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Celebrating 89 years of tradition.

Big success!

This year's sold-out ShamrAuction gave a nod to the Big Apple, and raised money for tuition assistance.

State champ!

Brandon Wright wrestles to the 112-pound title.



a message from the president

Dear Friend of Cathedral,

Our Board of Directors recently approved a revised Vision for Cathedral High School that reads as follows:

Cathedral High School, a Catholic institution, will be the model for all high schools as she profoundly shapes the way students think, serve and lead.



“Cathedral continues to grow and evolve ... We do all of this with our

Throughout this *Highlights* issue you will see examples of how various members of the Cathedral family—teachers, staff members, alumni and, most importantly, students—participate in activities that help this school develop servant leaders. Those who are on this campus each day, growing and learning together, become those who serve the world around them, whether that service be to family, friends, church, community, or more.

I am pleased to share with you that Cathedral High School will take this to the “next level,” as some may say. You might have read recently that Sister Jackie McCracken will become the director of service learning here at Cathedral in August. Sister McCracken (who prefers to be called Jackie, just so you know) most recently has developed service learning programs at college campuses around Indiana as executive director of Indiana Campus Compact.

You might be asking yourself what I mean by “service learning.” The term “servant-leadership” first appeared in an essay by Robert Greenleaf, entitled *The Servant as Leader*. At Cathedral, it might be described as a student-centered teaching method that combines the traditions of service and excellent curricular instruction here at Cathedral. Through real-world experiential learning, students broaden their knowledge and understanding of our community and world. This creates meaningful opportunities that develop critical thinking and problem-

solving skills as well as spiritual and social responsibility. All of this will support Greenleaf’s theory that true leadership emerges from individuals and/or groups whose primary motivation is to serve others.

What might this look like at Cathedral? Well, to be quite candid, you begin to see this concept exemplified in this *Highlights* issue. Our students hone their leadership skills through their daily actions by participating in our 80-plus clubs and activities. They develop leadership skills that they will take with them to college and beyond. Sister Jackie’s presence will serve to expand what already are tremendous classroom experiences and numerous extracurricular opportunities, helping our students to come closer to realizing this Vision that we have for Cathedral (and, really, for her students).

As I have shared with you before, Cathedral continues to grow and evolve. Becoming one of Indiana’s leading high schools, and thus a model for other high schools, in the area of service learning is just one example. But we do all of this with our history and tradition, and corresponding Mission and Vision, at the center of our efforts.

We hope you will look for opportunities to support Cathedral High School and her efforts to develop tomorrow’s leaders at this exceptional school. We ask for your prayers as well as your gifts of time and financial resources. God calls us to serve others, so we ask that you serve this fine institution that strives daily to serve our world. God bless you for doing so! ☘

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen J. Helmich'.

Stephen J. Helmich
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Winter is a funny time for us humans. While a good snowstorm is God's way of getting us to slow down, I for one have to consciously remind myself to go out and let the crunch of my boots on that snow reset the rhythm of my soul. And even if I've made that effort, I sometimes find myself longing for the sun and warm winds of summer.

Maybe warm weather was a slight motivator for some from Cathedral who traveled to Mexico over Christmas break to help with the school's annual Casas por Cristo mission trip. Each year Cheri Halstead, our service enrichment coordinator, gathers a group of students and adult chaperones to build a home for a family in dire need of assistance. After seeing some photos and hearing the stories, (pages 10-11) I was reminded of why I made a similar journey myself some years ago.

As a reporter, I had been given an assignment to travel to Mexico with a group from a local church who, like Halstead's group, were going to build a cement-block home for a family that was "living" on about \$5 a week. I had to find the answer to why these folks were giving up their vacation time and money to go to a desolate corner of the world and build a house for a family they didn't know.

I had done mission trips before — including a tour that found me roofing homes in Mississippi in July — and so I thought I already knew the "why". When it's 5,000-degrees outside, you hate heights, and yet you climb the ladder each morning to do the work the answer is simple: It feels good to share what you have with others who don't, and it's the right thing to do.

Still, I went to Mexico.

And I very quickly learned that I didn't know half of what motivates people to do for others.

That week I got the worst cement burn of my life and was never so grateful for such discomfort. It was that burn that helped me see Christ in the faces of each family member who looked at us with this awkward kind of awe each day that we returned to the build site.

I was able to see Christ in the faces of the little children, who gathered into a half-circle each morning and sang us a song.

I was able to see Christ in one man who was making a return trip to the region, and thus came with a simple gift — over-the-counter medications.

For the first time in my life I was able to see that Christ lives in all of us.

I think that experience helps guide me today, when I look at the amazing work that goes on in and through Cathedral, and how I see Christ here.

I'm constantly inspired by our teachers who reach into some well that I know I don't have, and repeatedly pull up the initiative and ingenuity required to complete some of the class projects like those featured on the "About Irish" pages. I'm awed by alums like M.T. Boyle, (page 56) who has such love for the Cathedral family she volunteers her time and talents.

I'm struck by the compassion our young people possess, especially when I see them serve as role models to little children who are awed by their mere presence, let alone their acts of kindness and generosity (page 6).

I know I fall short in my attempt to live a life for which I'll one day be comfortable answering.

But I can't help but get excited about the opportunities that remain to see Christ in all those who surround me here at Cathedral. 🙏



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On the cover: Spotter Mark Welsh, '08, keeps an eye on dad Mike Welsh's bid card during the 2008 ShamrAuction. Dozens of students like Mark volunteered at the event, which benefits tuition assistance. Highlights photo, Rich Miller.

Prayer: O Risen Lord and Savior, all creation feel new life throbbing within it. Our Lenten journey with You, Jesus, has brought us redemption and our hearts also throb with renewed Faith and joyful Hope. We thank You for Your great love for us, your brothers and sisters. With love in our hearts, we praise you, O Risen Lord. Alleluia. Amen.

— Sr. Dolores Jean Nellis

a message from the principal

Dear Cathedral Friends,

One of our major recent tasks was to review the Cathedral High School Vision and Mission Statements to make sure they are still current for the 21st century. While our vision and mission are unchanged, we know that words do make a difference as we communicate to our Cathedral family and the public. These revised and simplified documents are given here:

Cathedral High School Vision

Cathedral High School, a Catholic institution, will be the model for all high schools as she profoundly shapes the way students think, serve and lead.

Cathedral High School Mission

Cathedral, a Catholic college preparatory high school, provides to a diverse group of students opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth through service and academic excellence.

I have reviewed our current school year so far to be sure that these guiding principles lead our activities.

- Spiritually, we continue to have many retreat opportunities for our students. We offer seven senior retreats, single overnight programs for junior students, Days of Recollection at Fatima Retreat House for sophomores, and an orientation day and Day of Recollection for our freshman students. We offer Reconciliation Services as well as several all-school liturgies for our students, Mass on campus four days per week plus a communion service every Monday morning.

- Academically, we have continued to work with our faculty using Professional Learning Communities to share the best we do with other departments. We have reached a point where members of our faculty can instruct each other on new methods available in education today; outside specialists are not required as much as in the past. As one student told me, Cathedral is great because here, it is "cool to be smart!" I am very pleased to be a part of such a great educational environment.

- We have a strong service component required each year as students progress toward graduation. In addition, this year, we began a service day with our faculty and staff, and we encouraged our students to volunteer on that day, also.

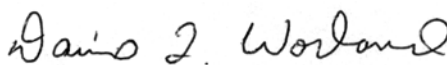
- Socially, Cathedral continues to be a vibrant center where fun, moral development and excellence in education are combined to bring a holistic environment for 1,285 students. Our campus is a busy spot all year long with social activities such as post-football and basketball gatherings, Homecoming and Winterfest weeks, dances, theatre productions and class activities.

- As educators, we are very aware that we serve in the place of parents for a good portion of our students' school days. In order to provide maximum protection for these precious young lives, each member of the Cathedral faculty and staff has been trained and certified in CPR this school year. We also have three defibrillators installed throughout the school.

- Emotionally, we attempt to provide a positive environment for our students. For those who have further needs, we offer counseling from school personnel as well as a licensed school social worker.

- Physically, nearly 90 percent of our students will have participated in at least one sports team during their high school years. We believe that it is necessary to develop physically as well as academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually in order to become a healthy adult.

From my perspective, I see a bright and energetic group of youths who are trying out their giftedness and their abilities as they approach adulthood. They sometimes will seek to leap ahead a few steps too fast and will be pulled back to a more appropriate level, but in trying their power, they are able to practice becoming the great individuals that they will become. ☘



David L. Worland
Principal



"I see a bright and energetic group of youths ... (At Cathedral,) they are able to practice becoming the great individuals that they will become."



Highlights photos/Jo Cavanaugh

Students including Jennie Shipley (above) and Lauren Caldemeyer (below) said the time spent with their new friends was the best part of the book project.

Book buddies

The 124 sophomores in Jo Cavanaugh's Theology 10 classes made books for students in Grades K-1 at three local Catholic grade schools, focusing on how Jesus is portrayed through the Gospel of Luke.

Cavanaugh said, "Each sophomore met with one little one for about 10 to 15 minutes. They went through the books and then gave the books to their little buddies, and each book was



inscribed with the little one's name."

After the book distribution, the older students had to write reaction papers for Cavanaugh, and many, she said, noted that the experience helped them better understand Luke's gospel.

"This truly is a win/win," Cavanaugh said. "My students learned how fun it is to share your gifts with someone else. They truly made a difference ... with the little ones." 🌟

Organization honors Irish sophomore



The American Heart Association recently honored junior Jeremy Nelson with the Tyler J. Whisman Survivors Award. The award is presented to a young person who has survived heart disease and has given back to his or her community by being a representative for the American Heart Association.

Jeremy was born with Long QT Syndrome, a disorder of the heart's electrical system. After tests revealed he had Long QT Syndrome, Jeremy was implanted with a pacemaker and defibrillator.

The disease has had a major effect on Jeremy, but he has not let his condition rule his life. He is an avid fundraiser and vocal supporter of the AHA, even encouraging classmates to get involved in a fundraiser for the organization. 🌟



Teacher Cyndi Levin (back to camera) answers a question for lab partners Andrew Puente, 17, and Lira Meade, 19, before the team begins its dissection project.

Highlights photos/
Lisa Renze-Rhodes

Coursework gives college perspective

Students in Cyndi Levin's Human Anatomy and Physiology class got a chance to learn more about the makeup of mammals during a dissection project in January. Levin said that students in six classes worked together in pairs to dissect a cat or dog. Each system of the mammal was dissected and studied, in

addition to more thorough examinations of organs including the kidneys and heart. Later this year the students will take a field trip to the Indiana University School of Medicine and study a human cadaver with the help of two IU professors. 🐾



Poetry comes alive

Kim Jamell's Spanish V AP class was challenged to complete a difficult writing assignment after reading pieces by a 17th century Mexican nun. The works were required to use a specific pattern called "quatrain". Reciting their work (from left) are Stan Swithers, Nick Werle and Andrew Pimentel. 🐾



Playing the part

Students in Lucy Robie's Latin IV class took their coursework to new heights when they completed special projects in their study of Virgil's *The Aeneid*. For his project, **Matt Keyes** (above) portrayed Aeneas, a Trojan prince and hero of Virgil's epic tale. 🌿

Contest draws dozens of Irish

Cathedral was well-represented in the first round of competitive tests sponsored by The Mathematical Association of America.

Lisa Ford, chairwoman of the math department, said the tests are rigorous, and qualified students are hand-picked to sit for the exam.

"Participating in these pres-

tigious contests at any level is an honor," Ford said.

This year's American Mathematics Competition (first round) participants were:

Seniors

- Brian Bowman
- Conor Hofmeister
- Joe Kluemper
- Tyler Knight
- Ben Deitch
- Tori Schopper
- Sarah Smith
- Colleen McGrath
- Chris Merchun
- Erin Mershon
- Rebecca TeKolste
- Sarah Niederberger
- Jeff Sterrett
- Rose Plomin

Juniors

- Samantha Stempky
- Katie Laine
- Elizabeth Kelly
- Christiana Gray
- Alec MacDonell
- Lisa Edwards
- David Wacker
- Ethan Helvering
- Laura Braswell
- Stevie Kennedy
- Pat Sullivan
- Taylor Marshall
- Emily Oskay
- Jack Gibbons
- Adam Broady
- Stephen Scheller

Sophomores

- John Macke
- Kelsey Fink
- Sarah Renie
- Patrick Laskowski
- Joel Becker
- Zach Czachura
- Greg Welage
- Chris Kauffman
- Sam Quigley
- Jack Leemhuis
- Melissa Schopper

- Anna Ventimiglia
- Lizzy MacGill

Freshmen

- Kelley Ford
- Nick Smith
- Sarah Tekolste
- Allison Crone
- Allison Lowe
- Nick Petruzzi
- Jay Ruckelshaus 🌿



Davis honored

Senior Karis Davis has been named a Commended Scholar by the National Achievement Scholarship Program, said Mike Jaskoski, Cathedral's director of guidance and college advising.

The Commended Scholar program is the African-American arm of the National Merit Corp.

Students receiving this honor scored in the top 5 percent of more than 140,000 African-Americans who requested consideration for the 2008 National Achievement Program when they took the 2006 PSAT/NMSQT test. 🌿



Students get up a little early once a month to share breakfast and talk about what they've been reading as part of the school's Books and Bagels Club. Members include first row (from far left): Sam Quigley, Rose Roberts, Stephanie Brown, Jim Berlage, Morgan Lewis, Peter Wasky, Samantha Sloan and Melissa Schopper. Back row (from left) are Connor Doll (poking through ribbons), Brittany Lee, Hilary Whitsett, Megan Kloc, Katie Laine, Kelsey Massa, Clara Becker, Emily Brelage, Carleigh O'Brien and Mattie Brokaw.

Book club encourages love of reading

Bagels are served with a side of discussion when the Cathedral book club, "Books and Bagels" gathers each month to talk about stories members have read.

Barb Fitzgerald and Melinda Bundy are the club's moderators. Fitzgerald said the group

nurtures students' lifelong habit of reading for pleasure.

"I am amazed how many true readers we have at Cathedral," Fitzgerald said. "The club ... allows students to trade titles and (exchange) informal book reviews with each other."

Monthly, the students decide through an open forum what books will be read, and once completed the group reconvenes in the media center to talk.

Fitzgerald said Jenny Herron, media center staff member, deco-

rates the library to fit the theme of the discussion.

While those talks are led by older students, Fitzgerald said everyone chimes in.

"Many freshmen and sophomores also find their literary voices at book club," she said.

Other teachers and staff members join the discussions, adding depth of perspective and life experience to the talks.

"We all think it is so fun," Fitzgerald said. ☺

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Students spend
Christmas break
doing for others

HOME for the HOLIDAY

By **MICHELLE EROTAS**
MEGAPHONE STAFF WRITER

While most Cathedral students were savoring the last week of their Christmas vacation, 19 seniors journeyed to Mexico to help provide a better life for others.

The students — led by Cheri Halstead — campus ministry service liaison, and four other chaparones headed to Juarez, a town just south of the U.S. border to build a home for a family that was living in what amounted to a shack.

This was the fifth year that a group from Cathedral made what are known as a Casas por Cristo trip.

As before, most of the seniors were amazed at the widespread poverty they witnessed.

“When you got there, you saw the poverty and thought ‘Wow—this is real,’” said Andrea Aikman.



“You see it on TV and think it’s so far away, but we were only 20 minutes from the border.”

Joe Pavlik added, “I know kids whose bedrooms are bigger than those houses whole families were living in.”

The work was grueling and the accommodations were simple

ABOVE: Casas por Cristo construction leader Sean Morell and Cathedral senior Lauren Hall survey the home when it was about 80 percent completed.

LEFT: Senior Jessi Crouse gets some love from Mariana, 8, whose family owns the home that was built by the Irish.

— the students slept on hard wooden floors. But those inconveniences, the students said, served to connect the Irish to the people they were helping.

“You noticed things you would normally take for granted,” said Jasmine Bigbee.

Students had to raise their own money for the trip, and Spanish classes collected hygiene products that were delivered to others in Juarez.

Halstead said that after five



Highlights photos/submitted by Jessi Crouse

years of work a transformation is taking place in the town.

"What I am encouraged and buoyed up by is the improvement I keep seeing in the neighborhood," she said.

The positive experience made a lasting impression on some members of the group, and many of the seniors are hoping to go back to Juarez this summer. Many said they felt a connection to Juarez, and they want to work more to further improve the area's overall condition.

"I don't think anyone really wanted to leave," Bigbee said.

"It was definitely the best thing I've ever done," Pavlik said. 🍀

Four named Merit Finalists



Cathedral's fantastic four are (from left): Rebecca TeKolste, Erin Mershon, Elizabeth Flood and Alexander Layton.

Cathedral staff and students joined together at a recent pep assembly to salute this year's 2008 National Merit Finalists.

They are Elizabeth Flood, Alexander Layton, Erin Mershon and Rebecca TeKolste.

"These students have challenged themselves to follow our most rigorous curriculum, and they have been most successful in their endeavors," said Denise Farrell, vice principal for academic affairs.

"We thank them for the leadership they've shown in all

aspects of student life here at Cathedral High and congratulate them and their families."

Also honored this year by the College Board were Commended Scholars Samuel Becker, Simone Boos, Brian Bowman, Kelsey Brennan, Elizabeth Chaten, Ben Deitch, Peter Elliott, Samuel Johns, Joseph Kluemper, Caroline Lemke, Sarah Niederberger, Andrew Pimentel, Michael Radlick, Victoria Schopper, Sarah Smith and Christopher Steinmetz. 🍀

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Irish March for Life

By SAMANTHA STEMPKY
MEGAPHONE STAFF WRITER

Surely the spirit of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was guiding four students when they left Cathedral on the day the country marks King's birth and headed to Washington, D.C., for a rally and activist march.

