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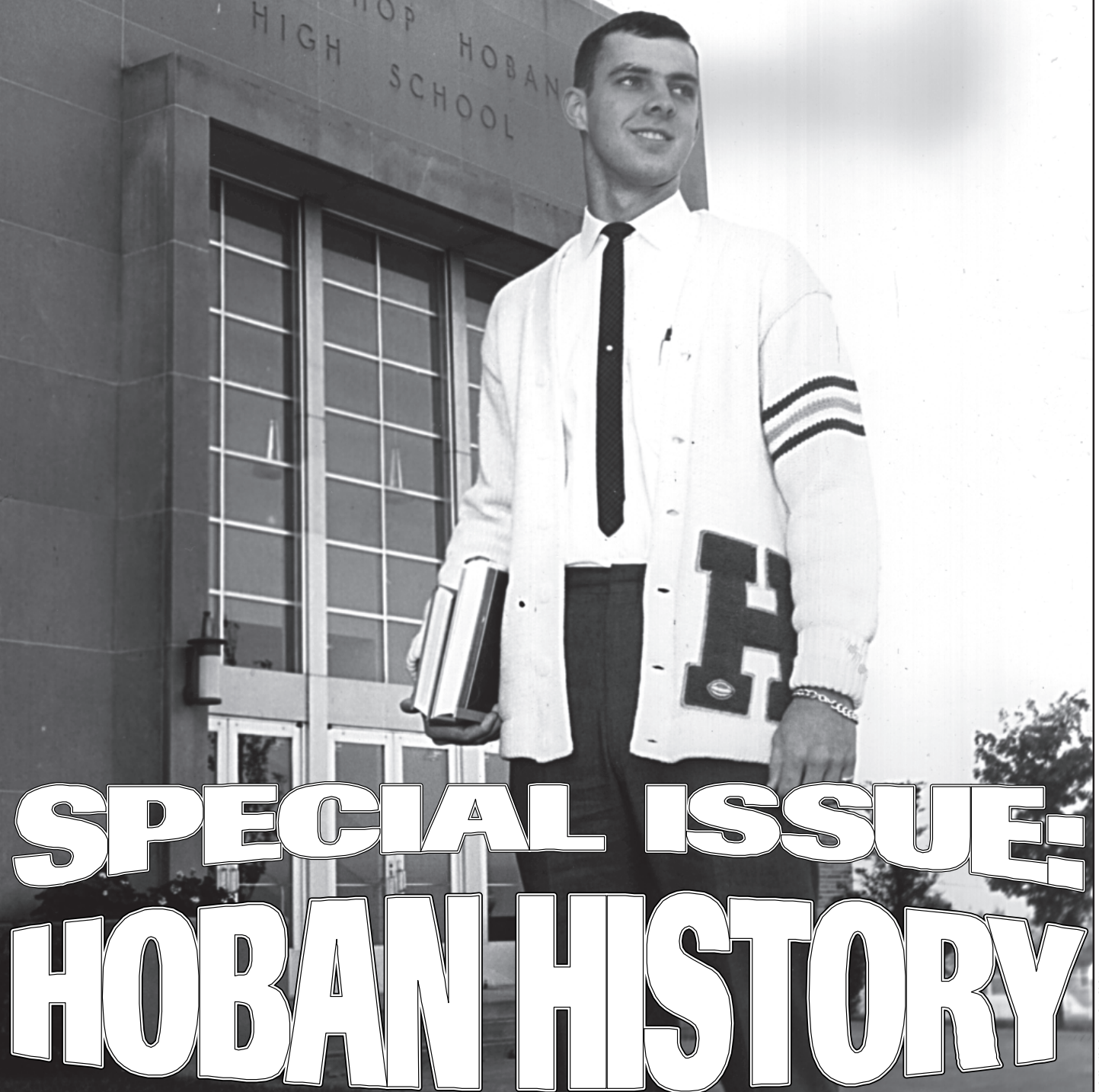


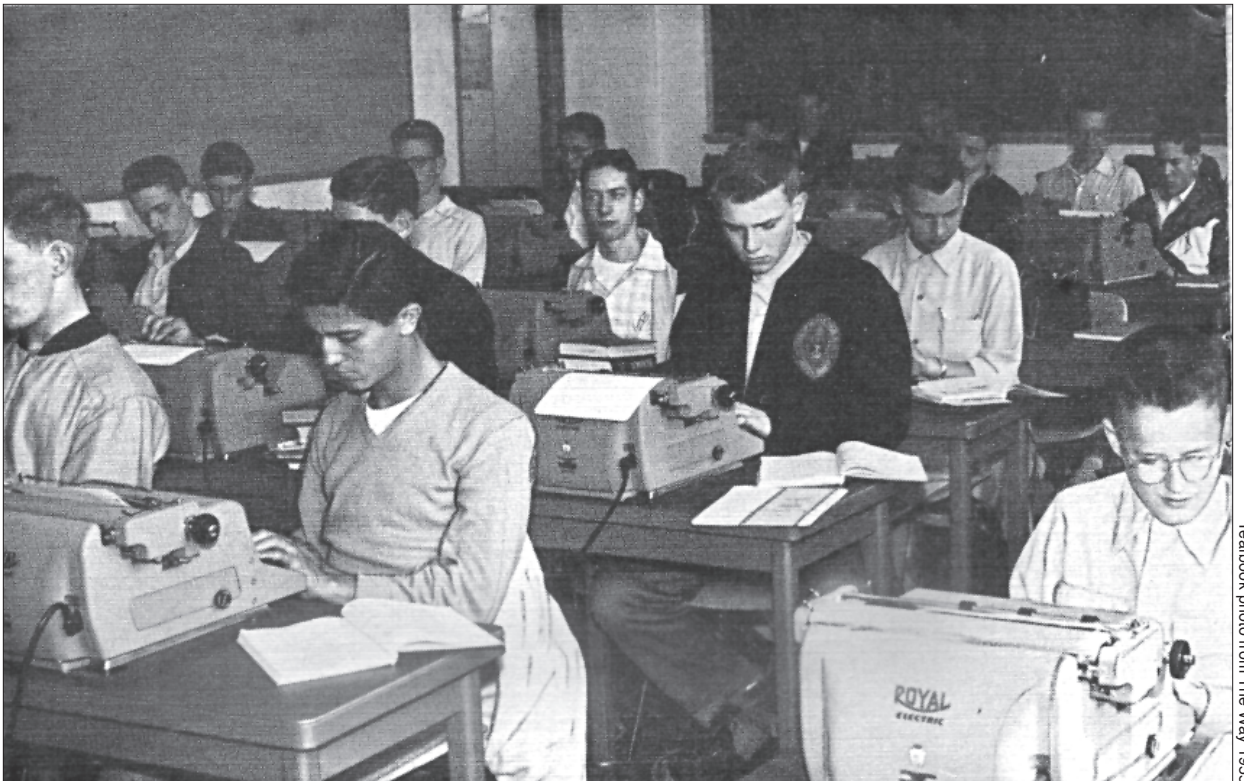
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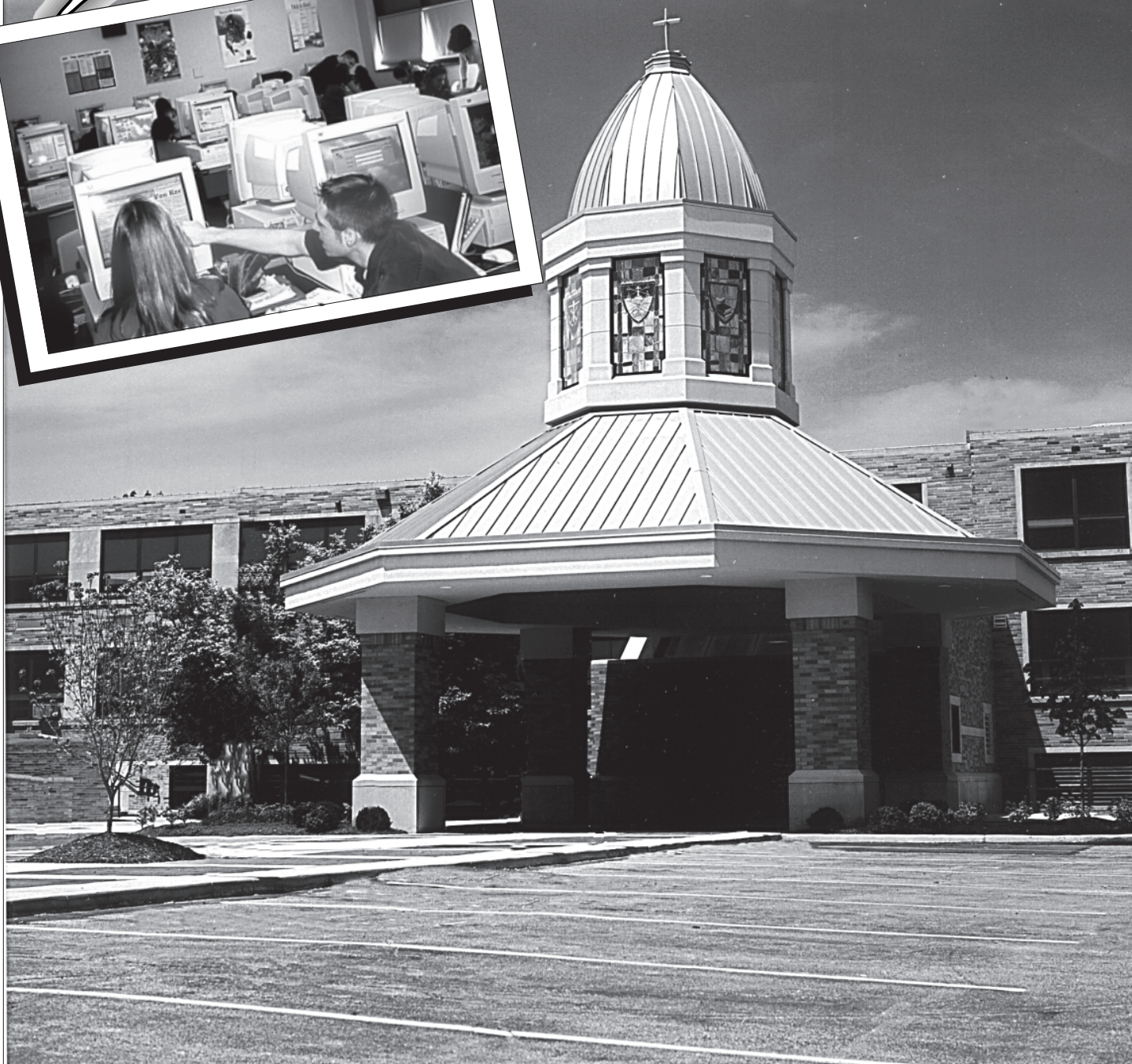
□ Hoban near the time of its opening in 1953. The school is situated on the former Sumner Farm. After this picture was taken, Interstate 76 sliced through its property.



Yearbook photo from The Way 1955

□ These students in 1955 considered the electric typewriters used for their word processing needs to be high-tech.

