, facility maintenance and enhancement, spirituality and service, technology, tuition assistance or wherever the school needs it the most.

I ask that you pray for this school. I ask that you say "yes" when you are asked to invest in this year's Cathedral Fund. ☘

Sincerely,



Stephen Helmich
President/Chief Advancement Officer



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editor's note

In Minnesota, they're making quilts for wounded soldiers returning to the States from Iraq and Afghanistan.

In a Philadelphia restaurant, after finishing breakfast, a couple paid not only their tab but picked up the bill for diners at a nearby table. Those patrons then paid someone else's bill, and on it continued through that morning's rush.

In Texas, junior high students organized a toy drive for kids who were sure to be without presents on Christmas, were it not for the teens' thoughtfulness.

Is it the holiday season that changes the tenor of the headlines in the morning newspapers? Maybe fallout from the movie, 'The BlindSide,' which heralds a family's seemingly unbelievable act of kindness?

Could it be something deeper — that people would actually give gladly and share generously?

I'm sure I'm not smart enough to know why.

But I am optimistic enough to believe that the various acts of kindness that have grabbed a few minutes of the nation's conversation over the last few weeks, are genuine and longstanding.

It's easy for me to be hopeful.

You see, generosity and goodness combine to form the cornerstone upon which Cathedral was built.

Parents and community members trusted that Bishop Joseph Chartrand's vision was one worth supporting, and though money was tight in 1917 when the idea of Cathedral was born, contributions mounted and the dream didn't die.

These days, many of our students, faculty and staff, our parents and alums carry on that tradition of doing for others.

And it's not out of a sense of obligation.

It's simply because they know no other way.

Take the composition teacher and her students providing sleeping bags for a family that requested them. The family can't afford to heat their entire house, so on nights when the temperature dips and the wind cuts through the home, the seven gather in one room to maximize warmth.

Take the alums who are funding a Cathedral education for students they've never met. Some of those kids will be the first in their families to have a shot at college diplomas, and it's all because they first had a shot here.

Or how about the group of our students who give up some of their after-school time to visit a nearby school and mentor the younger children there? Think of the example they set each time they read a book, listen to concerns or share a game of checkers with children who have no one in their lives who will do those things with them.

Think you can't do any of those things because you don't have the time, or the money, or you just wouldn't know where to begin?

In this time of resolutions, I say let's think again.

Each of us in our own way has an opportunity to add unadulterated goodness to the world, and it doesn't necessarily have to be by way of grand gestures.

Find a program here at school that you're interested in and become a volunteer. We have no shortage of need for responsible, caring adults who are willing and able to mentor the young people who come here each day — students who blow me away with their talents and good heartedness.

If you've never given a monetary gift, consider one now. Or if you are a financial backer, thoroughly explore any avenues that would allow you to increase your commitment. Could there be a better investment than in helping to insure that today's young people will become tomorrow's strong, faith-based community leaders?

Before you close your eyes at night, and when you, God willing, awake in the morning, say a quick prayer for Cathedral and her students that the work that began more than nine decades ago, continues for at least another nine.

Every one of us has a way to make a difference, to become the cheerful givers He loves.

What will our gifts be? ☘



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On the cover: Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, '72, and Denise Farrell, (Hon. '08), are this year's Cathedral Fund chairpeople. The pair are eager to lead the charge reminding alums, parents and friends just how valuable a Cathedral education is in the life of a young adult — and to encourage those who love Cathedral to keep that tradition alive. Photo by Rich Miller.

Prayer: I beg to you, Lord, feed the souls of the starving. Make us your artwork, your moldings and carvings, to express your love and your glory through our being. Give love to the hated, and sight to those not seeing ... For the deaf, who hear not their own heartbeat pound, sing to their soul, let heaven's ring sound ... God of love and of peace, I give you my praise.

— Excerpt from a prayer
by Dan Englehart, '11

a message from the principal

In 2002, when I came to Cathedral as principal, I knew that this school was a very strong educational institution. I had been hearing about the successes of Cathedral since my boyhood in the northern part of the state. Now, having been here for nearly eight years, I know that this is a school built upon and reflective of the traditions of many years and alumni.

Some of her traditions are as old as Cathedral's 91 years and began with Bishop Chartrand and the Holy Cross Brothers. She is a school built on the recognition of diversity, of strong academics, of spiritual commitment, and is a home that encourages growth socially and emotionally, preparing young adults to succeed in post-secondary education and in life.

The Holy Cross Brothers called their students to academic excellence, whether preparing them for businesses or colleges, for military pursuits or for professional careers. Over the years they prepared their students to emerge and to accept their responsibility as citizens.

Our call to athletic excellence is very strong. Today's athletics include girls and boys teams, with both having recent teams competing and winning state championships. Though we do not have a football field for contests, or a swimming pool, we have a history of success.

Two evenings before a new school year begins, newly enrolled freshmen and their parents are invited to the Freshman Mass, an evening liturgy for these new Cathedral families. The Rev. Patrick Kelly used to stress that the first and last official act of Cathedral students on this campus involved liturgies. He said that demonstrates the importance of our faith commitment.

How are Cathedral and her traditions different from other high schools? It is the way things are done. Class rings, a huge part of sophomore year for our students, are blessed and given in a formal ceremony. Wearing a Cathedral ring car-

ries a responsibility to be a caring, supportive and kind individual — and is not to be taken lightly.

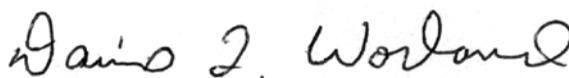
As new graduates look back over their years at Cathedral, one very strong event is almost always included — the Christian Awakening Retreat available to seniors. This is a time when these upperclassmen have the opportunity to look at their faith from a more adult perspective, to claim or reclaim their faith as their own as they did in Confirmation, but with a bit more maturity at this time. Leading up to this retreat experience are freshmen and sophomore days of recollection as well as the junior overnight retreat. These special days help bring into focus the study of theology over four years, the reconciliations and service commitments so much a part of walking our Catholic faith.

Why are traditions so important at Cathedral? Because we recognize the gift that has been formed and given to us from the many alums of previous years. Our roots are with these former Cathedral students, and without our roots, as with a plant, we would cease to have substance for growing.

One last tradition is our expectation that some of our teams will do well and will win a state championship. In recent years, we have seen strong teams and championships for both our male as well as our female teams. It is a tradition at Cathedral that our teams are very competitive. Unlike most schools, we have come to expect such championships.

Yes, we are a school of tradition and following the footsteps of those who came before us. May God bless Cathedral High School and her next 91 years! 🙏

Yours truly,



David L. Worland
Principal



“Wearing a Cathedral (class) ring carries a responsibility to be a caring, supportive and kind individual and is not to be taken lightly.”

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Diversity Alive



Numerous events tout Cathedral's culturally rich population, past

By **MELBA SALMON**

Throughout the year, Cathedral joins forces with many community partners to celebrate a commitment to diversity that has become a hallmark of the school.

A brief look at some of those activities:

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Under the leadership of Ramona Powell, director of multicultural affairs, the third annual multicultural festival was held in October. The festival strives to highlight the rich cultural diversity in the Cathedral community through music, dance, art, storytelling and more. The entire event is proudly organized and hosted by Cathedral families.

This year, participants were treated to a traditional Chinese dragon dance performed by Cathedral students. Members of the Chinese Community Dancers enhanced the festive atmosphere with an array of costumes and dances. Our very own Irish Dancers wowed the crowd with a vibrant dance in customary Irish attire! A powerful performance by the Weapons of Praise team brought a spiritual component that was felt by all in attendance. Lastly, the inspiring storytelling of Native American Tony Showa provided an appropriate conclusion to an evening of reaching beyond ourselves and appreciating the richness in our school community.

BLACK EXPO

Each summer, student ambassadors from Cathedral, along with Powell, host an exhibit at the Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration. While their immediate objective is to offer visitors insights into the tradition of excellence at Cathedral, they ultimately seek to enhance the diversity of the school community. Ambassadors share personal accounts of life at Cathedral with interested parents and students from across the country.

COMPARATIVE WORSHIP AND ECUMENICAL OUTREACH

The Rev. William Munshower, '50, partnered with the office of multicultural affairs to begin a religious diversity experience for Cathedral students, families and friends. The group started to identify various religious faiths to visit that would best represent the school's diverse student body.



TOP: Sophomore Michael Nave, far right, and other members of the Weapons of Praise worship team delighted the crowd at the Multicultural Festival.

RIGHT: Siblings Sara and Michael Conway demonstrated their Irish dance skills for visitors.

LEFT: A member of the Chinese Community Dancers visited Cathedral and shared their unique talents with guests at the annual Multicultural Festival.



Highlights photos/ Linda Evans



In the spring they attended Eastern Star Church, and in the fall they had the opportunity to visit Holy Angels and Mt. Zion Apostolic Faith Church. Immediately following each service, the group gathers to discuss the different worship styles relative to the music, and the congregation, sermon/homily and other areas of the experience.

STUDENT DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

In November, Cathedral hosted the fourth Indianapolis Area Private Schools Diversity Consortium's Student Diversity Leadership Conference. This conference is open to the 11 consortium schools.

The conference workshops are developed and presented by high school teams. The workshop themes all focus on topics of diversity, equity and justice. The objective is to have students in Grades 8-12 gain a better understanding and appreciation for diversity.

The Cathedral workshop team consisted of Courtney Robinson, Olivia Sedwick, Kevin Williams, Ashley O. Mills, Bria Covington, and Keenan Collins. Cathedral's workshop was titled "The Cycle of Oppression." ☘

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Scapino!



LEFT: Senior Ryan Lintner as Sylvestro. BELOW: Cast members included from left Mercer Suppiger (with cane), Caitlin Weber (in rear), Demani Arnold (black hat), Shannon Golden, Collin Bates, Corinne Doll (behind Bates), Thomas Graham, Ryan Lintner, Liz Douglas (behind Lintner) and Josh VanderMissen.



Highlights photos/Andy Bowman

The theatre department presented Scapino! as its fall production. The play tells the story of two young men who have fallen in love with women, of whom their fathers disapprove.

The boys turn for help to Scapino for a twisty, turny scheme designed to champion the young lovers. The cast members were:

Ottavio - Danny Englehart
Sylvestro - Ryan Lintner

Scapino - Thomas Graham
Giacinta - Ryann Bentley
Argante - Mercer Suppiger
Geronte - Josh VanderMissen
Leandro - Demani Arnold
Carlo - Seb Ewald
Zerbinetta - Shannon Golden
Nurse - Liz Douglas
Headwaiter - Collin Bates
Headwaitress - Paige Neely
Waiters - Austin Bazilio,
Jonathan Davis, Vincent Demyan,

Vincent Grotte and Malcolm Herbert.

Neopolitans - Meghan Baker, Mary Brennan, Candy Capilla, Willy Diamond, Corinne Doll, Katie Gordon, Grace Hannoy, Kelly Hartman, Conner Kelley, Ellen Lee, Kara Neal, Theresa Schott, Erin Selsemeyer, Sarah Tekolste, Zoe Turi, Ellen Turner, Caitlin Weber, Riley Weber and Erin Wissler. ☺

Championing the Cathedral Fund

Co-chairs to raise awareness of the importance of donors

By **DIANE SZYMANSKI**

During the November faculty/staff meeting, Cathedral welcomed back to campus two special guests and longtime friends, the Honorable Greg Ballard, '72, mayor of Indianapolis, and Denise Farrell, Hon. '08, former vice principal for academic affairs. With his introduction of this distinguished team, Steve Helmich, Cathedral president, announced that the two had graciously agreed to serve as Cathedral Fund co-chairs for 2009-10.

After Ballard graduated from Indiana University, he served 23 years in the Marine Corps and retired as a lieutenant colonel. Greg served in the Persian Gulf War and was awarded the Legion of Merit. Before becoming mayor, Ballard worked for several years in the private sector and was also a published author. Farrell and Ballard both grew up on the east side of Indianapolis where they attended elementary school together.

"I'm pleased to team with Denise as Cathedral Fund co-chair. I consider myself very fortunate to have benefitted from a Cathedral education. The Cathedral Fund is very important to the students and to the future of Cathedral, and I look forward to serving in this capacity," Ballard said.

