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Fine Arts Building opens to students!

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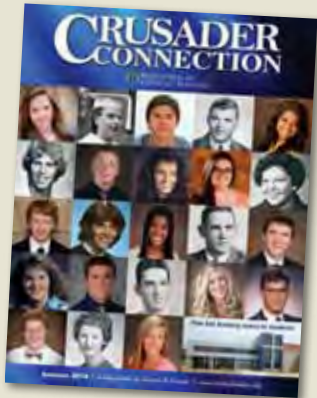
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Heelan Teachers, Friends and Alumni



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Greetings Heelan Alumni and Friends,

It is with great pride that we open our Heelan Fine Arts Building this August as the 2014-15 school year begins. We celebrate this momentous occasion with much joy and gratitude, as its completion speaks to the vision, planning and generosity of many dedicated supporters of Heelan. Our beautiful new auditorium provides a state-of-the-art educational setting for our talented students and an ideal place for appreciative audiences.

In this issue I'm sure you also will be very impressed at our popular section devoted to graduates, their parents and grandparents who all attended Heelan. It is an honor for Heelan to educate generations of families. It is our privilege to again welcome a new crop of freshmen this August.



We look forward to a memorable fall with special events to celebrate the opening of our Fine Arts Building. We hope we see many Heelan alumni, parent and friends there.

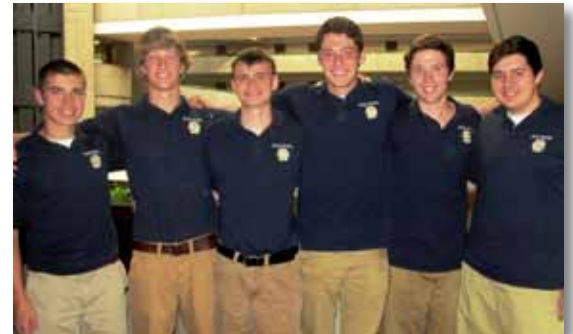
James Tschann
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Heelan Quiz Bowl Competes in National Championship

Heelan's Quiz Bowl Team competed for the first time at the 2014 National Academic Quiz Bowl Championship in Chicago, May 31-June 1.

Students competed against teams from California, Tennessee, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Florida and Alabama. The team had a great experience meeting other students from throughout the country and finding out how competitive making the quiz bowl team is in many schools.

Coach Nan Kiel expressed team thanks to Heelan administrators, the Activities Office and the Gold Club for their support. Heelan's Quiz Bowl team qualified for the event at a national competition event.



Quiz Bowl members from left are: Garrett Rethman, Louis Noel, Christian Pratt, Danny Goebel, Alex Linden and Michael Feste. Four are children of Heelan alumni.

Show Choir Shines

Heelan's Harmonia Mundi varsity show choir won Best Vocals and was voted Grand Champion at their final competition of the season at the March Soundsational event in Hinton.

Heelan Magnifique won first place in prep division.

The varsity performance means Harmonia Mundi students opened and closed their 2014 season as grand champions.



Introducing Our New Fine Arts Building

The new Heelan Fine Arts Building, opening to all student classes Aug. 15, offers exciting new space to help students develop talent and skills. The building, at 12th and Grandview Boulevard across from the CYO, features air-conditioning throughout and new classroom areas and upgrades not available in the current high school.

Efforts now focus on completing the high school with a major building addition of classrooms, science labs and a gymnasium.

Fine Arts Building Special Events

**Open to the Public*

- **Bishop's Blessing of the new Fine Arts Building**
Tuesday, Aug. 19
Student Mass at Cathedral
with Bishop Walker Nickless
- **Mass Celebration and Dedication of the Chapel**,
Friday, Aug. 22 • 4 p.m.
with Bishop Walker Nickless
- **Donors and Dessert:**
Tuesday, Sept. 30 • 7 p.m.
- ***Open House for Alumni, Parish Members, Employee Families and the Community**
Sunday, Oct. 5 • 12 Noon-2 p.m.
- **Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**
Thursday, Oct. 16 • 4:30-7 p.m.



Vocal Classroom

Spacious Chapel



The 634-seat
Fine Arts Auditorium



Band Classroom



Art Classroom



Commons





Nick Bousquet '14 reads with preschooler Max Tew.



Preschool at Heelan a Resounding Success

Heelan students enjoyed peals of laughter and high-fives from four-year-olds every school day this past year with the opening of a preschool on the high school campus.

The 14 preschool students, based in a classroom in the CYO, interacted with high schoolers through art classes, trips to gym class, daily lunch in the lunchroom and special visits.

The experience was uplifting to everyone, according to Laurie Dougherty, art teacher.

"It has been our joy to be a classroom across from the preschool," says Dougherty. "The 'big graders' and 'little graders' became great friends. They read to us and we read to them."

It has rekindled the joy and wonder of early childhood among both Heelan students and their teachers, she adds.

The preschool was opened on Heelan's campus because of lack of room at Sacred Heart School. A playground, funded in part by Missouri River Historical Development, was created in a courtyard next to the high school.

The popular reputation of the preschool at Bishop Heelan has spread. The preschool class of 2014 is full.

"Music Man" Ends Gym Use for Musical

When Heelan Theater students presented "The Music Man" in late April it was the final production on stage in "The Pit."

Next year's spring musical will be performed in the new Heelan Fine Arts Building. It seemed fitting that the Fine Arts Department present Meredith Wilson's musical, inspired by his life in Iowa, as the final show in the school's gymnasium. Children of alumni Steve and Molly (Lennon) Linden '85, Kris (Hartnett) Brown '84, Barb (Nelson) Tushla '79 and others starred in the production.

Former Comedy Writer Priest Nurtures Staff

Fr. Joe Krupp, team chaplain for Michigan State University, humored and inspired Bishop Heelan system teachers and staff in an all-day professional development retreat during Catholic Schools Week.

A former comedy writer who was ordained a priest in 1998, he appears on Catholic TV and is a regular writer for FAITH magazine of the Diocese of Lansing. Krupp also authored "Fr. Joe's Smart Answers & Bad Jokes."



Fr. Joe Krupp joins Michele Schorg and Curt Gengler at a professional retreat for teachers and staff.