Representing Cathedral's pro-life club, Lifesavers, senior Gaby Smith and juniors Taylor Schultheis, Emily Collins and I climbed aboard a bus early Jan. 21 for the 11-hour ride to Washington to participate in the annual March for Life.

We joined students from Bishop Chatard High School and those from North Deanery parishes for the trip to participate in the march, which this year marks the 35th event protesting "Roe vs. Wade," the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

"I decided to go last year and this year because I think it is important to voice our opinion to support life," said Collins. "It is also an opportunity for the pro-life community to come together and support each other."

We attended a rally and stayed at a nearby church. After joining others from the Archdiocese for a special private Mass in the Crypt of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, our group ate lunch and then headed to the march.

"My favorite part of the trip is the march because it is so powerful and moving to see the huge mass of people who are there to stand up for those who can't stand up for themselves," Collins said.

With as many as 300,000 people attending annually, the March for Life is considered the most-attended annual march in Washington, D.C. The event draws people from all across the nation, and this year included international representation, with a group from Italy.

"It was amazing to see how many people care and seeing all different ages, all different ethnic people and different religions," Smith said.

"The hardest part was seeing the graphic pictures



LEFT: Juniors (from left) Samantha Stempky, Taylor Schultheis, senior Gaby Smith and junior Emily Collins participated in the 35th annual March for Life rally in January.

toward the end of the march of the bloody aborted babies ... just thinking how can people and the doctors do these abortions?"

Those who attended the march came away with a new resolve to protest abortion.

"Any pro-lifers out there should definitely go on this pilgrimage because it's so touching and amazing!" Smith said. "I loved it despite the cold, rain and bus ride—it's definitely worth it. I especially loved seeing all different types of people congregated in the freezing cold and rain coming from all over the states to march for life!"

"I am pro-life because I believe that all life is sacred and that all children deserve to be born. We have a responsibility to give all people the right to life and treasure the gifts they have to offer to society," Collins said. "I believe that we all, including the unborn, deserve liberty and justice as stated in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Even in my third year attending the march, the number of teenagers and college students standing up for the unborn consistently astonishes me. Marching around the Supreme Court building makes me proud to fight for something I passionately believe in. It is also amazing how a trip like this can bring people together—standing up for the same cause creates a very deep bond that breaks normal social boundaries. Ironically, each year we hope that someday there will be no need for us to come, because all people will have an equal opportunity to live. ☺

Pimentel named National Hispanic Scholar winner



Senior Andrew Pimentel has been named a National Hispanic Scholar, said Mike Jaskoski, Cathedral's director of guidance and college advising.

The award was initiated by the College Board in 1983 to identify outstanding Hispanic high school students and to share information about these academically well-prepared students with colleges and universities.

Pimentel is one of 3,300 of the highest scoring students from a total of 124,000 high school juniors who took the PSAT/NMSQT and designated themselves as Hispanic.

The nationwide selection also includes students from Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and U.S. citizens attending international and APO schools. 🌿



ABOVE: Cathedral students enjoyed learning a new game called Sharbade, designed to strengthen shoulders, arms and backs. **LEFT:** Goalies in Sharbade must lie on the scooter to protect the goal.

PE activity a student favorite

Sharbade, created by Tom Mulry, a Cathedral neighbor, is a game played on specialized scooters and is a mixture of hockey, soccer and basketball.

Typically played on a basketball court, players advance the ball either by passing to another player or by dribbling "Sharbade style." Kicking the ball is prohibited. The object is to score by putting

the ball into a goal protected by a goalie.

Coach and teacher Rhonda Low said the activity quickly became a favorite.

"Cathedral students enjoyed this new unit in our physical education classes. The speed of the game increases with strength and conditioning." 🌿

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Art students honored for work

The Scholastics Art Awards Competition, the largest in Indiana, brings more than 1,500 pieces of artwork from more than 40 Central Indiana counties together for the annual "Judgment Day."

Art educators selected their students' best work and brought those to Indianapolis for judging. A jury of 12 professional artists and educators selected the top works for Gold Key (highest award on a regional level) and Silver Key (second-highest award on a regional level) Awards, as well as American Vision Awards (Best of Show).

From the original 1,500, some 300 of the strongest pieces, including the work of Cathedral High School students, were selected to receive top honors.

Congratulations to this year's winners from Cathedral:

Mac Banks —

Silver Key – Sculpture

Dominic Corsaro —

Silver Key – Ceramics and Glass

Allison Loew –

Silver Key – Drawing

Emily Oskay —

Silver Key – Drawing

Gold Key – Photography

Olivia Scheidler —

Honorable Mention – Photography

Michael Stevens —

Silver Keys (2) – Ceramics and Glass

Gold Key (1) – Ceramics and Glass

Best of Show Portfolio 🎨

Vocalists and musicians earn state awards

Congratulations to vocal and piano students who competed in the Indiana State School Music Association district contest. Those who advanced to state were:

Pianists – Kyle Barker and Audra Sloan

Vocal solos – Kyle Barker, Mattie Brokaw, Brittany Casavant, Malcolm Herbert, Carolyn Humbert, Maureen Kennedy, Emily Mansfield, Kelsey Massa, Audra Sloan and Tyler Webb.

Girls Barbershop Quartet – Abby Hammond, Hannah Moman, Natasha Olsson and Julia Tirinnanzi.

Girls Trio – Carolyn Humbert, Emily Mansfield and Sarah Niederberger.

Girls' Trio – Laura Henry, Kelsey Massa, and Julie McLaughlin.

Mixed Quartet – Mattie Brokaw, Malcolm Herbert, Ashlee Mills and Tyler Webb.

Mixed Octet – Kyle Barker, Chase Haskin, Malcolm Herbert, Carolyn Humbert, Maureen Kennedy, Megan Kloc, Emily Mansfield and Steven Meuleman.

Pop Swing Large Ensemble

– Brittany Casavant, Abby Hammond, Laura Henry, Hannah Hilboldt, Brittany Ignas, Maria Malm, Emily Mansfield, Kelsey Massa, Julie McLaughlin, Hannah Moman, Natasha Olsson, Jade Powers, Taylor Schultheis, and Julia Tirinnanzi.

Advanced Choir Large Ensemble

– Kyle Barker, Mattie Brokaw, Danielle Charbonneau, Chase Haskin, Malcolm Herbert, Carolyn Humbert, Megan Kloc, Emily Mansfield, Kelsey Massa, Steven Meuleman, Ashlee Mills, Sarah Niederberger, Shelby Robb, Alana Tice and Tyler Webb.

Congratulations also to those who received a Silver at ISSMA:

Vocal Solos – Samuel Becker, Chase Haskin, Megan Kloc, Maria Malm, Julie McLaughlin, Steven Meuleman, Ashlee Mills, Sarah Niederberger, Alana Tice and Mary Ann White.

Girls Trio – Katie Barker, Christine White and Mary Ann White.

Girls Trio – Maria Malm, Jade Powers and Taylor Schultheis.

Girls Ensemble – Brittany Casavant, Brittany Ignas and Anna Nassiri.

Girls Ensemble – Katie Barker, Katie Gordon, Anna Nassiri, Brittany Noe, Gabby Salgado, Christine White and Mary Ann White.

We're also proud of these students who received a Gold in Division II:

Piano solo – Stefanie Allen, Emily



ISSMA vocal winners were front row (from left): Emily Mansfield, Sarah Niederberger, Kelsey Massa and Brittany Ignas. Second row: Julie McLaughlin, Carolyn Humbert, Megan Kloc, Brittany Casavant. Third row: Maria Malm, Laura Henry, Julia Tirinnanzi, Abby Hammond and Hannah Hilboldt. Fourth row: Hannah Moman and Taylor Schultheis. Back row: Tyler Webb, Jade Powers and Malcolm Herbert. Not pictured: Kyle Barker, Mattie Brokaw, Danielle Charbonneau, Chase Haskin, Maureen Kennedy, Steven Meuleman, Ashlee Mills, Natasha Olsson, Shelby Robb and Alana Tice.

McKnight, and Christine White.

Niederberger.

Receiving a Silver in Division II:

Piano solo – Cara Fitzgerald.

Mixed Quartet – Mattie Brokaw, Malcolm Herbert, Ashlee Mills and Tyler Webb.

Those receiving Gold ratings at state were:

Pianists – Kyle Barker and Audra Sloan.

Vocal Soloists – Kyle Barker, Mattie Brokaw, Malcolm Herbert, Carolyn Humbert, Maureen Kennedy, Emily Mansfield, Audra Sloan and Tyler Webb.

Girls Barbershop Quartet – Abby Hammond, Hannah Moman, Natasha Olsson and Julia Tirinnanzi.

Girls Trio – Carolyn Humbert, Emily Mansfield and Sarah

Advanced Choir – Kyle Barker, Mattie Brokaw, Danielle Charbonneau, Chase Haskin, Malcolm Herbert, Carolyn Humbert, Maureen Kennedy, Megan Kloc, Emily Mansfield, Kelsey Massa, Steven Meuleman, Ashlee Mills, Sarah Niederberger, Shelby Robb, Alana Tice and Tyler Webb.

Pop Swing – Brittany Casavant, Abby Hammond, Laura Henry, Hannah Hilboldt, Maria Malm, Emily Mansfield, Kelsey Massa, Julie McLaughlin, Hannah Moman, Sarah Niederberger, Natasha Olsson, Taylor Schultheis and Julia Tirinnanzi.

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Those receiving a Silver rating:

Vocal Solos – Brittany Casavant and Kelsey Massa.

Girls Trio – Laura Henry, Kelsey Massa and Julie McLaughlin.

Mixed Octet – Kyle Barker, Chase Haskin, Malcolm Herbert, Carolyn Humbert, Maureen Kennedy, Megan Kloc, Emily Mansfield and Steven Meuleman.

At the Prelude Competition Awards Banquet, Cathedral senior Hillary Smith and North Central senior Leela Rothenberg, teamed up in a vocal duet to win the top honors in the Collaboration category. Tyler Webb, one of the four finalists in vocal music, was awarded Butler University's vocal scholarship.

Congratulations, Hillary, Tyler and all the students who worked so hard for these competitions. 🍀🍀

Five get early ND admission

Seniors Kelsey Brennan, Liz Chaten, Elizabeth Flood, Andrew Pimentel and Sarah Smith each applied and received early admittance to the University of Notre Dame.

While not all five have decided if they are going to remain "Fighting Irish," Cathedral congratulates them and their parents on their achievements. 🍀

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Fun (!?) with **FROMMAGE**



RIGHT: Sarah Bauer gives her piece of cheese the smell test during the tasting project. Students were asked to record their impressions of the appearance, smell and textures of the cheeses, which they rated on taste as well. While some students loved the tastings, others weren't sold on some of the flavors.



TOP: Laura Braswell isn't sure what to make of the cheese she tried first during a tasting in Gary Spurgin's French classes. Multiple types of cheeses, like those shown above, all with different flavors and textures, were tasted by the students in the project that exposes students to French culture and cuisine.



At Latin Day (front row from left): Emilie Board, Kelsey Fink, Kelsey Knoblauch, Elizabeth Kelly, Kelsey Massa, Touré Scott, Rachael Thompson and teacher Lucy B. Robie. Second row are Emily Oskay, Margaret Kaster, Emily Rinehart, Tyler Knoblauch, Dale Pedzinski, Mary Muse and Emily Flecher. Back row are Michael Preuschl, Thomas Graham, Sarah Michaelis, Paige Mason, Ryan Babcock, Jacob Pedzinski, Jared Kidwell, Andrew Deering, Joe Witchger, Louis Herron, Patrick Steinmetz and teachers Jenny Pearson and Barb Potts.

Irish participate in annual Latin Day

Students from Cathedral were among about 420 Hoosier Latin students who took part in the Indiana Junior Classical League President's Day/Fall Latin Day, held in November at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

The event featured the special exhibit, "Roman Art from the Louvre," which was on display at the museum at the time. Other activities during the day included a certamen (quiz bowl-style) competition and a discussion about Roman family life.

This year's event was the 30th-annual Latin Day. ☘



Sophomores enjoy Blessing of Rings

The members of the Class of 2010 gathered in December for the annual sophomore Blessing of the Rings ceremony.

The event has become a rite of passage for the 10th-graders, who become stronger members of the Cathedral family when they have

their class, or special family ring, blessed during the ceremony.

Father William Munshower, '50, presided over the service that included

prayers read by class members, music and the ring blessing.

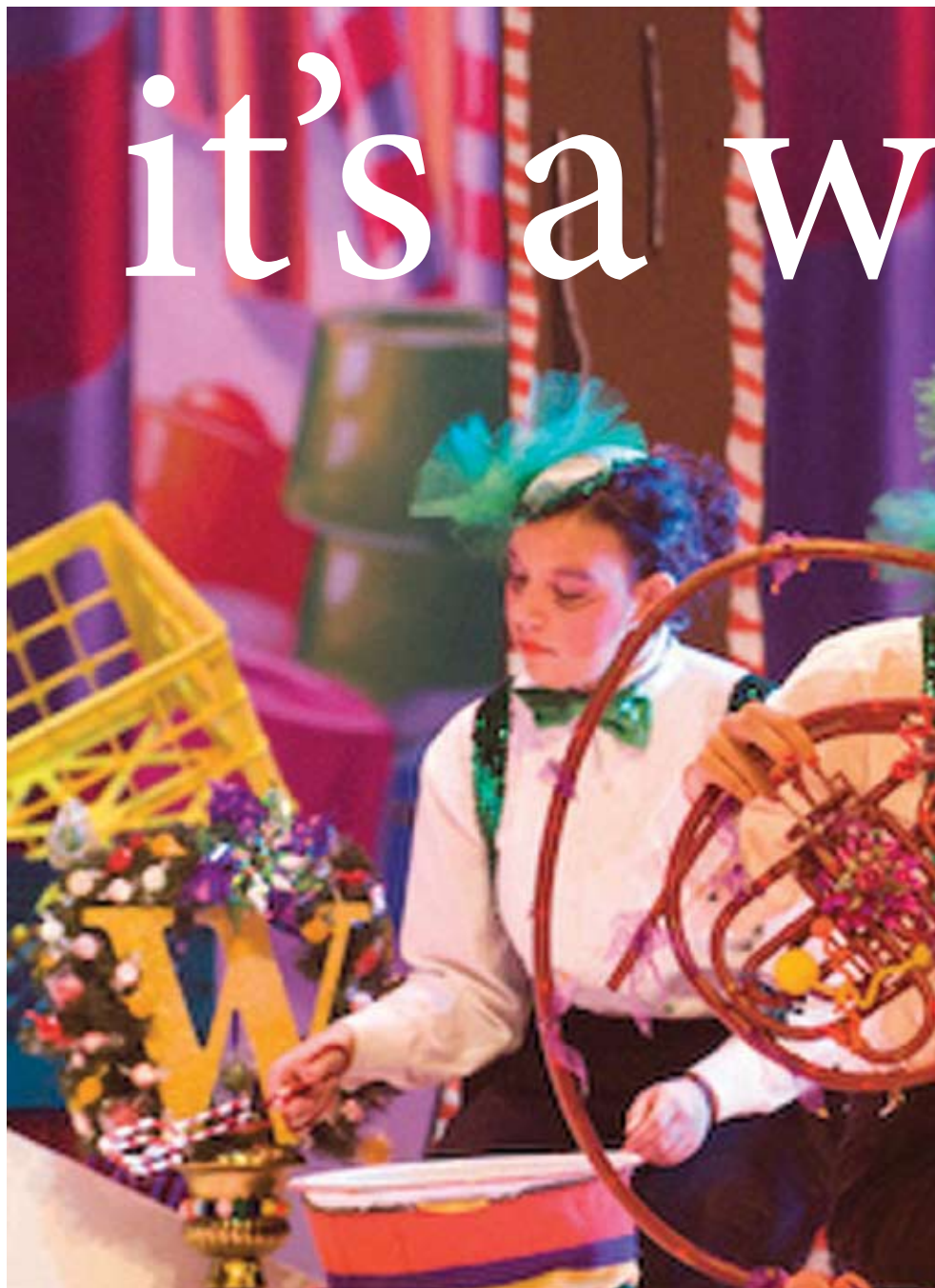
Students, like Laura Leyden (above left) are called up individually to receive their ring and congratulations from Father. ☘

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Colorful costumes on a fairytale set brought Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to life for many. The show was this year's children's production. FAR RIGHT: Charles Benberry mugs for the camera. RIGHT: Megan Baker, left, and Liz Chaten enjoyed helping bring Willy Wonka's world to life for the little ones. BELOW: Pete Elliott as Willy Wonka.

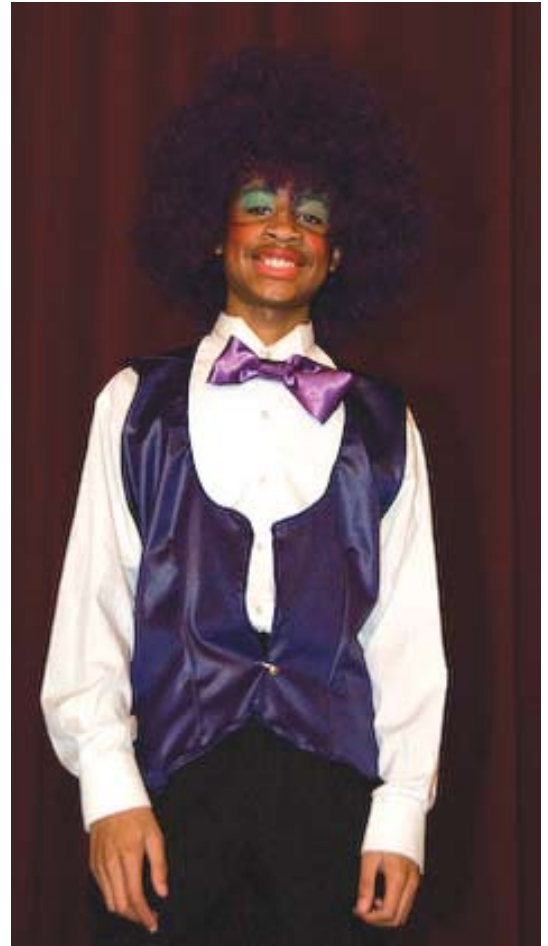


FAR RIGHT: Liz Janoson helps keep the show on track by running one of the sound boards.
CENTER: Caitlin Weber brings her character to life for the young people in the audience.
RIGHT: Freshman Ellen Lee (left) and senior Kerry Barmann as the famous "Oompa Loompas."