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Large photo by John Davis, Akron Commercial Color Labs. Inset photo by Brian DeCenzo

□ Hoban as it looks today, following the completion of the Hoban 2000 campaign. (Inset) Students benefit from the latest technology.

Hoban's family atmosphere and spirit set it apart

School is a day-to-day experience that typically offers little to get excited about. If you have a bad day, the next day will be probably be better.

At Hoban, however, each day is something more—something special. I felt this the first time I walked through the school as a fourth-grader. Kids in the halls said hi to me while passing.

While that may not seem to be anything major, it is amazing the difference a simple hello can make. The difference that simple hello makes may be the difference between Hoban and other schools.

On pages 10 and 11 of this issue, we tell a story about the most important event in the history of Hoban. The Hoban Forever campaign saved the school and makes the Hoban we attend every day a possibility.

While I was helping research that story, Chris Considine, a 1978 graduate, helped me understand what makes Hoban different. As he described the save Hoban rally with great detail, he spoke with emotion.

"There was definitely something special in the air that day," he said. "It felt like we were all a big family that wasn't going to allow our school to die."

Now the school is out of the grips of financial disaster, but the spirit and atmosphere Considine



described endures. It is felt in special moments like Mum Day, but it can also be felt in day-to-day activities.

A wonderful example of Hoban spirit could be felt surrounding the recent

death of Richard J. Duffy, Friend of Hoban award-winner. At his calling hours, former students from the last 20 years were milling about, catching up with old friends.

People don't return to places after many years to see people who remind them of something bad. At Hoban, it is commonplace to see graduates in the halls and at events. These graduates remember what Hoban did for them and the family-type atmosphere it provided.

Graduation is on the horizon for me and my classmates. Personally, I'm excited to get out on my own.

But I know the second I walk out the doors for the last time, I will miss this school. It truly is a special place. I will of course remember the big moments like Mum Day and various trips to state. I will remember friends—both from teams I've been on and just every day at school. But most of all, I will remember the care that defines Hoban, because it's our spirit that sets us apart. And it is that spirit that will one day lead me to return. □

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□ Jerry Broadhurst, Class of 1963, proudly models his letter sweater outside the gym entrance for the yearbook.

Visionary priest brings Catholic high school to Akron's east side

By FRAN KIRALY

With a twinkle in his eye, Monsignor Richard A. Dowed often boasted of always having been a pastor and never an assistant, according to Jean Jordan, former teacher at Annunciation. Annunciation Parish was one of only two parishes the priest served. His 50-year service to the area included the Boy Scouts, the Red Cross and two area hospitals. But perhaps his greatest legacy was founding Archbishop Hoban High School.

Father Dowed was born on July 14, 1877, in Blackstone, Mass. Ellen Rich, Dowed's bookkeeper and secretary for 10 years, recalls he had never really thought of coming to Ohio prior to his ordination.

"Father Dowed had been raised in New England, and believed he was destined to minister to the needs of the French-Canadians of the area. So he continued his education in Paris and studied in St. Sulpice Seminary for two years, later being ordained at Cathédral Notre Dame de Paris, on the same altar where Napoleon and Josephine were crowned," Rich said.

A friend convinced Dowed that Ohio needed him more, so his first assignment as a priest was in Jefferson, Ohio. He was pastor there until 1907, when he became the first pastor of Annunciation in Goodyear Heights, as the Catholic community grew in Akron.

In 1915, he served Springfield Lake Sanitarium and Infirmary. With his help the sanitarium (later Edwin Shaw Hospital) began concentrating on the needs of Summit County, unlike earlier, when service had been distributed between five counties.

The Rev. Paul Rosing, current pastor at Annunciation, learned from parishioners that Dowed was instrumental in developing the sanitarium as a place for tuberculosis patients to recover.

"Father Dowed knew that those with tuberculosis needed a place in the country with fresh air to recover, due to the pollution of the rubber factories in the city. He helped enable this project, along with many others, including the founding of the local Red Cross," Rosing said.

When praised for his efforts, Dowed said, "If I have done anything for the Red Cross and the Edwin Shaw Sanitarium, it was because I enjoyed doing it and was in a position to do it. I haven't done anything for the people of Akron; the people of Akron have done much 'for me.'"

It is for this attitude that he is best remembered. Rosing called him a kind, benevolent man, who cared for those of his parish and the whole Akron community.

"Many parishioners hoped they would name the new high school for Father Dowed, but he was the type who would not accept this," Rosing said. "He did everything for the good of the wider Catholic community. He was a fundamental builder of the faith community and of the city of Akron."

In 1915 Dowed helped organize the Catholic Service League and became active in the Rotary Club. He was in charge of the project to buy the land for Holy Cross Cemetery, according to Jordan.

"Not only did Father Dowed organize the project, his mother was the first to be buried in the new cemetery," Jordan said. "Father Dowed also became involved in the Boy Scouts, and in 1916 he became a part of the first Boy Scout Council in Akron."

During World War I, as the president of Red Cross, he made two rooms at the church available for their use. Later in April 1914, facing strong opposition, he helped raise funds for a second hospital, People's Hospital, (now Akron General) and served on its board of directors.

A.S. McCormick described his efforts in *The History of Medicine in Summit County*:

"Dowed visited every office, factory and home in East Akron, and when these visits did not produce the required amount, he marched into the saloons, too," McCormick wrote. "He was far-and-away the top money raiser."

In 1928, a celebration at Goodyear Theater marked the 25th anniversary of Dowed's



Photo from Annunciation Church archives

□ A young Father Dowed in front of his parish church, Annunciation. Dowed is Hoban's founder.

ordination. C.W. Seiberling, the main speaker, expressed his appreciation and presented Dowed with a monetary gift for a trip to the Holy Land.

Dowed enjoyed traveling, and Rich remembers when he spoke of his trips with her.

"Father Dowed made trips to Rome and Europe, along with trips to the Holy Land," Rich said.

During World War II, when many factory workers were off fighting in the war, women were brought in to do their jobs. With a shortage of living space, Dowed bought two houses known as Martha Hall, where the women lived.

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Hoban owes much of its tradition to its Holy Cross heritage

By MATT DeCENZO '96

(Reprinted from the Visor,
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The Holy Cross Room, the connection with Notre Dame, the teachers we call "Brother," the manner in which we are taught, and the facilities we use. All these things have something in common—they are part of our Holy Cross heritage. The community we now know as Holy Cross Brothers was founded in France 175 years ago.

History of Holy Cross

In 1820, Father James Dujarié founded the Brothers of St. Joseph in post-revolutionary France. Brother Joel Giallanza characterizes Dujarié as unremarkable, a simple country priest. Giallanza is a general assistant in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Dujarié, he writes in *CSC Internazionale*, was a man who had simple goals in life: he strived to be a living example, to seek the truth and to do what is good.

Dujarié was ordained during the French Revolution and the Reign of Terror. When Dujarié refused to take the Schismatic Oath, in effect renouncing his faith, he was forced to minister to his people in private. It was at this time, with the threat of persecution ever-present, that Dujarié began a community of brothers to minister to the youth of the area.

Dujarié asked to be relieved of his duties as superior of the Brothers of St. Joseph in 1835 due to age and sickness. In 1837, Father Basil Moreau combined Dujarié's community of brothers

with his own group of priests to form the Congregation of Holy Cross.

From the beginning, the purpose of the Holy Cross Brothers was education. They taught in rural schools and cared for poor, delinquent and abandoned boys.

Today, members of the Holy Cross congregation serve as doctors, psychologists, lawyers, farmers and parish administrators, in addition to teaching. But Holy Cross Brothers feel they are fulfilling their mission if they manifest love of God and love of others, or if their work furthers the growth of Christ's Kingdom.

Holy Cross first came to the United States in 1842 when Moreau sent Father Edward Sorin and six Holy Cross Brothers as missionaries. These men started a school near South Bend, Indiana, which later developed into the University of Notre Dame.

Holy Cross tradition and mission

The purpose of Holy Cross education was defined by Moreau in his book *Christian Education* as forming the hearts of young people. He believed the first duty of educators was to develop Christians, and that society had a greater need for Christians than it did for scholars. He believed that knowledge was only valuable if it was placed in the context of Christian values and was otherwise meaningless.

The philosophy is the same today; Holy Cross promotes education of the whole person—spiritual, intellectual, artistic, physical and social.

"The educational mission of

Holy Cross is to educate the whole person," said Brother Peter Graham, director of development at Hoban.

Moreau also felt strongly about who was to teach in Holy Cross schools. He believed that teaching was a call from God and that one was only fulfilling his duties when he was interacting with young people. Teachers must also be faithful, knowledgeable and caring Christians themselves because they are rôle models. Moreau reasoned that a teacher could not give something that he did not possess himself, meaning

faith and knowledge.

"When we are looking at prospective teachers, we take into account a number of things," said Brother Paul Kelly, school president. "First we want the person best qualified for the job. Next we want to know if this person is interested in Catholic education, and if he or she will promote the values of Hoban."

For many years, the education of young people by Holy Cross Brothers was somewhat of an oral tradition. They wanted to share the vision of the Gospel that Moreau

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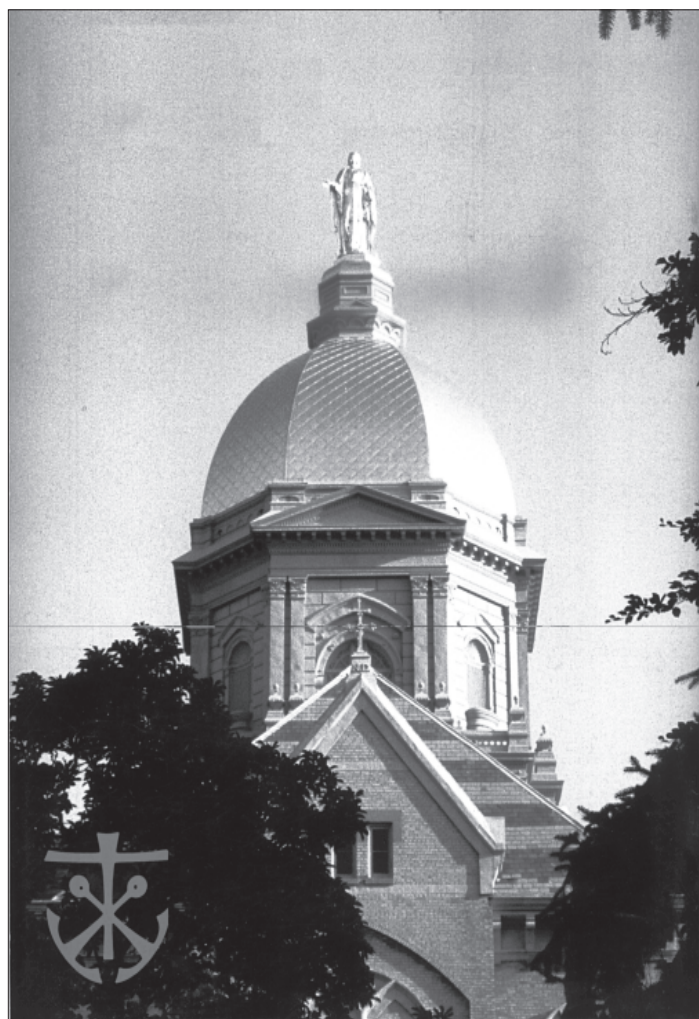


Photo from Holy Cross vocation recruiter

□ The Golden Dome tops the Main Building at the University of Notre Dame, the oldest permanent foundation of Holy Cross in America.