No. 1 at Jazz Fest

The Heelan Jazz Band edged out Yankton for 1st place in Class 3 at the USD Coyote Jazz Festival in Vermillion in March. (Alumni parents of soloists were Beth (Hand) and Jason Pratt, Laura Miller and Mike Neswick.

Student Earns Statewide Poetry Honor

Grace Beumler, an active fine arts student and daughter of John and Allison (Chapman) Beumler '86, received second place in the Iowa competition of "Poetry Out Loud" a national literary contest.



Grace Beumler

Heelan High Test Scores Hit High Marks

Iowa Assessment Tests for Heelan High School students again showed excellent results in reading, vocabulary, written expression, mathematics, computation, science, and social studies.

Formerly known as Iowa Basic Skills, the tests help identify strengths and weaknesses, determine college readiness, and help administrators evaluate instruction. Nine out of 10 Heelan grads go on to college. Composite scores were junior 95, sophomores 98 and freshmen 96.

“Our departments analyze student results to see how we can better help students advance,” says Principal Chris Bork. “We are always working to raise scores and improve instruction in our departments, collaborating as a school, and working with our elementary and middle schools.”



Bishop R. Walker Nickless with a religion class at Heelan

Thayer Retires after 45 Years

Bill Thayer, long-time Heelan business teacher retired in May after 45 years of teaching and interacting with thousands of students at the high school.

Thayer, a graduate of Briar Cliff University, taught marketing, accounting, general business, typing and other subjects. He was honored at the high school with an award earlier in the year and a reception in May.



Bill Thayer

System Office Welcomes New Staff Member

Yvette (Moreno) Sitzmann '93 has joined the Heelan system office to work with admissions and development projects.

In her new position the bilingual Heelan grad and parent of two will organize student shadow days and new family events, meet with parents, work with Spanish-speaking communication materials and assist with development activities.

Sitzmann previously worked in admissions at Western Iowa Tech Community College and in accounting for Tyson Foods. She has a bachelor's degree in marketing management from Bellevue University and will receive a master's degree in higher education this year.



Yvette (Moreno) Sitzmann '93

Priest Receives Major Award

Fr. Craig Collison, Sacred Heart pastor who is well known for his golden voice announcing Heelan football and basketball games and Heelan Auctions in his trademark baritone, has been honored with a major award.

He received the 2014 O'Neil D'Amour Award from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) for his national contribution to Catholic education and work with boards of education.

Collison has served for nine years as the vice chair on the Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools board of education and more.



Fr. Craig Collison

Brian Goetz Scholarship Established at Heelan

The Brian Goetz Memorial Scholarship has been established to offer tuition assistance to Heelan High students in memory of Brian Goetz, a high-energy 1973 Heelan graduate who supported his alma mater.

Annual scholarships will be awarded to students who are active, show dedication to hard work and fall outside of income needs for Monsignor Lafferty Foundation tuition grants.

“We are very pleased to offer this new scholarship fund to help students and honor an energetic Heelan graduate,” says Bob Geary, director of guidance and counseling.

Before his early death at age 54 in 2010, Goetz was the long-time owner of Perkins Office Solutions, a family business he worked in for

years. He served on community boards, was a pilot, a cyclist and a veteran of RAGBRAI rides across Iowa and motorcycle rides to Sturgis.

Goetz grew up in Blessed Sacrament Parish. An active alum, he worked on Heelan phonathons, reunions, auction donations and more. When he learned of his terminal illness he took steps to benefit Heelan High School on a permanent basis by establishing an endowed scholarship fund.

“Brian loved life and was always quick with a joke and a smile, says Paula Goetz '76, his sister. “He valued hard work and helping others help themselves. This scholarship fund honors his legacy.”

< Brian Goetz '73, loved life and loved Heelan. A new scholarship honors his spirit.



Sports Highlights

Girls Basketball

The Lady Crusaders had another outstanding season and qualified for the state tournament for the 7th time in the last 8 years. The ladies finished the season 20-4 and were the Missouri River Conference Champions.



Boys Basketball

The Boy's basketball team continued to be a strong tournament contender with a record of 14-10. They were led by a large group of seniors and were crowned District Champions for the 11th year in a row.



Wrestling

Crusader Wrestling fans were treated to stronger season this winter led by Senior Christian Brobst who finished 3rd Place at State Class 2A 195 lbs.

Track and Field

Heelan Track teams continued their local and state success by winning both the Boys and Girls City and Conference Championships.

Girls Golf

Girl's golf had an outstanding spring led by Sophomore Molly Lunde Molly Lund who was a state qualifier.

Soccer

The Boys Soccer team was a state qualifier this year losing in overtime to Cedar Rapids Xavier. The team finished the season with a record of 12-4.

The Girls Soccer team continued their strong tradition with a record of 19-2 and their 14th trip to the state tournament. The ladies lost to rival Davenport Assumption in the state semifinals. Each senior will continue soccer in college.



Tennis

The Boys tennis team was led by senior Dustin Dorhout, who was an state qualifier in singles. The girls tennis team enjoyed another strong spring as well.

Boys Swimming

The Metro Swim team continued to benefit from a strong Heelan flavor as Stephen Stock, Quincy Markham and Nathan Gobell were all state qualifiers.



Baseball

Ranked No. 1 much of the season and No. 2 going into substate, the Crusaders lost a 2-1 battle on the Diamond in late July. (The talented squad missed a teammate recovering from a serious illness.)

Softball

The Softball Team ended a successful season, 22-14, and finished second in the Missouri Rivers Conference. With seven returning lettermen the ladies are poised for another winning season in 2015.



Mission Trip

My mission trip to Mississippi this past April was truly a life-changing experience and I learned a lot.

It was interesting to see how the poorest people in our country live on a daily basis. While there I was assigned to a house that was in pretty rough shape. Our task was to peel up and replace the floor in this man's kitchen. It was a tough project and required a lot of work, but I wanted to leave my mark on this man's life and home, which I did when I nearly cut off my finger with a box knife. Nonetheless it was a great project.

I also worked in the soup kitchen which they call the "Garden Cafe." We worked there two nights to help prepare and serve meals to people who need them. I really came to understand how much we take for granted when we are dealing with food. Mission Mississippi was an experience that I will take with me for the rest of my life.