Denise Farrell was a staff member of the Cathedral Family for 29 years before her retirement in 2008. During her tenure at Cathedral, Denise shared her talents and leadership in many areas: as girls' volleyball coach, librarian, guidance counselor, director of athletics, and vice principal for academic affairs. The students, faculty, and staff paid tribute to Denise by naming her an honorary graduate in 2008.

The Cathedral Fund, the school's annual giving program, is the foundation for all fundraising efforts at Cathedral and is the lifeblood of school operations. It strengthens and sustains the extraordinary opportunities offered through a Cathedral High

School education. Each year, Cathedral relies on gifts to the Cathedral Fund to provide critical support to educational initiatives not fully funded by tuition alone. The Cathedral Fund also helps bridge the gap between tuition and the true cost of educating each child. Through a family of funds, gifts to the Cathedral Fund have an immediate and direct benefit to every student, staff and faculty member of CHS.

The Cathedral Fund has historically supported need-based and merit-based tuition assistance. Beginning this year, donors may also direct their gifts to supplement any one of a family of funds: academic/faculty initiatives, arts, athletics, facility maintenance, spirituality/service, technology, tuition assistance or wherever Cathedral needs it the most.

The family of funds is the heart of the new Cathedral Fund organizational model initiated this fall by the CHS office of advancement. The newly formed Cathedral Fund Cabinet, comprised of Farrell and Ballard as chairs, along with board members, advancement directors, and lead volunteers, will function through a strong volunteer-professional partnership. The Cabinet's ultimate goal will be to build relationships among CHS constituencies while fostering a culture of philanthropy. Farrell and Ballard will assist in increasing awareness and support of the Cathedral Fund. CHS parents, alumni and grandparents will fill key roles in the Cabinet, along with staff and faculty.

"We're delighted that Denise Farrell and Mayor Greg Ballard will be honorary chairs of the Cathedral Fund this year," said Helmich. "The Cathedral Fund Cabinet will provide a strong volunteer-professional partnership to lead our fundraising efforts. If this partnership does its job well, it not only will raise money for the school to benefit our students and staff, it will also engage our families, alumni and friends to promote a culture of philanthropy."

To make a gift, call Diane Szymanski at (317) 968-7313. ☎

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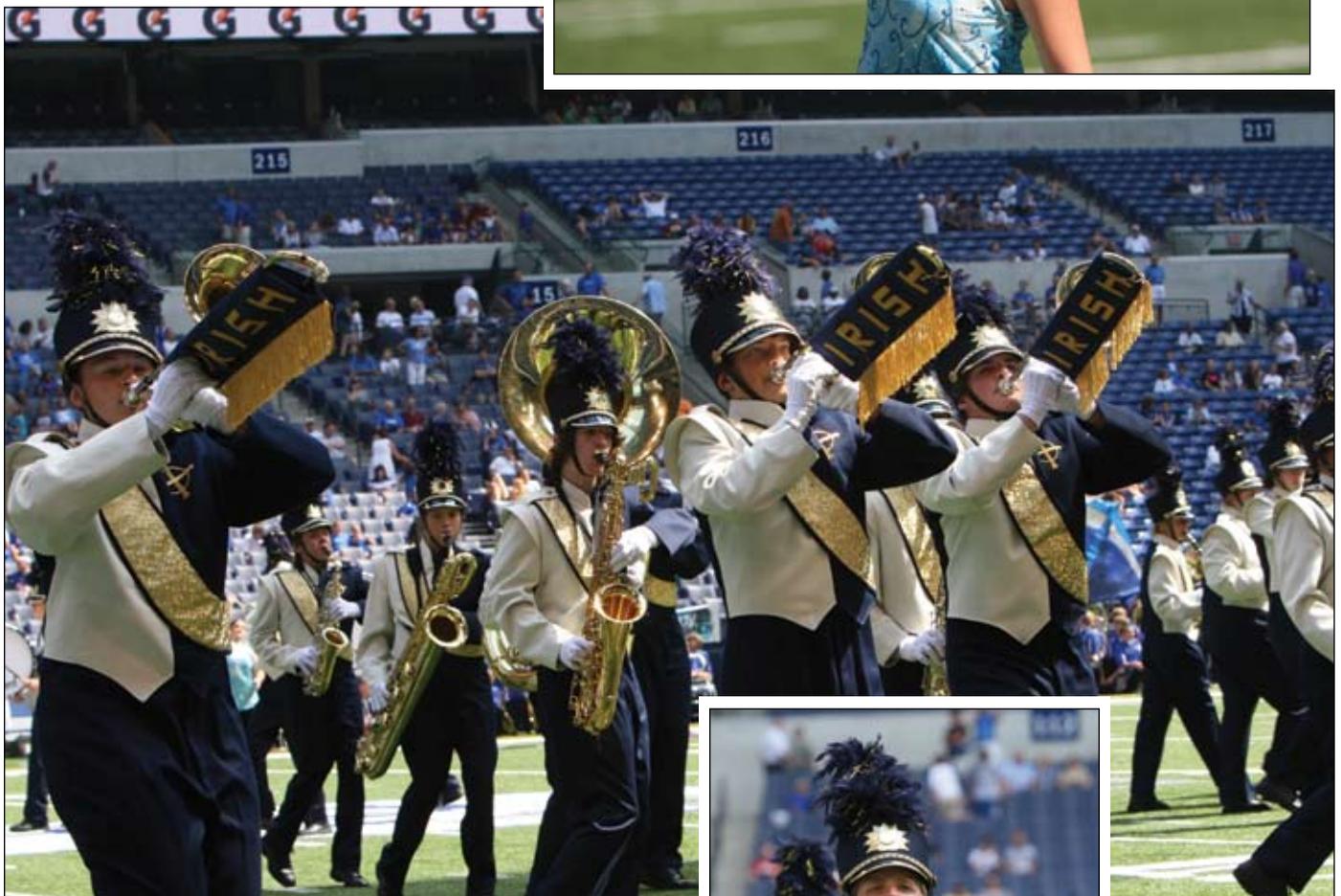
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Joseph Burrow & Benjamin Phillippe

Going *for* Gold



Highlights photos/Rolly Landeros



The “Pride of the Irish” got a Gold rating at districts after a great performance on Oct. 3.

Kathy McCullough, director of bands, gave special thanks to drum majors Liz Shirey, Nick Stapleton, Alana Tice; guard captain, Lauren Rascoe; instru-

mental soloists, Kevin Davis, Wesley Edwards, Zach Czachura, Wesley Stokes, Edward Steppe, Marc Kernen, Austin Bazilio; guard soloists, Candy Capilla, Madeline Wright, Jasmine Jones; and our amazing feature twirler, Jasmine Whitaker. 🍀



TOP: MacKenzie Wolf performs as a member of the Pride guard. ABOVE: Pride members from left Molly Ward, Alex Moore (in rear with alto sax), Haley Thompson (baritone sax), Mark Aikman (tenor sax), Chris Jones and Conner Kelley, trombones. LEFT: Sophomore Alex Moore.

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Teacher of the Year

Josh Payne was named the 2009 German Teacher of the Year by the American Association of Teachers of German Indiana.

Payne has been teaching German since 2001 and has been at Cathedral since 2006.

“I am incredibly honored to be recognized for doing something I love — teaching German!”

With his students, Payne created an active German club and, more recently, has established an exchange program with the Otto-Hahn Gymnasium, a college prep school in Cologne, Germany. The first exchange was completed this year, during the summer and fall.

“The best part of the experience for the students was becoming part of a German family for a month and experiencing life first-hand as a German teenager. They soon realize that teenagers are the same the world over!”

Principal Dave Worland said Payne’s enthusiasm helps his students develop a love for the German language and culture.

“He is a wonderful asset to our World Language Program!” 🍀



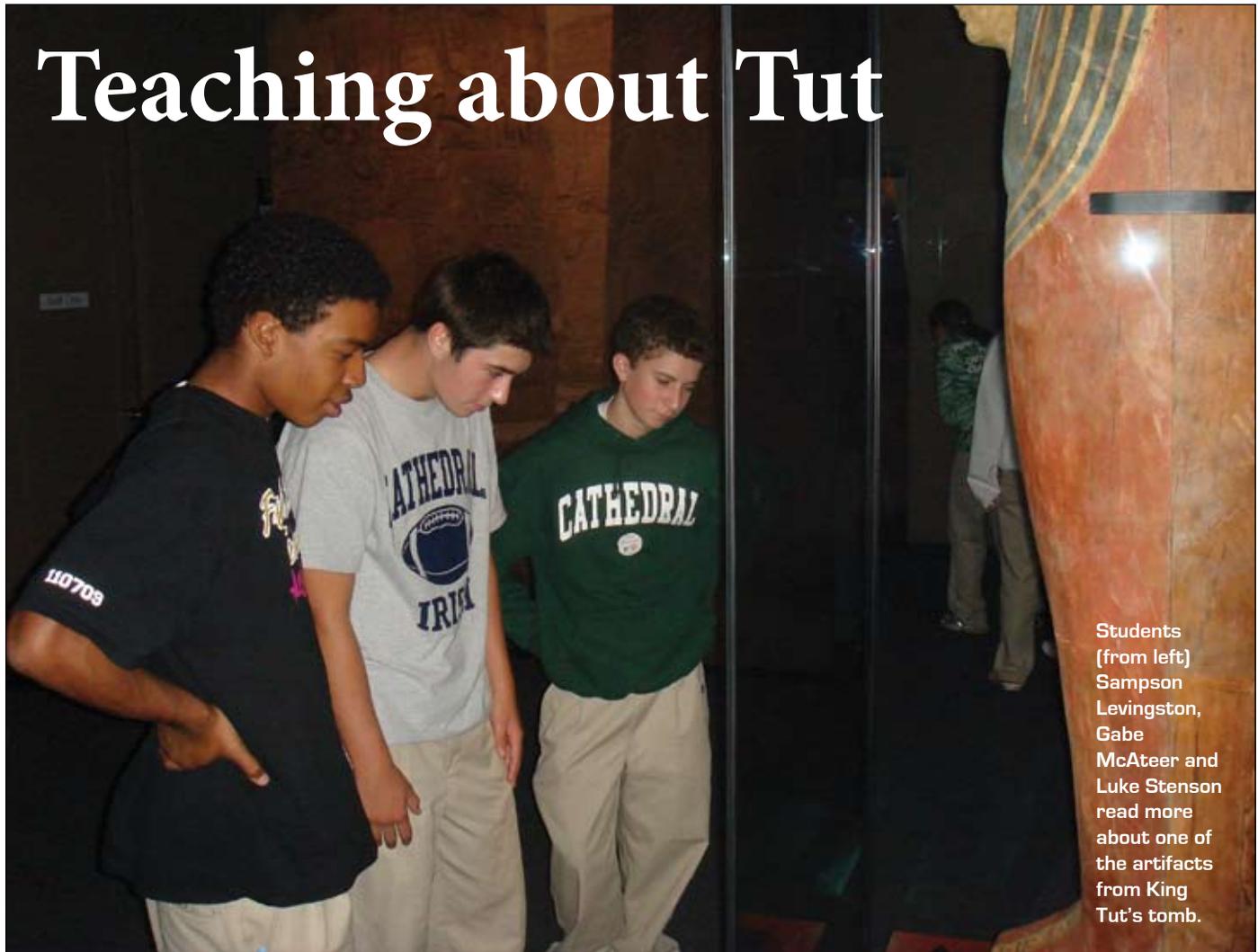
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Four named National Merit Semifinalists

Members of the Class of 2010 who have been named National Merit Semifinalists are (from left) Zach Czachura, Sam Quigley, John Macke and Elizabeth MacGill. 🍀

Teaching about Tut



Students (from left) Sampson Levingston, Gabe McAteer and Luke Stenson read more about one of the artifacts from King Tut's tomb.

World history students traveled to ancient Egypt on Oct. 9 when the classes visited the traveling "Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs" exhibit at The Indianapolis Children's Museum.

The exhibit of more than 130 artifacts from the great tomb in Egypt also included a new permanent exhibit on modern Egypt.

Teacher Anthony Ernst said he and colleagues Mark Noe and Brad Berghoff were eager to "furnish our students with this wonderful opportunity for 'hands-on' exposure to actual historic artifacts." 🇪🇬



Laine Hughes (left) and Lindsey Newhart review a modern water filtration system used in Egypt.