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 had given them, so they simply took his ideas and adapted them to the times in which they were teaching. Because of this oral tradition and the increase in lay teachers, that is, people not committed to a religious community, there is some concern presently that the tradition of Holy Cross teaching will be lost and that the mission of Holy Cross schools will become one of providing general Catholic teaching and a quality education. Holy Cross schools are supposed to be more than this. They are supposed to instill in their students the vision that Father Moreau had when he founded the Congrega-

tion of Holy Cross, to manifest love of God, love of others, and further the growth of God's Kingdom.

"The path of being a brother provides me with the most authentic way to respond to Christ's call within my life," writes Brother Thomas Maddix in *CSC Internazionale*, "to know, love and serve God and God's people. To be other, would be less than God calls me to be."

The purpose of U.S. Holy Cross schools today is to fulfill the educational goals established by the U.S. bishops, to teach as Jesus did, but to do so in the tradition of Moreau.

Characteristics of Holy Cross Schools

The first priority is to educate in the faith. This was always Moreau's first priority. To accomplish this, Holy Cross schools provide authentic instruction in the Catholic faith, appropriate spiritual and moral guidance, and a strong campus ministry. This means that growing in your faith is not merely restricted to religion class. Rather, it is extended to all other academic classes, as well as community involvement. With respect to community involvement, Holy Cross schools see themselves as part of the local Church, meaning the diocese in which they are located. They are committed to helping students become active and informed citizens.

A major aspect of a Holy Cross school is that they serve a diverse population and find ways of providing educational opportunities to poor and disadvantaged youth. A Holy Cross school does not simply want the economically well-off student or the most intelligent student. They also serve students regardless of their faith.

"Holy Cross is about education," said Graham, "and we cater mainly to middle and lower class youth, and that is evident in our involvement in inner-city Chicago and San Antonio."

"Our mission is to reach out to the poor and needy people wherever we are," said Kelly. "We work with people and educate them to give them the opportunity to make their lives better."

A Holy Cross school is a community and a family. This means strong ties are maintained between parents and faculty. The learning environment is to be orderly and facilities are to be effi-

The initials C.S.C., used after the names of Holy Cross community members, represent *Congregatio a Sancta Cruce*, Latin for Congregation of Holy Cross.

The motto of the Congregation of Holy Cross, "*Spes Unica*," is Latin for "Only Hope," referring to the Cross of Christ.

The seal of the congregation is a cross and anchors. Anchors represent hope, because the Cross is our "Only Hope."

cient and well-maintained.

Holy Cross in Ohio

Here at Hoban, we have a number of reminders of our Holy Cross heritage, in addition to the brothers who help operate the school and the strong ties to the vision and values laid out by the Congregation of Holy Cross.

The Holy Cross Room is named in honor of the community of Holy Cross. In the room are portraits of Dujarie, Moreau, Archbishop Edward Hoban, Monsignor Richard Dowd and all the former presidents of Hoban.

Engraved in the stone of the former residence of the Holy Cross Brothers (the east wing) is the seal of Holy Cross. Below the seal is the Latin phrase "*Spes Unica*," which means "Our only hope," the brothers' motto.

In addition to Archbishop Hoban, there are two other Holy Cross schools in the Diocese of Cleveland. St. Edward High School in Lakewood and Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills are also taught in the tradition of the Brothers of Holy Cross. □

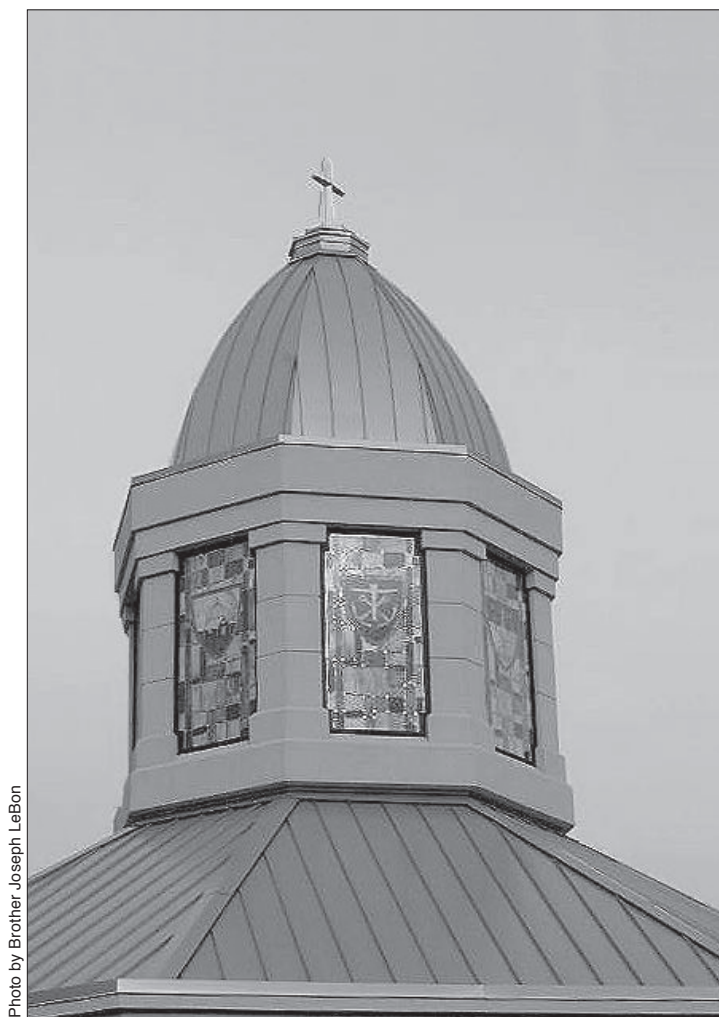


Photo by Brother Joseph LeBon

□ Hoban's dome, erected in 1998, gives Hoban an external visible link to Notre Dame and its Holy Cross heritage.

Catholic high school for boys opens doors in September, 1953

By GENEVIEVE MULROY

With a small group of 83 freshman boys and five Holy Cross Brothers, Hoban's history began in September, 1953. A request from the Rev. Richard A. Dowd to Archbishop Edward F. Hoban brought the brothers from Notre Dame, Ind., to Akron to found the city's first Catholic high school for boys.

According to Hoban archives, Stickle and Associates of Cleveland designed the school for 1,200 boys and 50 brothers. The building was situated on 34 acres of Sumner Hill, named after the family who owned the land, at a cost of over \$3 million. When the school year began, the building was not ready to be used. Thanks to the Rev. Edward A. Wolf, classes started in St. Bernard Parish School until the building, which still wasn't finished, could be used in 1954.

When the boys transferred to the new school, they were very excited. Neil Oliver, one of these boys, spoke with the Visor in a telephone interview. "It was brand new, so it was nice," Oliver said. "The students and faculty were all good people."

Oliver wasn't the only one who thought highly of the students and faculty. Joseph Shannon, another graduate of '57 and the senior class vice-president, said, "I think the students were

special, and the faculty was very committed. Because it was a new school, they worked really hard to make it a good learning experience." Among this committed faculty was Brother Noel Romanek, the first principal, Brother Jerome Schwabe, assistant principal, and three additional brothers.

The growth of the faculty to its present size of 49 is among many changes that occurred over the years. According to faculty meeting minutes, the tuition in the '50s, minus the cost of books, was only \$150 per year, compared to the present \$4,700.

Principal Mary Anne Beiting commented on the overall changes Hoban has made over the years. "The school has been responsive to changes in both the church and the community," she said.

The first class of 83 freshman boys was the only class at Hoban at the time. "I think we were all proud," Shannon said. "I think because it was brand new it may have been better, because we *were* the school."

Beiting shares the sense of pride the first graduating class felt about the school. "Hoban has a very rich history and many traditions. It shows the stability and strength of the Brothers of Holy Cross and how the school is capable of evolving," Beiting said.



Photo from Hoban archives

□ Archbishop Edward F. Hoban lays the cornerstone for the school which bears his name at a 1953 ceremony.

Hoban had a profound impact on the Class of '57.

"Not only did the education affect me, but the character and camaraderie made a difference as well," Shannon said. "It brought a lot of self-confidence. When I left, I felt a loss; I had developed a lot of friendships there." Many

of the original class still take an interest in the school.

Early documents described Hoban as "a school that would have as its aim the preparation of boys, not only for this life, but also the next." And so, almost 50 years ago, the work of molding that school began. □

1953
• Classes held at St. Bernard's.

• School completed.
Cost: \$3.5 million.

1954
• Coat of Arms established.
• May 28: First musicale held.

1955
• Landscape and athletic fields completed.
• Blue jeans outlawed.

Mum Day remains Hoban's oldest student spirit tradition

By T.J. WOLSKI

Throughout Hoban's vast history of traditions, one stands out from all the rest. Mum Day is an annual event with great meaning to all students, faculty and alumni. Yet many people don't fully understand what Mum Day is about.

In 1962, the student council conceived the idea for Mum Day when Hoban was playing St. Vincent (now St. Vincent-St. Mary) in football. Don Zwisler, a junior at the time, was quarterback for the Knights.

"The year before," Zwisler said, "they peeled us really bad [Hoban lost 55-18]. Then in my junior year, the student council came up with the idea that in order to save energy for the end-of-the-day pep rally, no one would talk that day."

The idea was accepted throughout the school, and everyone was silent the entire day. Zwisler remembers his first Mum Day experience.

"The brothers were very supportive of the idea," he said, "and for the most part there wasn't any noise at all. No one needed to be told not to talk, to the point where you could hear a pin drop in the cafeteria."

The local newspaper picked Hoban to lose by a wide margin. But the spirit generated by Mum Day seemed to motivate the Knights football team to a new level.

"We were having a .500 season," Zwisler said, "and St. V. had only lost one game. St. V. came out and scored on the first play, but then we scored the next 24 points and went on to upset them. After that, we

went on to beat Cuyahoga Falls, then my senior year we won our first eight games. Mum Day really seemed to boost our spirits, and we won 10 straight."

From that day forth, Mum Day became a celebrated tradition unique to Hoban.

As the years went on, the rivalry between St. V-M became so intense that after the game on Nov. 11, 1977, the series was canceled. In 1994, former St. V-M coach John Cistone told the Beacon Journal his version of why the series was terminated. "We stopped the series," Cistone claimed. "It was a personality thing, something they had done that I didn't think was kosher."

Longtime Hoban coach and teacher Don Schubert, who was athletic director at the time, has a different version of the story.

"There were a lot of half-truths to why the series was stopped," Schubert told the Visor recently, "but the major reason had to do with the playoffs. We weren't that good at the time; enrollment was dropping, and Hoban was about to close. St. Vincent wanted to get into the post-season, and in order to do that they needed computer points. They wanted to play someone that would get them into the play-

offs, and a game against Hoban wasn't going to help them out in that regard."