Sincerely,
Jared Betz,
Heelan senior



Island Escape Auction Raises \$315,000

A Mystery Dinner (Death in a Prairie House) helped raise nearly \$315,000 for the Heelan Auction "Island Escape" held May 3 at the Marina Center.

It was a fantastic evening for the 2014 Heelan Auction which drew nearly 530 guests to support the education of students in Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools. Guests enjoyed an island-themed dinner, calypso music and décor with pink flamingoes, tropical flowers and tiki huts.

Popular gifts were a trip Rome and other Italian cities, a "Rock the Night Away" party with live bands, a tiki lemonade stand, vacation homes in Colorado and Okoboji and a poker table gifted by the winning bidder to Fr. Jerry Cosgrove to create a "man cave" for priests living in the St. Boniface rectory.

Fr. Craig Collision of Sacred Heart Parish again served as master of ceremonies.

"We offer guests a fun evening with dinner, special décor and appealing auction gifts," says Janet Flanagan, annual giving director and auction organizer. "We are blessed with generous sponsors and donors of live and silent auction gifts, wonderful chairs and volunteers."

The Heelan Auction is the only fundraising event of the year uniting parents, faculty, staff, alumni and friends to support Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools.

Next year's auction is set for April 25. Have a unique item, vacation spot or service to donate? Call Janet Flanagan at 712.252.1350.

Guests enjoying the auction are clockwise from left:

Kerry Ruehle, Pauline Flannery, Mary Shook and Linda Shoemaker; Ken Beaulieu and Toni Tschann (dancing); Katie Michael and Shylar Boatman; Pam Rizk, Dr. Dave and Kelly Ensz and Dr. Steve and Kathryn Joyce; and Ann and Chip Martin.



Buying Iowa Tax Credits Helps Donors, Support Heelan

Nearly 600 students in the Bishop Heelan system are receiving \$497,000 in grants to help pay for their tuition, thanks to donors buying tax credits from the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation of the Sioux City Diocese.

Individuals and businesses paying Iowa taxes "buy tax credits" by giving a gift to the foundation. In turn, donors receive a 65% tax credit for Iowa taxes they owe and a federal tax deduction. It's an easy and painless way for

Heelan alumni and friends to support a faith-based education.

This year, Bishop Heelan is offering more than \$728,000 in tax credits which will benefit more donors and help more students.

Lafferty funds go to families who want a Catholic education for their children, but have a difficult time affording it. The Lafferty Foundation supports our families while also helping our donors with their tax liability.

Pay Iowa Taxes?

Donate to the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation and enjoy these benefits:

- 65% Tax Credit
- Federal Tax Deduction
- Knowing you are targeting tax dollars to help Heelan

Tax credits are available again from the Monsignor Lafferty Foundation until December, 2014. Talk to your tax advisor, visit bishopheelan.org/Lafferty or call 712.252.1350.

Class of 2014

These pages are dedicated to our graduates with parents, grandparents and great grandparents who are alumni of Heelan, Trinity and Cathedral High Schools. We pray that these newest graduates and their classmates continue to grow and flourish with God's blessings in the years ahead. *Organized by Becky Meyer and Yvette Sitzmann '90.*



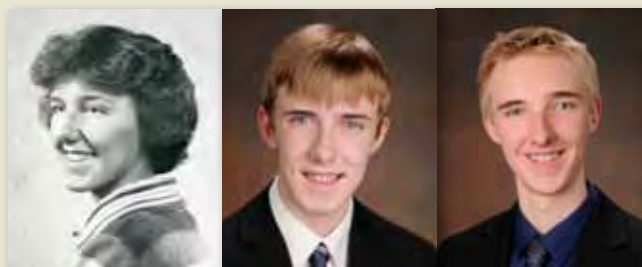
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David Barkley '77 Joe Barkley '14



Doug Beach '92 Michael Beach '14



Lisa (Schultz) Becker '82 David Becker '14 John Becker '14



Dianne (McNaboe) Bertrand '58 Claire Bennett '14



Tracy (Winkler) Best '86 Sophia Best '14



Tom Betz '85 Jared Betz '14



Robert Bousquet '79 Nick Bousquet '14 Kari (Full) Bousquet '79



Tom Brazzell '62 Mark Brazzell '87 Zach Brazzell '14 Maryellen (Shearer) Shipp '64

Highlights of 2014 Graduating Class

- 140 graduates in class
- 69 graduates featured here
- 4 sets of twins
- 70 honor students
- 92% of the graduates plan on attending 4- or 2-year colleges
- \$8.8 million in academic and athletic scholarship offers
- Quiz Bowl Went to the National Tournament
- Heelan Football won the State Championship