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Irish fare well in instrumental competitions

Congratulations to those instrumental musician students who competed in the Indiana State School Music Association district contest. The following participants have advanced to the state competition:

Simone Boos - piccolo solo

Stevie Kennedy - piccolo solo

Audra Sloan - piccolo solo and
flute solo

Matthew Miller - oboe solo,
woodwind quartet

Elizabeth Chaten - clarinet solo

Randall Suggs - alto sax solo, alto
sax trio

William Escoffery - alto sax solo,
alto sax trio

Alec MacDonell - alto sax solo,
alto sax trio

Peter Jensen - trombone solo,
brass quartet

Kyle Barker - trombone solo

Jon Moore - brass quartet

Ian Champ - brass quartet

Will Reuter - brass quartet

Zach Czachura - euphonium solo

David Wacker - snare drum solo
and marimba solo

Kyle Torain - woodwind quartet

Ben Pietrzak - woodwind quartet

Stuart Showalter - woodwind
quartet



Front row from left: Zach Czachura and Peter Jensen. Row 2: David Linard and Kyle Tornin. Row 3: Will Reuter and Alec MacDonell. Row 4: Ian Champ, Matt Miller and Bill Escoffery. Row 5: Kyle Barker, Elizabeth Chaten, Stevie Kennedy and Simone Boos. Row 6: Stuart Showalter, Audra Sloan and Jon Moore. Last row: Ben Pietrzak and David Wacker.

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Additionally, for the first time in two years, Cathedral will have a representative in the Indiana All-State Band. Zach Czachura will represent the Irish, Matthew Miller was named alternate.

Also, several students were selected to Butler University All-Star Honor Band:

David Wacker - percussion
Andrew Perry - alto saxophone
Wesley Edwards - trombone
Rebecca Kemen - flute



Finally, three students were named to the Indiana Music Educators Honor Band:

Simone Boos - flute
David Linard - trombone
Matthew Miller - oboe

Congratulations to these students, their parents and teachers!



TOP: From left senior David Linard, junior Matthew Miller and senior Simone Boos.

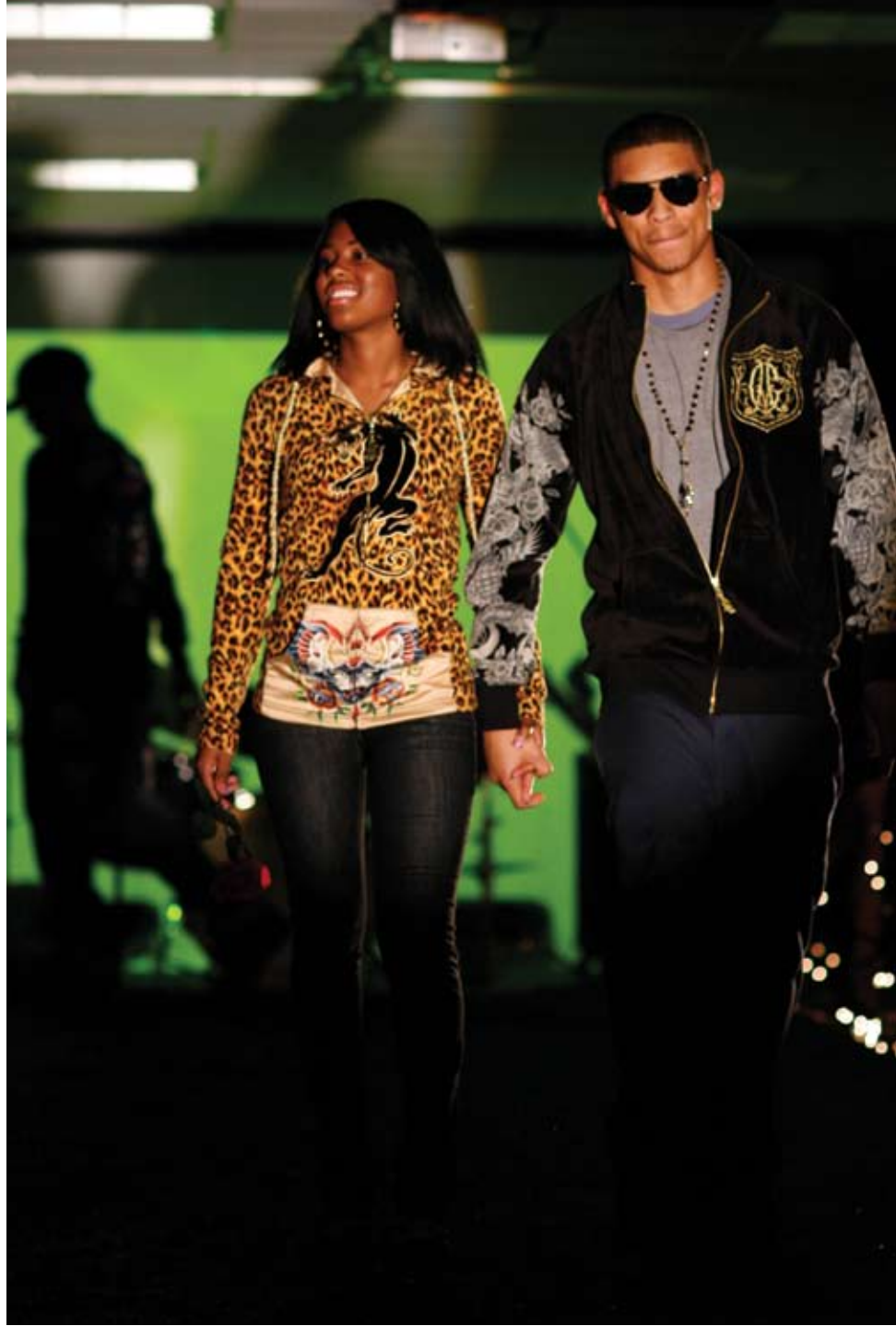
CENTER: From left Andrew Perry, junior David Wacker and Wesley Edwards, sophomore.

Not pictured: Rebecca Kemen, senior.

LEFT: Zach Czachura, sophomore and Matthew Miller, junior.

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on the catwalk



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Staff and
students take
to the runway
to raise
money for
Invisible
Children



FAR LEFT: Senior Chelsey Crowe sits patiently as a classmate helps apply her stage makeup.

ABOVE: Seniors Morgan Corbitt, left, and Mac Banks work the casual pieces they selected for the show.

LEFT: Math department colleagues Eric Schmidt, left, and Lisa Ford, show what the well-dressed teacher is wearing this spring.

Irish advance service learning

President Stephen J. Helmich and the faculty and staff are pleased to announce Sister Jackie McCracken, OSF, as the school's Service Learning Program director.

"For nearly 90 years, Cathedral has been committed to shaping the way her students think, serve and lead," Helmich said. "The addition of Sister McCracken as Service Learning Program director deepens that dedication by offering our teachers the opportunity to make service a cross-curricular activity that permeates our students' lives on all levels — academically, spiritually, intellectually and socially."

McCracken, 62, currently serves as the executive director of Indiana Campus Compact — a network of colleges dedicated to integrating service learning and civic involvement in higher education. She brings more than four decades of classroom teacher and administrative experience with her to Cathedral, where she will launch the newly created Service Learning Program director position.

"After doing this work on college campuses, I realize the importance and advantages of starting this work with younger people," McCracken said. "I'm excited to work with faculty, who will be helping students to understand early ... how they can effect change in the world."

Helmich said McCracken's position — funded through a multiyear grant award — does

not replace any of the outstanding efforts in servant leadership that have long been a hallmark of a Cathedral education. Rather, Helmich said, McCracken will work with any faculty members who want to intensify their students' appreciation and understanding of their role in the community, and how they can make substantial contributions now and throughout their adult lives.

"As Catholics and as Christians, we are called to serve God's people," said Principal David L. Worland. "Sister Jackie's experience will facilitate us making service more of an active part of our daily lives."

Sister McCracken will join the Cathedral faculty beginning in August 2008. 🐾

Cathedral marks Black History Month with special program

Faculty, staff and students celebrated Black History Month in February with a special convocation: "A Celebration of Black History and Culture."

The event featured the gospel choirs from Broad Ripple and Cathedral High Schools in one combined group, and the poetry of guest speaker Tasha Jones.

Jones (above right) is an educator, poet and founder of The Write Me Project. Through her work, Jones and two other visiting poets challenged the students to discard tired stereotypes and set the path for their own bright

futures by using positive words and influences in their own lives and when they interact with their peers. 🐾

Two from speech team go to state

Juniors Louis Welebob and Samantha Stempky will compete in the state speech competition at the end of March in Lafayette. Welebob advanced from sectionals for his declamation speech and Stempky for her discussion win.

Cathedral's three alternate winners are Alex Juerling in poetry, Collin LaMothe in original performance and Paige Neely in declamation.

Good luck to them and congratulations to our wonderful winning speakers and to the entire team for a good season. 🐾



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Some of the students involved in the *Man Who Came to Dinner* include: RIGHT: Emily McKnight (from left) Audrey Gelb and Megan Thedwell. BELOW: Thomas Graham, (from left) Mattie Brokaw and Anna Preuschl. BELOW RIGHT: Rachel Bell (left) and Ellen Lee.



Highlights photos/ Andy Bowman



Man Who Came to **DINNER** *Revisited by Cathedral* **THEATRE**





Class of 2000 grad shares Peace Corps life

Jake Knight, '00, (above) recently completed a 30-month tour in Mongolia as a member of the Peace Corps, then returned to Cathedral to share his experiences with Sara Koehler's theology classes.

"My experience in Mongolia allowed me countless opportunities to make friends, build relationships, speak a new language, learn about an unfamiliar culture, and teach and serve others," Knight said. "Indeed, I learned a great deal while I was there, about living in a developing country and about myself."

Koehler said the students were interested to learn about Knight's experiences overseas.

"Jake was a masterful and natural guest speaker," Koehler said. "The students were fascinated."

Knight said he would consider another tour with the Peace Corps because of all he learned and experienced.

"I hope I am able to maintain some of the ... discipline and the cultural sensitivity I developed while living and working in Mongolia." 🍀

Holiday Concert delights large crowd



TOP: Pete Jensen wails with the jazz band. RIGHT: Choir members who entertained were front row from left Kyle Barker and Ashlee Mills. Back row from left Tyler Webb and Malcolm Herbert.

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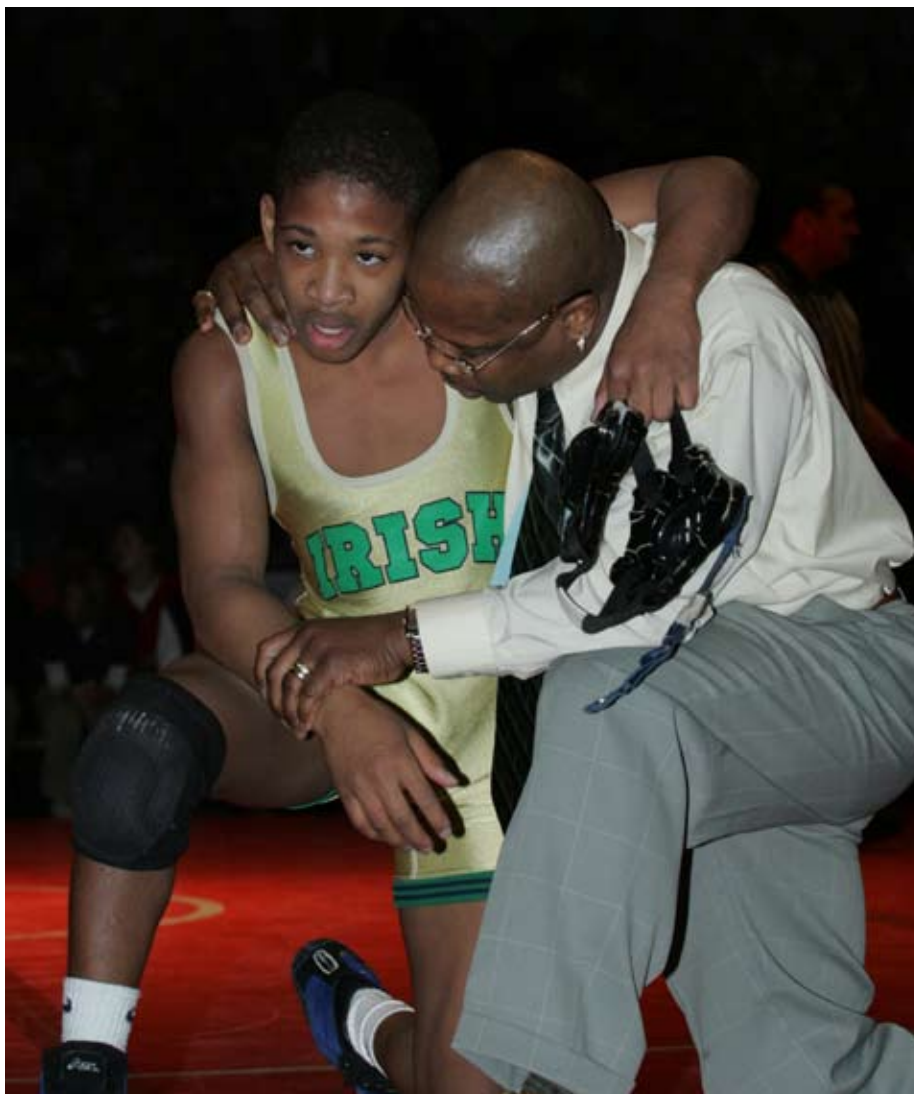
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State Champ

Brandon Wright lives up to family legacy; claims first Irish wrestling title in seven years.



Highlights photo/Rolly Landeros



Highlights photo/Mark Roach

Brandon Wright, a Cathedral sophomore, and his dad, Timothy, immediately connected after the younger Wright's state championship victory match.

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM STAFF

Brandon Wright had many motivations during the past month – and during the past season, for that matter.

A bit of revenge. And a whole lot of pride.

Those were two of the forces driving the Cathedral High School sophomore toward a state wrestling championship, the first such title for the Irish in seven years, but there was another motivation, too. Not a stronger force, necessarily, but certainly an important one — Brandon's dad, Timothy.

"I try to do something that he's never done, so I can have the edge on him," Brandon said.

Timothy Wright won two high school wrestling state titles in Illinois, then went on to win four Division II titles at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville before participating in the 1988 Olympic Trials.

Brandon's high school goal was one his father helped set: win four state titles, and at the very

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No regrets

Irish grapplers turn tough loss into memorable season

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM STAFF

Early in February, the Cathedral High School wrestling team had something to prove.

Less than three weeks later, the Irish had just done that.

How they did it, and what transpired in the 17 days after a tough tournament loss, was something special, said Irish coach Sean McGinley.

The Irish put a devastating night behind them.

They regained focus.

They peaked during the individual state tournament.

And because they did, they put together a season that will be remembered — and for more than just sophomore Brandon Wright winning the Irish's first state title in seven years.

"We didn't have a letdown in the tournament run," McGinley said. "We could have thrown it, but we bounced right back as a team in the individual regional. It just carried us all the way through. There wasn't one bad weekend or one bad round.

"We were always doing well, and that goes (for) everybody who was competing."

Considering what the Irish went through in late January, a letdown would have been understandable.

The Irish (25-2), who finished the regular season No. 4 in the Indiana High School Wrestling



Highlights photo/Tim Hill

Nick Hupp and the rest of the Irish helped give the team a Top 10 ranking by the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association at the end of their regular season.

Coaches Association team rankings, sustained a difficult loss in the regional round of the state tournament. The Irish, who had made the state team finals two consecutive seasons, lost to 10th-ranked Lawrence North in a match decided on criteria.

The team season was over, but another postseason — the individual postseason — remained, and practice began immediately.

It was not an easy practice, Wright said later.

But he said the Irish got through it, and for the rest of the postseason, he said they wrestled as a team.

On the Saturday after the team loss, they won six individual

regional titles, advancing nine wrestlers to the Semistate meet the following week. There, the Irish advanced six wrestlers to the state finals, with juniors Gavin McGinley and Calvin Sullivan advancing as Semistate champions.

The Irish, McGinley said, accomplished their preseason goal. They peaked during the state tournament.

"It makes you feel like you're doing the right things in terms of kids peaking at the right time and they're excited to be out there," McGinley said. "They're excited to represent themselves and Cathedral High School and they were doing a

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Lady Irish band together, battle teams and are ...

Building for the future

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM STAFF

All in all, senior guard Michelle Roberson said she's happy with the Cathedral girls basketball season.

Yes, she said, things could have been better at times. There could have been a few more victories.

The end might not have come so soon.

But throughout last off-sea-

son, when Roberson would speak with Irish head coach Linda Bamrick, often the conversation was about the coming season, Roberson's senior season. They talked about goals, which included putting a difficult 2006-07 season forever in the past.

They talked about building a foundation.

That, Roberson said, happened. So, yes, she's happy.

The Irish, who went 13-10,

lost in a semifinal game of their sectional tournament at Arlington, 75-67, to Class 4A No. 3-ranked Lawrence North. The Irish had advanced to the semifinal with a 54-50 victory over Warren Central in a first-round game.