Although the series with the Irish was interrupted, the Mum Day tradition continued, but the Mum Day game became the meeting with Hoban's other parochial rival, Walsh. Although the opponent was different, some say the Walsh rivalry grew to be as big as the St. V-M contest. Schubert commented on the switch.

"When Mum Day was switched to the Walsh game," Schubert said, "everything was basically the same, but it took a year or so before it gained the stature that the St. V-M game had. Eventually the rivalry became just as big as the St. V-M game, and the school spirit was always there."

T. Kirk Griffith, a 1989 graduate, has fond memories of the Mum Day game against Walsh.

"For me," Griffith said, "Mum Day will always be the Walsh game. I grew up in Stow, so the Walsh-Hoban rivalry was always real big. Coach [Clem] Caraboolad, who coached here for six years, would always get everyone real fired up at the pep rallies."

Then in 1996, the St. V-M rivalry was reborn, and Mum Day was moved back to that game. The Knights beat St. V-M in that game 24-0. There were a few changes in the way Mum Day was approached, and sophomore counselor Katie Haubert remembers those changes.

"My first year on the faculty, we were still playing Walsh, and I was real disappointed with the school spirit," Haubert said. "But a lot of things changed the next year. The student council came up with some real good ideas like the senior lock-in and the use of the milk jugs, which really helped with the school spirit."

Whether Hoban was playing St. V-M or Walsh, the bottom line is still the same. Ever since its inception in 1963, Mum Day has been the most celebrated tradition in Hoban history. On this day, a special feeling envelops the entire school, and school spirit is raised to new heights. □



Photo from Hoban archives

□ Coach Ralph Orsini speaks on Mum Day '95. That was the last Mum Day associated with the Walsh game.

1956

- Hoban certified by Ohio Department of Education.
- Teachers asked to increase amount of homework.

1957

- First graduating class.
- Monsignor Dowd dies.
- Tuition: \$150 a year.

1962

- Enrollment was 1,068.
- Smoking outlawed at school activities.
- First Mum Day

Girls admitted in 1973, year after student protest

By DAN ALBERTI

“**M**archers want coeds in '72.” That was the Beacon Journal headline Friday, April 28, 1972. About 600 Hoban students walked out at the beginning of the day to demand that girls be accepted for the '72-73 school year. The boys were not alone; 25 to 30 girls from St. Mary's (an all-girls high school that had recently merged with St. Vincent's) also participated in the rally.

Michael Kline, Class of '75, participated in the walkout. “Some talk was going around about increasing enrollment by going coed,” he said. “The news got back to the students, and some decided to have a walkout. Banners were made, and we all walked out at the same time. It was pretty organized.”

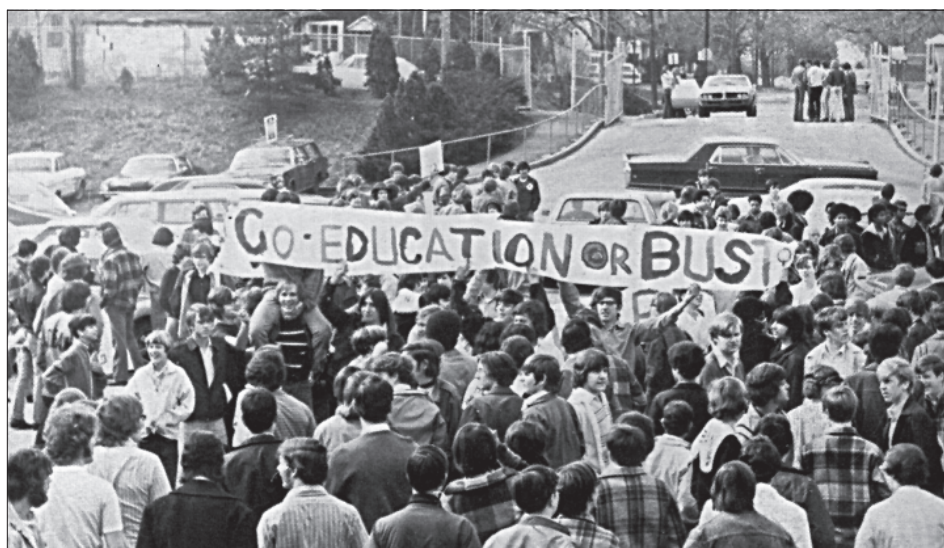


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□ Students protest for coeducation in a 1972 walkout. Girls were admitted the next year.

Brother Ed Libbers was a chemistry teacher at the time. “Half the student body walked out for a good part of the day,” he said. “The radio station WAKR and the newspaper were here to report the story.”

The protest was spirited. The girls were welcomed with whistles and shouts. Tony

Paris, then football coach, was booed when he made an announcement.

“You have made your point,” he told the students. “The principal [Brother John Benesh] is doing everything in his power to get girls at Hoban. This demonstration will only hurt the

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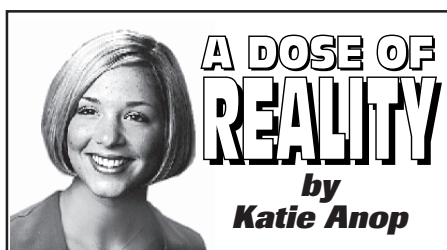
Admitting girls allowed all to share in Hoban's atmosphere

Before 1973, Hoban was a completely different school. Founded on the values held by the Brothers of Holy Cross, Archbishop Hoban began as a challenging yet comprehensive high school for young men.

After 20 years of single-sex education, the administration for the 1973 school year decided to accept young women. This decision created a new school environment as well as the Hoban we have come to appreciate.

The acceptance of girls not only increased the number of students, it played a large rôle in creating the modern Hoban community.

Hoban becoming coeducational better prepares students for the life they will encounter after high school. In nearly every



internship and employment opportunity, men and women work directly together. It is imperative that students learn the communication skills they will need during the high school years.

Once students are taught to interact freely with those of the opposite sex, stereotypes between the two sexes can dissolve. Young men and women then mature in an environment that fosters the belief that the two sexes are equal.

While there are numerous external reasons why a coeducational school is important, one best explains its significance. I know that if I would not have been admitted into Hoban, I would have missed out an amazing experience.

Hoban gives its students something unique. It is not found in fancy computers or other material things. It is found in the astounding number of Hoban students who go on to lead successful lives. That special something is found in the confidence Hoban students have and the pride associated with our school.

This trait is something that is particular to Hoban, and it would have been a shame if Akron-area girls could not have shared in it. □

1965
• Dowd Stadium completed and dedicated

1966
• Archbishop Hoban dies.
• Board of directors established.

1969
• Dress code changed to dress coats with a shirt and tie.
• Band gives 48 performances.

Alumnus Hugh O'Neil heroically gives his life saving others

By KATY MILANE

The name Hugh O'Neil hangs next to the chapel door and below a portrait in the library. It adorns the base of the flagpole at Dowd Field and is the title of an endowment scholarship. Yet, as visible as the O'Neil name is around the Hoban campus, many do not know the reason why this 1963 graduate is so honored.

"I've heard his name and seen his picture," freshman Jeff Gill said, "but I don't really know who he was or what he did."

Despite this lack of recognition, his heroic actions in the summer of 1964 helped prompt Akron officials to rename the former Tallmadge Parkway as a memorial to the tragedy that occurred there.

On the afternoon of July 21, a torrential storm pounded the North Akron area. According to the Beacon Journal, the downpour flooded the city with over three inches of rain in 15 minutes. The force of the storm caused the sewer below Tallmadge Parkway to collapse around 3:15 P.M., producing a crater in the road 25 feet wide and 40 feet deep. The void was too large for 37-year-old Velma

Shidler to avoid. Her car, carrying her 10-year-old daughter Claudia, and their neighbor, 13-year-old Janet Lewis, plunged into the hole.

As a bystander began to lower a ladder into the hole, 19-year-old O'Neil, home from Georgetown University for the summer, stepped forward to help. He tied a rope around his waist, handed off his wallet, and descended into the hole. Once there, O'Neil removed the rope from his waist, and tied it around Lewis. She was pulled to safety by men standing on the pavement. Firefighters rescued Velma as O'Neil, aided by 28-year-old Akron Patrolman Ronald Rotruck, struggled to free Claudia, who was trapped in the car. However, their efforts were in vain. The sandy soil gave way, and despite the res-

cue attempts of those standing above, O'Neil, Rotruck and Claudia disappeared beneath the landslide. Near dawn the next morning, the bodies of Rotruck and Claudia were found buried in the cave-in. O'Neil's body was later found in the Cuyahoga River, where the flood



□ Hugh O'Neil

waters had swept it. He was identified only by the wallet he had left behind before descending into the hole.

Robert Moore, a Hoban classmate of O'Neil's, remembers the day the tragic death occurred.

"I was with some other classmates of mine who had heard the news about Tallmadge Parkway first," Moore said in a recent telephone in-

terview. "I didn't know Hugh well, but I was shocked and saddened to learn of his death."

The Akron community was also saddened by the Tallmadge Parkway Disaster and the lives lost there. Akron Councilman Harold Neiman proposed that the parkway be renamed the O'Neil-Rotruck Parkway. However, the families declined, reasoning that it would be too painful to have the parkway so named. A compromise was reached at the suggestion of "Memorial Parkway," the title that remains today.

The Hoban memorials to O'Neil were gradually instituted in the years following his death. The most notable of these, the Hugh M. O'Neil Memorial Chapel of the Holy Family, was made possible by a generous donation from O'Neil's mother, Mrs. Jason Wade, in 1975. □

**"Greater love than
this no man has."**

—John 15:15

COEDUCATION

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cause at Hoban, whether in 1972 or 1973."

The school's request to the Regional Board of Catholic Education to admit girls for the '72-73 school year was rejected by a unanimous vote. Hoban's enrollment was decreasing, and letting girls in would be crucial to survival. Finally, after much negotiation, Hoban was allowed to accept girls for the '73-74 year.

"I had always taught in an all-boys setting, so I wasn't sure if my teaching techniques would work with the girls," Libbers said. "But after a week or so, I found it better to teach coed. I found the boys and the girls seemed to temper each other's behavior."

During the transition, friction arose between Norman Saunders, principal at St. Vincent-St. Mary, and Benesh. Hoban received 66 applications from girls who wanted to transfer from St. V-M, but Saunders would not send their records. At first, Saunders would only send the information if the parents of the children gave written

permission. Later, he would send the records only if that year's tuition was fully paid and if the parents paid a \$1 fee. Finally, Saunders ended up sending only small packs of five or six at a time.

Girls interscholastic volleyball and basketball began in 1973 and gymnastics and track were to be added two years later.

Diane Allio was in the first coed class.

"I had three brothers who had already gone to Hoban, so I was used to the school," she said. "The guys in the class, though, acted really goofy around the girls." □

1970

• First computer lab.

1972

• Coed walkout; boys demand coeducation.

1973

• Girls admitted followed by another walkout.

1976

• Hoban announces its closing.
• Hoban Forever program begins.
• Board of trustees takes over operation of the school.