Jacqueline (Cahill) Hartnett '50

Elizabeth Brower '14

Sam Brower '14



John Hartnett '56

Kristene (Hartnett) Brown '84

Carter Brown '14



Dodie (Sorensen) McManamy '66

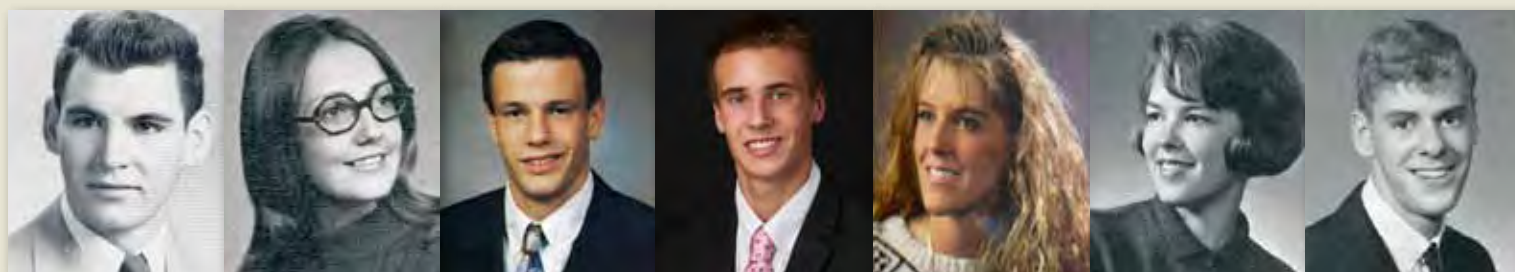
Mindi (McManamy) Farrell '90

Nolan Choquette '14



Lesa (Streeter) Cropley '87

Tyler Cropley '14



Gerald Calhoun '55

Deborah (Calhoun) Delaney '72

Max Delaney '93

Taylor Delaney '14

Amy (Bowen) Delaney '94

Julie (Sachau) (Bowen) Stickrod '66

Thomas Bowen '66



Chris Engel '85

Christian Engel '14



Bernard Feauto '53

MaryAnn (Galusha) Hansen '53

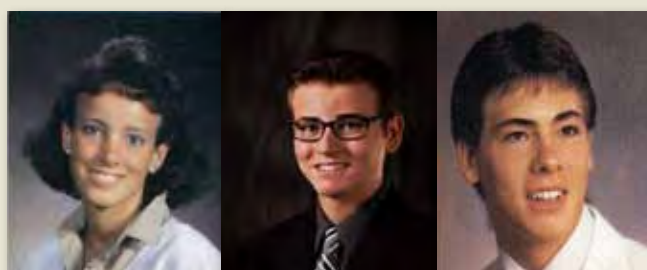
Mark Feauto '78

Ryan Feauto '14



Mary (Worden) Fiedler '80

Rachel Fiedler '14



Brenda (Koob) Fischer '88

Mitchell Fischer '14

Chad Fischer '90



Jon Froehlich '91

Chandler
Froehlich '14



Mary Ann
(Mummert) Coffey '50

Diane (Coffey)
Gilreath '84

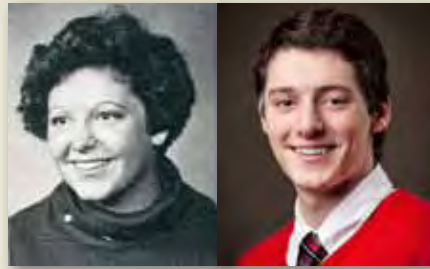
Brooke Gilreath '14



Gerald
McGowan '55

Laura (McGowan)
Glover '86

Megan Glover '14



Dr. Ann (Rehan)
Goebel '79

Danny Goebel '14



Sarah Hackett '95

Chris Hackett '14



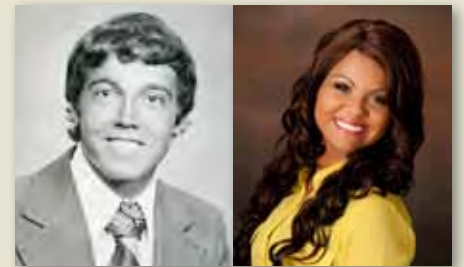
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Haggerty '81

Morgan Haggerty '14



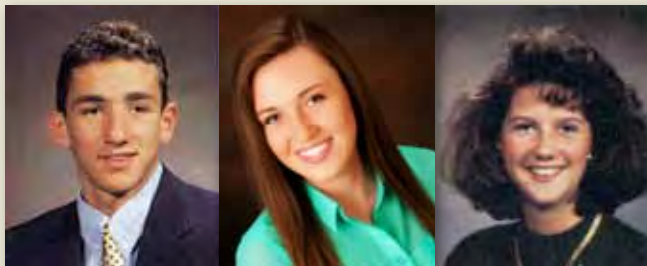
Theresa (Waskow)
Ham-Fawcett '90

Victoria Ham '14



Kevin Welte '76

Jonte Harris '14



Jasen Heaton '90

Bailey Heaton '14

Amy (Chicoine)
Heaton '91



Silvia (Tritz)
Heffernan '50

Dan Heffernan '78

Kathryn
Heffernan '14



Ron Hegarty '61

Carol (Bracht)
Hegarty '61

Brett Hegarty '89

Brett Hegarty II '14



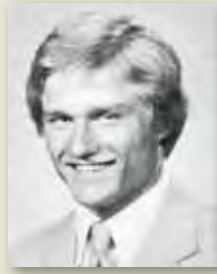
Stan Boyle '58



Angie (Boyle)
Heller '86



Nick Heller '14



Mark Hickman '80



Kylee Hickman '14



Terri (Schwebach)
Hill '86



Kasha Hill '14



Brian Jochum '90



Morgan Jochum '14



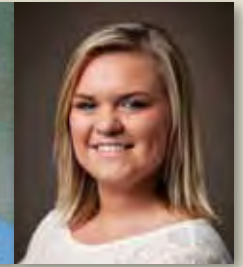
William Jordan '53



Joan (Bulzak)
Jordan '53



Bill Jordan '83



Amanda Jordan '14



Judy (Verschoor)
Karrer '61



Nick Karrer '86



Brenna Karrer '14



Kevin Keane '81



Joseph Keane '14



Mike Koch '70



Annie Koch '14



Pat Kudrna '87



Julie Kudrna '14



Angela (Kersting)
Kudrna '89



Steve Linden '85



Alex Linden '14



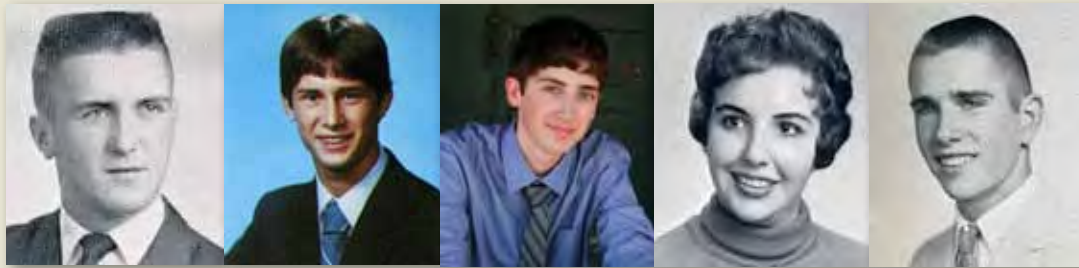
Ben Linden '14



Michelle (Lennon)
Linden '85



Mike Lennon '54



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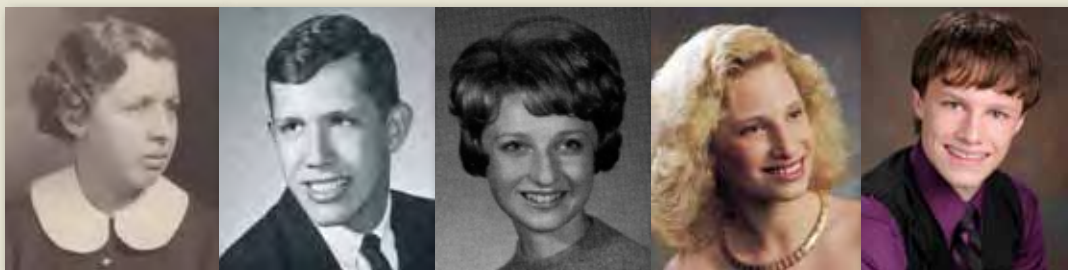
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Mary Helen (Swanson) McElroy '47 Pat McElroy '85 Emma McElroy '14