"I told the team in the locker room after the final game, 'I've never been as proud of a team after a loss in all my 20-plus years,'" Bamrick said.

The reason, Bamrick said, wasn't the loss, but that during the game — and during the sectional tournament — the Irish showed the same qualities they showed throughout the season. Led by junior guard Adrienne Sahm, sophomore guard Mari-

ah Whitaker and a foursome of seniors — Roberson, post players Abby MacGill and Kristen Linenberg and guard Tammy Trexler — the Irish were gritty. They were gutty. They never quit.

In the first-round sectional game against Warren Central — a team that eliminated Cathedral the previous two postseasons — the Irish trailed by nine points with just over three minutes remaining but rallied for the victory.

In the semifinal, the Irish trailed by 23 points early in the second half. They rallied to tie the game at 51-51 before Lawrence North pulled away, hitting 10 of 11 free throws in the final minutes.

Bamrick, who coached the Irish to Class 3A state titles in 2000 and 2001, said the loss ranked with a one-point loss to Northwood in the '99 Class 3A state title game.

"In my mind, I was as proud of this group and their perseverance and their determination and their ability to overcome adversity as I was of that 1999 team," Bamrick said. "There are different characteristics of each team you kind of fill your memory book with. You never really feel good after a loss, but walking into that locker room and seeing the tears, the character and the pride that showed, just being able to battle ..."

The loss ended a season in which the Irish won six of their last 10 games, with three losses



Highlights photos/David Dixon

Seniors Michelle Roberson and Abby MacGill helped offer leadership on and off the court for the Lady Irish.

during that span coming to three state powers — Ben Davis, which finished the regular season ranked No. 1 in Class 4A; Class 2A state champion Heritage Christian; and Lawrence North.

“They’re all quality teams who we competed with throughout,” Bamrick said. “I was pleased with how we came together. I definitely think as a coach, one of your primary goals is as a team to improve throughout the course of the season, to be playing your best at the end. I felt like we made positive strides in that direction in terms of steady improvement throughout the year.”

Which Bamrick and Roberson said was a contrast to last season.

In 2006-07, the Irish finished 8-15. It was, Bamrick said, a disappointing season — the program’s first losing season of the decade.

“Last season, we weren’t always competitive throughout,” Bamrick said. “We would play with a team, maybe get off to a bad start, then compete in the second half, or maybe just compete for a quarter early on, then they would pull away from us.”

The 2007-08 sectional tournament, Bamrick said, showed the progress of the program. “They showed a lot of poise and a lot of character and just a lot of growth and maturity in terms of where they started and how they finished,” Bamrick said. “It would have been easy to quit. You get down 23, it’s probably going to be your last game. We battled back, coming back from that huge of a deficit and putting us in a position to have an opportunity to win in that fourth quarter.

“It was so exciting to be a part

of that.”

Roberson, Bamrick said, exemplified the Irish late in the season. Against Lawrence North, in her final high school game, 20 of her 23 points came during the second-half rally.

“We matured,” Roberson said. “I probably did the most maturing, because I (hadn’t been) ready to step up. I had to. I couldn’t do it without my team and they couldn’t do it without me.”

The late-season performance, Bamrick said, was an extension of improvement made throughout the regular season. Two victories in a holiday tournament at Twin Lakes — including a 48-47 victory over then Class 4A No. 5-ranked Hamilton Southeastern — propelled the Irish to a strong January, Bamrick said.

“One of the pleasures of coaching is being able to prepare your team and have them rise to the forefront and rise to the occasion,” Bamrick said. “That’s something I feel strongly that we were able to do this year.

It’s a challenge Bamrick figures the Irish can continue to meet



Senior Tammy Trexler and other starters were responsible for giving the team a greater competitive edge this season.

next season, a season that figures to be one of transition, too.

But no matter what the future brings, Bamrick said the 2007-08 team will be memorable — and for more than just a gutty postseason run. Roberson said she hopes that’s true, and she said she believes “we made a foundation for the girls next year to build upon.” 🐾

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Early exit belies strong season

Season spent in Top 10



Highlights photos/Rolly Landeros

Senior Dave McMahon was one of the players coach Scott Hicks credited with helping the team get to a 21-3 record this year.

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM STAFF

The 2007-08 boys basketball season ended too soon for Cathedral High School.

Still, despite a 52-48 season-ending loss to Lawrence North in the semifinal round of the Section 10 tournament on March 1, coach Scott Hicks saw many positives from the season.

The Irish had their best record in his eight years as head coach, winning 21 games and losing just three. They spent the season ranked in the Class 4A Top 10. And they did so after losing a significant amount of last year's roster.

"No one ever thought we would be 21-3, losing four starters from last season, all of them (now) on Division I rosters," Hicks said.

"I'm really happy with the way these guys came together. They played with a lot of chemistry and unselfishness. Our seniors really stepped up and showed leadership."

No senior — Sean Esposito, Dave McMahon, Brian Shelbourne, Josh Hodgens or Billy Powers — has committed to a college.

"I do anticipate Esposito and McMahon playing at the college level somewhere next year," Hicks said. "Even Powers, who didn't play much for us, had a great summer and also was getting some looks."

"Shelbourne came on strong late in the season and gave us some great minutes in our sectional victory over Warren Central and some great minutes toward the tail end of the season when Errick Peck was out (due to injury). And Hodgens played a lot of minutes."

The Irish, who finished the season ranked No. 4 in Class 4A, beat Warren Central, the sectional's host team, 67-66, in the first round to advance to the semifinal. And even though Hicks said losing to Lawrence North was a big

disappointment, he quickly added:

"I think 21-3 is a great season. When you look at Cathedral basketball, you can count on your hand how many times a team has accomplished 20-plus wins.

"We won the City Championship for the third time in a row. We had two players selected to the All-City team in Sean Esposito and Errick Peck. And beating Warren Central in the sectional on their home court was a real big win for the program. Our players have no reason to hang their heads. They accomplished a lot and I'm very proud of them as head coach."

Esposito had a solid shooting game against Warren Central, hitting 8 of 13 from the field for 23 points. He made 5 of 7 three-pointers. Peck added 17 points and seven rebounds.

Esposito wasn't as fortunate in the Lawrence North game. It was Peck who led the Irish with 13 points, while teammate Patrick Paligraf scored 12.

"We had a game plan against Lawrence North," Hicks said. "I thought we were executing it, but we didn't run as much as we wanted to. And we didn't hit the shots that we hit against Warren Central, the open three-point shots (the Irish were 6 of 13 on threes against Warren Central, 7 of 25 against Lawrence North)."

Hicks said Lawrence North's height contributed to Esposito's shooting.

"Sometimes you have great shooting games, sometimes you don't," Hicks said. "Tall guys contesting shots make the basket a little bit different shooting the

ball. But Sean is an excellent shooter and we're happy with his season. A few shots here and there and the game could have been different."

Peck got in foul trouble against Lawrence North and that hurt, Hicks said.

"That took away some of our inside scoring punch," he said. "We almost had to become a perimeter team. When we weren't able to knock down our shots, Lawrence North was able to make a run. I thought Errick did a great job coming back from his foul trouble and pretty much took the team on his back offensively and gave us a chance down the stretch."

The Irish will return seven juniors from this year's team and Hicks said he expects help from the junior varsity.

Peck, Paligraf, Kelsey Barlow, who has committed to Purdue; Barry Flynn, Jarrett Hamilton, Joe Bender and Kyle Koehne are the returning juniors.

"Barry Flynn came on strong toward the end of the season,"



Kelsey Barlow fights to maintain the Irish's control of the ball during the team's last game against always-tough Lawrence North.

Hicks said. "I'm anticipating him having a big season next year. And we're looking at Jarrett to make some big strides next year. He's a solid point guard (at 5-8) and he'll be in position to run the show with senior leadership.

From the junior varsity, Hicks said he is looking to Kofi Hughes, a 6-2 guard who will be a junior. "We anticipate Kofi stepping into a varsity role as well as Kevin Owens (a 6-8 junior-to-be) and Camaron Beard (a 6-6 junior-to-be). We'll have some good height next year and be able to compete with anybody in the state. Nothing is guaranteed. 🍀

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Lady Irish swimmers and divers keep building

City champs again!

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM STAFF

Paula Meyer hardly could be happier with the steps taken by the Cathedral High School girls swimming program.

Meyer, who took over as head coach in 2006 with the mission of building toward state prominence, said the progress hasn't always come easily. That was particularly true this season, when problems with the swimming facility were an issue, particularly early.

But as was the case last season, Meyer said progress was made.

The Irish improved as the season continued, she said, and by the postseason, a group of promising freshmen and solid upper-classmen combined for a strong sectional finish.

There is still room for improvement, she said.

But so far, so good.

"I feel really good about the season with the girls," Meyer said. "I think they learned a lot. Our freshmen class, I have to say they really learned a lot. I think by the end of the year, they put it all together."

The Irish girls, after a sixth-place sectional finish in 2006 and a fifth-place finish in 2007 — Meyer's first season — ended their 2007-08 season with a third-place finish at the Franklin Central sectional, finishing with 189 points behind Lawrence North (367) and Franklin Central (268).

That capped a season in which the Irish won the City Meet, the Warren Invitational and the Schools with no Pools meet, and finished second in the Indian Creek Relays.

The 22 girls who advanced to the second day of the sectional meet were the most in school history, Meyer said. While no Cathedral swimmer advanced to the state meet, several placed at the sectional meet, with freshman Allison Crone finishing fourth in the girls 100-yard butterfly (1:02.16) and third in the 500 freestyle (5:33.06) and senior Michelle Indiano finishing fifth in the 100 butterfly (1:04.14) and third in the 100 backstroke (1:06.40).

The 200 medley relay team of Indiano, Joan Bemenderfer, Crone and Kristen Probst finished fourth with a time of 2:01.11, and the 200 freestyle relay team of Abby Kotarski, Probst, Katie Donovan and Brittany Casavant finished third at 1:50.19. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Crone, Casavant, Donovan and Indiano finished third at 3:53.75.

Freshman Maggie Dilts finished sixth in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:17.45.

Meyer said the early projections for next season are positive, with several incoming freshmen expected to be strong swimmers. As is the case with the boys' team, a primary focus will be improving the individual medley and breaststroke events.

Brooke Daley showed progress in the IM this season, Meyer said, Dilts

AT A GLANCE

This year's awards:

- The "Pillar Award," given to seniors who dedicated four years to Irish Swimming and Diving: Jasmine Bigbee and Sarah Grothouse.
- Academic All Americans: Bemenderfer, Donovan, Alexis Goedde and Indiano.
- All-City Team: Casavant, Crone, Dilts, Donovan, Grothouse, Kotarski, Indiano, Probst, Megan Thedwal.
- Christian Athlete: Abbey Laskowski.
- Leadership & Spirit: Brooke Daley.
- Quiet Warrior: Kelly Sheridan.
- Rookie of the Year: Olivia Daley.
- Most Improved: Gabby Crowe.
- Senior High Point: Indiano.
- Junior High Point: Kotarski.
- Sophomore High Point: Probst.
- Freshman High Point: Casavant.
- Overall Girls High Point: Crone.



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the Warren Central Invitational, while finishing second at the Schools With no Pools meet, as well as the Indian Creek Relays.

The 13 Irish boys swimmers who advanced to the second day of the sectional meet were the most in school history, Meyer said. And Meyer said if not for two late scratches during the sectionals, the Irish would have had a realistic chance for a fourth-place finish.

“That hurts,” she said.

But the progress of the boys program, which has grown from four swimmers to 20 in the past two seasons, is a highlight

Pushing forward to improve program

Boys claim title

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM STAFF

Paula Meyer can see progress.

And that, she said, is the most important thing to remember about the 2007-08 Cathedral High School boys swimming season.

Because Meyer said while things didn't go perfectly in her second season as the boys head coach, and while issues with facilities and injuries made the season difficult at times, the idea was improve and build a foundation for the future.

And that, she said, was something the Irish did.

“I think we had a really good

year,” Meyer said. “I thought we made a lot of progress on the boys' side.”

The Irish, after eighth-place sectional finishes in 2006 and 2007 — the latter of which was Meyer's first season — ended the 2007-08 season with a sixth-place finish at the Section 14 meet.

The Irish scored 101 points, finishing behind Franklin Central (338), Lawrence North (303), Lawrence Central (196), Beech Grove (121) and Warren Central (120).

That capped a season in which the Irish won the City Meet and

for Meyer. While no Cathedral swimmer advanced to the state meet, several placed at the sectional.

The Irish's 200 medley relay of sophomores Patrick Donovan, Nick Wildeman, and Eddie Steinmetz and junior Peter Wasky finished fifth with a time of 1:53.21, and senior Chris Wildeman finished fifth in the 200 freestyle at 1:57.54.

The 200 freestyle relay of Steinmetz, senior Andy King, junior Collier O'Connor and Chris Wildeman finished fifth with a

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SO close

Cathedral/Chatard hockey finishes season as Class 2A state runner-up

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM STAFF

They were confident. They were hot. They were peaking.

The only thing the members of the Cathedral/Chatard hockey team weren't at the end of the season was fortunate — fortunate enough to keep their late-season momentum going for one more game.

The result? A Class 2A state runner-up finish.

The Cathedral/Chatard hockey team, which peaked at the end of the year and played its way through the state tournament, finished one victory shy of its goal, losing in the Class 2A state championship game, 4-2, to Evansville at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on March 9.

"It's always a bummer when

you lose," said coach Mike Kellermeyer.

Still the season was anything but disappointing, Kellermeyer said — not considering what the team did with a roster smaller than many of its opponents.

Cathedral/Chatard (20-14-5), playing with 15 skaters and three goalies, winning six of its last eight games, including three consecutive games in the preliminary rounds of the state tournament.

First, it squeezed out a solid 1-0 victory over Fort Wayne Carroll in the first round, then it got hot offensively, beating Carmel Blue, 9-2; and Lake Central, 9-1.

That propelled the team into the state final, where a slow start

hurt.

"We played a little nervous early," Kellermeyer said.

Cathedral/Chatard trailed 2-0 after the first period, then 20 seconds into the second period, Evansville scored again to make it 3-0.

"We called a timeout to get them fired up," Kellermeyer said.

The approach worked. A second-period goal made it 3-1, and another in the third period made it 3-2. As time waned, Kellermeyer pulled the goaltender to give Cathedral/Chatard an extra skater.

"It was desperation time."

In the closing minutes, Evansville scored its final goal, securing





The 2007-08 Cathedral/Chatard Blues. The team was just one-game short of adding another state championship to their resumé, losing to Evansville 4-2 in the final.

the victory but doing nothing to erase the memory of a memorable season, Kellermeyer said.

"They didn't play too bad (in the title game), and you can't be upset with the season we had," Kellermeyer said. "The boys had to be proud of themselves. It's never fun to lose your last game. It was definitely a bummer, but they played well all season long.

"To get that far, I was extremely happy about it."

The team peaked late with a combination of solid defense, potent offense and hot goaltend-

ing. Forwards Tim Bolger, Justin McGinnis, Vince Culpepper, Scott Burgess and Bobby Arthur keyed the tournament run offensively, while senior defensemen Peter Schockley and Matt Weghorst were one of the area's top penalty-killing tandems throughout the season.

Sophomore goaltender Vincent Indiano played much of the postseason, and goaltenders Trevor Dewey and Alex Swithers were solid in net throughout the season.

"All the boys played well all

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season long," Kellermeyer said. "It stinks to lose, especially a state championship game, but overall, we had a successful year."

And they played better late than early, which Kellermeyer said is the goal of any team striving to contend for a title. Cathedral/Chatard went 3-7 during one stretch in January, but after that gained momentum during a late-season stretch that included a victory over Class 4A state champion Carmel Gold (4-0) and a Senior Night victory over Class 4A Brebeuf (5-1).

"Something clicked for them in the middle of the year," Kellermeyer said. "They really started to want to learn and play the way we'd been teaching."

While Kellermeyer the end of the season was something of a "bummer" the season as a whole was satisfying, and very memorable, too.

"The players were able to overcome a lot, and I thought they were successful," he said. "Just to watch them evolve as hockey players — that's always fun to watch — but you're with them for seven or eight months, so to watch them kind of evolve as young adults is fun, too.

"You see them mature. It doesn't sound like a long time, but you see it. That's what's fun about coaching high school. They had a successful season. They have a lot to be proud of." 🏒

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Senior leaders take boys soccer to great heights

Nine to remember

Editor's note: A production error resulted in the incorrect story about the boys' soccer team to be published in the Fall 2007 Highlights. The following is the corrected article.

BY CATHEDRALNATION.COM STAFF

After the 2006 season, the Cathedral High School boys soccer team lost seven seniors from a successful team that won seven more games than it lost. Replacing those players wasn't easy.

The task now, as far as coach Paul Schroeder sees it, will be even tougher, because next year, the Irish not only will be defending their first sectional title since 2004, they will be doing so without nine seniors.

Nine very special seniors.

"We're going to miss them a lot," said Schroeder.

The Irish (12-4-3) spent most of the 2007 season ranked in the Top 10 of the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association state poll and finished the season ranked No. 10 in the state. They then fulfilled that potential, winning the Sectional 36 tournament at Heritage Christian in early October.

To win a fourth sectional in 18 years, the Irish first beat Lawrence Central, 1-0, in a shootout in a semifinal, then beat Lawrence North, 2-1, in the sectional championship.

Lawrence Central entered the

tournament ranked No. 2 in the state.

The Irish and Lawrence Central were tied, 0-0, at the end of regulation, and the Irish won, 5-4, on penalty kicks when Max Odgaard made the final shot.

The Irish then lost to No. 7 North Central in a regional semifinal, but the sectional title highlighted what at times was a difficult season.