Highlights photos/submitted by Anthony Ernst



Highlights photos/Doug McSchooler

The Irish will return 24 of 31 runners from this season. Coach Jim Nohl said the underclass for Cathedral is a strong group of runners.

Overall, a great season

O’Herren caps career by setting school record

By **JOHN OESHER**

Big picture, Hale O’Herren saw the season as a success.

Jim Nohl, the coach of Cathedral High School’s boys cross-country team, said he agreed with his senior and No. 1 runner that there were times the season could have been better.

But overall, Nohl said the Irish had a start on a bright future.

And O’Herren — who completed a memorable, four-year career in record-setting fashion — said the Irish improved as a program, and as a team, this season.

“We didn’t go as far as we wanted to,” O’Herren said, “but most of the kids improved individually, so that was good that they all got better.”

Nohl agreed.

“Overall, we had a great season.”

Highlighting that season: O’Herren, one of the area’s top distance runners since his freshman year, broke the school’s 22-year-old cross-country record, running a 15:19.1 at the Flashrock Invitational at Northview Christian Church in Carmel.

“Sophomore and junior year, I really wanted to get it,” O’Herren said. “I finally got it.”

J.R. Ricker, also a senior and

one of the state's top distance runners, twice has set the school record in the 2-mile, prompting Nohl to call the duo "two of the best runners in the history of the school."

"It's all worked," he said. "This season, we tried a whole new approach. It worked. There are a few things I wish I would have changed, but that's hindsight. I've reviewed it all. We know exactly what we have to do."

O'Herren and Ricker both plan to run at regional and national cross-country meets, and both likely will run collegiately.

"They'll go off and run wherever they choose. There are a lot of coaches that are contacting them," Nohl said.

The Irish season was about more than O'Herren and Ricker. After starting relatively slowly as a team, Nohl said the Irish improved throughout the season. They reached No. 17 in the state rankings, then had a solid tournament, finishing eighth in a difficult regional meet.

"If we could have finished fifth at regional, we could have finished eighth at state, which is exactly where the fifth-place team in our regional finished," Nohl said. "You have to have five cylinders, and we ran this year on three. . . . I was happy with the season because we improved the whole season. People were watching us, and they knew we were getting better the whole season . . . We got better with every meet we ran.

"But we just hit the tournament and just didn't fire. With

our regional, you don't have the luxury of not being at your best."

The Irish at the Brebeuf Regional on Oct. 17 had runners in the top 65, including O'Herren, who finished as the meet's runner-up with a time of 15:43.8. He was followed by:

- Sophomore John Kelly, 27th (16:33.1).
- Ricker, 32nd(16:44.5).
- Sophomore Elliott Parshall, 39th (16:55.4).
- Junior Daniel Stempky, 64th (17:43.8).
- Junior William Bond, 65th (17:48.8).
- Sophomore Thomas Proffitt, 67th (17:55.3).

"Timewise, we ran great times," Nohl said. "At the end, we just couldn't put it together. We had five guys who had run under 17 (minutes during the season), which is what I needed. We basically were in a position to determine our own fate, but we needed to run consistently when the tournament hit. Because of a couple of people getting sick, with all of the different germs going around, that sort of slowed us down."

But while Nohl said the end of this season wasn't quite what the Irish wanted, the future looks solid for a program that has improved steadily in recent seasons.

Next year, the Irish will return 24 of 31 runners from this season, and Nohl said the underclass is strong. Kelly has run a 16:26, and Nohl said there are sophomore and juniors who have run in the high 16s and low 17s.

"All I have to do is get them



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to run the cycle again, and we're there," Nohl said. "We've got enough talent that we will do well next year. We won't have front-runners, per se, like those two (O'Herren and Ricker), but we'll have a pack of runners that will be all together. We'll be more of a pack next year, for us to be successful. Many teams, that's the approach."

Said O'Herren, "It's definitely gotten a lot better. We've changed a lot – how we train and what we do for workouts. It's still not perfect, but it has drastically improved.

"It's fun when everyone gets better and everybody runs fast. We definitely had a lot of fun." 🏃

Steady gains

Girls cross-country team makes return trip to state finals

By JOHN OESHER

Molly Lawless said all one needs to do to determine how the Lady Irish did this season is to look at where they ran their last race: At state.

And Lawless said considering what many observers thought of the Irish before the season — they were ranked well out of the top 20 — an 18th place finish at state was something to be proud of.

Very, very proud.

“We really got underrated the whole season,” Lawless said after the Irish’s second State Finals appearance in the last three seasons.

“We ended up finishing 18th. Overall, I’m pretty satisfied with how our team did.”

Mark Doctor, the girls cross-country coach, was, too — partly because the team endured a difficult season the year before, but mostly because this year’s team was a solid, balanced group that accepted challenges and excelled in difficult circumstances.

A year after losing All-State runner Katy Achtien to graduation, the Irish were picked 43rd in the preseason Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country coaches rankings. Through the season, they improved steadily



Highlights photos/Doug McSchooler

The Irish enjoyed strong meets from multiple runners throughout the season. Here the girls gather prior to the state meet in Terre Haute.

and moved into the Top 20.

They entered the postseason at No. 16, and after finishing third at the Brebeuf Sectional on Oct. 13, they finished fourth at the Brebeuf Regional the next weekend to advance.

Next came the semistate at Carmel, traditionally the state’s toughest.

With the top six teams advancing to state, Cathedral finished fifth.

It was the Irish’s balance through the postseason that Doc-

tor said helped make it memorable.

The Irish had four different No. 1 runners in four postseason meets. Freshman Emma MacAnnally finished as the Irish’s top runner at sectional, and senior Paige Mason was No. 1 at the regional. Sophomore Katie Quigley was the team’s best at the semistate.

At the Oct. 24 state meet in Terre Haute, the top five Irish runners were:

- Lawless, 68th (20:52.9).



Coach Mark Doctor said the Irish “have some really outstanding young talent (returning) — probably as much ... as we’ve ever had.”

- MacAnally, 88th (21:15.4).
- Quigley, 99th (21:23.0).
- Senior Katie Cleary, 102nd (21:25.8).
- Mason, 118th (21:40.4).

What saved the Irish all season, Doctor said – and what let them persevere through the post-season – was the solid leadership of a balanced senior class.

“This senior class and I kind of mutually learned this year that we can’t just throw them out there and say, ‘You’re seniors; now, be leaders,’ ” Doctor said. “We worked more trying to develop the leadership skills. We really had a lot more seniors and not just those three (Cleary, Lawless and Mason). There were several others who really stepped up and were leaders on the team. I think that made a lot of difference.”

Doctor said it was satisfying that the seniors experienced success in their final season. They had been a key part of last year’s team, which missed the state meet in a season highlighted by injuries and difficult circumstances. This year, Doctor said, was vastly different.

“This season was just fun,” he said. “We just had a good time. Last season, I was just waiting to see what disaster was going to happen next. Now, looking at it a year out, I think, maybe I overreacted to some of that stuff. I look at it and go, ‘Yeah . . .’

“I’m hoping in the future if I have a year like last year, I’m able to handle it a lot better than last year.”

Whatever happens in the future, the outlook is bright, Doctor said. The Irish return MacAnally

and Quigley, plus sophomore Megan Searight, who also was critical in the postseason. The freshman class, Doctor said, is solid, and he and Lawless said there is potential for a strong team next season.

“We’re going to have some pretty good runners – I think they can succeed,” she said.

“We lose three of the top seven, but we have a lot of really good freshman,” he said. “We have three or four really solid juniors. We have three, four, maybe more, sophomores. We never really know what’s going to show up next year.

“We have some really outstanding young talent, probably as much or more than we’ve ever had. The future looks very bright.” 🐾

Era of Excellence

Seniors close successful high school career just one game short of another state title

By JOHN OESHER

A team meeting just three days after a tough semistate loss to rival Evansville Reitz gave senior Irish football players a chance to re-examine their record.

Matt Pimentel heard head coach Rick Streiff when he said of course the team wanted another state win, and a lot of people expected them to get the 2009 title.

But not getting it didn't make the season, or the careers of the Irish seniors, a failure.

"He brought up the fact that we'd been in four semistates in

four years and won two championships," said Pimentel, a senior wide receiver in the wake of a 31-10 loss to Reitz.

"I think that shows the tradition this program has."

Streiff said it showed just what the program has accomplished. During the past four seasons, the Irish:

- Won four sectional titles.
- Won four regional titles.
- Played in four semistate games.
- Won two semistate titles.
- Won two state title games.
- Won 48 games and lost nine.

"For four straight years, we

played in the semistate," said Streiff, in the second season of his second stint as the Irish's coach.

"There aren't a lot of programs that can say that they've done that.

"It won't be today, and it won't be tomorrow," Streiff said. "It won't be Christmas. It will be January, and people will go, 'You know what? We had a pretty dog-gone good season.'"

The Irish, after spending the regular season ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 4A, had the season end during a game in which Streiff said Reitz "flat-out outplayed us."

"From the very, very beginning of the game, they just took it to us," he said. "It seemed like we were always on our heels. It was just one of those games.

"We just were slow out of the block, and it cost us this time."

Hughes sustained a shoulder injury in the second quarter, after which he played great as a wide receiver, Streiff said. In his absence, junior Connor Barthel played exceptionally well.

The Irish trailed 21-0 when Hughes was injured.

"Connor played great," Streiff said. "I thought he played awesome. You start looking down the road and think, 'OK, we're going



Senior quarterback Kofi Hughes [right] threw for 1,437 yards and 18 touchdowns and rushed for 1,574 yards and 20 touchdowns during the 2009 season.

Highlights photos/Rolly Landeros



to be all right next year.’ ”

Streiff said Barthel was far from the only underclassman to play a key role this season.

Sophomore Mickey Roessler started for more than a third of the season, and juniors Stephen Clark and Ted Karras will also return next season on the offensive line. Junior Reece Horn will return at wide receiver, and with Barthel back at quarterback, “We’re in really good shape there,” Streiff said.

Another major skill-position contributor to be replaced is running back Nick Najem.

“We have to find a running back with a little bit of size, but the guys who have played behind Najem for a couple of years aren’t the biggest kids in the world,” Streiff said. “We need to find somebody with a little bit of beef behind them, but on the offensive side of the ball, we’re pretty solid returning a good nucleus of kids.”

Defensively, the Irish lose linemen Camaron Beard, Spencer Tigges and Jacob Avellana, as well as linebacker Pat Brady, but Jake Campbell and Kyle Kennedy return at the linebacker position, and Tyler

Willis returns at corner.

“You lose (defensive back) Jake Zupancic, which will be a tough loss for us,” Streiff said. “He’s a difficult kid to replace. He was the guy you could count on every week. He was going to be there. He was going to have few mistakes. He was going to be the guy you didn’t have to worry about.”

Streiff also said the kicking game will have to be addressed, with senior Scott Miller having been “just unbelievable for three years.”

“They’re a great group of kids, and they had fun,” he said. “When it’s all said and done, they’re going to remember a very good time with a lot of fun and a great season. They went 12-2. Honestly, they don’t know any better. They don’t know how successful they’ve been. It’s hard for them to understand until they get away from it and get separated from it.

“They’ll talk to others. They’ll look back and reflect, and then they’ll know how great a season and experience they had.” 🐾

Dedication takes team back to state tournament

Girls golf team makes third consecutive finals

By JOHN OESHER

Abby Lauck hardly could have been prouder.

Lauck, a senior for the Cathedral High School girls golf team, said there was a lot of confidence around the Irish entering the post-season. The team had improved from the season before, and a third consecutive appearance in the State Finals seemed within reach.

The Irish fulfilled that goal.

But Lauck and Irish coach Joe Vollmer each recently said that it was how the team achieved it — the work the players put in and the dedication they applied — that made the 2009 season a special, memorable one.

“It was really neat how everyone stepped up,” Lauck said.

How much did the Irish step up? Consider:

Before the season, Vollmer said that while he thought the Irish were a strong team, an appearance in the State Finals was no guarantee. There was talent, but much of the team was young.

They entered this season unranked in the Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association state rankings but finished as:

- The 14th-ranked team in the state.



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ABOVE: The 2009 Lady Irish seniors were (from left) Abby Lauck, head coach Joe Vollmer, Courtney Balog and Sarah Renie.