Gary Nelson '58 Richard Nelson '82 Jake Nelson '14



Mary Jean (Walding) Duzik '36 John Duzik '68 Barb (Stuart) Duzik '68 Laura (Duzik) Miller '95 Eric Miller '14



Rick Niles '84 Connor Niles '14 Renee (Jansen) Niles '84



Karlyn (Linden) Osborn '54 Todd Osborn '78 Ian Osborn '14



Carey Parent '86 Skylar Parent-Choquette '14 Cindy Rose Parent-Choquette '90



Linda (Wille) Pratt '67 Jason Pratt '90 Christian Pratt '14 Elizabeth (Hand) Pratt '89



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Amy (Condon) Rus '82 Bo Rus '14



Peter Sandman '78 Katie Sandman '14



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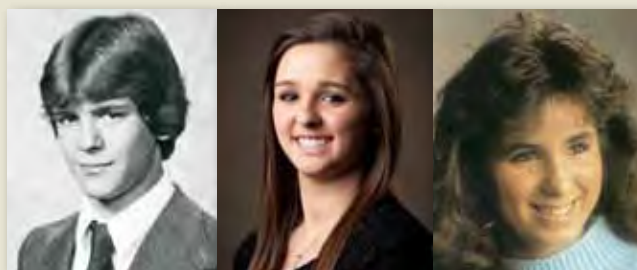
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Dennis Smith '56 Karen (Ritz) Smith '58 Kyle Smith '82 Abby Smith '14 Mary (Guinane) McNamara '83 Patricia (Barrett) Guinane '52 Ed Guinane '51



Kelli (Campbell) Solmsa '82 Trenton Solmsa '14



Chris Stanek '82 Maddie Stanek '14 Sue (Vanderham) Stanek '88



Patricia (Benton) Dailey '56

Mary (Dailey) Waldman '92

Anne Stanley '14



Doug Stone '83

Delaney Stone '14

Lori (Brassfield) Stone '84



Tom Sweeney '79 Brenna Sweeney '14



Rodney Twohig '58 David Twohig '88 Grace Twohig '14



Madonna (Barkley) Hoefling '59

Elle Wegher '14

Sharon (Abker) Roper '60

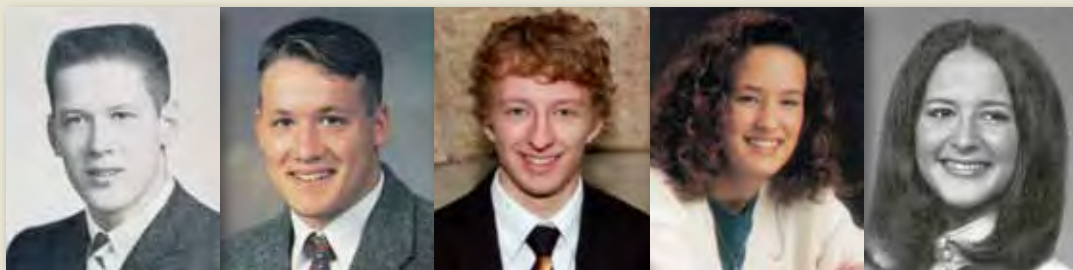


Elizabeth (Tymkowicz) Collins '62

Shane Tymkowicz '88

Sam Tymkowicz '14

Beth (Fritz) Tymkowicz '85



Robert White '60

Jeff White '93

Michael White '14

Michelle (Semple) White '93

Mary (Anderson) Semple '72



Michael Zeisler '87

Zach Zeisler '14



Melissa (Nichols) Zeman '87

Samantha Zeman '14

Go Forth and Be Leaders

Grad Shares that Heelan Education Strengthens Moral Compass, Spiritual Base and College Preparation

Rex Mueller '90 addressed the Class of 2014 at the annual senior breakfast. These are his inspirational remarks edited.

In 2010, I attended my 20-year class reunion. As I reunited with the class of 1990 I was incredibly proud. Among my classmates were international opera singers, business owners and executives, stay at home parents, clergy members, television producers and physicians just to name a few.

So how could a group that was educated together 24 years ago have been so successful? What was the advantage that they had? The answer is simple, beyond being incredible people to start with; their Heelan education gave them a distinct edge.

Your academic, social, athletic and spiritual life here at Heelan has helped to give you an advantage that other high school students will not have. Your time here has built your

character, helped assure that your moral compass is pointing in the right direction, prepared you for the advanced academics at the college level, but most of all provided you with a strong spiritual foundation.

I remember the strong academics and caring teachers who pushed me to achieve, the first time I stepped foot on the hallowed ground of Memorial Field for an athletic event, and my first trip to 318 regarding a bad decision I may have made. Those experiences, good and bad, helped me become who I am today.

At the University of South Dakota I was amazed at how easily I transitioned to college academics. Because I had the right foundation to build upon I sought leadership, and eventually found my direction.

I had always thought that with my artistic talent that I would be teaching art. And certainly Laurie Dougherty thought I would, too! But God had another plan for me.

My calling was one of public service. For 18 years I have served as a police officer for the city of Sioux City. In that time I have worked a number of assignments from patrol, investigations, SWAT, and community policing. I rose to the rank of Lieutenant and currently serve as a Watch Commander, Commander of the SWAT Team and commander of Community Policing efforts.

My work ethic, moral approach and decision-making have helped guide me through many different choices and ethical dilemmas; just as your Heelan foundation will.

This, combined with my faith in God, has helped me investigate homicides, child abuse cases, capture murderers and predators, face armed gunmen, respond to assist colleagues who have been assaulted, shot or killed, and deal with the best and worst that society has to offer.