Hoban Forever campaign re

School survives the crisis, is able to rec

By JACKIE ARKO

Approximately 2,000—students, parents, faculty members and friends of Hoban—jammed into the gymnasium at 7 P.M. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1976. A pep band played music, cheers erupted often, and speakers delivered powerful speeches. Although it seemed like an incredibly large pep rally, the crowd was not there to support a sports team, but to preserve Hoban's very existence.

Chris Considine of the Class of 1978 was at the Save Hoban rally that night. He was amazed at the number of people that came together for the school.

"You could feel something powerful in the air. There was a strong resolve not to let the school close," he said.

Five days prior to the rally, Bishop Michael J. Murphy, the Brothers of Holy Cross, and Hoban's board of trustees announced Hoban would permanently close its doors after the '76-77 school year.

Hoban was "doomed," as the Beacon Journal put it, due to many financial problems the school was having. A combination of decreasing enrollment, a poor local economy and increasing tuition were throwing Hoban into various economic difficulties.

ENROLLMENT had steadily risen from the opening of the school in the early '50s and throughout the early '60s. Enrollment peaked in the '64-65 school year, when 1,197 students attended. After 1965, however, the number of students coming to Hoban dropped rapidly. By the '72-73 school year, Hoban had lost over half its student body, and enrollment dropped to 526. Administrators hoped that the school becoming coed would solve the problem. The admission of girls reversed the trend for only one year ('73-74); the following year the enrollment decline began again. In 1976, with enrollment at 658, the announce-



□ A giant banner looms over supporters as they file into Barry

ment was made that due to the financial difficulties, Hoban would be folding.

By 1976, Hoban was overloaded with debts from the previous school years of low enrollment. With all the debts combined from 1973 to 1977, Hoban had a deficit of about \$480,000.

DOUGLASS TERRASS, the art teacher then, feels the low enrollment was partly due to lack of recruitment.

"The school administration was making no effort to sell the school to the community," she said. "They needed to realize that Hoban was not only a school but a business. The school was doing no recruitment whatsoever."

In addition to the need for recruitment, another reason for the decreasing en-

rollment was competition from area Catholic schools like St. Elms and St. Vincent. The new, state-of-the-art school had recently opened, and another option for students wanted to attend private school.

HOBAN'S ATHLETICS was not what they are today. The basketball team was 0-7 at the end of the season. The football team was in a slump in comparison to St. Vincent's. The condition and Walsh's risk-

Terrass was not willing to allow the school to be sold. Among all the sad feelings, there was determination. She and other members of a group decided how to keep the school open.

"When someone says something," Terrass said, "it doesn't have to be changed. When the decision was made that Hoban was to be closed, I was shocked at first and



Photo from The Catholic Universe Bulletin

□ Over 2,000 people packed Barry Gymnasium Nov. 9, 1976, to voice their support for the school. Enough money was raised to keep Hoban open.

rescues school from closing

cover financially after community rallies



Photo from Hoban archives
Gymnasium on the night of the rally.

petition from other schools. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception-St. Mary had brand new gym buildings. Walsh was as well, providing for teenagers who attended private high school.

ATHLETIC TEAMS were a draw, either. The football team, the basketball team, the wrestling team, the volleyball team. This paled in comparison to V-M's long athletic tradition as an athletic power. One of those who remembered the elimination of Hoban. "I think that it was one of the first times that met to discuss the school alive."

One tells me something, "I think that it was so, that it can be an announcement was made, I was then in denial. A lot

of people thought nothing could be done; I didn't."

The Save Hoban committee, made up of a group of people who shared Terrass's confident viewpoint, was formed. They met at the house of Richard Kayle, a Hoban parent and supporter, the night after they heard the tragic news. They named the effort to keep the school open "Hoban Forever."

For the committee to keep the school operating, a \$1 million endowment fund would have to be raised over a period of four or five years. The fund would not only allow the school to stay open for the next year, but would also provide money for future years. Committee leaders hoped that in a month they would have a sufficient portion of this sum pledged so that the school could open its doors for the '77-78 year.

Kayle and Terrass's husband Stuart became spokesmen for the group. Together they handled interviews with newspapers and other media sources.

STORIES ABOUT THE SCHOOL'S possible closing and the fundraising efforts made by the Save Hoban committee were published in various newspapers, primarily the Beacon Journal. As the issue became more known, support for the school increased, especially among alumni. Money from generous donors continued to pour into the fund. The Save Hoban committee grew in number and increased the campaign to raise money for the endowment fund.

The effort made by all those volunteers was successful. After about three months, the endowment fund had \$400,000 in pledges and \$75,000 in cash. When this sum was reached, school authorities announced that Hoban would "continue normal operations" for the '77-78 year. The school still had the goal to raise the \$1 million over the next five years, and with the money already collected, it appeared it would reach that goal.

Terrass was thrilled that all their diligent efforts had proved successful.

"The brothers never asked if anyone wanted the school.

Had they asked and seen how many people wanted to put in the effort to save it, then they might not have had to make that horrible announcement," Terrass said. "I think they were surprised that everyone came together the way they did."

THE STUDENTS WERE ALSO elated. A huge assembly was held in the gym celebrating the good news that they would have Hoban to come back to.

The administration took steps to increase enrollment right away. The board of trustees, which had begun as an advisory body, was given governing power. The board voted to employ an admissions director, and a development office was opened that year. Also, based on returning



Yearbook photo from The May 1978
Then-student council president Theresa Redle, Class of '77, speaks at the Hoban Forever rally.

students and younger brothers and sisters of current students, Hoban was assured of at least 525 students. Expectations of 700 or 750 students were not unrealistic. Hoban picked up its recruitment program, hosting open houses and visitations for the upcoming school year.

Considering Hoban's strength today, it seems hard to believe that this school was on the brink of being boarded up just 23 years ago. The success of those people in the Save Hoban committee has lasted, and the school is thriving into the new millennium. Those people saved not just a building and a school, but preserved the traditions and community that go along with it. They saved Hoban's spirit. □

Theater program has a long and proud history

By ANNA HAMILTON

The world is a stage and the best air is down center." This quote, à la William Shakespeare, is one of many that bedeck the walls backstage. These messages tell the stories of past productions and the good times the various casts and crews had in the Hoban Theater.

Before the spring musical was the spring musicale. The musicale started in the early '60s and lasted until 1986. The show was a compilation of singing, dancing and instrumental music. Over Christmas vacation, up to 200 students tried out for a variety of positions in the show. After break, 100-250 students gathered every Sunday evening for a couple of hours for rehearsals.

Connie Cevasco, Our Lady of the Elms Class of '71, has fond memories of being involved with the musicale.

"Because Hoban was still an all-male school, the girls from St. Mary's and the Elms came to Hoban just to participate in the show," Cevasco said. "Going to an all-girls school, I found the musicale a good chance to meet guys and have a social life outside of school. I met my husband Dan during the musicale."

Bob Milane, Hoban Class of '71, has similar feelings about the musicale.

"One of my favorite memories of the musicale is when there was an all-male dance number. No matter how much they practiced, they all somehow found a way to screw it up. But they all still had fun."

Because of the large turnout to the musicale, many eighth-graders saw the productions, and that was often the final factor in their decision to come to Hoban.

Students involved in the musicale also found it a terrific opportunity for them.



Visor file photo

Therese Herhold sings with members of the cast from *My Fair Lady*, a 1998 production.

"The musicale was an extracurricular activity that wasn't service-oriented. It was just a good time for everyone," Cevasco said.

Milane recognized the importance the musicale gave the students.

"The show gave some talented and untalented students, like me, a chance to develop our talents. The whole production was just a fun thing to do, in which everyone could participate."

During the late '80s, the musicale was discontinued, but stage productions weren't. The spring production would now be a Broadway-style musical comedy. According to Brother Guy Eckels, who was involved in the Hoban Theater over many years, the first, in the spring of 1987, was *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, directed by Jan Radyk.

Sean McConaha, current Hoban theater director, thinks the change was for the better.

"Through doing the plays and musicals, we try to connect to education. We all must remember the plays are not only theatrical

productions but also works of literature," McConaha said.

Cevasco agrees. "Introducing musical comedies to the school started a new challenge for the students that wasn't in the musicale. Now the cast has to memorize lines," Cevasco said.

Today, the cast and crew of the productions still follow many of the traditions that date back to the musicale. The seniors still leave messages after their last show backstage and the cast still has parties, just like they had during the musicale years.

Cevasco recalls an incident she is sure still happens today.

"My freshman year, I got into the musicale, and by tradition freshmen weren't supposed to. I just decided to keep my mouth shut."

Through all the changes, students then and now still are unified through the theater. They all still remember, as the song goes, "The world is a stage, and the stage is a world of entertainment." □

1979

• Endowment fund (the Hoban Trust Fund) established.

1980

• Girls volleyball wins first state championship.

1981

• Alumni Association founds the Distinguished Alumni and Friend of Hoban awards.

1983

• Girls softball wins first of six state championships.

1984

• Girls softball and track win state championships.

Blue Ribbon brings national recognition to Hoban's excellence

By JULIE FINN

A landmark in Hoban history was reached with the winning of the U.S. Department of Education's prestigious Blue Ribbon Schools award in 1998.

The Blue Ribbon designation, a national benchmark of excellence, symbolizes the exemplary quality of the winning schools.

To earn the designation, various criteria must be met. These criteria distinguish America's most successful, cutting-edge schools from the rest.

Schools contending for the award must demonstrate that their programs are marked by a focus on students, challenging standards, active teaching and learning, and a learning-

centered culture. The self-nomination package details partnerships with families and the community, and other indicators of success. If the requirements are met, a national review board evaluates the most promising nominees. This board consists of 100 private and public school educators from around the country.



According to Brother

Joseph LeBon, who helped prepare the application, Hoban was able to document how the generosity and support of its alumni and community have enabled the school to thrive. New developments like the addition of the Faraday science wing and the integration of technology show that the school is continuously advancing educationally, he said.

Associate principal Martin Griffin believes the Hoban philosophy helped in its selection. "We have developed an educational philosophy that is realistic," Griffin said. "It is based on educating the whole person, and we are working to live up to that ideal."

School officials attended a state recognition ceremony in Columbus in the spring of 1998, then attended the national awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., that fall. At a Mass with the student body here, Anthony M.

Pilla, Bishop of Cleveland, congratulated Hoban for bringing such high national recognition to the diocese.

Since the school has received the award, public awareness of Hoban's excellence has increased. Brother Kenneth Haders, school president, believes the award is attracting quality teachers.

"A couple of teachers said they'd seen our website and were impressed that we won the award. It shows the community that we are the high-quality school we try to be."

Biology teacher Charles Miller's decision to join the faculty this year was influenced by the fact that Hoban is a Blue Ribbon school.

"I checked websites of a couple of schools in the area," Miller said. "When I came to Hoban's, the Blue Ribbon seal was posted real big. I thought to myself, Wow, what a great school! I'd like to work there." □



Visor file photo

□ Bishop Anthony Pilla congratulates Hoban at a Mass to celebrate the winning of the Blue Ribbon Award.

1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
• Softball wins 3rd state championship.	• Softball wins 4th state title. • First spring musical performed.	• Girls track and basketball win state championships.	• Boys basketball wins state championship.	• Girls volleyball wins state championship.