- The City Champions for a fifth consecutive year.
- The Section 16 champions, winning the sectional for a fourth consecutive season – this season by 33 strokes.
- The Region 4 (Lafayette Regional) runner-up, finishing 11 shots behind Western.
- The 12th-place team at the IH-SAA State Finals, finishing with a five-golfer score of 360 – 72 over par – at the finals Oct. 2-3.

The finals finish exceeded pre-season expectations and came in the most difficult conditions of the season – winds strong enough to wear golfers down physically and blow not only tee and approach shots off line, but putts, too.

“That’s pretty rare to see,”

Vollmer said. “The girls don’t see it very often, to have a straight putt that blows left or right because of a cross wind. It’s frustrating work. It’s not much fun to play in a strong wind. It never relents. It never seems to be at your back.

“We’re really happy with 12th place.”

This season, the Irish’s 12th place finish left them three places short of qualifying for the second day of finals. The Cathedral scores during a grueling, 6½-hour first round breaking down as follows:

- Sophomore Molly Ward, 86 (14 over par).
- Lauck, 89 (17 over par).
- Sophomore Christie Cates, 89 (17 over par).
- Junior Christine White, 96 (24

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LEFT: Senior Abby Lauck played four years for the Lady Irish. In that time, the team made three consecutive trips to state.

over par).

- Senior Sarah Renie, 109 (37 over par).

“The girls were worn out,” Vollmer said. “They had hoped to make it to the second day. But I think the thing that helped the girls was that many of them had played very poorly on the first nine holes and many were able to improve significantly on the second nine holes. They had a feeling that they sort of made a comeback, and they validated that they deserved to be there.”

“We were in 15th place at one point and came back to 12th. They were satisfied and pleased that they had given everything they had.”

Lauck said although only five girls played for the varsity during the postseason, the Irish went at least eight deep in the lineup this season, and the entire team was critical to the postseason success.

“I know only five play at state, but it was neat to see how everyone stepped up this summer,” she said. “It really was neat.”

A four-year player for the Irish, Lauck played her first two seasons for a team led by Michele Nash and Clare Cornelius, each of whom moved on to play collegiately at Butler University. The duo’s senior season, during which Cathedral finished seventh at the state, was memorable, Lauck said.

But she said the last two were special, too. That

was because during those seasons, the Irish not only transitioned into a new era but qualified for the State Finals each season.

“That was awesome,” Lauck said. “It was really fun making it to last year’s state, but I think last year was almost a bigger accomplishment, because no one thought we could do it. We weren’t ranked in the Top 20 the entire year, then to make it to state last year was so awesome.”

“This year, we were confident we could make it to state. It feels really good being a part of something really unexpected.”

Vollmer said the Irish could be strong next season, but Lauck’s leadership will be hard to replace.

“She led by example in her play,” Vollmer said. “There wasn’t a single player who worked harder than she did. She said the things to rally the kids. She was a very spirited, emotional player. They looked to her, and she always kept her chin up around the rest of the team. She never displayed anything but the best attitude.”

Lauck said she believes the Irish’s future is bright.

“I think in the next couple of years, Cathedral is going to be pretty good,” she said. “Our No. 1, 3 and 4 players were all sophomores and juniors, and I know they’re planning on having another good year next year. Everyone is just getting better.” 🍀

A different kind of year

Boys soccer recaptures City, Sectional titles

By JOHN OESHER

It was something of a strange year.

Yes, the Cathedral boys soccer team largely depended upon two players for much of its offensive success. And no, coach Paul Schroeder said, that's not how the Irish usually play.

Still . . .

The Irish went 13-3-3 and regained the City Championship, the sectional championship — and a state ranking.

So, if the season was a strange one, make no mistake: It was very much a successful one, too.

"I think we met our expectations and actually came out a little bit ahead," said Schroeder, in his 20th season as the Irish boys soccer coach. "We kind of got our hopes up at the end for seeing what could happen, but we did great."

Said Irish senior Joe Meyer, who along with junior Max Odgaard formed an unusually productive front-line duo:

"We definitely wanted to bring City back, because we had lost it the past two years. That was our main goal. Our second goal is to get sectionals and from there on out, everything was pretty much just a bonus.

"We had a pretty good season, I'd say."



Seniors on this year's team were front row from left Jake Stieneker, Drew Stutzman and Chris Yust. Back row Chris Kauffman, Will Haughs, Joe Meyer and Mark Baele.

How good? Consider:

A season before, the Irish — a perennial Top 20 team in recent seasons — had slipped from the state rankings and missed winning the City Championship for a second consecutive season. They also missed winning the sectional title after winning it in 2007.

Entering the season, Schroeder had hopes for the Irish, but they weren't sky high.

What the Irish got was a good effort from the defense and a solid year from an up-and-coming junior class that should give the team a solid base next season.

And they got a spectacular year from two big-time offensive players. Schroeder said it had been more than a decade since a Cathedral player scored more than 20 goals.

This season, Meyer scored a

team-high 24 goals, while Odgaard scored 19.

"I didn't realize they would be that successful," Schroeder said.

The Irish scored 53 goals. Meyer and Odgaard not only scored 43 of them, they accounted for assists on seven others.

"I guarantee you the others were in games we won 7-0 or 9-0," Schroeder said. "Any goal that mattered this season, one of them scored it. No doubt about it. It was obvious that that was who we were, but they were both good enough to make it happen."

Throughout the season, that was the story for the Irish.

In a 3-2 victory over Mishawaka Marian, Meyer scored all times. In a victory over Lawrence Central, Odgaard scored both goals, and in a 2-0 victory over Noblesville, Meyer scored twice.



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The 2009 Sectional Champions front row from left Kaleb Harrison, Max Odgaard, Pat McGuinness, Chris Yust, Drew Stutzman, Mark Baele, Jake Stieneker, Chris Schoenfel and Brooks Butler. Back row from left are assistant coach Harold Spooner, David Parsons, assistant coach Chris Sammon, Eric Yeager, E.J. Moore, Luke Plummer, T.C. Fisher-Heath, Joe Meyer, Nick Smith, Alex Dickman, Will Haughs, Chris Kauffman, Kelley Ford, Braden Western, Greg Breiner, Nick Trausch and Coach Paul Schroeder.

“All of our big games, it was them as far as the goal scoring,” Schroeder said. “

But while Meyer and Odgaard dominated the scoring, the season overall was very much a team effort, Schroeder said. Many of the Irish’s biggest games – including a 0-0 tie against No. 2 Carmel – were highlighted as much by big defensive efforts as standout offensive games.

Said Meyer, “Everyone pretty much did their job. Everyone played hard no matter how long they were on the field. Everyone wanted to win, so everyone knew what they had to do.”

One of the season’s biggest moments, Schroeder and Meyer each said, came in the City Tournament when the Irish beat rival Chatard in the semifinal before facing Covenant Christian in the final. The Irish had beaten Covenant, 2-1, in the regular season.

Then in the City Final, they took an early 3-1 lead, scoring three goals after an early Covenant Christian penalty kick. Covenant Christian pulled to within a goal on a second penalty kick, then tied the score at 3-3 before Cathedral scored in the final 10 minutes for the victory.

“It was a much more exciting game than necessary in our minds, but they were a good team,” Schroeder said. “They never quit, so that was good.”

In the sectional round of the IHSAA tournament, the Irish beat Heritage Christian, 7-0, in the semifinal, before beating Lawrence Central, 2-1, in the final.

“It was great,” Schroeder said. “We kind of felt we should have won it last year, even though it was the least experienced, least ‘talented’ team we had, but Lawrence Central was way down last year as well. We were better this

year, but so was Lawrence Central. We felt we should have won it, and we were glad we did.”

The Irish then lost in the regional semifinal, 2-0, to Noblesville, which went on to win the regional and advance to the semi-state.

Schroeder said while the Irish were disappointed in the final game, the reality was they attained a preseason goal of re-establishing themselves as an area power.

“We sort of had a little bit of a hiccup last year,” he said, adding that the numbers of players were low last season in the junior and senior classes. “This year, the numbers remained low in the senior class, but the junior class is solid and strong.

“Next year, we’re looking good to improve on this season.

We’re looking pretty good for next year.” 🍀

Team for Two



Quiet underdogs grab state title for the second time in three years

By JOHN OESHER

Mariah Whitaker knew the Irish were capable.

Whitaker, a forward for the Cathedral High School girls soccer team and one of a group of seniors who has helped build a solid program into a state power, knew the Irish had the talent to win a state title this year. And the experience.

She knew, too, the confidence was there.

Still, Whitaker and Irish coach Marc Behringer each knew from experience those things aren't enough, and that's what makes the state tournament an uncertain situation.

So, when the Irish actually did win the state title Oct. 31 . . .

When the seniors closed their career in memorable, fitting fashion . . .

When they closed out a dominant state tournament run . . .

Well, when it was all over, it was as special as the Irish hoped. Maybe even more so.

"It means a lot, because we were all good friends," Whitaker said in the wake of the Irish's 2-0 victory over Fort Wayne Snider at Kuntz



TOP: Freshman Abbi Schopper shares the title celebration with her cousin, Dana Brown. ABOVE: Junior Sophie Spenia who out-hustled a Ft. Wayne Snider team member on this play, ultimately scored one of the Irish's two goals in the championship win.



Highlights photos/Rich Miller

The 2009 Lady Irish soccer state championships were front row from left Alissa Bova, Sophie Spenia, Kyra Riggins, Mariah Whitaker, Anna Ventimiglia, Jennifer Collins and Katie Wacker. Second row from left Mary Welch, Allison Scarlott, Kathryn Lueking, Heather Haughs, Kara FitzGerald, Alex Meador and Allie Hicks. Back row from left Terry Fox, assistant coach Kevin Kubacki, Jennifer MacNamara, assistant coach Eric Schmidt, Abby Schopper, Megan Short, Maddie Fisher, Katie Jones, Jasmine Whitaker, Imani Robinson, Meredith Schoenfeld, head coach Marc Behringer, and assistant coach Stephanie Behringer.

Memorial Stadium, a victory that secured Cathedral's second girls soccer start title in three seasons.

"We just loved playing with each other, and it was nice to end the last game we could ever play in high school with a win."

Behringer, in his 14th season at Cathedral, said there were two storylines for the team this season:

- 1) What the Irish accomplished as a team.
- 2) That the upperclassmen – the juniors and seniors – "have been there before."

"It's been so much fun," he said. "The coaches get a real kick out of watching the kids be so successful. It's always good when a group that you're coaching reaches some semblance of their potential."

"It's really a testament to this group as a whole, and really the seniors, the leaders on this team."

The Irish (19-4-2, ranked No. 9 in the final Indiana Soccer Coaches Association state poll) not only dominated the final against No. 11 Snider, they

controlled nearly every match of the tournament, doing so with what Behringer said was possibly the best defense in the state.

Hours before the state final, the Irish — the fourth school in Indiana history to win more than one girls state soccer title — beat No. 4 South Bend St. Joseph's 2-1. St. Joseph's goal was the only one Cathedral allowed in eight state tournament games.

"It was incredibly dominant," Behringer said. "So often attacking players and goal-scorers get the headlines. We played 25 matches, and 17 of them were shutouts. Just as the entire team is responsible for attacking, the entire team is responsible for defending, but the back four and the goalkeeper, (in particular,) were better and better as the season went along."

"It was just amazing from a defensive standpoint. I really believe that we were the best defensive team

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Irish head coach Marc Behringer celebrates as his team is announced the 2009 Indiana state champs. Behringer said the team's combined aggressive defensive play was the key to a second state title.

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in the state of Indiana by the end of the season. By the end of the tournament, that's where we made our mark."

As was the case two seasons ago, the Irish not only won the tournament, they did so as relative underdogs. Each time, they entered ranked No. 9.

"I don't know if that worked to our advantage or not, but I'd rather be the underdog," Whitaker said. "Carmel, it's always like they're ranked No. 1. Even if they didn't win, in years past, they've always been No. 1. I'd rather be the

underdog, because people aren't putting us on their radar, so we can fly under the radar and win another state title."

The Irish outshot Snider, 20-2, with junior forward Sophie Spenia – a starter and key figure as a freshman on the 2007 state title team – scoring her third goal of the season in the third minute off a corner kick by senior Anna Ventimiglia. Sophomore midfielder Jasmine Whitaker, Mariah's sister, scored her sixth goal of the season with 10 minutes remaining.