As a servant of the public trust I have been careful to allow God to guide my decisions, and he has never steered me wrong. All of you face an increasingly secular world that doesn't value faith and high morals. Resist the temptation to follow the crowd and hold tightly to the foundation that your family at home and your Heelan family have given you.

Rest assured that God does have a plan for you; you simply need to put your faith in his plan.

So please, go forth and be leaders. Show the world that Heelan PRIDE means something more than just letters on a jersey. Thank You, good luck to all of you, and God Bless!

< Police Lieutenant **Rex Mueller '90**, with his wife, Sandra, and son, Logan, recently addressed Bishop Heelan seniors at their graduate breakfast in May.





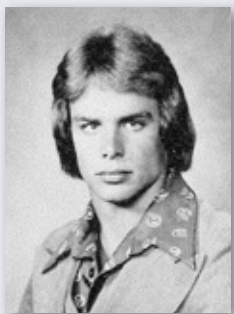
Jeff Dicus '78 coaches football at a Texas high school with 4,200 students.

Coaching Winners in Texas

Dicus Learned Discipline at Home and at Heelan

“So many coaches and teachers have affected my life in a positive way”

When Jeff Dicus '78 played football under Coach Phil Karpuk his senior year, the Heelan Crusaders finished their second undefeated regular season of play. A dedicated athlete, Dicus also played basketball and baseball before going onto college.



Jeff Dicus '78

Today Dicus is a veteran high school football coach with a national reputation for turning around programs in Texas. He's coached football for 31 years at several high schools in the longhorn state interrupted only by one year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach with the Utah Jazz.



Dicus is currently head football coach at Duncanville High School, the fifth largest school in Texas with an enrollment of 4,200. When he's not coaching football, he and his wife of 21 years, Karen, are the proud parents of two spoiled shelties.

What did you do after Heelan?

I went to USD on a football scholarship and the last two years I was able to play baseball as well. I was an undersize tight end and punter in football and a baseball pitcher. I had a great four years at South Dakota. It's a neat story because I started my student teaching in physical education at Heelan. In my first year of student teaching and coaching at Heelan we won the state championship. I was paid \$300 to help with the receivers and the kicking game. In my first job after graduating from USD I began my coaching career as an assistant coach at Mission High School in Texas, the home of Dallas cowboy legend Tom Landry.

What did you learn about yourself as a Heelan student that has stayed with you today?

The biggest thing that my parents, my brother, St. Michael's and Heelan did for me was instill the discipline into my life: the way you had to dress, be on time and conduct yourself at Heelan were the same standards that were preached to me at home. I just think those little things that were instilled into me, from my parents, to the teachers at St. Michael's grade school, to the coaches and teachers at Heelan had a profound effect on the development of my character and focus of my daily discipline.

I know I wouldn't be where I am today without the guidance of all the different people that has touched my life, I owe them so much! We always talk here in terms of getting to the top of the mountain and what it takes to get there whether it be in life or in football it takes a village of people to get you the success that

you want to achieve, you can't do it by yourself.

Life is no different.

Other life lessons over the years?

When I worked for the Utah Jazz for a year I learned coaching football was my calling in life, to help develop mentor kids whether it be on the football field or in life. I've been fortunate throughout my career to be associated with great coaches, great kids, great parents and a great support system. I don't take my job for granted. I cherish each and every day. It's a team effort. The success I've been able to have is because of other people around me.

Have you returned to Heelan reunions?

I was back a couple of years ago and really enjoyed seeing all the classmates. I walked the halls at Heelan, went into the gym. Wish I could've seen some of my teachers! My parents and I drove around and saw the old neighborhoods. We went to the stadium and walked out to the 50 yard line, reminisced about the good times that were had. It was a pretty emotional time for me. I've been fortunate in so many ways.

Beanie Cooper and I communicated with each other over the years. I really loved him, he was my first coach at the University of South Dakota before Dave Triplett took over. From Coach Karpuk, Coach Collins, Coach Burchard, Coach Froehlich, Coach Heying, Coach Charlson, Coach Cron, Coach Hanson, Coach Schermerhorn, Coach Malsam to Father Eisele and Superintendent Father Victor Ramaeker, wish I could name more, just so many coaches and teachers that have affected my life in a positive way I wish I could thank them, hopefully they will read this.

Other thoughts on high school years?

I'm very proud to be associated with Heelan. It's always had the reputation of being a top tier athletic and

education program, I had good friends and coaches there. In high school and in college I was an overachiever. I wasn't the most talented kid. I think I outworked other people. That's how I coach today. It's not supposed to be easy!

Do you teach or are you a fulltime coach?

Full time coach. It's a full day job. I deal with parents, kids discipline, business/supporters, teachers and others. It's rewarding in many ways, but it's also very challenging. I've been coaching now over three decades in Texas. We all want to win championships and be successful. It's all about the character and making the right decisions by each of these kids in our program.

Kids come back and thank me for touching their lives. Words of 'thank you' are like a million dollars to me.

My wife and I have not been blessed with children, but my 320 players we have in the program are like our sons. The players call my wife, Karen, 'mom' because of all the things she does for them.

How does it look for your team at Duncanville High?

We're awfully excited for this upcoming season, we've been in the playoffs four out of the last six years. We have a good group of seniors coming to us this year with good skills, good work ethic and good leadership. This could be the breakout year. We take it one day one game at a time everything will be just fine! It won't be easy because Cedar Hill is ranked number one in the country and Desoto is ranked number eight in the country and they are both in our district. We have our work cut out for us but we will be ready for the challenge!

Editors Note

If you ever watched the Emmy Award winning acclaimed TV series "Friday Night Lights," Coach Dicus reminds you of the caring and dedicated coach in the lead role. Best wishes to him in his 2014 season.



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A Legacy of Winning

A Look Back at Basketball at Heelan under Ray Nacke

“Coaching is a lot of fun if you can win a few games.”

Ray Nacke made Heelan history when he coached the first Crusader basketball team to a state tournament in 1966. It was 48 years ago, but golden memories endure today.

Nacke came to Heelan in fall of 1959 after a brief coaching stint at Granville and immediately concentrated on fundamentals with his players. He taught discipline, fast breaks, dribbling with both hands, shooting drills and pressing.