Clem Caraboolad, legendary coach and teacher, dies young

By BRIAN VASSEL

According to those who knew him, Clem Caraboolad made a difference in people's lives. He was the kind of educator every new teacher tries to be. He was a successful football coach, but his greatest contributions to the Hoban community were as a math teacher, whose truly unique teaching methods and personality challenged students and helped them grow academically and as individuals.

Caraboolad taught math at Hoban from 1983 to 1989, when he died suddenly of a heart attack at age 43.

He truly cared for the welfare of the students. He always kept his phone number on the board in case students were ever in a situation where they needed help. T. Kirk Griffith, now freshman counselor and boys basketball coach, had Caraboolad as his geometry teacher junior year.

"He was not what you think of as a regular teacher; he was unique. He reached out to the fringe groups, the people who weren't really accepted," Griffith said.

According to Griffith, Caraboolad also used unique teaching methods to stimulate

his classes.

"He had this pyramid that hung in the room, and he said whoever sat in the chairs under the pyramid would soak up the power of the pyramid," Griffith said. "Before tests, there would be kids fighting over the seats under the pyramid."

Other techniques by Caraboolad in-

cluded having a dart board and Hot Wheels car races in his room, along with playing Pink Floyd at the beginning of class.

Sophomore counselor Katie Haubert, a 1986 graduate, had Caraboolad as her first period math teacher her freshman year, getting her first impression of Hoban from him.

"He was the first teacher to talk to us about life," Haubert said. "He broke the mold of just talking about math. He took days off from math just to teach us about Socrates. He was always teaching us more than math."

Religion teacher Mike Burtcher, who worked with Caraboolad, seconded the sentiments of Griffith and Haubert.

"Clem always said he used unconventional methods to promote traditional values," Burtcher said. "He was especially dedicated to kids who were troubled, without ignoring the other kids. He was a true renaissance man."

According to Burtcher, Caraboolad had a wide variety of interests, which included art, mathematics, music, his motorcycle—and



Photo from Hoban archives

Then-football coach Clem Caraboolad breaks through "The Wall" prior to delivering a rousing speech on Mum Day, 1988. He died later that year.

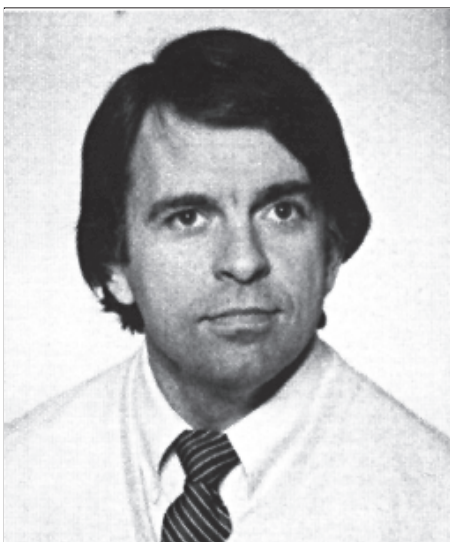
football, which he passionately loved. He also taught a course in philosophy at the University of Akron and was an excellent public speaker.

Brother Richard Gilman, Hoban principal at the time, best summed up Caraboolad. "He had charisma that attracted students; he had the ability to affect students' lives," Gilman said.

How important Caraboolad was can be illustrated by the spectacle at his funeral, celebrated at St. Bernard's. More than 1,200 mourners filled the huge church until it overflowed. People sat on the steps outside the church after all the seats were filled.

"The funeral tied up traffic; downtown Akron came to a stop," Gilman said.

At his wake, people stood outside in the rain for 45 minutes to an hour just to get into the funeral home. Former students and football players of Caraboolad's, from both Hoban and Walsh, where he previously taught, flooded back to the Akron area to attend the Mass. □



Yearbook photo from The Way, 1985

□ Clemens J. Caraboolad, 1944-1988

1991

Girls volleyball and softball win state championships.

1992

Girls volleyball and softball win state championships. Boys track wins state championship.

2003

Boys track wins state title. Hoban 2000 campaign begun. Rent-a-Junior established.

1994

Mock Trial wins state championship, advances to nationals in Chicago.

Hoban 2000 capital campaign makes dramatic improvements

By KATIE ANOP
AND KATY MILANE

Exactly 40 years after the school's opening and 20 years after becoming coeducational, plans were publicly announced to revamp the exterior and interior of Hoban. This plan, whose purpose was to carry the school into the third millennium, was aptly titled Hoban 2000. The board of trustees set the goal of dramatically improving the physical facilities and increasing the endowment.

Hoban alumni, supporters and others rallied together to raise the over \$3 million needed to complete the plan.

The original goals of the Hoban 2000 project were to create a safe, attractive, accessible and secure environment, maintain economic and ethnic diversity, implement the recommendations of the North Central evaluation and retain a superior teaching staff.

Bill Considine, president of Children's

Hospital Medical Center of Akron, served as cochair of Hoban 2000 with Howard Flood, former CEO of FirstMerit Bank. Considine feels the results of the plan far surpassed the original goals.

"The Faraday science wing, new entrance, classrooms and athletic-facility enhancements all exceeded expectations," Considine said. "In addition, the project created excitement and positive energy about the Hoban mission, which added to the pride in our school."

Brother Peter Graham, development director, explained that the construction had to be implemented in phases.

"The athletic complex was the first phase," Graham said. "The second phase involved the renovation of the [former] brothers residence into the science building and former science rooms into regular classrooms, as well as adding the computer room and networking. The entrance was phase three."

Ground was broken on June 4, 1994, and

construction of the new Alumni Gymnasium began. The new gym recently received a finishing touch when two 1999 graduates returned to Hoban to paint a mural of a knight on the south wall.

Aside from the new gym, Hoban added a new weight room, wrestling room, concourse area, science labs and classrooms, resulting in a dramatic increase in available technology.

Perhaps the most apparent addition to the exterior of Hoban is the new entrance. The golden dome was modeled after the dome at Notre Dame, and symbolizes Hoban's affiliation with the Brothers of Holy Cross. The entrance welcomes students, parents, faculty and visitors every day to share in the pride Hoban supporters have.

Also as part of Hoban 2000, the track and field team received a new all-weather track, a safer alternative to the old cinder one.

Despite the successful completion of the Hoban 2000 campaign, improvements will not come to a halt when the millennium comes, according to principal Mary Anne Beiting.

"More things are in the works through strategic planning," Beiting said.

Graham explained the process.

"A year ago [school president] Brother Kenneth [Haders] assembled a group of faculty parents, students and friends to develop the next strategic plan. Last summer we began work on a case statement addressing the needs that arose out of those meetings."

This year's graduating class witnessed the transformation Hoban underwent throughout Hoban 2000.

Senior Bridget Behrend is pleased with the results of the project.

"I think the changes are amazing. They will surely attract a whole new group of students who have never been exposed to Hoban," Behrend said. "Hoban 2000 has made such a positive difference." □

Timeline researched by Matt Gorbach and Kate Gribble



Photo from Hoban archives

□ Pratik Shah '94, Principal Mary Anne Beiting, the Rev. Paul Rosing, Phillip Maynard and Mayor Don Plusquellic break ground for the Hoban 2000 project.

1997

- Construction on new entrance begins.
- School goes to eight-period day.
- Michael Faraday Science Building completed.

1998

- Girls track wins state championship.
- Hoban named Blue Ribbon school.
- Domed entrance completed.

1999

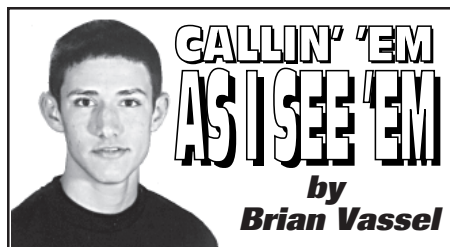
- All-weather track constructed and dedicated.

Hoban's sports history full of outstanding tradition and spirit

This issue makes me proud I go to Hoban. Learning all the history makes me realize what a special school I attend. Yes, everyone can find little faults with Hoban, but when you get right down to it, Hoban is and always has been a special place.

You can't read the story of Mum Day without being proud that we have such a unique and original tradition. Mum Day is so popular and successful because it is a tradition that has lasted for so many years. You can't just start a tradition. If we tried to invent Mum Day now, it would probably fail. St. Vincent-St. Mary's attempt at a similar show of support a few years ago failed because it had no tradition behind it. Everyone who likes Mum Day owes a debt of gratitude to those student council members who came up with the idea so many years ago.

You can't read the Hoban Forever story



without thinking, if those people hadn't gotten together and saved Hoban, we wouldn't be here. For the most part, we would either be at St. V-M (which scares me) or split among a variety of public schools. Our lives could have been dramatically different, with different friends and different teachers. Even to think I might never have heard Alan Silvini's words of wisdom makes me shudder.

Up to now, we have had 14 team state championships, as well as numerous individual champs. Many schools are lucky to have a few state titles, let alone 14. We should be proud

of Hoban's accomplishments.

We have had an Olympic gold medalist in Butch Reynolds, a professional baseball player in Kenny Robinson, along with many successful collegiate athletes. Can you imagine how crazy it must have been at Hoban when Reynolds came back to be honored after he won his gold medal? To have watched the Olympics on television knowing the man who just won the gold medal was a graduate of your school must have been an awesome experience. With some luck, current students may get to experience that same feeling with Reynolds' next try for the Olympics in Sydney in 2000.

The history of Hoban—not just sports, but everything—needs to be cherished. It is our heritage as Hoban students. Hoban's history has influenced the school we attend now, and whether you admit it or not, Hoban influences everyone who learns, teaches or works here. □

DOWED

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Through the years of the Depression, Dowed led his people by counseling them. According to Jordan, during the 1930s Dowed held weekly dances for teenagers.

"He was known for being the first one in the area to play recorded music during the dances. He wanted to help the teenagers remain safe and also to calm the fears of their parents."

Although much of everyone's energy was directed toward the war effort, from Pearl Harbor until the final victory over Germany, Dowed had the idea of building a high school in the area.

Dowed became a Monsignor on May 30, 1949, when Pope Pius XII honored him with the title. On July 3 his formal investiture in his purple robes took place at Annunciation with Archbishop Edward Hoban presiding.

Dowed became a close associate and friend of the archbishop. In 1949, when Dowed bought 34 acres of the old Sumner Farm, both his and Archbishop Hoban's

names became permanently linked, according to Rosing.

"Monsignor Dowed bought the farm that is now Archbishop Hoban High School, including the land that is now the freeway. Later, when it was decided the school needed to have a more regional appeal, Dowed sold the property to the diocese," Rosing said.

The Holy Cross Brothers were asked to operate the school. Brother Noel Romanek, principal in the early years, once said, "Monsignor Dowed

was one of the first to welcome us to Akron. He quickly became a mentor, friend and adviser with his generosity and help. He played a vital rôle in the organization of our school here."

According to Rosing, Dowed often came to check the progress of construction as the school was being built. Parishioners recalled to Rosing that Dowed was enthusias-

tic because his dream of a comprehensive Catholic high school for boys was becoming a reality before his eyes. But he could not revel in the reality of his dream for long. On March 17, 1955, Dowed entered St. Thomas Hospital with what appeared to be a minor ailment.