Ventimiglia gave the Irish a 1-0 victory with a first-half goal in the semifinal, and Mariah

Whitaker's goal in the 74th minute provided the winning point.

Senior defenders Jennifer Collins and Katie Wacker – like Mariah Whitaker and Ventimiglia, sophomore starters in 2007 – also were critical, as was reserve Kyra Riggins.

"There's so much that is a continuation of the team two years ago, and at the same time, the accomplishment stands all by itself," Behringer said. "They've left a legacy and set a bar very high for the players to follow. Next year, it's not as though we're going to fall off the face of the earth. We're going to be a good team next year."

The season was meaningful for Behringer and Whitaker for another reason. The Irish were not only very good, they overcame early season injuries to several key players. Among them: Whitaker, *The Indianapolis Star's* 2008 All-City Player of the Year. She underwent offseason knee surgery, but by season's end, Behringer said she was playing at as high or higher a level as she had before.

"It was special," Whitaker said. "It meant a lot, because I was really bummed that I couldn't play club soccer. A lot of the seniors that are on the Cathedral team are on my club soccer team, so I didn't get to play with them then.

"I realized as I walked toward them that that was it. They had done it, and they had accomplished everything they could accomplish ... I was kind of in awe of them. It was fantastic."

— Marc Behringer, head coach

Whitaker said the seniors felt more sure in their run to state this year, because

"This senior year, I didn't want it to be like, 'Oh, she wasn't as good as she was in past years,' so that's why I was very determined to be on the field and contribute . . .

"This year, I had more confidence that we could really win (the state tournament), like we did two years ago."

Whitaker



Blue and gold backers were out in force for the state championship game. Fans included from left Andrew Scarlott, Christine White and Jay Ruckelshaus.

of having had the opportunity to play at that level as sophomores.

"I have a lot of pride in the program now, because I feel like I've had a big hand in helping it grow. Especially since my little sister is going to be playing here, it feels good that I've given her a better winning environment and a more competitive environment for her to play in, and the other underclassmen, too."

That the seniors would leave such a legacy wasn't guaranteed. When the group arrived, the Irish were one of the top programs in the state, but not an elite-level, Top 5 program on a perennial basis. Not only did the Irish win the state title in 2007 and this season, they lost in the semistate final last year and were capable of making the Final Four.

"It was a pleasure, and an honor, to get to watch them kind of close things out the way they deserved to," Behringer said.

"They were such a big part of the

team that as sophomores won the state championship, but at the same time, they were underclassmen. Although they made up such a large portion of the team, there were other leaders of the team, et cetera. It was gratifying to see them take over the leadership as seniors and get to drive a similar experience from the top.

"When it really struck me was after the game had ended. I was walking out onto the field and was walking toward Katie Wacker and Mariah and those girls and I realized as I walked toward them that that was it. They had done it, and they had accomplished everything they could accomplish. I just said to them. 'Wow, you guys are going to get another ring. You've done this thing twice.'

"I was kind of in awe of them. It was fantastic." 🐾

Looking ahead

Fifth consecutive City Title offers promise of hope for boys tennis program

By JOHN OESHER

The Irish went 15-4 and finished No. 6 in the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association state rankings, and they won a fifth consecutive City title.

That's not a bad season, said Mark Noe, Irish head coach. Not even close.

And already, Noe said the Irish are looking ahead.

"Everyone's champing at the bit again," he said. "I'm proud of the kids. I love winning and I hate losing, because I want them to win and have success. But 15-4 is not bad."

The Irish, who reached No. 2 in the state rankings early in the season, lost in the sectional for a fourth time in as many seasons, and for a fourth consecutive season, the loss came to perennial power North Central. The Irish lost 3-2 in the first round of the 2006 sectional, but have lost in the final each of the

past three seasons — 5-0 in 2007, 3-2 in 2008 and 3-2 this season.

The Irish won their lone state title in 2005.

Against North Central this season, the Irish won at No. 2 and No. 3 singles with sophomore Will Adams and junior Mark Troiano, respectively, but lost at No. 1 and 2 doubles and No. 1 singles. The morning of the sectional finals had a strange vibe, throughout, Noe said — particularly after word spread that state-favorite Carmel had lost to Hamilton Southeastern in the finals of another sectional.

"We felt wonderful," Noe said. "We beat Fishers in the semifinal, and a parent called and everyone started saying, 'Oh my God, Hamilton Southeastern just beat Carmel! We're going to win the whole thing, coach.' I'm like, 'Guys, please ... let's don't get fired up yet. Let's get through North Central first.'"

"We thought we would win all three singles handily, and their No. 1 singles played well. We felt good about it, but, oh well."

The Irish's four losses came to state powers, with Cathedral yet again playing one of the state's toughest schedules. The losses?

Carmel (No. 1 in the final rankings), Park Tu-



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The 2009 boys tennis team (front row from left) William Waers, Peter Herron, William Combs, Alex Moore, Patrick Steinmetz, Danny Tuttle, Al Robinson and Will Adams. Second row, head coach Mark Noe, Nick Graham, Andrew Kleih, Chase Haskin, Mark Troiano, Kevin Wissler, Cole Hizer, Colin Donnelly, Gabriel Gonzalez, James Roberson, Alex Toliver and assistant coach Chris Love. Back row assistant coach Bryan Bansbach, Zach Sosna, James Fadely, Eric Krueger, Jack Rothkopf, Pat Diamond, Ryan O'Connor, John Zeph, Collin O'Connor, Garrett Mandrell, and assistant coaches Brian Krueger and Jim Williams.

dor (No. 3), Brebeuf Jesuit (No. 4) and North Central (No. 5). Park Tudor won the state title.

The Irish also beat No. 7 Plainfield and No. 11 Zionsville.

“We found a better identity in our singles, and I learned a lot about coaching kids who have potential,” Noe said. “We lack some experience. We didn’t have the depth, but we had a great season.”

From this year’s team the Irish lose just one senior starter, Chase Haskin, who played No. 1 doubles and was 11-4 this season. But they return a lineup of solid front-line players. Overall, Noe said, it’s a group looking forward to next season – with reason.

“Every year you have a chance when you have a stud kid who can play at a high level, especially two of them,” Noe said. “I’m spoiled. Sadly, Alex Toliver’s going to be a senior next year, but Adams will come in and buzz saw some people, but who knows next year who will play No. 1?”

“Everyone’s coming back except for Chase, and we’ll have experience. We didn’t have experience, and now we have a year under our belt.” 🍀



Highlights photo/David Dixon

Real men wore pink

Irish football players took the field before their Oct. 23 game against Lebanon High School wearing pink shoelaces. The laces were a symbolic gesture to support fellow student Alyssa O’Malia’s efforts to raise funds and awareness about breast cancer, the disease her mother, Debi, is battling.

Varsity head coach Rick Streiff said the team was 100 percent in favor of the idea, with even the team bagpiper donning pink in support of the cause.

The effort netted some \$2,500 for breast cancer research. 🍀

Play-by-play team wins state radio award

Just one season into the partnership with WNDE 1260-AM, and Cathedral’s radio broadcasting team of Scott Uecker, Mike Wolinsky, Jim McLinn, ’70, and Vince Eagan, ’03, has been honored for its work.

The crew won a 2009



Indiana Broadcasters Association Spectrum award for the

play-by-play presentation of the Irish vs. Warren Central game on Aug. 28.

That game also featured a halftime interview by Ross Berretta, ’13, intern with the radio team.

Uecker accepted the award on behalf of Cathedral at the IBA’s annual awards dinner in November.

Next fall, Cathedral football will once again be heard on WNDE and streamed at wnde.com and through www.gocathedral.com.

The broadcasts have become appointment radio for listeners from across the city and throughout the nation.

Next season kicks off at 7 p.m. Aug. 20, when the Irish face the Greyhounds in Carmel. 🍀

Carrying on

By JOHN OESHER

Kathryn Treadway didn't expect this.

Few around the Cathedral High School volleyball program did, and how could they? After all, the Irish hadn't lost 10 matches in a season in head coach Jean Kesterson's previous 18 years.

This season, the Irish went 17-16.

But although Kesterson and Treadway – one of three seniors in the Irish program this season – said the record was reality, it was only part of the story. The bigger story, each said, was what the program overcame this season, the lessons the players learned, and the foundation built for the future.

And each believe it's a bright, bright future.

"Being a senior, it was great seeing the younger girls grow," Treadway said. "They definitely did mature throughout the season. Though it wasn't what we wanted to see in the wins and losses, they definitely improved, which will help them next year."

The Irish, which won the Class 4A state title in 2008 with one of their deepest, most-talented senior classes in recent memory, returned the youngest team in Kesterson's career at Cathedral.

"I look back and go, 'Why didn't we do it this way?'" Kesterson said. "(Assistant) coach (Rhonda) Low said, 'Coach,

they're just so young. They responded well for a young team.'

"That made a heck of a lot of sense. For a young team, they did pretty well."

The Irish — the 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006 and 2008 state champions — as usual played one of the state's toughest schedules. After a difficult start, they played solidly much of the season. Though unranked much of the year, they finished as the runner-up in the difficult Cathedral Invitational, then won the City Tournament, beating Chatard in the title game.

But in the sectional tournament, the Irish lost to Warren Central in the first round.

"We played our best at the Cathedral Tournament and at the City," Kesterson said. "From there, we struggled with some of the things we're usually pretty good at. We weren't as consistent as we needed to be with our serves, our passing, our attacking. We weren't putting balls away like we're supposed to."

The Irish endured a difficult season, much of which Kesterson said was beyond the control of players and coaches.

"It's hard to get back, especially with volleyball in the state

After difficult season, Lady Irish looking to make the most of coming opportunities

of Indiana," she said. "It's one of the best states in the country. Nothing's given to you. We have to work hard for each (win)."

Kesterson said she felt sorry for the seniors, because so much of the season was out of their control.

"It's not their legacy. It just happened. History will be kind to them.

"There are three things that have to happen to win state, I think. No. 1, you have to be healthy. We were not. You have to be playing well, and we weren't playing well at the end of the season. We had a few good matches, but consistently, we weren't playing as well as we should have been. And you have to be lucky. And that was a no this season," Kesterson said.

"The victories don't occur on the court all the time, and I think that was this season. The victories are going to come when these girls grow up and they use this experience when things don't go their way."

Treadway, a second-team All-State selection, was the varsity's lone freshmen three years ago. This year, the Irish played three freshmen at times – setter Sara Hohman, outside hitter Molly



Highlights photo/Lisa Renze-Rhodes

The Lady Irish volleyball team had one of the youngest squads in recent history but was able to put a season together that included another City title over rival Bishop Chatard.

Kennedy and opposite/middle Jazzmine McDonald.

“I can only imagine what it felt like to be a part of the three,” Treadway said. “I’m sure they were nervous, but I think they did a really good job for coming into as big a program as they came into.

“I think they learned a lot from this year that will help them as they get older.”

In addition to Treadway, senior defensive setter Kayla Masterson and junior middle hitters Christine Maci and Emily Pollom also were honored as All-City, and Masterson was named academic All-State honorable mention.

Treadway, who said she

learned much about the Irish tradition from players before her, said she tried to pass the fundamentals of the program to this year’s freshmen and sophomores.

“That’s kind of the legacy the seniors want to leave behind, that sense of pride,” she said. “We have the Irish on our (uniforms’) back, so we want to play for all of the girls who have been in those uniforms. You kind of have to teach them that sense of pride.

“It’s pretty big shoes to fill, walking into Cathedral’s program. It wasn’t the record we wanted, but I still think we played with pride whenever we went out on the court.”

Kesterson said the freshman class not only learned well, but it is a talented enough group to mean a bright future for a perennially powerful program. But as much ability as there is, Kesterson said the players have something more important:

Desire.

“The kids have already started for next year. They came to me and said, ‘We want to work out sooner. We want to hit the weight room sooner. What do we need to do to get better, coach, so that we get back?’

“They’re taking the personal responsibility so that we get back to the state championship.” 🍀

Hughes named Gatorade Indiana Player of the Year

Quarterback Kofi Hughes, who threw for 1,437 yards and 18 touchdowns and rushed for 1,574 yards and 20 touchdowns, has been named the 2009-10 Gatorade Indiana Football Player of the Year.