“I really believe in pressing,” he says. “We had to work hard. Heelan used a 2-3 zone defense. We set up grade school clinics in the CYO to teach players man-to-man defense so they would move their feet and not play zone.”

In the classroom Nacke taught geography, mechanical drawing and physical education. It was there that Fr. Cooper introduced Nacke to Jeaneen Anderson, a 1955 Heelan grad. They married in 1961 and subsequently raised three daughters Beth Duffy '80, Renee Webb '82, and Nancy Helvig '85.

“I spent 12 years at Heelan, 12 very good years,” says Nacke, a Remsen native who grew up working on a dairy farm. “We had great administrators at Heelan, good teachers and priests who were really nice. I had so many good friends. Fans at Heelan were so loyal. Students were good. We had some great players and I still remember the pep rallies.”

Crusader Memories

Nacke fondly recalls the wins and the cheering fans, and players like Joe Boyle, Clem Hurley '63, Mike Grace '63 and Paul Meloy '62, (both deceased) Miles Kimmel '64, Fred Karpuk and Rick Motz '68, Al Charlson '65, (deceased) Doug Moody '69, Dick Green and Dan LaFleur '71 and many others.

“Coaching is fun when you win a few games,” he smiles. But he hasn't forgotten the games that got away.

“One of the early seasons at Heelan we were undefeated,” Nacke says. “I wanted all the guys to have a chance to play and took out the starters. Kuemper got hot and when I put the starters back in they were cold. I learned a tough lesson. Kuemper beat us by one point.”



Ray Nacke took basketball to a new level and coached winning teams at Heelan for 12 years.



Ray Nacke

Then there was the state tournament in 1966.

“We had great guys in 1966 -- Ed Wiltgen, Ron Schultz, Darold Nellist, Mike White (deceased,) and Bob Hanus,” Nacke says. “In the semi-final we lead the whole ball game and lost by one point. The next night the team that beat us won by 19 points. We should have won that state championship.”

They finished the year 22-4. Earning a state berth was huge back then, Schultz '66 says proudly.

“Back then there was only one class in the whole state,” Schultz says. “It was everybody against everybody. In 1966 we had to play five games to get to the state tournament and then you played three games there. The next year Iowa went to two classes and Heelan went to the state tournament again.”

State loomed again in 1971 when the Crusaders were ranked No. 1 in the state at the end of regular season play. They had easily beaten Central High twice and faced them again to get to state. The game went down to the wire and Heelan lost a 54-53 heartbreaker.

The Foot Stomp

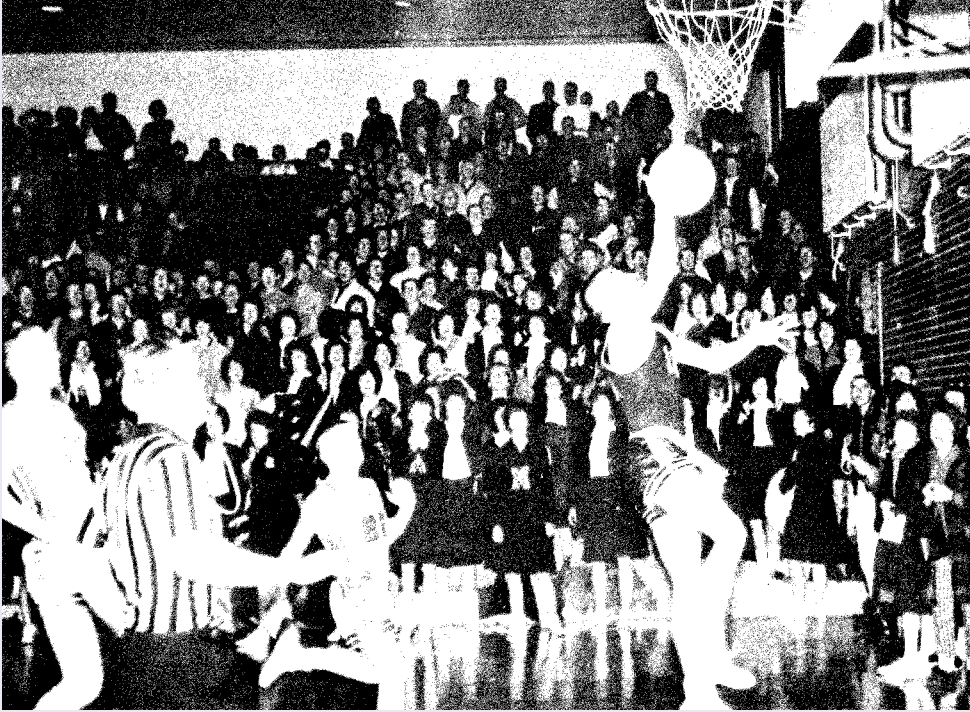
Heelan excelled because of talented athletes, Nacke's teaching skills, and maybe his intensity.

Nacke's fiery courtside behavior at Heelan and later with the Briar Cliff Chargers was legendary. He pulled at his socks. Paced. Gestured. Yelled. Stomped. Waved clipboards. And yes, jawed at referees.

“Off court Ray was the most mild-mannered, soft-spoken gentleman you would ever want to meet,” says Schultz, who later coached the Chargers with Nacke for 22 years. “But on the court when the game began, he would compete and compete to win. He had a first-class stomp that would

Class Notes

'50s



Top players for Coach Nacke's 1963 squad included Mike Grace, Miles Kimmel, Clem Hurley and Joe Boyle.

resonant throughout the building. It made players more determined. You played hard."

Refs indeed, called a few technical fouls over the years.

"At Briar Cliff I got kicked out of a game in Des Moines," Nacke grins. "We were ahead the whole game and ran into some problems and a ref says 'one more word and you're out of here!' and I wasn't going to stop in the middle of a sentence." (Schultz couldn't work that game and a student manager finished coaching the game.)

The intensity prompted a verse by Rudy Salem after the 1966 tournament: "When Ray walks in the gym, he's like a priest carrying his missal. But all that changes when the ref blows his whistle."

Heelan ultimately prepared Nacke for a stellar 26-year coaching career with Briar Cliff where he gained national prominence with players from the "Panama Pipeline." He guided the Chargers to 22 consecutive winning seasons and a NCAA No 1 ranking in the country in 1981.

He coached for nearly five decades in Sioux City, and it all started with the Crusaders.