In June, 1955, Archbishop Hoban realized Dowed would not be able to fulfill his responsibilities due to health complications, so he named him pastor emeritus (retired). Dowed lived another year in a weakened state. He

then returned to the hospital, where he died on July 6, 1957, six days before his 80th birthday.

His contributions were later recognized by the school with the dedication of the football field to his memory in 1965 and the establishment of the Monsignor Dowed School Spirit Award—the highest award a student can earn. □

"Monsignor Dowed was one of the first to welcome us to Akron. He quickly became a mentor, friend and adviser."

—Brother Noel Romanek, first principal

Butch Reynolds—world record setter, Olympic medal winner

By AMBER KELLEY

Harry "Butch" Reynolds, a 1983 graduate, left his imprint on Hoban. He returned last Saturday to kick off a fundraising drive for his fourth bid to make the U.S. Olympic team.

Probably Hoban's most famous alumnus, Reynolds gives his alma mater a lot of credit.

"For me, middle school was important," Reynolds said. "My dad wanted me to get my college degree and thought I might not be headed in the right direction. As a result, I came to Hoban and learned how to set goals for myself."

According to the 1983 yearbook, Reynolds was the Most Valuable Player in both football and basketball. But it was in track and field that he was to earn his fame.

In his senior year at Hoban, Reynolds was ranked first in the 400 meters and long jump and sixth in the 200 meters. The Visor reported that he was ranked in the top three overall among all AA schools in a preseason track poll. The yearbook said he was cocaptain of "one of the most successful track teams in Hoban history" and was named first team All-Ohio. Reynolds still holds the school's 200, 400 and long jump records at 21.4 seconds, 48.17 seconds and 22'11" respectively.

Yet in the Hoban archives, Reynolds' football coach, the late Clem Caraboolad, described his former player as a "borderliner."

"He was a kid who seemed to alternate constantly between the tendency to give up, to take the easy, lazy way out, and the tendency to achieve, to use his talents, to push himself to his limits," Caraboolad said. "He usually just did enough to get by. At Hoban, we're here for all the students—the superior students, but also for the borderliners."

In May of 1986, Caraboolad watched as Reynolds, who attended Ohio State University, broke the 400-meter run record at the Jesse Owens Track Classic.

"Harry Reynolds—a borderliner from little Akron Hoban High School," Caraboolad said. "A little school that made a big difference."

Reynolds' assistant track coach at Hoban, Mike Beavan, who is now head coach, re-



Photo by Brian Teeling

□ Butch Reynolds chats with junior track sensation LaShauntea Moore at a Dec. 11, 1999, press conference at Hoban, when Reynolds announced plans for a bid for the U.S. Olympic track team in 2000.

flected on Butch in a recent telephone interview.

"Butch is the most physically gifted track athlete I have ever seen. I respect him as a runner, but also as a person," Beavan said. "His personality was easy to coach, which is hard to find in some athletes. The good guys usually finish last; in Butch's case, he was a good guy that finished first."

When some athletes make it big, they sometimes forget all the little people who helped them along the way. Reynolds has stayed in touch with Beavan and the Akron community. On Thanksgiving Day, he led the one-mile walk for Akron's eighth annual Home Run for the Homeless to benefit Gennesaret Inc., a nonprofit transitional housing agency. In 1993 and 1996, he spoke to the students at Goodrich Middle School about staying in school and off drugs. In 1995, he came to speak to Hoban students at a school assembly. Beavan explained how important it is for an athlete to remember his roots.

"The question many athletes are faced with is what they do after they have won a medal," Beavan said. "He has been a good man since he has left Hoban. He visits and keeps in touch as much as possible."

At the 1988 Olympic Trials, Reynolds broke a 20-year-old world record for the 400-

meter dash with a time of 43.29, a mark that stood until Aug. 26 of this year, when Michael Johnson ran it in 43.18.

Then at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Reynolds won the silver medal in the 400 meters and anchored the 4x400-meter relay team that won the gold medal. He was on top of the world. In an article from Track & Field News, Nov. 1987, Reynolds told how he ran the 400.

"The first 200 requires controlled speed, an ability to relax under pres-

sure," Reynolds said. "I learned this from my father. The second 200 demands toughness and discipline. I learned that from my mother. The 400 is war."

The entire Reynolds family was in attendance in Seoul. The family had BUTCH REYNOLDS shirts printed and sold them to raise money for the trip. He appreciates his family's support.

"I do what I do for me," Reynolds told the Beacon Journal, "but there's no reason others can't share in it."

At age 35, Reynolds is gearing up for the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. His goal this time is to beat Johnson. And he believes his experience will serve him well.

"Age is just a number," Reynolds said. "I believe in myself and my body. I know how to use more mechanics in my training and preparation. As for Johnson, we have a love-hate relationship. I would like to put him in his place."

Most of Reynolds' adult life has centered around track and field. After the Olympics, he says he would like to coach track and field at a major university. Running in this Olympics would be a fitting finale to his career.

"It would be nice to prove people wrong—again," Reynolds said. "After making the Olympics in 2000, it would be a good way to leave the sport." □

Girls basketball squad wins state crown in 1988

By DIANA BLACK

Winning the 1988 girls state basketball championship is an event in Hoban history that will always be remembered. The Knights astounded their fans with their 22-6 season. Tension mounted at OSU's St. John Arena in Columbus as the momentous semifinal game went into overtime as a result of then-junior Rachel Cowley's amazing 45-foot shot. Thrillingly, the Knights prevailed, 63-57.

The team then went on to capture the state title in yet another overtime. MVPs Tami McDermott and Cowley aided the Knights in their victory. The triumph was especially meaningful to seniors Jennifer Eberhardt, Dina Glinsky, McDermott and Missy Sturm.

Sturm, a forward, remembers the state championship team fondly.

"I am glad I played basketball," Sturm said. "I developed a lot of good friendships through the team. Knowing each other well played a key factor in winning the championship."

Sturm attributes the team's success to coach Mary Ann King, who helped the Knights improve through many practices and pep talks.

"Coach was very knowledgeable of the game and helped us greatly," Sturm said.

Through countless hours of practice, Sturm feels basketball taught her a lot.

"It was definitely worthwhile," she said. "Discipline and teamwork helped us win."

Dina Glinsky, a forward on the 1988 team, reflected on her experience.

"Winning the championship was very important, because a lot of people didn't think we could do it," Glinsky said. "The team was really nervous during the semifinal and championship games, since they both went in to overtime."

Glinsky felt winning the state championship was a wonderful experience.

"It was great," she said, "because we didn't expect to win. Everyone was hugging each other afterward. We were on Cloud 9. I've never had any experience in sports as exciting as that." □

Some make Hoban sports a family affair

By THERESA LONG

Every family has traditions, ranging from decorating the Christmas tree to heartfelt reunions. It is not unusual to find Hoban families incorporate their school spirit within these long-standing traditions. Generation after generation, certain families continue to achieve the athletic excellence that contributes to the school's success.

As far back as 1969, three families in particular have kept their foot in the door of Hoban athletics. Both the Boswell and DeGeorge families have had two generations of successful Knight athletes, while the famous Reynolds brothers still hold school records.

The Boswell legacy began nearly 30 years ago, when Bill Boswell first tried his luck on the gridiron. However, it was more than luck that earned this 1970 graduate the right to be named first team All-Ohio. Sons Adam ('98) and Matt ('99) followed closely in their father's footsteps, each earning the same honor of being named first team All-Ohio in his respective sport. Adam is proud, yet modest that both his brother's and his own credits go beyond the Hoban field.

"Matt is a scholarship player at Akron," Adam said. "I'm at Ohio Northern, but since Division III schools aren't allowed to give scholarships, I play as a non-scholarship player."

Matt's soccer skills made him part of the regional championship team and increased his scholarship offers. Adam was one of the Knights' key players for the volleyball team as he helped lead them to three regional championships and state runner-up in 1998.

The DeGeorge family has an equally impressive history. Bob DeGeorge, who graduated in 1969, was an accomplished football and track star. His sons—Dan, Class of '92, and Ryan, a current senior—carried on athletic success at Hoban.

"I know our family is blessed athletically," Bob said. "It is because of the boys' determination and effort they put forth that they're able to have as much success as they had and

continue to have."

His sons' long list of accomplishments more than prove their father's point. Dan, inducted into Hoban's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, set a number of records during his time here at Hoban. Dan played both football and baseball. As running back, he not only was named Hoban outstanding player in 1992, but also was named first team All-Summit County and second team All-State. In baseball he held a .467 batting average and made both All-City and All-Summit County.

Dan continued his football career at Malone College, where he was named both first and second team All-Conference. His father attributes this success to his son's love for the game.

"Both the boys use inner will and spirit to achieve their goals," Bob said.

Ryan excels both in football and track. He continues to add to his own success story. Along with senior Keith Matthews, Ron Powers ('98) and Damon Rivers ('98), Ryan was a part of the 4x400 team that placed fourth in the state championship meet. That team

broke a standing record in the event—running it in 3:56.

Along with these more recent families comes a name that holds a special place at Hoban. Both Olympic record-setting Butch Reynolds and his brother Jeff were stars of the Hoban track program. Butch set the record in both the 100 and 200 meters. The duo marks yet another family with strong sport history at Hoban.

It is because of these roots that from Reynolds to Boswell to DeGeorge blue and gold have become household colors to Knight families. Bob DeGeorge hopes this tradition will be a lasting one.

"Our family has been blessed with this ability, and we were fortunate enough to have been able to take advantage of it," Bob said. "I hope the tradition carries on for years to come." □

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blessed athletically."
—Bob DeGeorge '69,
father of Dan and Ryan**

Coach Mary Ann King's teams win 5 state softball titles in 8 years

By JON HARVAT

At first glance the '80s may not mean more to you than the launch of MTV, big haired rock bands and the fashion trend of tight clothes. However, the '80s at Hoban meant much more to the softball players who contributed to the numerous state championships won during the decade. The years 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1991 and 1992 have gone down in Hoban history. Long after the end of the school year, Hoban girls battled their way to reign supreme as the softball queens of Ohio.

Coach Mary Ann King celebrated a state championship with gold and diamonds in 1983—gold for her 50th win as coach, and diamonds for the state championship trophy her team brought back after defeating the Bears of River View. Only two years after the establishment of a softball team, King led the Knights to the first of many titles. Senior pitcher Teri Massoud (now Smith) ended her high school softball career with a 15-4 record, giving up only three hits and one walk in the championship game.

King told the Beacon Journal, "I'm not surprised with the way the team has played this year. The whole team just clicked this year; there was super chemistry. Everyone was just playing well."

Finishing the season 22-4, the Knights looked forward to next season, despite the prospect of Massoud's graduation. Bears coach Neatie Burris complimented Massoud after her final victory for Hoban.

"Hoban was a very good team, and Massoud is a certainly a Division I pitcher," Burris told the Beacon Journal. "I bet she could get a full [scholarship] ride to wherever she wants to go."