Eight of the Irish's 14 games before the sectional were against teams ranked in the Top 20 in the state. Cathedral went 2-3-3 in those games, beating No. 13 Columbus North 1-0 and No. 20 Mishawaka Marian, 3-0, but losing to No. 3 Carmel, 3-1, Lawrence Central, 1-0, and No. 17 Covenant Christian, 1-0, in the City Tournament final.

They tied Covenant Christian earlier in the season, and also tied Brebeuf and Noblesville.

"Anytime you have to play a team in sectionals like Lawrence Central, which is ranked first or second in the state, you have to be realistic about your expectations and chances," Schroeder said. "So, we were obviously pleased about getting through that game, because we had struggled all year.

"We had lost in the city final, the other big game we played in a tournament. The other times we played Carmel or other ranked teams, we didn't have outstanding

results, so was great for us.

"It was a great way to end a season."

Making it particularly satisfying, Schroeder said, was getting through a sectional widely considered one of the best in the state — and spending the season as one of the best teams in one of the best areas of Indiana soccer.

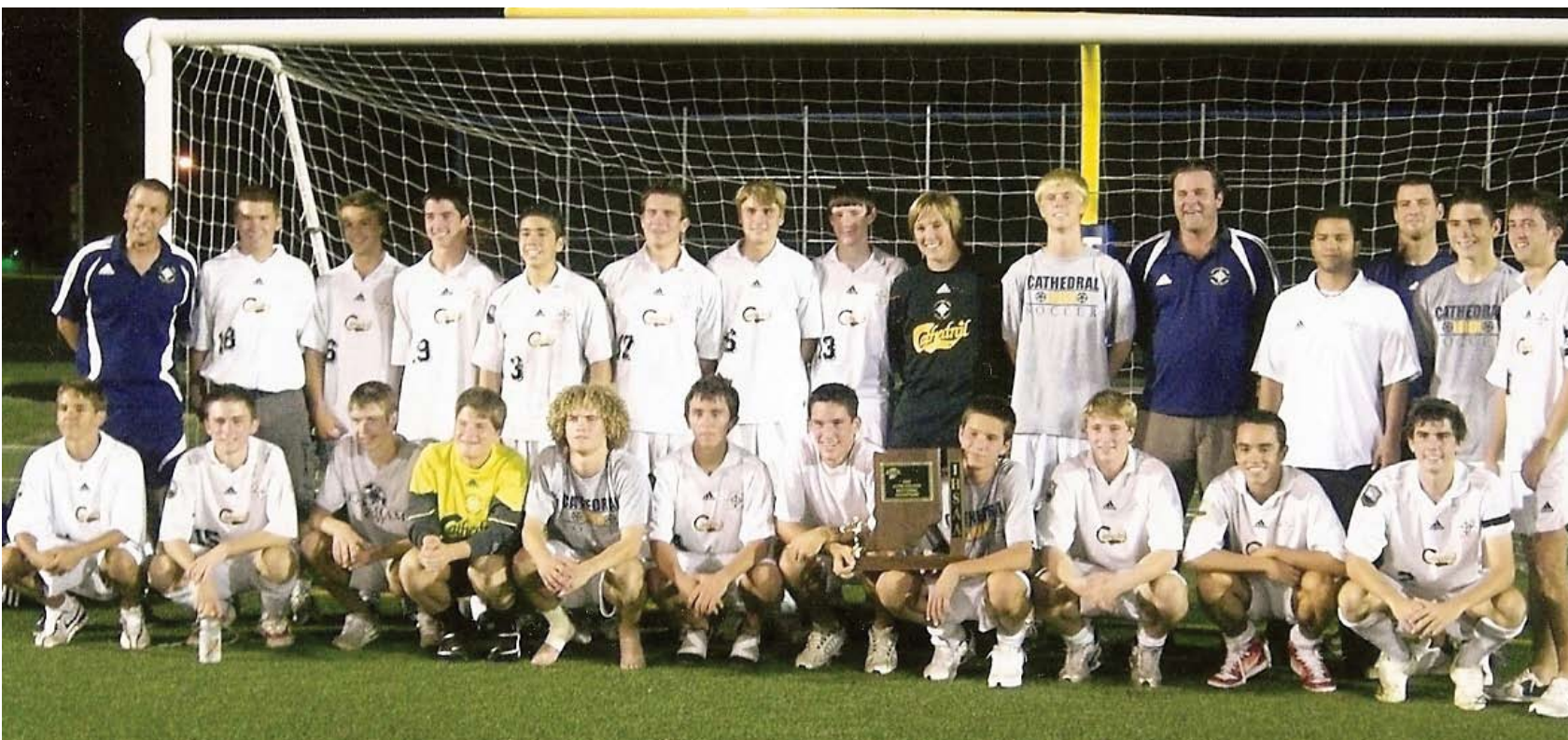
"Being in this area, whether it's sectionals, regionals or semi-states, it doesn't stop," he said. "The (Irish) girls this year, they had to beat four or five teams ranked above them to win a state championship. That's not easy to do. We lost to North Central. We made a decent game of it, and that was fine.

"I was pleased with how that worked out. Obviously, it would have been nice to win a few more, but I was pleased with how our guys did at the end."

The season was made possible — and special — by a group of seniors who pulled what Schroeder said was a rare feat. All not only started, they formed the core of a successful team.

The nine seniors were:

- Goalie Tyler Kever. He recorded 11 shutouts, allowed nine goals, and was named Most Valuable Player by his teammates. He was named All-City, All-District, All-State third team and will attend the University of Indianapolis.
- Fullback Kevin Roberts. A team



Highlights photo/submitted by Paul Schroeder

The Irish enjoyed their sectional championship victory, led largely by a remarkable senior class, said Coach Paul Schroeder.

captain, he was named defensive Most Valuable Player. He made All-City, All-District Honorable Mention and was Academic All-State.

- Midfielder Gregg Romaine. He scored seven goals and had eight assists, was named All-City Honorable Mention and Academic All-State.
- Forward Luke Umana. He made Academic All-State.
- Midfielder Tyler Knight. A co-captain, he received the Mental Attitude award, also getting All-City Honorable Mention, All-District, All-State Honorable Mention and Academic All-State.
- Fullback Josh O'Brian, who received the Most Improved Player award, also was named All-City.
- Forward Jason Seward, who led the Irish with 12 goals and four assists, was named the offensive Most Valuable Player. He also

made All-City Honorable Mention.

- Fullback Jake Devine.
- Midfielder Nick Stasic, who made Academic All-State.

The seniors weren't the only players contributing, nor the only ones honored. Junior forward Nathan Shruba scored nine goals and had three assists, and junior midfielder Matt Schoenfield — who also made Academic All-State — was named All-City Honorable Mention.

Juniors midfielder Adam Hicks and forward Juan Pagan also were named Academic All-State.

But Schroeder said it was the senior class that will be remembered, and it's the absence of those players that will make moving forward difficult.

"I'm not going to be able to replace them next (season)," Schro-

eder said. "It's going to be a totally different team next year in a lot of different ways. This is the first time I've ever had all my seniors start. Replacing nine starters is going to be a real task. When you see us play next year, you'll remember those seniors if you don't remember them now. They're a great group."

And while Schroeder said individually they may not have been the best players in Cathedral soccer history, as a group they were special — special enough to make moving on without them difficult, and special enough to make 2007 a season to remember.

"They'll be successful with what they do with their lives," Schroeder said. "A lot of them are probably going to want to get involved with coaching if they're

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least, three.

A year after barely missing a state title as a freshman, he kept the goal of three alive.

At the 2008 Indiana Individual State Finals at Conseco Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis, Wright — who entered the postseason ranked No. 2 in the state — beat top-ranked Camden Eppert of Anderson Highland, 5-3, in the final match at 112 pounds.

“It was totally a great feeling as a coach and as a dad for him to achieve his goal,” Timothy Wright said. “I’m very proud and happy that it happened.”

To achieve the goal, Wright had to avenge his past.

And he had to do it three times.

Wright, who finished this season 44-2, finished last season as the state runner-up at 103 pounds, beating Eppert in the semistate final, then losing to Eppert in the final match of the state finals.

This year, Eppert entered the postseason unbeaten. Wright then beat Eppert in the regional championship and again for the semi-state championship.

At the finals, Wright defeated three others before advancing to the final against Eppert.

“It was a big deal for him and also the Cathedral wrestling program,” Irish wrestling coach Sean McGinley said. “We hadn’t had a state champ since 2001. We had kind of been right there, nipping to get one. Brandon was close last year. (Then-senior) Frank Troiano was real close last year.

“To beat the guy who beat you the year before and get a little re-

venge had to be a special feeling for Brandon.”

Wright earned the title by achieving a goal set by every Cathedral wrestler — to peak late in the season and wrestle at the highest possible level in the postseason.

“You always hope you’re wrestling your best at the end of the season,” McGinley said.

“He just really started cutting back on his mistakes. He was really tough on his feet and wasn’t letting anybody take him down the last month and a half. Not just in his matches, but in the practice room. You could see guys who maybe had a chance to take him down at the beginning of the year were not even coming close anymore.”

What Wright achieved — not just winning the state title, but beating a highly ranked opponent three consecutive weekends — was impressive, McGinley said.

“It’s always tough to beat a good guy that many times, especially back-to-back-to-back weeks,” McGinley said. “It happens all the time where you might win the first time, then lose the last one. To cap it off with a third one, then beat the same guy, had to be special for him.”

Wright said it indeed was special, and he entered the State Finals feeling he was capable of winning.

“I went into the match with a lot of confidence, knowing I



Highlights photo/Rolly Landeros

Brandon Wright, a Cathedral sophomore, defeated top-ranked Anderson Highland's Camden Eppert to claim the 112-pound title.

had two wins up on him,” Wright said. “He was going to be the one coming after me, and I just had to wrestle smart and make no mistakes.”

Wright, one of six Cathedral wrestlers to advance to the State Finals, was among five from the team to advance to the second day. His practice partner, 119-pounder John Grey, qualified and lost on the second day, but Wright said Grey was critical to his success this season.

“We have different kinds of wrestling styles,” Wright said. “I’m more aggressive with my feet and he’s a tough rider at the bottom position. We help each other out a lot.”

Wright began wrestling when he was 8, and since then, he said he has attended the Indiana State Finals often.

“I knew even before I started wrestling I wanted to go down there and win that tournament,” Wright said.

Said Timothy Wright, “We prepared for this for a long time. It’s a great feeling to see him reach that goal.” 🍀

Girls bowling team, three boys advance in postseason

Breakthrough year

By CATHEDRALNATION.COM STAFF

Building the Cathedral High School boys and girls bowling teams hasn't always been easy, and at times it has been downright difficult.

But there has been progress.

This season, said coach Bryan Banschbach, progress came in a big way.

Cathedral, in its fourth season competing as a "club" sport, made its furthest progress in the Indiana High School Bowling state tournament, with the girls team advancing to the regional round and three boys advancing as individuals.

Senior Charlie Russell and juniors Nathan Shrubba and Jared Kidwell advanced to the regional round as individuals, with Kidwell advancing to the semi-state round. Kidwell became the first Irish bowler to advance to semistate.

"We're making pretty good strides," Banschbach said.

Those strides have been evidenced in not only participation, which has been solid the past few seasons, but in postseason results.

A total of 54 boys and girls tried out for bowling this season, and Banschbach said enough young bowlers tried out that he kept a larger team than past seasons.

This year, the program had the biggest day in its history at the Indianapolis North Conference sectional.

On that day, the Irish girls battled Carmel and Bishop Chatard for the second of two spots in the regional round. Lawrence North, a heavy favorite, won the sectional well ahead of the field. Throughout the regular season, Banschbach said Cathedral, Carmel and Chatard "flip-flopped second, third and fourth."

"We knew it was going to be a fight," Banschbach said.

He was right.

"It was us and Chatard," Banschbach said. "It wasn't decided until the last three baker games.

We were pretty much tied, then we pulled out to an eight-pin lead, and a 13-point lead. We won by ... 20 pins. That's a spare and a few pins here and there.

"It came down to the very last game before we knew who was going to move on to regionals. It was pretty high pressure for a bunch of girls who had never really been in that position. They managed to pull it off."

The second-place finish made seniors Stephanie Cook, Morgan Corbitt, Ezzie Espinoza and Megan Silcox, sophomore Deshunae Raby-Montgomery and freshman Rachel Shrubba the first Irish boys or girls bowling team to advance to the regional round.

Assistant Lynn Miller worked extensively with the girls team during the sectional, Banschbach said.

"She's much better at managing their heads than I am," Banschbach said. "She worked her magic. We set the lineups and she got them calm and under control and got them over the finish line.

"There were a lot of people watching the last couple of games and there was a lot of pressure with parents there cheering — and kids from both schools. It was quite interesting."

The girls finished eighth of nine teams at the regional. The competition there, Banschbach said, "was a different world for us," but the Irish bowled their highest average of the season.

"They were proud," Banschbach said.

For the boys, Russell finished fourth at the sectional with a score of 614, with Kidwell finishing sixth with 591 and Shrubba finishing ninth with 562. Russell finished third in the step-ladder competition that decided the individual champion.

Kidwell then advanced to semistate the following week with a score of 618, with Russell and senior Nathan Douglass each making the Academic All-State team.

Kidwell had advanced to the regional as a freshman and sophomore.

"He keeps moving up," Banschbach said. "We're hoping next year he'll get to state." 🍀

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showed significant progress in the breaststroke, reducing her time by five seconds.

“Once she started swimming it on a regular basis at every practice, she got into her rhythm,” Meyer said of Dilts. “That’s what it’s all about in the breaststroke.”

Crone also improved in the breaststroke, Meyer said, adding that “her real strength may be in some other (strokes).”

The underclassmen, Meyer said, are a deep group, capable of off-setting the loss of seniors such as Indiano.

“I feel really good about our girls,” she said. “I know we’re losing a lot of seniors, but I’m confident we’ll be able to cover that next year. Our girls, I think, will be fine even with the loss of our key seniors.

“People are starting to look at us to come here for swimming, and we’ve got to continue to build that.”

Future success for the program, Meyer said, will depend upon several factors, including securing the pool at Forest Manor as a dedicated facility for Cathedral. Meyer said efforts are being made to build a partnership between the YMCA and Cathedral toward that end.

“That’s going to be key for us next year,” she said.

Meyer discussed alumni participation in her speech at Cathedral’s postseason awards banquet when she also mentioned the contributions of former swimmer Pat O’Connor, a 1970 Cathedral graduate and who recently was inducted into the Indiana Swimming Hall of Fame. O’Connor is an active supporter of the program, Meyer said.

“I gave him one call this fall when we were completely without a place to practice,” Meyer told the awards banquet. “In just 30 minutes, he humbly opened the door to get us promptly in at the Na-



Highlights photo/submitted by Paula Meyer

The Lady Irish swimming team celebrated another city championship victory. Coach Paula Meyer said the team has been steadily increasing in numbers, and she looks for that growth to continue.

tatorium. I spoke to him over the weekend about our program. He hugged me and said, ‘I am totally devoted to the program and am thankful to you for the pillar you have posted and progress the program is making at Cathedral.’

“He left saying, ‘I will do anything for you and the Cathedral swimming and diving program ... don’t forget to call me.’”

Such alumni support is critical, Meyer said.

“The most successful programs are those where the alumni come back, follow the team and give back by joining the coaching staff,” Meyer said. “This is just another pillar we are constructing as we rebuild this program.”

Meyer said she also will focus on increasing dedication to the program next season, introducing a new motto: The ABC equation of Irish Swimming and Diving: Achievement equals I believe plus I am Committed.

“We’re bringing in the new, and we need to just be clear right up front that this is a commitment.” 🐸

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great job doing it.”

At the State Finals at Consecro Fieldhouse, the Irish turned in another consistent, solid performance, with five of six Irish wrestlers placing.

A glance at the Irish wrestlers in the state tournament:

- Sophomore Brandon Wright, 112 pounds — state champ. See story page 26.

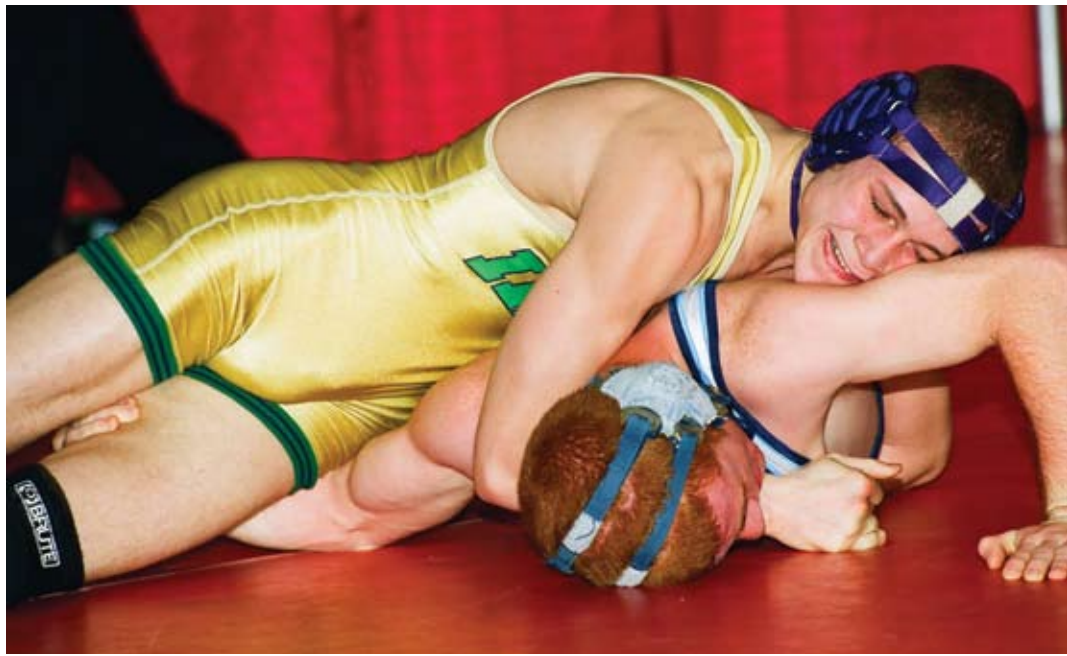
- Junior John Grey, 119 pounds. He finished the season 39-8, losing to Adam Guerra of Mishawaka 3-2.