The 6-3, 200-pound senior has committed to Indiana University. He led Cathedral to a 12-2 record and a Class 4A semistate appearance this season. He also was the quarterback for the 2008 state championship team.

Hughes maintains a 3.09 grade-point average.

“Hughes is one of the best

pure athletes ever to come out of Cathedral High School,” said head coach Rick Streiff.

“He has meant so much to our team and to this school.”

The award — in its 25th year — recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field.

This is the first time a Cathedral player has been recognized as the Gatorade Indiana Player of the Year. 🍀



Highlights photo/Lisa Renze-Rhodes

Cheerleaders named to All- American squad

RIGHT: A caption accompanying this photo in the Summer 2009 Highlights incorrectly identified one of the cheerleaders named to the All-American Cheer Team during a Universal Cheerleaders Association Camp held at the University of Kentucky in July. Those girls were (from left) Allyson Darragh, Emily Welebob, Sarah Dapper, Tarasae Stancil, Kristen Fischer, Lana Kinney, Kailen Kelly and Heather Graham.

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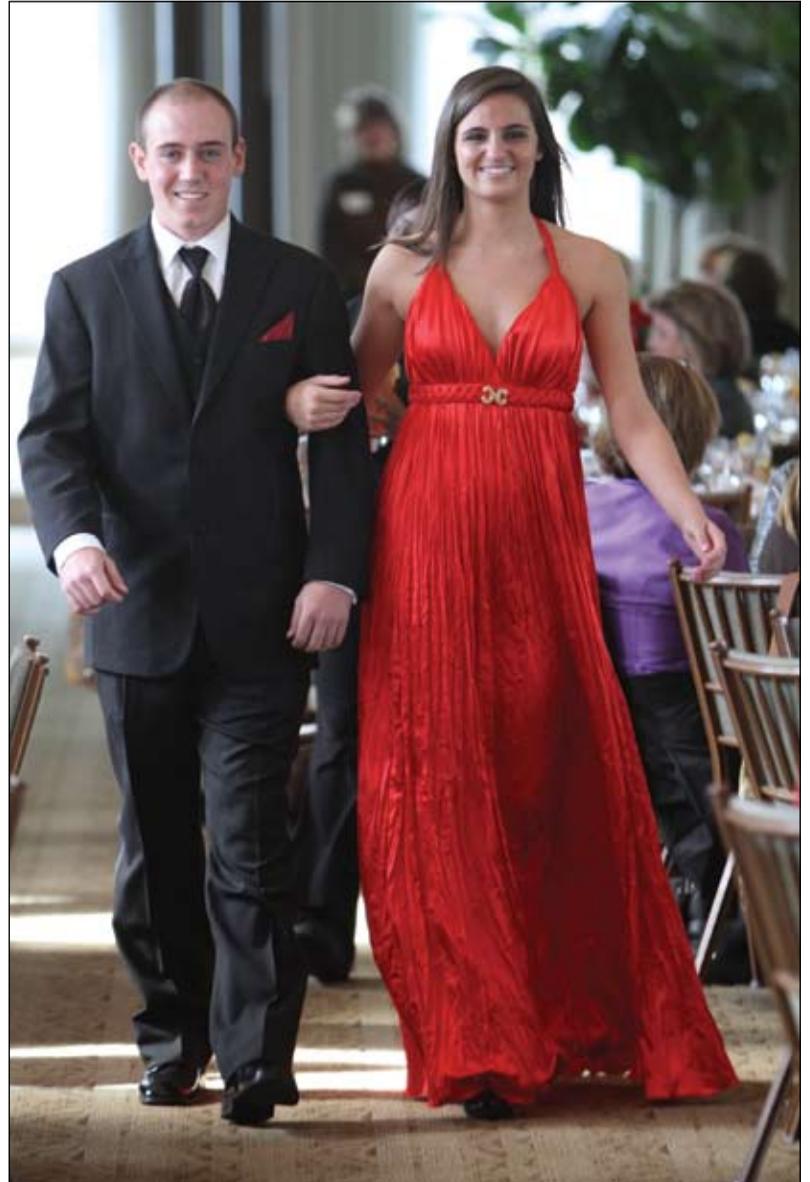
a fancy affair

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Highlights photos/Rolly Landeros



Senior Karissa LaGrotte and the other models had fun trying new fashions and getting the crowd energized for a great cause — Cathedral!



RIGHT: Glendys Moosbrugger, the matriarch of Cathedral's annual ShamrAuction event, was honored at the luncheon for her 25 years of service to the school. Moosbrugger has set the standard for volunteerism, logging thousands of hours and securing countless resources for the cause.

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Lisa Renze-Rhodes



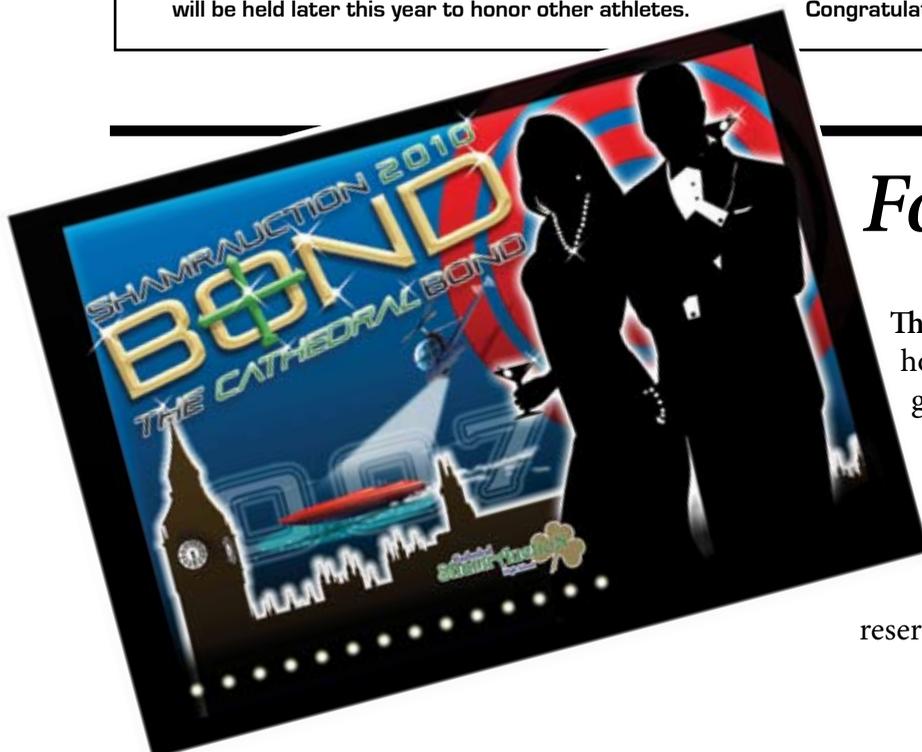
ABOVE: Seniors Scott Miller and Jennie Shipley model evening wear at the 2009 ShamrAuction luncheon, held in November at the Hawthorns Golf & Country Club in Fishers. **LEFT:** Model Alec Bannister shows his mom Kathy some love at this year's luncheon. The sold-out event was a fun afternoon filled with great food, fashion and friends.

Irish athletes commit to schools across nation



Highlights photo/Lisa Renze-Rhodes

Cathedral gathered for a special breakfast to celebrate the 10 athletes who have committed or signed to continue their athletic careers in college. They are (front row, from left) Abby Lauck, golf, St. Francis; Kevin Owens, volleyball, Ball State; Lauren Caldemeyer, gymnastics, Stanford; and Alex Wideman, hockey, Miami (Ohio). Back row Jennifer Collins, soccer, Belmont; Samantha Peszek, gymnastics, UCLA; Mariah Whitaker, soccer, Butler; Liz McNabb, gymnastics, Illinois; Anna Ventimiglia, soccer, Butler; and Katie Wacker, soccer, U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Winter and spring celebrations will be held later this year to honor other athletes. Congratulations to these students and their parents.



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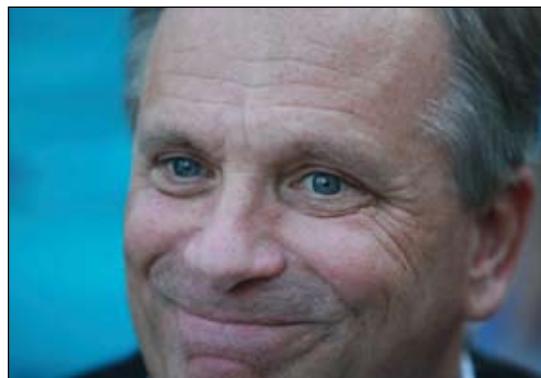
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After decades of work for and on behalf of his alma mater, Andy Shiel's (top) selfless service to Cathedral High School was celebrated on Sept. 17, 2009. A late afternoon dedication service formally marked the renaming of the Student Life Center to the "A.K. Shiel Student Life Center." Family members, friends and colleagues were all on hand for the champagne-toasted event. 🍷



ABOVE: Brian Sullivan '74, longtime friend and business partner of Andy Shiel's, shares stories about him with members of the Cathedral family who gathered to celebrate Shiel. **LEFT:** Some members of the Shiel family (from left) Tony Knoble, '01, Maureen Shiel Knoble, '04, Andy Shiel, '74, Gail Shiel and K.K. Shiel, '08.



Welcome Grandparents

Highlights photos/Lisa Renze-Rhodes



TOP: Jordan Logan spent the day with his grandmother Margie at the school's first Grandparents Day celebration. **ABOVE:** Ed Ryan, '69, chatted with visitors. The Welch Activity Center gymnasium was full almost to overflowing with a great crowd of young people and their very special guests.



LEFT: Raymond Washington enjoyed brunch with his grandmothers, Joan Walton (left) and Marvena Washington. More than 600 attended the first Grandparents Day Mass and brunch, held at Cathedral in September. Administrators plan to make the event an annual celebration.

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Harvest Hop '09



LEFT: A member of the Class of 1955 turns time back for a moment with a look through that year's Cathedran. BELOW: Tom McAndrews, '55 (left) and his wife, Diane, join The Honorable Chuck Wiles, '52, and his wife, Jeanne, SAA '53, on the dance floor.



Highlights photos/Rich Miller



LEFT: Tom O'Brien, '49, Ed Ryan, '69 and Julie Michaelis, wife of Richard Michaelis, '76, share a laugh at the third-annual fall ball during Irish Homecoming Week festivities. RIGHT: Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, '72, talks with fellow alums at the dance, held at the 14th and Meridian street gym.



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Give thanks

Alumnae gather to celebrate heritage



ABOVE: Deborah (Chatmon) Jackson, SMA '72, chats with Sr. Jean Frey, OSF, at the post-Mass brunch at the Rathskeller. The restaurant was packed to capacity with the more than 200 alumnae and their families who attended the event.

LEFT: The congregation stood as Joann Moran Braier, SJA '53, carried the crucifix in the processional at the third annual Indianapolis All-Girls Catholic High Schools Mass. The event, Nov. 1 at St. Mary's Church, honors the school communities of Ladywood School, Ladywood St. Agnes, and the Our Lady of Grace, St. Agnes, St. John and St. Mary Academies.



ABOVE: Candles for each school were lit to memorialize the deceased members of each community.

LEFT: The Rev. Michael O'Mara presented white roses to four women who were recognized for their contributions to Indianapolis' All-Girls Catholic Schools. They were (from left) Sr. Louise Hoenig, OSB, former principal of OLG; Sr. Lavonne Long, OSF, former principal at SMA; Sr. Ann Casper, SP, former principal of LS and LSA; and Sarah O'Brien, who organized the initiative to begin the annual Masses.

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Alums gathered for the Black Alumni Council picnic. Front row from left are Dionna Ward, Rhonda Hardin-Bailey, Deonna Craig, Charlene Wilson, Michelle Beckwith, Sherrie Anderson, Kim Black, Rolanda Hardin, Kristi Steppe, Eric Saunders and Amp Willis. Back row are Davyd Hall, Jennifer Adias, Jay Michael Smith, Shayla Simpson, Brittany Schaffer, Steven Williams, Fred Evans, Kelly Kirby, Micah Shrewsberry, Keisha Wilson, Ken Barlow, Gene Murray and Amber Harrison.