Massoud's graduation left the 1984 team a void that could not have been filled without the combined efforts of team captains Theresa Nichols, Dawn Heideman and Teresa DiRoberto, who led the team to their second state title in 1984.

Hoban almost made it three in a row in 1985, but stopped just short. The Knights came close to beating Licking Valley in the fi-

nal game of the season. Going into the post-season with the least impressive record of the four teams meant nothing to King.

"The younger players were the inspirational leaders during the tournaments," King told the Visor for this story. "The girls were not only instrumental in winning but also instrumental in succeeding in the classroom."

Hoban Athletic Hall of Famer Rachel Cowley (Tecca), then a freshman shortstop, solidified the victory by blasting a 2-run homer. The game also showcased the breakthrough performance of senior pitcher Amy Madrin (Mathaia).

After Madrin's graduation, people predicted 1987 to be a rebuilding season for the Knights. But King had confidence in the arms of Amy Newland, Gina Snyder (Lindesmith) and Katie Snyder (Carter), whose combined efforts gave the team a record four shutouts in the 27-0 season. The breakout star of the season proved to be Cowley, who led the team in all three offensive categories. The girls' persistence made Hoban the first team in Division II softball history to go undefeated.

The girls christened their new field in 1991, with the first pitch thrown by then-principal Brother Richard Gilman. Teammate Chrystan Asente was overjoyed that the team finally had a field to call its own.

"We never really had a 'home' game," Asente told former Visor writer Kristen Howiler. "Playing at Firestone Stadium and Mason Park wasn't too bad, but having to get in your car and drive to your *home* games was kind of a contradiction in terms."

The new field perhaps gave the team the



Photo from Hoban archives

□ Dawn Heideman squares to bunt in a 1985 game. Hoban finished state runner-up.

extra boost it needed to win the state championship the players so desperately wanted. Dominant pitching caused the 1991 team to be the second team to have an undefeated season (the first being in 1987).

For unspecified reasons, Hoban chose not to renew King's contract, and Luke Darrah was hired to lead the girls to yet another state championship. Nine se-

niors, five first- or second-team All-City players, a first team All-State pitcher and the title of reigning softball champs of the state—what else could the team need going into the 1992 season? Still, some of the girls were sympathetic toward King because of her release.

Second baseman Patti Godzinski thought about her former coach throughout the season, "It was hard for the team," Godzinski said. "Some supported [King] and some didn't. It made everyone nervous to have a new coach."

Inheriting a dream team, Darrah coached the 1992 Knights to their sixth softball championship in 10 years.

King, who is director of CYO athletics, said she is glad she was a part of Hoban history.

"To win one championship is any coach's dream, but to win five in eight years is phenomenal. It's beyond any coach's expectations," King said.

Third baseman for the Knights Missy Sturm (Smith) reflected on the team she was proud to be part of.

"We left a tradition for girls sports," Sturm said. "The girls after us had something to look up to. We showed them they can achieve anything they want to." □

Girls volleyball team a power in state tourney play

By ROBERT WALKER

The year 1974 marked a new era at Hoban. The recent integration of girls into the school was one year past, and the girls volleyball team was playing its first season. From that first year to the present, the program has been one of the most successful in Hoban athletic history.

The first two years of team history were under coach Kathy Nelson. In 1976, Mary Howard took the reins as coach. In 1980, the Knights won the state championship in Division AA. The Knights dominated the tournament, with seniors Sheri Firth, Kim Rado and Sue Thornburg leading the way. This was the first state title in the history of the team and also for Howard.

After the 1980 state championship, the Knights were second in the state in back-to-back years 1987 and '88. The '88 season not only was a great season for the team, but Howard received Coach of the Year honors from the Beacon Journal.

Then in 1990, the team went 26-3, including a tournament run to the championship. In the tourney, the Knights defeated Medina Buckeye, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, Kenston and Jefferson Area on their way to Dayton, where the state Final Four is played. At Dayton, Hoban beat Shelby and Marion River Valley to win its second state title after a 10-year drought. Seniors Meghanne Anderson, Jen Diebel, Michelle Glass, Kristin Howiler and Renée O'Brien led the squad.

In 1991, the Knights had high hopes, coming off a state-championship season and returning key players Patti Godzinski, Margo Ruther, Heather Bodnar, Amy Clark, Kim Givens and Aimee Nesline. With goals set high, the team went through the regular season and charged into the Division II playoffs. In the state championship against a physically larger Big Walnut team, the



Photo from Hoban archives

□ Senior cocaptain Sheri Firth (foreground), junior Michele Sohner, and senior cocaptain Sue Thornburg (back) compete in the district final at Tallmadge in 1980. Their team would go on to win the state title.

Knights won their second straight state title after being down 8 points in the first game.

After back-to-back state triumphs, the 1992 team was not projected to do as well. Fortunately, Howard and her team weren't following any predictions. With a record of 25-2, the '92 team outdid all expectations. With seniors Sara Fetchu, Amy Kidder, Tricia Lockhart, Cassie Eriser and Valerie Childress from the previous state teams, the '92 squad had tournament experience. Tipp City Tippecanoe stood in the Knights' way of a three-peat. Sophomore Jodi Letkiewicz served 8 straight points to help bring a third

straight championship to Hoban. These three years the team asserted itself as a top contender in Division II.

"Three state championships in a row is amazing," Howard said.

In Howard's 25 years at Hoban, the program has an overall record of 448-149. The team has compiled 21 sectional championships, 13 district titles, nine regional championships, two state second places and four state crowns. The statistics speak for themselves. The girls volleyball tradition, with four state titles, is a bright spot in the history of Hoban sports. □

Boys basketball team captures state championship in 1989

BY NINO TESTA

In 1989, 12 boys made a dream come true for their entire school. For the first time in Hoban history, and the last to date, the boys basketball team won the Division III state championship against Cincinnati North College Hill with a score of 52-49. Not many expected the Knights, coached by Vince Gross, to have what it takes to win the title. However, with determination and practice, they were able to set a place for themselves in Hoban history.

With a record of 13-7 in the regular season, there were no great indications that the team would go so far. T. Kirk Griffith, now head basketball coach, was a reserve guard on the '89 team.

"At the beginning we thought our chances were good," Griffith said, "but losing our last seven games proved fatal to our optimism."

Gross believed two main elements helped the team reach its glory.

"The team was very focused," Gross said in a telephone interview. "They impressed me with

their maturity."

The championship game, played in OSU's St. John Arena, had its exciting moments. One of the highlights was then-senior forward Dan Heideman making one of two free throws with one second left, tying the game and bringing it into overtime.

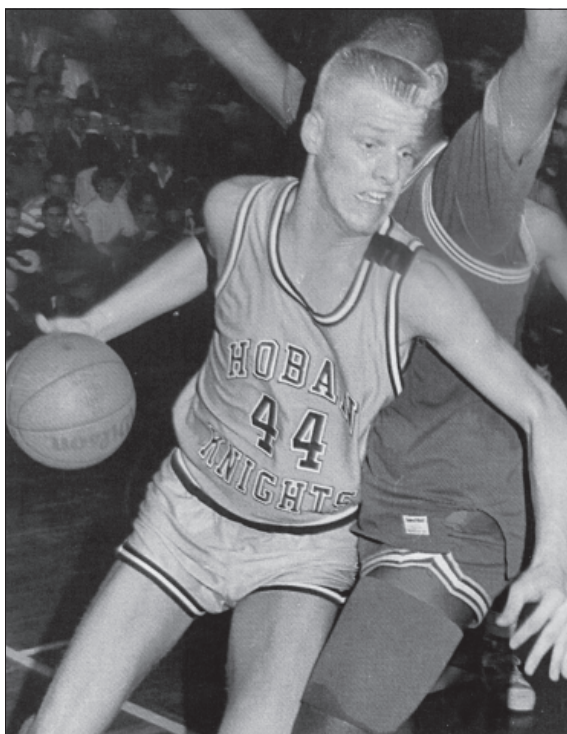


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□ Senior Dan Heideman drives to the basket in 1989.

"Before the shot I was very nervous but confident," Heideman said. "After the first shot the pressure was off because I knew we could win in overtime. But, of course, I wanted to make both shots."

Looking back, Griffith thought the final game had a surreal aspect to it.

"We were totally in awe," Griffith said. "We felt like we were in a movie."

Although the team was jubilant after winning the championship, Gross had mixed emotions.

"I was relieved," Gross said. "There is so much pressure, and you think you'll be satisfied when you reach the next level, but its never good enough. The pressure just keeps building."

Senior players were Heideman, Griffith, Aaron McGhee, Beau Sloan, Derrick Owens and Anthony Stewart.

"A lot of guys cried in the locker room after the game," Griffith remembered. "It was a mixture of joy and sadness. Joy because we had won, and sadness because the seniors realized it was their last game."

The prestigious title of state champs made the journey even more memorable but wasn't the most important thing, according to Gross.

"I remember telling them before the game how much fun it was to get there," he said. □

Track and field program built on strong historical footing

BY KATY MILANE

Looking at the multiple state title banners in the gym and the display cases full of trophies, it is obvious that Hoban has had a long and successful athletic history. One area where Hoban has an exceptional amount of athletic success is its track and field program.

The 1963 season produced not just one star athlete, but a team full of champions. The most successful Hoban season to date in 1963, the team took second place in the Inter-City Conference meet, with then-junior Walt O'Connor placing first in the 220-yard dash. A team including current boys track and field coach Mike Beavan set a new school record

in the mile relay, while Bernie Zaucha, now the brother-in-law of Hoban teacher Rose Zaucha, broke the standing record in the 120-yard high hurdles. An impressive total of six records was broken that year.

Another standout season for the Knights came in 1992. The boys team took first place at the NEO All Catholic meet and the Orrville Invitational. A relay team—consisting of Paul Donatelli, Spencer McHargh, Johnnie Boyer and future Hoban teacher Eric Freund—set the current school record in the 4x400, while another relay—composed of Nate Riles, Pat Antonino, McHargh and Boyer—set the standing record for the 4x100. Both teams later captured state titles in their events.

Perhaps the best known product of Hoban's track and field program is Harry "Butch" Reynolds, an Olympic medalist and former world record-holder. A first team All-Ohio athlete during his time at Hoban, Reynolds went on to win the 400-meter race at the 1987 NCAA Track and Field Outdoor Championships. He set a world record in the 400 meters (43.39) in 1988, which went unchallenged until Aug. 23, 1999, when Michael Johnson broke it. Reynolds also won silver and gold medals as a member of the U.S. 4x400-meter relay team at the 1993 and 1995 World Championships, and he continues to compete even today.

From standout seasons to future Olympians, Hoban's track and field tradition is legendary. □



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

In addition to the usual copies of the Hoban Highlights you receive each year, the Alumni Association has decided to publish this special edition of the Visor—Hoban History.

In putting together this issue, it was the Visor staff's intent to give Hoban's current student population a slice of the history they are now becoming a part of. However, when the project was completed, it had turned into something the Alumni Association and the Visor staff wanted to share with a wider audience.

Because of that, you—the people who have given Hoban its history and gave life to this issue—are now receiving it. We hope you will enjoy the work that has been done and take pride in your place in Hoban history.

Sincerely,

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