- Junior Dominic Corsaro, 130 pounds. He finished the season 33-8 and finished eighth in the state, losing the seventh-place match at the State Finals, 6-0, to Will Mascaro of Carmel.

Corsaro won his first-round match, 6-4, on Friday in overtime over Jarod Crump of Center Grove before losing to then-unbeaten Josh Mann of South Adams by fall at 1:20 in the second round. He also lost to Michael Harmon of Southwestern Hanover, 6-0, in his first consolation-round match. “He won a close one on Friday, an overtime match — one that you kind of dream about,” McGinley said.

“He had a last-second take-down to win. So, he had a great weekend, too.”

- Junior Calvin Sullivan, 135 pounds. He finished the season 42-4, beating Chad Barrett of Eastern (Greentown), 6-3, in the fifth-place match at the State Finals. Sullivan beat Bryce Schendel of Garrett, 9-2, in the opening round before losing to Trace Hall of South Bend Riley, 7-4, in Saturday’s second round. Sullivan then beat Levi Rutledge of Tipton, 6-1, to advance to the fifth-place match.



Highlights photo/Tim Hill

Junior Tony McGinley finished the season 43-5. McGinley had battled all the way to the state semifinals, but was beaten in the last seconds by the eventual state champion.

“He won on Friday night, then on Saturday morning, we banged our heads with the other kid when they both shot in at the same time,” McGinley said. “It kind of gave us a little ding. We kind of never recovered in that match. We came back in the wrestle backs to wrestle real well and get fifth place.”

- Junior Tony McGinley, 140 pounds. He finished the season 43-5 and finished fourth in the state. He beat Jacob Milenbaugh of Columbus North, 5-2, in the first round, then beat Johnny Dillon of Hobart, 5-2, in the second round. He then lost to Steven Sandefer of Mishawaka, 4-3, in the semifinal round before losing to Drew Lappe of Evansville Mater Dei, 3-1, in the third-place match. “He was up by one in the semifinal, against the eventual state champion,” McGinley said. “He got taken down in the last seconds. He gave it everything he had to be there and be underneath the lights. It just wasn’t to be, unfortunately.”

- Junior Gavin McGinley, 145

pounds. He finished the season 42-4, beating Tony Conway of Crown Point, on a fall at 4:07 to win the third-place match at the State Finals. McGinley beat Blake Hoffer of Triton, 16-3, in the first round, then Ethan Ott of Columbus North, 5-3, in overtime in the second round. He lost to then-unbeaten Brennan Cosgrove of Hobart, 6-4, in the semifinal match. “Gavin wrestled extremely well,” McGinley said. “We were real proud of him. He wrestled a tough match against the eventual state champ. He came back for third and beat a kid who had beat him earlier in the year. We ended up pinning the kid. We were up by six or seven before that.”

While coach McGinley said the Irish didn’t quite accomplish all goals at the state meet, they came very close. And there’s always next season, he said.

“I think we have the potential of being one of the best teams we’ve had at Cathedral High School.” 🐾

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Athletes lauded for their classroom achievements

Senior varsity volleyball team members **Caroline Lemke** and **Jenna Queally** were named Academic All-Americans for the 2007 season by PrepVolleyball.com.

Queally was named to the fifth-team All American with her 4.279 grade point average; Lemke achieved high honorable mention with her 3.991 GPA.

Both girls were key players in this year's 33-3 record for the Lady Irish.

Seniors **Connor Hofmeister** and **Dave Page** were named as members of the First Team Academic All-State Wrestling.

Congratulations to these athletes, their parents and coaches. 🏆

Irish coaches are honored

Several Cathedral coaches have been honored recently for their achievements as team leaders or players.



Rich Andriole, (left) varsity baseball head coach, was selected as the Class4A Coach of the Year by the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Andriole was selected by his peers for his outstanding success during the 2007 high school baseball season.

He was honored in January at the association's annual Hall of Fame award banquet.

Varsity softball head coach TJ



Lambert (left) was recently inducted into her high school's hall of fame for her four years of athletic leadership while a student at Man-

teno, (Ill.) High School.

Lambert traveled home in February to receive the recognition.

Assistant baseball coach **Bill Finn** was recently inducted into his high school alma mater's athletic hall of fame. He attended Gary Andean High School, a Catholic school in northwestern Indiana. Finn played football, basketball and baseball at Andean before going on to play baseball at Valparaiso University.

He's been with Cathedral since 2000. 🏆

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not playing. I think they enjoyed it, and I think they'll have things to give back to the game in other ways.

"Usually, you say you need two or three guys who are real play-makers, who are real artists on the field, then you need a bunch of role players. I had a whole group of role players who worked together for four years and made the most of their senior year, really, without having the artist type, so that was great."

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junior Collier O'Connor and Chris Wildeman finished fifth with a time of 1:40.27. Donovan finished fifth in the 100 backstroke at 1:01.48 and the 400 freestyle relay team of King, Donovan, Wasky and Chris Wildeman finished sixth at 3:39.51.

In particular, Meyer said King and Chris Wildeman exemplified the sort of leadership and effort Cathedral boys swimming will build around.

"Our two senior boys were pretty steady throughout the entire season," Meyer said. "They came in, did the practices, no attitude. They knew they were going to get out what they put in."

"They're two completely different competitors. They complement each other."

Meyer said the early projections for next season are strong, with several incoming freshmen expected to be strong swimmers. As is the case with the girls' team, a primary focus will be improving the individual medley and breaststroke.

"We're bringing in the new, and we need to just be clear right up from that this is a commitment," Meyer said. "We're going to change that pendulum on the boys' side."

A look at the awards garnered by Irish boys swimmers this season:

- The "Pillar Award," given to seniors who dedicated four years to Irish swimming and diving: Andy King.
- Academic All-American: King.
- Christian Athlete: Dale Pedzinski.
- Leadership and Spirit: Eddie Steinmetz.
- Quiet Warrior: Collier O'Connor.
- Rookie of the Year: Jack Gibbons.
- Most Improved: Nick Wildeman.
- Senior High Point: King.
- Junior High Point: Wasky.
- Sophomore High Point: Steinmetz.
- Freshman High Point: Jay Ruckleshaus.
- Overall High Point: Chris Wildeman.
- Manager's Award: Vincent Hall. 🏆

Four-time state champ returns to the Irish

The Cathedral High School family welcomes the return of Rick Streiff as head football coach for the Fighting Irish.

"I'm looking forward to returning," said Streiff. "I had a great run at Cathedral, and I hope to be able to build on that."

Streiff, 45, was Cathedral's head coach from 1989 to 2002 and led the Irish to five state finals games appearances, four of which resulted in championship titles. Those honors were earned in 1992, 1996, 1998 and 1999. In all, Streiff has coached in Indiana for 18 years, and has amassed an overall record of 143-71.

"I am very pleased that Rick has accepted our offer to return

to Cathedral High School to serve as head football coach and social studies teacher," said Stephen J. Helmich, Cathedral president.

"Rick is a 'Cathedral man' who already has established himself as one of the most successful football coaches in (our) long grid-iron history. He is an outstanding person, an outstanding classroom teacher and a very positive role model for the young men who will play football at the state's most successful football program."

Streiff was selected from a candidate pool that included very highly qualified applicants, said David L. Worland, Cathedral principal. Worland said the new coach will continue the school's tradition

of strong leadership not only on the field but in class, too.

"Rick Streiff is the type of coach who will be concerned with the holistic development of his student athletes," Worland said. "He will lead by example and further the school's mission of providing his players opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth. We welcome Rick to our staff."

Streiff currently teaches at North Central High School, and in 2005 was its head football coach. Streiff replaces the retiring Jim O'Hara, who led the Irish for past six seasons. O'Hara resigned in December, citing health concerns. 🐾

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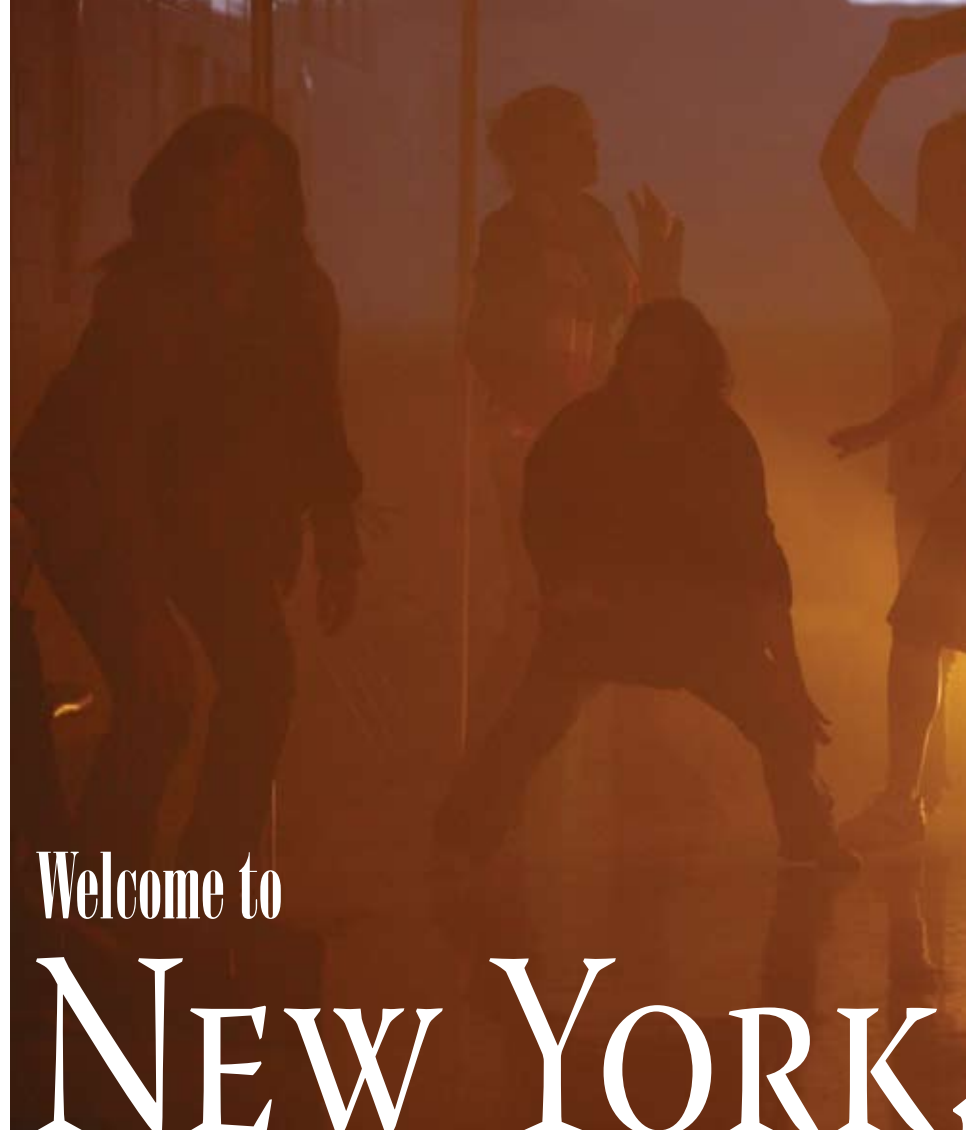
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More than 650 guests made the 31st-annual ShamrAuction one of the best ever.

Volunteers, sponsors and donors worked for months on the evening, which had some new

twists including an abbreviated live auction, followed by music and dancing.



Cathy Horn, Cathedral's director of events, said the school's faithful alumni and friends helped raise nearly \$350,000 for tuition assistance.

Currently, about 35 percent of Cathedral students receive some type of tuition assistance.

"We can't thank everyone enough," Horn said. "From our co-chairs to all our participants, volunteers and donors, the



Cathedral family — not surprisingly — came out in full support of this great event."

Mayor Greg Ballard, '72, was the evening's special guest and pitched in on the live auction.

The event was co-chaired by Dave Bego, Tricia Theisen, Michelle Daley and Kelly Bego, '99. 🐾

TOP CENTER AND LEFT: Guests to this year's event traveled on the 'subway' — populated by CHS students as various NYC characters — to get to the fun. **ABOVE:** Jim McLinn, '70, greets Mayor Greg Ballard, '72.



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TOP: This year's co-chairs paused to commemorate the night. From left are Tricia Theisen, Michelle Daley, Dave Bego and Kelly Bego, '99.



ABOVE: CHS past President Julian Peebles, left, and current President Stephen J. Helmich, pose with executive assistant Mary Crowell, who has worked for both men.
LEFT: Volunteer and current parent Michelle LaGrotte tries to interest a buyer in one of the live auction jewelry items.
FAR LEFT: Carol Edwards, center with bid card, was a guest at the Shiel/Sexton table. Friend Suzy Dilts, right, enjoyed watching the bidding action.



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ABOVE: Blue, the Colts mascot, took to the dance floor along with student volunteers.
LEFT: Adults made their own way to the floor, once the live music of Dave and Rae set feet flying.



ABOVE: Annie Dechow, right, and Jodie Collignon paused for a quick pic during the auction. **LEFT:** Michael Seawright was one of many who made the most of a packed dance floor.



ABOVE: Lisa Rae, center, of Dave and Rae, helped bring the crowd to its feet during a new feature of the event — music and dancing.





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TOP: Tom Zupancic, '73, chats with another guest after the live auction. **ABOVE:** Bill and Deb Ranek joined about 650 other guests who enjoyed visiting New York, New York — without ever leaving Indy! **LEFT:** Irish and friends of all ages enjoyed this year's event. Back row from left are Rob Brogan, '99 and Bill Mattingly, '99. Front row from left are Meghan Brogan, Sarah Poynter, '99, and Amy Kaelin. **FOR A LIST OF ADULT VOLUNTEERS, SEE PAGE 51.**

2008 student volunteers

Andrea Aikman	David Englehart
Connor Ashby	Emily Erotas
Brian Baker	Chelsea Finnigan
Kyle Barker	Dan Fischer
Amber Barlow	Adam Fisk
Cameron Beard	Luke Flood
Matt Beauchamp	Barry Flynn
Joan Bemenderfer	Kelley Ford
Cy Bennett	Alex Fox
Ryan Bently	Brian Frick
Nick Birk	Jennifer Frigge
Stephen Bolger	Michael Fultz
Tim Bolger	Clay Garrison
Cameron Borkowski	Franqlin Gatson
Will Brady	Karlie Gaver
Jacob Brennan	Grant Gerbers
Maggie Brennan	Jack Gibbons
Malik Brooks	Kaitlin Ginder
Lauren Buchanan	Danny Gnezda
Erin Bucherl	Shannon Golden
Justin Byers	Mercedes Gonzales
Collin Campbell	Nick Graham
Marco Caress	Thomas Graham
Brandon Chambers	Christiana Gray
Hana Chong	Sarah Grothouse
Tim Coffey	Marguerite Hackl
Kathy Cohoat	Lauren Hall
Thomas Cohoat	Charlotte Hancock
Emily Collins	Jordan Harris
Brian Conroy	Will Haughs
Jenna Constantino	Will Hayslett
Christian Cook	Ethan Helvering
Stephanie Cook	Aaron Hemmerlein
Nick Corne	Joe Hendrickson
Margaret Coyle	Laura Henry
Vince Culpepper	Adam Hicks
Skylar Cuppy	Josh Hodgins
Jon Cutshaw	Jonathan Horn
Zach Czachura	Scotty Hunt
Brooke Daley	Vince Indiano
Olivia Daley	Thomas Jacoby
Katie Dapper	Tim Johnston
Max Davis	Marcell Jones
Lauren Dedinsky	Chris Kauffman
Andrew Deering	Mark Kemen
Julie Dobson	Rebecca Kemen
Nate Douglas	Ryan Kennedy
Cameron Doxey	Stevie Kennedy
Farah Doxey	Jimmy Kervan
Jack Doyle	Quinn Ketterman
Lloyd Edwards	Andy King
Eric Eikenberry	Kaitlin Kivett
Bitu Eisenhut	Megan Kloc
Daniel Englehart	Tyler Knoblauch

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ABOVE: Junior Morgan Lewis brought one of America's great cultural icons to life, when she became Lady Liberty for the night.

Chris Kopf	Tyler McClure
Kelsey Kreutzinger	Justin McGinnis
Colin Lamothe	Jackson McGrath
Courtney Lansing	Marty McLinn
Patrick Laskowski	Kristen McMains
Brittany Lee	Karen McNulty
Ellen Lee	Patrick McNulty
Patrick Lee	Pat McSharar
Tyler Lenahan	Lira Meade
Elisabeth Lesem	Jon Mecker
Daniel Levy	Cory Melloh
Jordan Lew	Katie Melloh
Morgan Lewis	Chris Merchun
Kristen Linenberg	Monica Metallic
Mike Liotti	Rich Michaelis
Corey Lucia	Autum Miller
Jack Lupo	Matthew Miller
Robert Maci	Tyler Mitchell
Alex Mackall	Alex Moore
Nick Mackall	Ellen Moriarity
Emily Mago	Nate Moyer
Andrew Martin	Rick Murphy
Pete Mattingly	Conor Murray
Elizabeth Maurath	Drew Myers
Evan McCaulay	Sean Nash
Olivia Lynn	Paige Neely
McClellan	Chris Nellis
Kevin McClure	Cameron Nelson

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TOP: Winners (from left) Dale Childress, Ken Konyshak and Scott Laham, '00, split the final pot to take home \$1,300 each.