Spirit of helping others lives on



1930s

By the time Richard Paul Krachenfels graduated from Cathedral in 1936, he knew the value of team, of brotherhood, of family.

His commitment to the Irish, and his talent on the football field, resulted in Krachenfels being named — by a unanimous vote of The Indianapolis Star, The Indianapolis News, The Indianapolis Times and the Purdue Association of Indianapolis — to the All-City football team after his senior season.

Krachenfels continued on a life path that would routinely call upon his ability to look out for those around him. After high

school, Krachenfels enlisted in the Navy, and served throughout World War II aboard an aircraft carrier.

After he was discharged, Krachenfels joined the Indianapolis Police Department, spending his entire career watching out for the residents of his beloved hometown.

Twice Krachenfels was awarded top department citations for his capture of armed robbery suspects. Over the course of his more than two decades of service, he worked his way up the ranks to serve as a detective sergeant for IPD's homicide division, and as a special investigator for the Marion County prosecutor's office.

Though he retired to Florida in 1988, Krachenfels never forgot his roots, never forgot his beloved Cathedral.

After his death in October at the age of 91, Cathedral administrators received word that the proud alum had remembered his alma mater in his estate.

“Cathedral couldn't be more proud of the example Richard has set for our young people, nor could we be more grateful,” said Michael J. Feeney, vice president for advancement. “Not only did Richard devote his life to helping others, but he has assured that his spirit of caring and concern will live on to benefit future generations.

“Richard is another in a long line of distinguished alums who have gone out and made the world a better place, and Cathedral is so proud to call him one of our sons.” ☪

1940s



The Class of 1948 met at Cathedral for its regular December luncheon. Those assembled were (front row left to right: **George Kirkhoff, John Lee, Mark Harper, George Gaither and Fred Engelking.**

Back row **Jack Bradshaw, Leo Hahn, Dick McNamara, Norm Muller, Don Carr and Jim Roberts.**

The fellas enjoyed lunch in the cafeteria and a tour of the school, as well as getting to meet some of today's Irish!

1950s

James Gormley, '53, reports he is "alive and still loving CHS" from his home in Prairie Village, Kan. Gormley is the father of Kathy and Tim.

1960s

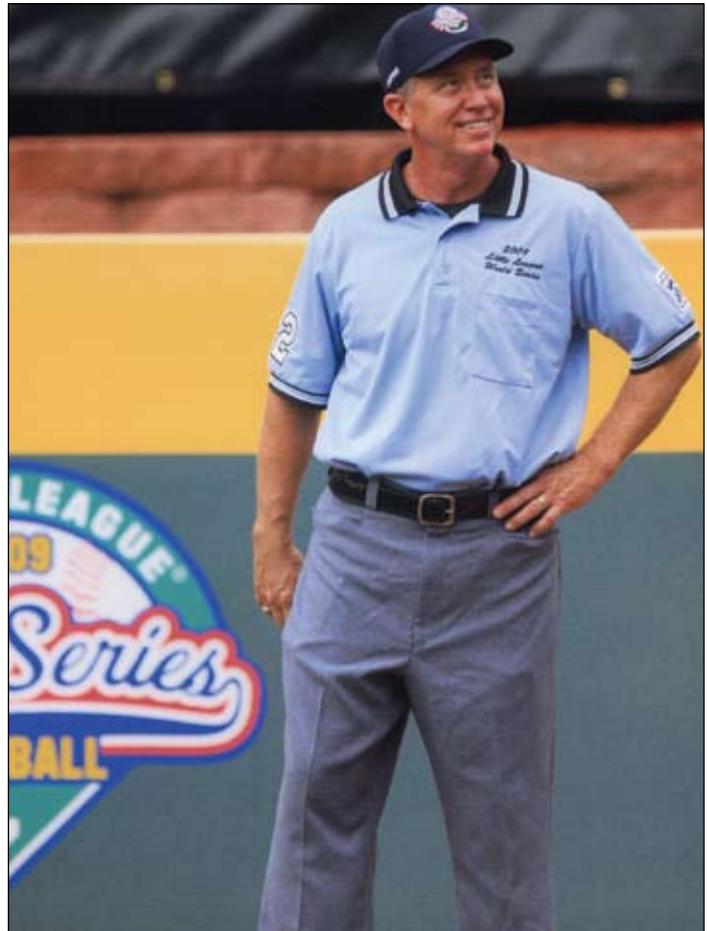
Marilyn McNamara Hamerstadt, LSA '68, has moved back to Indianapolis after spending more than two decades in Tulsa, Okla., working as a behavioral health and mental health counselor specializing in addictions counseling.

Hamerstadt married William in 2007, is the mother of three adult children, grandmother to four and continues her counseling work here in Indianapolis.

1970s

Patrick J. O'Connor, '70, was awarded a President's Award for his work on behalf of Indiana University during June's Cream and Crimson (Alumni) Awards event in Bloomington.

Rick Wagner, '78, (below) was an umpire at the 2009 Little League World Series in Williamsport, Penn. Volunteers from around the world compete for the highly coveted positions, which require prospective umpires to participate at various levels of all-star tournaments before being considered for a World Series appearance.



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1980s

Members of the Class of 1989 gathered for their 20th reunion this summer.

Friends posing for this photo were (back row) **Jeff Wheeler, Tim Lyons, Brian Collins, and Molly (Cain) Milton.**

Middle row: **Eric Altherr and David Elson;** front row were: **Mindy (Maginn) Kelly, Heather (Cline) McGinley, and Danny Spellacy.**

1990s

Bluefish Wireless, owned by **Christian Browning and Scott Kraege, both '93,** was again this year named to Inc. Magazines', "Top 5,000 fastest-growing private companies" list. Bluefish was the top Indiana business, coming in at No. 334. It's the second consecu-

tive year the company was recognized by Inc. Magazine.

Sarah Woller Fry, '94, and her husband, Addison Fry, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Lillian Constance Fry, born on Jan. 4, 2009. Lillian (below) is the couple's first child; the family lives in Cincinnati.



Sean Haefeli, '94, was a featured performer at this year's Indianapolis Oranje Fest. The multiday event held in September, showcases the talents of Midwest-area artists, performers, musicians and film makers.

The **Rev. Eric Augenstein, '96,** was nominated by his parishioners and featured in an August "Year for Priests" article in The Criterion, the newspaper for the Indianapolis Archdiocese. Augenstein was lauded by his parishioners for being a caring and compassionate priest who continually looks for ways to engage and support his congregation.

Julie Drouzas, '96, and Tim Bowman '96, (above right) were married July 26, 2009, on the shores of Myrtle Beach, S.C. **Gia Drouzas Thompson, '99,** sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The couple lives on the northeastside of Indianapolis, where Julie is a hair stylist at Ciao Bella Salon, and Tim is a firefighter for Lawrence Township Fire Department.

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Brian S. Tryon, '96, was a member of the 2009 U.S. National Rowing Team. His crew came in sixth in the Lightweight Men's Quad at the World Rowing Championships in Poznan, Poland, from Aug 23-30, 2009.

In July, Brian (sitting closest to the camera in the photo below) had his first international rowing experience at the Rowing World Cup at Lucerne, Switzerland. After returning from Switzerland, he won the Lightweight Double Sculls at the 2009 U.S. Rowing National Championships.



Angela (Laham) Rund, '96, and her husband, Mark, welcomed their second son, Jagger Paul Rund, on Oct. 14, 2009. Jagger joins his older brother Keegan, 2 (below).

The family lives on the southside of Indianapolis.



Sarah J. Watson, '97, **Corinne Doll, '12**, and **Eileen J. Watson, '99**, (shown below left to right) traveled to Haiti in October for a mission trip with a group from St. Gabriel the Archangel School. While in Haiti, they worked with teachers from Mountain Top Ministries whom they taught about brain function, learning styles, classroom management and differentiated learning.



Katie Leicht, '97, and **Peter Matsoukas** (above right) were married Jan. 3, 2009, at St. Luke Catholic Church in Indianapolis. Leicht's siblings **Kevin, '01**, **Amy, '06**, and **Danny, '09**, were members of the wedding party; her uncle (and former Cathedral teacher) **Michael Conaty** also attended the ceremony. The two make their home in Chicago, where Katie works as a fifth-year associate with Barnes & Thornburg, and Peter is attending graduate school at DePaul University.



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1990s

John Thomas Leppert Jr., '99, and his wife Maura, (below), celebrated the summer christening of their daughter, Grace Colleen, at Holy Rosary Parish by Msgr. Joseph Schaedel. Grace joins her siblings Brady Thomas, 18 months, and Kennedy Marie, 5.

Leppert is partner and vice president of Leppert Mortuaries. The family lives in Indianapolis.



Dr. Andrew Loehrer, '01, a surgical resident at the Indiana University School of Medicine, was one of about 150 doctors from around the nation invited to a White House Rose Garden event where President Barack Obama spoke about proposals for health-care reform.

Class of 2001 alums **Kyle Sullivan and Michele Williams** (below) were married Sept. 19, 2009, at St. Simon Church in Indianapolis. They met their senior year at Cathedral, and on a return visit to campus, Kyle proposed to Michele. They make their home in Indianapolis.



2000s

Sarah Bauer, '00, married Christopher Sansone (below) on April 19, 2008, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. The longtime friends spent time together songwriting and traveling for Sarah's ministry (www.sarahbauer.com) and eventually fell in love. The couple live in Noblesville and looks forward to welcoming their first child in March.



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in August on the U.S. Adaptive Rowing team.



Megan Bower, '06, was one of three captains chosen for the University of Michigan varsity volleyball team. She was

named to the Academic All-Big Ten team, set the program record for the number of matches played with 134 and was only the second Wolverine in program history to surpass 500 career kills and 1,300 career digs.

Erin Cohenour, '07, starred as Tatata in the production of "Ug! The Caveman Musical," which ran Sept. 18 through Oct. 17 at the Theatre on the Square in Indianapolis. Cohenour will star as Miss Rose in the March production of "Hello, Dolly!" at Beef & Boards, and she will be a musical interpreter in the Cole Porter Room at the Indiana Historical Society beginning in February. She is also a member of INDY-PROV.

Garrett Hentrup, '07, (left) is playing football with the University of New Mexico at the kicker position.



Lauren McIntyre, '07, was named captain of the Demon Deacon volleyball squad at Wake Forest University.



Anna Obergfell, '02, (above right) graduated cum laude from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in May.

Colleen Ryan, '02, won a regional Emmy award in October for her work with Fox Sports Midwest in the Sports Special category. Ryan (right in photo at right, pictured with editor Chris Felt) won for the show she produced called "Spotlight: Blues Rookies," but was also nominated in the magazine program category for the show "Rams All Access."

Emma Preuschl, '03, competed in the World Rowing Championships in Poznan, Poland,



'09 alum serves as example to all about ...

The power of one

Check e-mail, create a PowerPoint presentation for a school project, surf the Web a bit — Dale Pedzinski took it all for granted.

And why not, after all? As a member of the Millennial Generation, Pedzinski and his peers grew up with access to more technology than any previous group in America's history. But an experience with Indianapolis' homeless community set in motion an idea that has changed Pedzinski's life and has made a lasting impact on the city.

During his senior year, Pedzinski was already volun-

2000s teering with Horizon House, a day center and service provider for the homeless on Indianapolis' Near Eastside. That year the number of displaced people skyrocketed 42 percent, to an estimated 1,450 people, according to a study completed by Indiana University's Center for Health Policy.

That total number, however, does not include individuals and families who find shelter with other family members or friends or those living in motels, hotels or campgrounds. If those circumstances are consid-

ered, the number of homeless in Marion County is estimated between 4,400 and 7,300.

Loss of employment was the number one reason for homelessness, but many of Horizon's clients lacked the basic computer skills they would need to even apply for jobs, as much of the application process today is completed online.

Pedzinski started asking questions and quickly came to a conclusion: Unemployed homeless would have a hard time finding work without basic computer literacy. What's more, they would need access to a resume and cover letter to put that best foot forward in a tough job market.

So Pedzinski began a Saturday morning computer training class but didn't stop there. He wrote and received a \$4,500 United Way grant to purchase 100 portable USB drives the Horizon House clients could keep with their updated personalized information.

"It gives them a very efficient and portable way to carry their (documents)," Pedzinski said.