The return of the annual poker tournament helped raise money for Cathedral's tuition assistance program and brought fun to more than 100 players looking to escape the winter blahs. 🍷



Congratulations to the winners from this year's Big Apple raffle. Our thanks to all who bought tickets in support of Cathedral!

Grand Prize — \$25,000
Kathy Ginder

2nd Prize — \$5,000
Tom Flynn

3rd Prize — \$1,000
Tom Egold

4th and 5th Prizes — \$500
Lauren Kaelin
Tom Flynn

6th – 10th Prizes — \$200
Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Loughery
Richard Crawford and
Darleen Williams
Thomas P. McNulty
Diane VandeBosche
Jo Cavanaugh

11th – 20th Prizes — \$100
J.W. Kiefer
Pam Powell
Marcus Thorne
Joseph J. Lauber, MD
Eric Jensen
Mary Kennedy
David Dezelan
Sheila Schroeder-Phillips
Tracy Gerbers
John Olmstead 🍀



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ABOVE: Donald Trump, (aka Tyler Webb), chatted up guests as they mingled in the silent auction area of the 2008 ShamrAuction. Students played all types of roles to bring New York City alive for our guests.

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Rachel Nicksin	Eric Prechtel	Christine Sieber	Zach Turi
Ashley Noe	Lindsay Price	Ajmir Singh	Zoe Turi
Brittany Noe	Michael Radlick	Bridget Stark	Nathan Vicar
Matt Nunley	Tony Ranek	Chris Steinmetz	Allie Vollmer
Colin O'Connor	Natalie Rawlinson	Edward Steinmetz	Natalie Warner
Patrick O'Connor	Earnest Redding	Jimmy Steinmetz	Tyler Webb
Brian O'Hara	Nick Rich	Matt Steinmetz	Chris Weber
Kathleen O'Hara	Kyle Roberts	Patrick Steinmetz	Matt Weghorst
Morgan O'Neil	Blaire Rothberger	Nick Stenson	Greg Welage
Mary Ording	Kaleigh Rougraff	Eddie Stephens	Louis Welebob
Laurel Osgood	Tommy Rouse	Jake Stieneker	Mark Welsh
Ashley	Caitlin Rumer	John Streiff	Joe Wheeler
O'Shay Mills	Frank Rutigliano	Andy Stuttle	Matt White
Kevin Owens	Ryan Sabuda	David Suess	Matt Wilberg
Maurissa Paligraf	Shelbi St. John	Brian Sutter	Chris Wildeman
Pat Paligraf	Dominick Santuro	Patrick Sweeney	Henry Will
Joe Pavlik	Olivia Scheidler	Stan Swithers	Kevin Williams
Errick Peck	Ian Schilling-Sims	Sarah TeKolste	Madeline Wright
Drew Perius	Matt Schoenfeld	Katie Thrapp	Jake Zupancic
Nicholas Perry	Teresa Schott	Spencer Tigges	Katie Zupancic
Nick Petruzzi	Luke Schroeder	Tyler Tigges	2007 Football
Andrew Pimentel	Kyle Scott	Patrick Trainor	Team 🍀
Anna Pollom	Erin Selsemeyer	Vi Tran	
Emily Pollom	Matt Seward	Kathryn Treadway	
Graham Powell	Brian Shelbourne	Emily Treece	
Bill Powers	Eric Sheldon	Nick Tsangaris	
Jade Powers	Michael Shultheis	Paul Tsangaris	

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Secrets for SANTA



Everybody took a turn at telling Santa a secret wish, when the jolliest of elves visited Cathedral before Christmas.

Alumni, current parents, faculty and staff members all brought wide-eyed youngsters to the special event that included breakfast and other goodies.

Santa said he would come back next year!



Santa had lots of elves at the ready. Three of his helpers were (from left) Anna Pollom, Toure Scott and Allison Vollmer.



ABOVE LEFT: Ethan Emery told Santa what he hoped he'd find under the tree.

ABOVE: Danny and Connor Hall kept both of Santa's ears busy when they shared his lap.

RIGHT: Julie Barthel and her daughter Caiti thought the day was extra fun.



2008 ShamrAuction Adult Volunteers

Bobby Allen	Anthony Ernst	Michelle LaGrotte	Gara Schrommer
Wilma Alspaugh	Beth Ernst	TJ Lambert	Jane Selsemeyer
Loretto Armstrong	Bruce Evans	Rolly Landeros	Dru Sexson
Jo Ausenbaugh	Jackie Fangman	Dan Laskowski	Jeanne Sexton
Gina Bachtel	Lisa Farley	Elizabeth Laskowski	Nadine Sheppard
Jan Baele	Denise Farrell	Linda Lee	Amy Sieber
Ken Barlow	Mike Feeney	Julie Lenahan	Charlesetta Staley
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Julie Barthel	Lisa Ford	Rhonda Low	Tim Stark
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Becky Bechtel	Polly Fox	Peter Malm	Mike Stevens
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Don Christian	Tim Herron	Renee Noe	Rick Wildey
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Betty Crossland	Stephen Hoskins	Beth Petrucce-Hoeper	Beth Wissler
Mary Crosswell	Kay Hugas	Donald Phelan	Paul Wissler
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Ann Cummings	Hannah Irwin-Magoo	Steve Piccione	Gene Witchger
Kim Czachuras	Larry Ison	Kathy Pivonka	Charlene Witka
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Giles Davis	Brenda Jinks	Ruth Rodgers	Diana Wysocki
Chris Deis	Greg Jinks	Ed Roessler	Steve Wysocki
Kathleen Deis	Ken Kaufman	Mic Roessler	Dave Yearwood
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Marty Dugan	Colleen Kopf	Eric Schmidt	
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Kathy Elliott	Kevin Kubacki	Brad Schrage	
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**4th Annual
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Monday, May 19, 2008

**Coffin Golf Course
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"Scramble"

**Golf Foursomes
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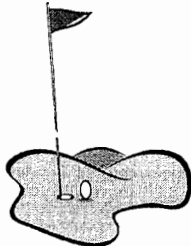
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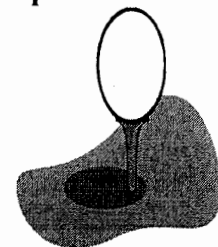
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SHOT GUN START 11:00 A.M.



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Summer 2008 Camps

Sports Camps (18+)			Enrichment Camps (35+)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseball Basketball Bowling Cheerleading Cross Country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Golf Lacrosse Soccer Softball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed & Development Tennis Volleyball Wrestling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Community Service Cultural Camps English/ISTEP/SAT History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math Music Robotics Science Theatre

Beginning February 1, 2008, you can sign up online at www.cathedral-irish.org. Be sure to register early as camps fill up quickly and all camps have a limit on the number of campers.



What our parents had to say after last year's camps...

- ♣ “(My daughter) enjoyed the Singers in Motion camp so much that our neighbors sent their son with her to the Math Pentathlon and the Reading Skills camps. Looking forward to next year!”
- ♣ “(My son) really enjoyed both the Robot Round Up and CSI camps. He was incredibly enthusiastic about it and was eager to return each day. We'll see you next year!”
- ♣ “My son really enjoyed Paint Like Picasso. He was not looking forward to attending camp, but ended up enjoying each day.”
- ♣ “The teachers were so helpful and made my child (who knew no one) feel very welcome!”



- ♣ “Yeah, my son wants to go back to camp - even for a full day!”
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- ♣ “(My son) loved all of his camps. He can't wait to play football for the Irish!”



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Alum networking site launched

A new business networking initiative — Cathedral Irish Connect — has been implemented through the alumni office to keep our Cathedral family connected. Alumni are



encouraged to participate by having their personal/business profiles posted on this site. That information will be shared throughout the Cathedral nation, and the goal is to stimulate business.

Check out the new Web site at

www.cathedral-irishconnect.com or call Ken Barlow, '82, director of alumni and community affairs, at (317) 968-7366 for more information. ☘



Walton Pratt discusses King's legacy

Judge Tanya Walton Pratt, '77, was this year's guest speaker for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Day celebration.

Walton Pratt (left and being interviewed by film club members above) is an alum and current parent who challenged the students

to continue to live King's legacy by getting involved, taking advantage of their opportunities — including their Cathedral education — and being vehicles of positive change.

The event also included the school's gospel choir. ☘

Participation also key to success

By MARY T. BOYLE, '81

In my last article, I asked you to think about the impact of a \$25 donation on our students who receive financial aid and how important that is to them. So, I'm sure it is no surprise when you get that call from a CHS senior soliciting funds to help "shore up the coffers" so to speak. On behalf of every student who has passed through the halls of Cathedral, I thank you. But there are many other ways to give back to a school that has given so much to her graduates.



Getting involved can be as easy as playing golf — just what these Class of 1982 friends did!

I attend many functions at Cathedral — everything from Alumni Association meetings and theatre events to athletic events and even meetings with the dean of students (compliments of one of my children!). The vast majority of the educational day is developed and controlled by trained professionals — teachers, the administrators and support staff. Those individuals put in more than typical school hours because they are present at all school events. But if you spend any amount of time at CHS, you will quickly notice the number of volunteers that also give of their time.

Behind each athletic team, there is a team mom or dad who organizes everything from food to transportation. Behind every theatre production, there are parents who organize flowers and candy for performers and concessions for each show. Behind each alumni event, there is an individual who lines

up entertainers, solicits donations and organizes helpers for the event. So much of what happens behind the scenes at Cathedral is the result of the many hours put in by volunteers. We've all heard about the T3 — time, treasure and talent. That indeed is part of the culture at Cathedral!

There are numerous opportunities to help at Cathedral that don't require any special talent — just effort. I've often heard people speak of that feeling of family at Cathedral, that atmosphere that makes it so special. I can't help but wonder if it isn't because of the people who give so freely of their time. What would our school be like without the precious commodity of these individuals' time and talent? Chances are Cathedral wouldn't be in existence today if it weren't for men and women who give of their time to ensure that our school continues to exist, continues to educate and continues to search for ways to improve and excel. If you're an alum and would like to get involved, contact any member of the Alumni Association.

You might also be amazed at the effect your attendance at an alumni event might have on another individual. That feeling of family I mentioned earlier is so prevalent and strong at Cathedral because of our ability to show up in force. Those familial bonds then ripple through the hallways touching staff, students, volunteers and visitors alike. Check out the upcoming events sponsored by the alumni association or any other of the school's organizations and see which one might fit in with your busy schedule.

You are probably right when you think that representatives of Cathedral call you only when they want a donation. I can't really be a myth buster on that one. But, when was the last time you called Cathedral? Dare I ask? Was it when you tried to call yourself in for a sick day as a senior? Perhaps it's time to call and ask, "How can I give of my time and talent for the benefit of Cathedral?" You will be glad you did so, and Cathedral will be a better place for students because of your gift! 🐾

Mary T. Boyle, CPA, '81 is the president of the Cathedral Alumni Association.

Clubs to be chartered in four areas



Highlights photo/Ken Barlow

First Row (L-R): Joe McGowan, Paul L. Brink, Mary Jane Brink, Joe Woelfel, Joseph Woelfel, John Rosner. Second Row (L-R): Bill Shover, Jeff Nemecek, Paul D. Brink, Steve Helmich, Richard Horn, Tom Iozzo, William Shattuck, Patrick Dugan, Mike Diver, Edmund Bradley.

Our family reaches far beyond Indiana

By KEN BARLOW, '82

Expanding our tradition, stimulating our faith and strengthening the bond of our family are values that enhance our growth. We are an innovative school that continues to move forward, yet we remain grounded in the core values that keep us strong, nurturing the Cathedral family beyond Indiana.

A great initiative has begun in our alumni office. With the sup-

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Stories of "Dear Old Cathedral" light up the Valley of the Sun

By BILL SHOVER, '46

It was a cold, rainy day in Phoenix.

It was the day after Super Bowl XLII, perhaps the greatest Super Bowl game in history.

There was sadness in the Valley of the Sun, as Patriots fans checked out of overpriced hotels, turned in overpriced rental cars and flowed tears into overpriced beers.

Giants' fans celebrated.

Another celebration happened in a private dining room where sons of Cathedral now living in Arizona gathered to tell stories and share sentimental memories of days at "Dear Old Cathedral."

Paul L. Brink, '40, told of his romance with St. Agnes Academy coed, Mary Jane Bruno, SAA '41.

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Alumni profile

Tribute to '72 grad, now mayor

By DAVID MULLER, '72

Greg Ballard and I became classmates 40 years ago as freshmen at Cathedral High School and went through Indiana University together. We've shared much, and I've always known him to be kind, solid, thoughtful and attentive to others. I have faith that Indianapolis is entering a time of great prosperity and new vigor under his leadership.

Mayor Ballard starts well – with high intelligence and pragmatism, facile ability with words, and unusual dedication to others, all developed in part at Cathedral High School. At Cathedral our teachers gave us invaluable lessons in clear thinking and effective writing. The Brothers of Holy Cross operated the school then and gave themselves to us with loving generosity, manifested in part by our English teachers requiring us to memorize hundreds of definitions each semester! That practice contributed to precision in our thinking and the ability to express ideas with power and grace. These gifts benefit Indianapolis today. Mayor Ballard's speaking is often appropriately and comfortably informal, and his writing demonstrates thoughtfulness and skill.

When Greg told me at I.U. that he was going to become a Marine, I was impressed. We grew up during the tumult of the Vietnam War. Greg knew from me about my brother Steve (2nd Lt. Stephen P. Muller, U.S.M.C., Cathedral Class of 1960), who was killed in that war, and Greg knew in other ways the high cost of military service. Greg had many good options in life, and his choice to place himself in harm's way to serve in the Marine Corps reveals a core element of his character — his admirable dedication to other people. We learned at Cathedral that the Catholic faith allows for war, "just war," in certain circumstances. With this understand-



Highlights photo/David Dixon

Mayor Greg Ballard with fellow Class of 1972 member David Muller, at Ballard's inauguration ceremony.

ing of the real world, I'm certainly thankful for people like Greg and all others who have risked, and sometimes given, everything in military and public service.

I teach young people to address elected officials in letters as "The Honorable ..."

Mayor Ballard has earned that treatment, by the people's vote. But he also has earned the title of honorable for his conscientious service to the United States and its principles.

Mayor Greg Ballard has met large challenges well and will lead Indianapolis with commendable experience, judgment and positivity. I'm grateful he sought to serve others by seeking election, making another life choice associated with solid cost and uncertainties. His stepping up, with no guarantees of reward, gave residents the ability to viably shift the city's direction in a fresh way, under sound leadership. I trust the happiness many of us felt when he was elected will develop into a deep gratitude in the future for great good to come to Indianapolis because of this generous man of considerable and considered action. 🍀

1980s

Vincent B. Johnson, '83, and Karla Dorsey-Johnson were blessed with a son, Joseph Prescott Johnson on Nov. 9, 2007.

John Gardner, '83, (left) is a captain at American Eagle Airlines and living in Boynton Beach, Fla., with his wife, Susan and their three girls, QwynnAnn Rose, 7; Amelia Grace, 4; and Reilly Noelle, 2 (below). Gardner has been with American Eagle for 10 years, flying an ATR72, a 66-passenger turboprop aircraft. He also recently was sent to Dallas to train new-hire pilots and captain upgrades.

Susan has 15 years of outside sales experience but spends her time now home-schooling the girls and running them around to a dozen different activities. The family is launching its own company that will sell solar energy products. Reach them at: johngardner@hotmail.com.



Patricia Lantis, '84, has been named the associate director of clinical services for Homecare with Visiting Nurse Service.

For the 14th year in a row, **Cindy (Moll) Harris, '87**, won the Bop to the Top race — the 37-floor stair climb to the top of Indy's OneAmerica Tower. Three days later, she came in second in the women's division of the Empire State Building Run-Up in New York City. Harris has won that event four times.

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Your investments — their returns

By MIKE FEENEY

Today's world gets us all caught up in investments and the dividends they might be paying for our retirement, our children's education or simply our nestegg. Our hope is that you are seeing an everyday return on your investments here at Cathedral High School in the faces of those you help.

We are convinced that Indianapolis and our country are better because of the graduates of Cathedral High School. For 90 years, Cathedral has been graduating parents, priests and women religious, business people, medical doctors, social workers and teachers as well as Nobel Peace Prize winners, Pulitzer Prize winners and mayors for our fine city and beyond. We hope you are as proud of Cathedral and her graduates as we are.

This year we will send more than 300 students to colleges and universities across America, and they will be replaced by the same number of young faces who are excited to come here and become a part of The Cathedral Family. These young people continue to be grateful for your willingness to support them in their educational experience.

More than 35 percent of our students continue to receive financial aid at a rate that is second to none in the state of Indiana. Your participation in this effort is deeply appreciated and humbly accepted. Our hope is that you continue to see Cathedral as a good steward of your investments and feel the dividends paid are some of the best in the world.

On behalf of the school and its many graduates, we are grateful for your participation and stand ready to address any questions or comments you may have about our school. ☘

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Donor profile

California couple remember their roots



Cathedral and Ladywood High School graduates Dr. John E. Meihaus and Kathryn Bernatz Meihaus have announced their planned gift to Cathedral through a Charitable Remainder Trust.

Dr. John E. Meihaus, '39, and Kathryn Bernatz Meihaus, '39, may have left Indianapolis for California more than 60 years ago, but they never forgot their roots. While the pair were loyal Hoosiers, Jack's naval service and subsequent association with hospitals in California limited their visits to Indiana. Jack passed away in 2000, but Kathryn and six of their eight children remain in California.

Dr. Meihaus was a pioneer in the development of the modified kiel artificial kidney in 1961. He developed the first chronic hemodialysis facility in a private hospital in California, where he was director of nephrology and dialysis.

Kathryn and Jack have made Cathedral a beneficiary of a planned gift. Their gift to the school will allow Cathedral the opportunity to provide tuition assistance to a student who could otherwise not afford to pay the full cost of education. Preference will be given to students who apply from St. Joan of Arc Catholic School.

Cathedral High School salutes Dr. and Mrs. Meihaus for their thoughtful and generous gift to the school, and we pledge our continued stewardship of their benevolence. 🍀

1990s

Preston Scheu, (right) the son of Mary Christine (Tina) Watson Scheu, '92, and her husband, John, sits on Santa's lap during Breakfast with Santa, held on campus in December. Santa also just happens to be Preston's grandpa (Tina's dad), Jack Watson.



Dr. Shannon Humes-Leavell, '93, and William Leavell, '90, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Marie Jo Leavell. Alexis was born on Christmas Day in Dallas, where the family resides.

Mary Beth and **Kevin Hughes, '95,** welcomed their first baby, Patrick Joseph Hughes, on July 12, 2007.

Mary Beth is an attorney, and Kevin is a Catholic school principal working on his Ph.D. in educational leadership and policy analysis from UW-Madison. The family (right) makes its home in Milwaukee.

Jeff Taber, '96, has opened Taber Bakery in Cheviot (a western suburb of Cincinnati). Taber Bakery is a small bakery focusing on fresh, European-style pastries. Fresh bread baked daily is the other specialty. Taber is married to Jennifer, and the couple have two children, JJ, 2, and Julia, 1. All Cathedral grads living in Cincinnati are encouraged to visit the bakery at 3408 Harrison Ave. and receive a 10 percent discount — get a free Danish if you sing the Cathedral Fight Song!



Alumni profile

From Haughville into the history books

Class of '91 grad elected to council

José M. Evans, '91, made history in November when he became the first Democrat elected to the City-County Council from District 1 in Pike Township.

Evans was raised in Indy's Haughville neighborhood, graduating from Cathedral in 1991.

He earned a B.A. in political science and English from the University of Indianapolis and his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind.

He currently works as a pharmaceutical sales specialist with Sepracor. He also is chairman of the Black and Latino Policy Institute in Indianapolis.

Evans previously served as the director of minority and women business for the City of Indianapolis and executive director of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males. Evans has been a featured columnist for The Indianapolis Star and the Indianapolis Recorder.

Evans is in his first



term on the City-County council and serves on the economic development and metropolitan development committees.

The economic development committee addresses concerns that stifle economic growth and helps promote economic development in all.

As a member of the metropolitan development committee, Evans will concentrate on neighborhood concerns such as zoning, planning, land use, public housing, township administration, code compliance and enforcement and historic preservation.

Evans is married to Tara, and they have two sons, Malcom and Tayshaun. The family worships at Northside New Era church.

He can be reached at (317) 777-4711 or via e-mail at: infor@evansforindy.com.



PHOENIX, from pg 57

After service in World War II in the Navy, the couple married and later sent children to the schools divided only by 13th Street, south of Meridian. One of their sons, Paul Jr., now living in Michigan, was with them at the club launch in Phoenix. The Brinks now live in Sun City West, Ariz.

The warmth of the gathering offset the day as tales of the discipline, direction and advantages of the brothers' teaching flowed.

It was the third visit to Phoenix to meet with area Irish for Steve Helmich, Cathedral's president.

Ken Barlow, Cathedral's director of alumni and community affairs, also came to coordinate the luncheon.

Every guest spoke reflectively about his student days. The themes that surfaced were those of the unity of the student body, the emphasis on learning and the lifelong friendships.

That tradition continues, Helmich remarked, as it has for nearly 90 years.

Chris Burnett, '81, the most recent alumnus, recalled events on the 56th Street campus that carried on from the Downtown school — the holistic experience of developing and challenging each student to push harder to achieve.

There was a permeating spirit of, despite many years away, the Cathedral experience still affecting daily living.

Helmich and Barlow updated the group and assured all that campus spirit, and commitment to church and challenge live on at Cathedral today.

At the conclusion, **Tom Iozzo, '63**, suggested a Cathedral group form for meetings throughout the year. There was unanimous acceptance to attempt to involve the 90-plus Cathedral sons and daughters living in Arizona. 🐦

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1990s

Moira M. Gill, '96, and Brian T. Barone (below) were married

Aug. 11, 2007, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carmel, Ind. Cathedral alumni in the wedding party included Katie (George) Peterson, '96, Angie Hamilton-Lowe,

'96, maid of honor Bridget Gill, '99, (sister of the bride), Trenton Gill, '94, Christopher Gill, '93, and Mark Gill, '00, (brothers of the bride). The couple resides in Milwaukee, where Brian is an assistant men's basketball coach at Marquette University and Moira is a physical therapist.

Bernadette (Marten) Teeley, '96, has been named the executive director of the Indianapolis Rowing Club. She comes to the IRC from the University of Michigan, where she was the assistant rowing coach and director of student athlete development.

Bernadette was a collegiate rower and was a member of the 2002 U.S. Women's 8+ National Rowing Team that won a gold medal in that year's world championships in Spain.

Kacie and Alex Fleck, '97, welcomed their first daughter, Gretchen Elise (right), on July 27. The family lives in Lusby, Md. David and Shannon (Gurzyn-

ski) Campbell, '98, welcomed their first child, Molly Kathleen on Sept. 29, 2007.

Shannon works for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and David works for National City Bank. The family lives in Indianapolis.

Jennifer Tarbox, '98, and Jonathan Boodro (below) were married June 16, 2007, at the White River Gardens in Indianapolis.



Cathedral alums in attendance were Teddy Parker-Renga, '98, Alison Grant, '98, Eric Hoefflin, '95, Andrew Autajay, '95, Natasha Tarbox, '95, Heather Bolger Landis, '95, Shannon Coogan Hautman, '98, and Jennie Nye, '98.



Jenny and Jon met in New Zealand while working abroad. The couple are living in Phoenix where Jenny is finishing her Ph.D. in school psychology at Arizona State University. Jon is an e-commerce operations manager. Contact Jenny at: tbox444@yahoo.com.

2000s

Sarah Bauer, '00, (below) released her third CD, "Radiance" in 2007. As a Christian artist, Sarah travels the country inspiring those on their journey with her musically-charged voice of faith.

Sarah is engaged, and her wedding is in April. Learn more about Sarah's ministry at www.sarahbauer.com.





FLORIDA CLUB: Pictured front row (from left), Rosemarie Paugh, SMA '61, Barb Kiefer, Marilyn O'Harrow, Marybeth Lintzenich, Cathy Ryan, Jen Healy and Helen Rees. Back row from left are Mike Paugh, '57, Ron Leeds, '54, Jim McLinn, '70, Jake Kiefer, Bob O'Harrow, '52, Jim Lintzenich, Ed Ryan, '69, Michael Mick, '73, Ray Rathz, '46, Dick Braun, '47, and Bill Rees.

Florida Irish eager to gather

A host of alumni and friends attended a reception in Bonita Springs, Fla., representing five decades of Cathedral alumni. The group, hosted by **Ed Ryan, '69**, was joined by **Jim McLinn, '70**, Cathedral's executive vice president, and **Ken Barlow, '82**, director of alumni relations.

Ray Rathz, '46, and **Dick Braun, '47**, carpooled to the event and Jake Kiefer and his wife Barb journeyed from two hours north to participate. Former parents Jen Healy, Jim and Marybeth Lintzenich and Bill and Helen Rees showed their support of dear old Cathedral by exchanging fond memories with the group. All who attended finished the night by singing the school's fight song.

Michael Mick, '73, expressed his gratitude after attending the alumni and friends reception and reiterated the mission of Father Kelly and the words of Papa Joe Dezelan, "What are you doing to make Cathedral a better place?" ☘

FAMILY, from pg 57

port of our administration, and the help of host **Bill Shover, '46**, the first of four alumni and friends clubs was launched in Phoenix in February.

Bonita Springs, Fla., was the site of the second club launch in early March — Cincinnati and Chicago will follow in late spring.

Our objective is to keep our tribe, our clan, our network, our family connected regardless of our geographical location. The clubs will participate in planned social activities and could include listening to CHS football games over the Web, participating in St. Patrick's Day parades, attending local professional sporting events, annual alumni and friend dinners and/or returning to dear ol' Cathedral for homecoming or the all-class reunion.

The reception and enthusiasm in Phoenix was tremendous, and I look forward to assisting in the development of these clubs across the entire country. If you have any questions or interest in helping this initiative in your area please contact me. ☘

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Alumni profile — where are they now?

Class of '85 grad enjoying the world

By **SHAVAUN (SWISHER) TRIMPE, '85**

As a graduate of Cathedral who has always lived in Indianapolis, it amazes me to hear of a fellow classmate who's traveled the world. I've recently reconnected with **Kathy O'Brien, '85**, — one of the best cheerleaders CHS ever had! She's living in Singapore — I wondered what took her there.

After CHS, O'Brien attended Indiana University and graduated in May 1989 with a bachelor of science in management. Over the next four years, she held jobs back in her hometown,

O'Brien and her husband enjoy life in Southeast Asia, and make the most of their location by visiting countries throughout that region.

advocate, O'Brien represented the children in court and monitored their well being in foster

and did a brief stint in Evansville. Fast forward to early 1996, when O'Brien moved to Champaign, Ill., and met her husband, Derek Allgood. The two were married in 1999.

Over the next few years, the pair moved around the country due to Allgood's job with Citigroup, ultimately landing (for a time anyway) in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

While there, O'Brien did fundraising for various schools throughout central and northern New Mexico. Her most rewarding job, she says, was being a court-appointed special advocate for five foster children. As an



Kathy O'Brien in Sydney, Australia.

care. Happily, O'Brien said, all five youngsters were successfully adopted into loving families.

In April 2005, the couple found themselves on the move again, when Allgood was offered an international assignment within Citigroup Asia Pacific. Off they went to Singapore, where they remain today.

Their location has given them ample opportunity to travel that part of the world, and the pair have visited Thailand, Hong Kong, Australia (several times), Vietnam, India, the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Japan, Egypt and New Zealand. Future plans call for visits to Nepal, Korea, and mainland China.

In Singapore, O'Brien owns and operates a personal fitness training business, and does cultural business/living training for Asians traveling to America. She's also learning to speak Mandarin Chinese.

At home, O'Brien and Allgood share their house with Yorkshire Terriers and are happy experiencing the world's culture. 🐶🐶

Have a suggestion for a 'Where are they now?' Call Ken Barlow, director of alumni relations at (317) 968-7366 or contact him via e-mail at kenbarlow@cathedral-irish.org.

2000s

Katie Obsitnik, '03, has been accepted into the London School of Economics.

Emilia Myers, '04, will leave in June to serve in the Peace Corps in Tanzania as a health education volunteer focusing on HIV prevention.



Myers (left) will graduate summa cum laude with a BS in exercise science from the University of Louisville in May.

Kathleen Kelley, '04, was crowned homecoming queen at the University of Alabama last fall.

Gov. Bob Riley crowned Kelley at Bryant-Denny Stadium, in front of 94,000 fans.

Kathleen (below) was escorted onto the field by her father, John, and was joined by her mother, Lisa, and siblings Mary, '06; Colleen, '08; and Johnny, '13.

She was selected by the 28,000-member UA student body.



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In memory

We remember and pray for those in our Cathedral family who have died, including:

Richard E. Diekhoff, 77, '48
 William T. Donahue, '35
 Bernard French, 84,
 grandfather of Michael, '09 and Stephen, '11
 Dr. Robert E. Godfrey, 84, '41
 Virginia A. (Connor) Grande, 81, SAA '44
 James J. Higgins, 75, grandfather of Kara Neal, '10
 Dr. David Kenney, 79, '46
 Anthony R. McCann, 71, '54
 Joseph C. McCarthy Jr., 69, '56
 Michael J. McGuire, 69, '56
 Juanita C. (Walsh) McNulty, 84, SAA '41
 John F. Molloy, '52
 Robert W. Moos, '48
 Robert E. Moran, '54
 Charles E. Murphy Jr., 81, '44
 Alfred J. Priller, '32
 William R. Pruitt, 74,
 longtime assistant wrestling coach
 Guy Reardon, 91, great-grandmother
 of staff member Erin Reardon
 John M. Rohm Jr., 62, '64
 Ray Schnorr Sr., 88, '36
 Thomas J. Shoettle Sr., 91, '35
 Thomas F. Spellacy, 73, father of Kerry Bender, '77;
 Kathleen Scaletty, '78; Kevin, '78; Patrick,
 '80; Colleen Cline, '83; Mary Clare, '84;
 Shawn, '88; Daniel, '89; and Meghan, '94.
 Della Thornburg, mother-in-law
 of staff member Susie Thornburg
 Sister Elizabeth R. Weisenbach, 85,
 former staff member

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and
 let perpetual light shine upon them. ☩

irish memories

Of pride, pranks and Pepto

One memory too big a challenge for alum

By **JON SCHWANTES, '82**

The invitation to share a favorite high school memory with the readers of Highlights brought it back — that knot in my stomach I felt nearly 20 years ago when Cathedral asked me to deliver the keynote address at a National Honor Society induction.

I was flattered by the invitation to speak at my alma mater, but I was just seven years out of high school myself, and the idea of getting up in front of a packed auditorium and imparting “a few words of wisdom” was daunting, to say the least.

At the time, I was a reporter covering state government, so I sought the advice of several known for their public speaking skills.

Evan Bayh, then a few months into his first term as governor, offered a suggestion we’ve all heard many times before. Coming from Indiana’s chief executive, it seemed particularly profound: “When you look out at all those people, just imagine that they’re sitting there in their underwear.”

I immediately called Cathedral and said I’d accept the invitation — on one condition.

“You have to make sure,” I said, “that the cheerleaders are in the front row — and that Mauger, McLinn and Wellman are all the way in the back.” (And that, for better or worse, became the opening line of my speech).

This time around, the knot in my stomach doesn’t have anything to do with the prospect of communicating with a large group.

No, this time, my apprehension stems from a desire — a sense of obligation, really — to do justice to those very special four years of my life

and to the people who made them so. There are so many wonderful memories. How can I focus on just one?

Should I write about hauling our teachers to midnight screenings of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*? Or about having to do a month’s worth of yard work for our cross-country coach, Kevin McDowell — our punishment for having put Vaseline on his doorknobs? Or about recruiting Mr. Mauger to play for our intramural basketball team, a move that paid big dividends when he sank two free throws with no time left on the clock to deliver a victory in the final game of an otherwise-winless season?

The knot in my stomach is getting tighter.

Maybe I should recount the Friday night my Cathedral buddies and I ended up with our hands on the hoods of several Indianapolis police cruisers. We’d been, uh, relocating some real estate signs to Judie Ney’s lawn when the cruisers, including a canine unit, started pulling up.

We had no idea that Mrs. Ney’s street recently had experienced a rash of car break-ins and that her son had dialed 911, having mistaken us for the perpetrators.

How about the pep rallies, those high-octane assemblies that inevitably pushed — and sometimes crossed — the boundaries of propriety?

The rallies preceding football games usually featured an appearance by a dummy, clad in the opposing school’s helmet and jersey. That practice stopped when one of my classmates, a skilled martial arts practitioner armed with throwing stars and nunchucks, decapitated the effigy.

Where’s the Pepto-Bismol?

Perhaps I should reflect on my

senior year stint on the Brain Game team. I remember the excitement we felt walking into a TV studio at 14th and Meridian, across from the “old” Cathedral, to take on North Central.

Little did I know I’d later return to that same studio — on a weekly basis — to tape two public broadcasting programs. (Actually, I’m surprised they let me back in after that unfortunate incident in which I accused Brain Game host Bob Gregory of posing a trick question.)

Then again, if I were to focus on an experience that had a lasting impact on my life, I’d write about traveling to Washington, D.C., with colleagues from the Megaphone to cover the inauguration of Ronald Reagan.

Somehow, after the swearing-in, the speeches and the parade, we ended up in the Oval Office — the Oval Office — with the new president.

Enough.

I’m not going to put my stomach through this. I’m not going to try to pick a single experience to represent my four years. After all, when my high school friends and I get together, we reminisce for hours — and barely scratch the surface.

I realize that the outstanding English teachers I had at Cathedral — Melinda (Luckey) Bundy, Ruth Beyer, Bob Glidden and the aforementioned Mrs. Ney — would give me low marks, and rightly so, for such a scattershot approach.

I’ll tell you what, if I’m ever invited back to Cathedral to speak at, say, a National Honor Society induction, I’ll try to narrow my theme. I’ll pick one topic and stick to it — more or less.

Oh, and if that ever happens, I want Mauger, McLinn and Wellman in the front row. ☺

Back home again ...

The Hendrix family spent last May touring historic and cultural sites in South Korea, the birth country of two Cathedral alums.

Kyle Hendrix, '02, his brother Sean, '06 and their mom Ardis, LSA '70, paused for a quick photo while in Namsan, South Korea. 📷



Where've YOU been?

Ever raced along the Rhine?
Tipped your toes in the Tigris?
Waved to Her Majesty at Windsor?
We want to see it!

Next time you travel for business or pleasure, don't forget to take along a T-shirt or pennant — anything with the Cathedral name — then snap a picture of yourself or your family members displaying the colors.

E-mail a little information about yourself (your classmates would love to know what happened to you) and your trip, and send your minimum 200 dpi jpeg to The Highlights at: Irenze@cathedral-irish.org

Don't have spirit wear? No problem! Check out the bookstore Web site at: www.cathedral-irish.org/page.cfm?p=123

Bookstore manager Sarah Rogozinski will help make sure you're stocked up and ready to represent the Irish wherever your travels take you.



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timeline

April

17 Emerald Isle Dinner

May

17 Baccalaureate
18 Graduation
19 BAC Golf Outing

June

5 All-Class Golf Outing
7 All-Class Reunion



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