The efforts resulted in Pedzinski being named one of six 2009 The Power of Children award winners, presented



by the Indianapolis Children's Museum and the Deborah Joy Simon Charitable Trust.

Charlene Witka, Cathedral's campus minister, said she's enjoyed watching Pedzinski grow, "into being a confident young man."

"He's a quiet leader."

Now a freshman at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Pedzinski continues to shepherd the computer program while maintaining a full class.

It's worth every trip from Terre Haute to Indianapolis, he said.

"When they come in and say, 'I got a job,' it just makes your day." ☺

Jack Doyle, '08, was named to football analyst Phil Steele's All-Sun Belt, all-freshman Conference Team. Doyle ranked second on the Western Kentucky University Hilltopper squad in receptions with 37 for 365 yards. He averaged 9.9 yards per catch and 36.5 receiving yards per game, while hauling in one touchdown in his first season on the field for WKU. His 3.7 receptions per game ranked ninth in the Sun Belt.

Caroline Lemke, '08, was named tournament MVP after Elon University's volleyball team won the Liberty Invitational in Lynchburg, Va., in September. Lemke went on to be named an All-Southern Conference member for the 2009 season.

Tyler Webb, '08, won the campuswide BMOG Talent Contest at Indiana University this fall. The contest is used as a fundraiser supporting breast cancer research.

Daniel T. Leicht, '09, was named the inaugural Moreau Scholar at Holy Cross College this fall. Named for the founder of the Congregation, Blessed Basil Moreau, the award provides full tuition for a student who exemplifies the call to live a life of integrated faith and action.

Elizabeth Maurath, '09, was the only freshman woman selected for the coed cheer squad at Xavier University. She will be cheering for the Musketeers men's basketball team.

Jacky Painter, '09, was selected to be a cheerleader for 2009-10 at Indiana University. Painter was named to the Crimson Squad, joining fellow alums **Heather Barton, '08**, who is also a member of the Crimson Squad, and **Hannah Bryan, '07**, a member of the coed Cream Squad.

Errick Peck, '09, was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Week in basketball for the week of Dec. 6, 2009, after helping Cornell University to wins over Bucknell and St. Joseph's.

Melissa Speckman, '09, was named to the coed cheer team at Loyola University in Chicago. 🍀

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Great place and people — great past and future

By **MICHAEL J. FEENEY**

Being the son of a 1931 graduate of Cathedral High School and the father of three Cathedral graduates ('91, '92 and '97), it is my opinion that I have never met a group of people more dedicated to a charge than those who come here to ensure the mission of this school.

In 1918 Bishop Joseph Chartrand dedicated this school to provide opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth through service and academic excellence. For the next 91 years, those of us entrusted with making sure this mission is adhered to each and every school year have been true to their duty. You as parents, alumni and friends of Cathedral should be very proud of the accomplishments and activities that make this school one of the very finest.

Your support — whether that be emotional, physical or financial — is appreciated by those who come to work here every day. Your willingness to tell others that this is the place to trust with the education of their families is the cornerstone of our success. Our hope is that you continue to be well pleased with our stewardship of your trust.

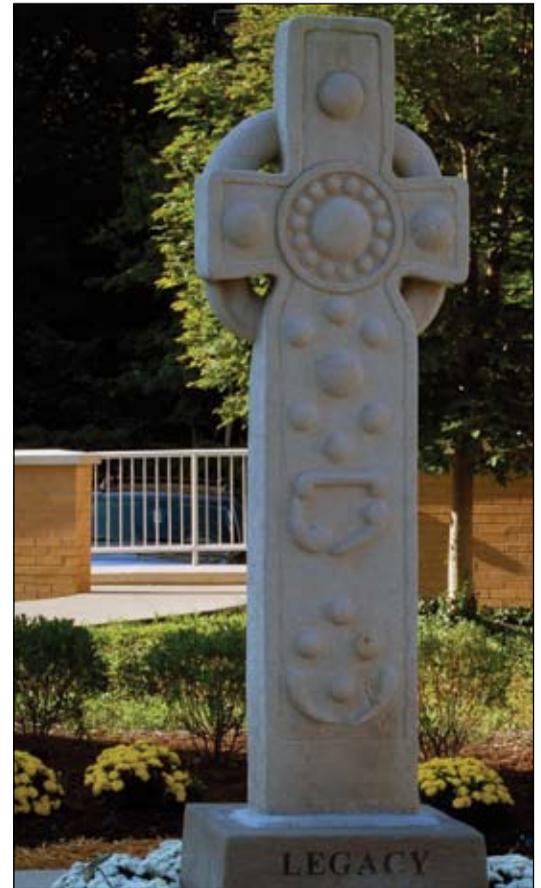
As we begin to near the 100th anniversary of Cathedral, I am sure that those on whose shoulders we continue to stand would be very proud of this school and all that it stands for. While we continue to improve each and every year, it is with our eye on the prize — the students who are proud to call Cathedral High School their own. Thank you for your support and trust. 🍀

Feeney is vice president of advancement at Cathedral. You may reach him by calling (317) 968-7348 or contact him by e-mail at mfeeney@cathedral-irish.org.

Prayers for our departed
We remember

Veronica “Ronnie” Barton, SAA ’34, aunt of Maureen McCaughna, SAA ’61; great aunt to J.B. Boyd, ’92; and Chris Boyd, ’96.
 James B. Bates, ’56.
 James B. Becker, 79, ’48.
 John L. Becker, ’55.
 Richard C. Bosler, Sr., 83, ’43, father of Ann Barnett, LSA ’74; grandfather of Jason Barnett, ’98; Patrick Barnett, ’01, and MaryBeth Barnett, ’06.
 Michael F. Callon, 72, ’55.
 Robert M. Carriger, 90, ’36.
 Corinne A. Casey, 80, grandmother of Erica Hall, ’08.
 Edgar R. Caster, ’50.
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 Timothy A. Considine, 54, ’73, brother of Steve, ’71; Terry, ’77; Bob, ’82; and Matt, ’83.
 John B. Curley, ’62, brother of Lawrence Curley, ’61.
 Kenneth C. Dreyer, Sr., 87, ’39 husband of Elizabeth “Betty” Lutz Dreyer, SMA ’39; father of Kenneth C. Jr., ’70; and Brother Christopher J. Dreyer, C.S.C., ’72.
 Louise Droeger, 75, SMA ’52.
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 John C. Eppich, 63, ’64.
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 John E. Hanley, 84, ’42.
 William C. “Hawk” “Butch” Hawkins, 63, ’64.
 Clarence J. Hohman, 98, ’29.

Florence E. Howard, 73, grandmother of Alyssa, ’09; and Jones, ’11.
 John D. Kelley, 57, father of Kathleen, ’04; Mary, ’06; and Colleen, ’08.
 James L. Kennedy, 87, grandfather of Laura Farley, ’02; and Libby Farley, ’05.
 Doris L. Kenney, 80, SAA ’47.
 Allen Korfmacher, father of teacher Sherry Haines.
 Richard P. “Dick” Krachenfels, ’36, great uncle of John, ’88, and Kristin Crisp.
 Phil Kramer, ’52.
 Paul J. Krieg, 78, ’48.
 Marian F. LaMarche, LS ’39.
 Donald F. Logan, 80, ’46.
 Susan “Suz” Masterson, 52, mother of Taylor, ’07; Kayla, ’10 and Jenna.
 Kenneth J. Mattingly Sr., 74, ’53.
 Sharon McAtee, 78, grandmother of Conner Cox, ’11.
 Robert S. McCann, 77, ’49.
 Francis X. “Mick” McDonald, 85, father of Patricia McDonald Radlick, LSA ’72, and Michael, ’74; grandfather of Anne Radlick, ’04; Michael Radlick, ’08; Mary Ann and Christine White, ’11; and Michaela McDonald, ’13.
 James R. McGuinness, 88, ’40.
 M. Kathleen Morgan, 85, grandmother of Samantha, ’10.
 Charles W. Patrick, 78, ’49.
 George Pavlik, father of teacher Rebecca Heger.
 Glenn “Ed” Quinn, 76, ’51.



Carl A. Reichwein, 70, ’56.
 Dr. Keith Ruddell, 92, ’34.
 Maurice H. Schwab, Sr., 85, father of Maurice Jr., ’75; Ted, ’77 and Robert, ’79.
 James J. Shewman, 66, ’61.
 David E. Ward Sr., 48, father of Christopher, ’13.
 Roy C. Watson, 70, grandfather of Kiefer Berry, ’10 and Madison Berry, ’12.
 Barbara Wetterer, 77, mother of Julie LSA ’72; Cindy LSA ’74; Bruce, ’76; Martha, ’77; Tom, ’80; and Bridget, ’82; grandmother of David, ’03 and Abigail, ’06.
 Philip J. Wilhelm, 67.
 Victoria Williams, mother of Sean Woods, ’88.
 Frances A. Yovanovich, 92, mother of Sue Ann, SMA ’58; Alex, ’60, and Denny, ’69; grandmother of Adam, ’03 and Marc, ’06. ☘

Retired health department administrator is finally

Following his heart

After a career in advertising and marketing, including a stint as the public information coordinator for the Missouri Department of Health, Bill Gordon, '61, is spending his retirement on stage. Performing as "Dr. Bill's Enchanted Guitars," Gordon provides "easy-listening solo guitar music for restaurants and events" in northwest Missouri.

Taking to the stage is really a return to the life Gordon knew when he was a student at 14th and Meridian streets.

"I attribute my lifelong love of music to Brother Eugene," said Gordon. "Band rehearsals under the direction of Brother Eugene were just as much fun as the Cathedral dances and concerts (where) we performed. What wonderful memories I have about the good times I had at (school), playing in Cathedral's jazz band — one of the few high school jazz bands in the nation at the time."

Brother Eugene, who some alums remembered for his love of the Robert Parker tune, *Barefootin'*, "was always there for us," Gordon said. "Before, during and after school, (he offered) musical training, ideas, encouragement and performance opportunities to each of us."

Gordon took that encouragement to heart, working after

school teaching guitar and selling musical instruments at the Indiana Music Co., which was on East Ohio Street. He earned \$1 an hour and put much of his paycheck into paying for his tuition at Cathedral.

So for "big" money, Gordon and friends took to the stage.

"Most weekends found Cathedral musicians performing with older musicians in large dance bands from Ball State, Indiana University and the Jordan School of Music at Butler.

"One of my best memories of that time was five of us (Cathedral) musicians playing our music for tips under an outdoor pavilion in Acton, Ind. After our four-hour performance, we had just enough money in our tip jar to buy French fries and Cokes at the Teepee Restaurant in Indianapolis on our way home!"

Gordon said he stays in touch with classmate and fellow musician Vince Sanders, who along with Mike Brady, Dave Dryden, Dave Srebalus, Gordon and others formed the school's Stage Band.

Now the father of three sons



Highlights photo / submitted by Bill Gordon

ABOVE: Bill Gordon, Cathedral class of 1961, is spending his retirement doing what he's always loved on stages around Missouri.

and grandfather to three granddaughters, Gordon lives with his wife, Elayne, a laboratory scientist at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia, Mo., a town about 80 miles east of Kansas City. 🍀

Have an Irish Memory to share? Contact Lisa Renze-Rhodes at (317) 968-7352 or via e-mail at lrenze@cathedral-irish.org.



Highlights photo / submitted by Caitlin Rogozinski

ON THE RIVIERA

Caitlin Rogozinski, '06, (right) spent the summer of 2009 studying Spanish civilization and culture, as well as Mediterranean politics, in Barcelona, Spain. Rogozinski then welcomed her sister Erin, '04, and the pair traveled from Barcelona to the French Riviera, spending much of their time in Nice but also venturing to St. Tropez, Antibes, Port Grimaud, Cannes, Grasse and Monaco.

This photo was taken in Monaco while waiting for the changing of the guard in front of Prince Albert's palace. 🇲🇦

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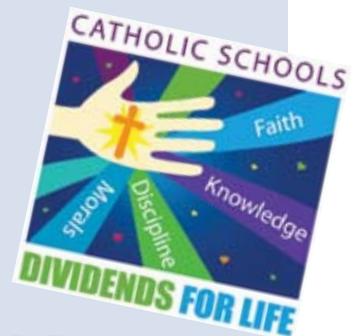


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- 28 Palm Sunday