A little known fact: Nacke is an accomplished pianist who has played the piano since age 5. He always played before a contest to get his mind off the game. While Nacke had a heart attack at age 37, and has developed some health problems after his retirement in Sioux City, he still gets to a few Charger games and is now cheering on grandchildren.

Friends with John Wooden

Nacke enjoyed a special relationship with basketball icon John Wooden, head coach at UCLA nicknamed the "Wizard of Westwood" for his amazing success. Wooden won 10 NCAA national championships in a 12-year period from 1964 to 1975 — seven in a row — an unprecedented feat still unmatched in the world of basketball. Nacke met Wooden at a camp, struck up a friendship and met with Wooden over the years in Minneapolis and at clinics. Wooden came to Sioux City three times the year that Briar Cliff was ranked No. 1.

One day Ron Schultz '66 and other Charger players stopped by the coach's house and learned Wooden had been there the night before. "If I had walked in and met John Wooden, I would have melted," Schultz says.

Bill Bogaard '55, Heelan staff Tom Betz and Janet Flanagan recently visited with Bill Bogaard, Mayor of Pasadena. Bill is in his fourth term as mayor of the famed California city known for the Rose Bowl and its parade. Pasadena has a new light rail transit system; new convention center; new arts institutions; and an historical area. Before serving as mayor Bill was in private law practice and executive vice president of First Interstate Bancorp. He has taught law at the University of Michigan and USC Law School. After graduating from Heelan he earned a degree from Loyola Marymount University, served as a U.S. Air Force Captain and graduated from Michigan Law School. His brother, Dr. Tom Bogaard '63 is a urologist in the Pasadena area.

Leonard Gill '53, a champion for Heelan and a community leader in the tri-state area, was awarded the Briar Cliff Medal at the university's commencement in mid-May for his



commitment to the college's success. After his Heelan graduation Leonard served in the U.S. Army and then launched a long career in construction. He founded L.P. Gill Landfill which provides waste disposal and recycling services to the area. He has been awarded top honors as an entrepreneur by chambers of commerce and business groups in all three states. He is a former Briar Cliff board member and has served on numerous boards. As a parent and proud grandparent Leonard can be found at countless Heelan High events.



'60s

Susie Park '60 and her husband, Lynn, recently showed off his collection of Carroll Shelby cobras and other cars at their home in California while visiting with Tom Betz '85 and Janet (Thoman) Flanagan '71. The parents of two sons, Susie and Lynn regularly join others in road tours and car events. Lynn has a car collection so large, some have dubbed him 'Mr. Cobra'.



In September several 1960 Heelan classmates helped celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of **Sandy (Adams) Miller '60** and her husband Carl Miller in Tacoma, Wash. From left are **Sue (Mullin) Lilla '60**, **Sharon (Roder) Glowacki '60**; **Sandy, Lynn (Barry) Uhl** and **Toni (Giesen) Willenbring**.

Cindy (Berthelsen) Boyle '63 of Topeka, Kan., sent in this. "Some of the Class of '63 snowbirds fled the Midwest to Phoenix this past winter. We had a great time enjoying the weather, home and gourmet dinner hosted by Dave and Cindy Bowen in Scottsdale. We enjoy each other so much that it's like we are sixteen again."



Donald Manley '67, left, his wife Jeanette (Dubuque Wahler), celebrate the wedding of son, Bryan, and his wife, Vanessa, with family members. "I continue to work at Borsheims for 27 years. I work in the jewelry repair shop as a distribution and quality control specialist. I have missed the last few reunions, we always seem to have something going on. Thanks to Facebook I have reconnected with many Heelan & IC classmates." Don's four oldest sons and the two moms are all Omaha Daniel Gross Catholic High School graduates and son Sean is a student at Gross Catholic. "We are strong believers of Catholic schools. Blessings to all of our Heelan friends."

Mark Packard '69, of Lincoln, Neb., the founder of pool leagues in Sioux City, was honored at an April 2013 banquet at the Sioux City Convention Center, prior to the start of the Midwest Regional Pool Championships. He became the 55th individual inducted into the Midwest Pool Association Hall of Fame.

Excerpt from The Sioux City Journal April, 2013.

"It's really grown in Sioux City, I just planted the seed," said Packard, a sociology and psychology professor at Southeast Community College. "We are one of the biggest amateur associations that promote the game of pool in the whole country. The people who have come before me have done quite a job." Packard was first exposed to organized pool leagues in San Diego, Calif., in the mid-1970s, where he won individual and team championships...Packard returned to Sioux City in 1978 to pursue post-graduate studies in education (and) brought his pool experience and knowledge with him by organizing pool leagues. Packard moved to Lincoln in 1985, where he quickly became involved playing pool in the city's best league. In the 1986-87 league season, he was the city's total average champion. A youth and adult pool instructor in the Lincoln area, Packard is also a two-time gold medal winner in the Nebraska State Games. Talent, good sportsmanship, longevity and hard work are qualities displayed by a Midwest Hall of Fame inductee.

Feauto Family Reunion

A Feauto Family Reunion in Estes Park, Colo., in August of 2013 included these Heelan grads:

Feauto's in green are the children of Dick Feauto. Those in white are children of Bernard Feauto. Dad (Dick) had 11 brothers and a sister. Each family wore a different color.

From left first row: Earl Feauto '62, Shirley (Feauto) Matt '64, Doug Feauto '57, Mike Feauto '76. Second row:

Cathy (Feauto) Shell '70, Janet (Kaiser) Feauto '86, Leah Feauto '09, Theresa (Feauto) Zellers '75, Julie (Feauto) Schwartz '90. Third row: John Feauto ('87), Rick Feauto ('73), Jim Feauto ('82), Pat Shell ('70), Mary Jo (Feauto) Hamels ('81), Bernard Feauto ('53), Mark Feauto ('78) Missing from the photo Marge (Feauto) Hagerty and Jim Hagerty '69, Jenny (Hagerty) Wolpert '92 and Paul Wolpert '90, Corrine (Hagerty) Neuffer '95, Molly Hagerty '96, Kevin Hagerty '00.



'70s

John Pylelo '70, of Sioux City planning and zoning director for Woodbury County, is working with zoning for CF Industries, which is building a \$1.7 billion nitrogen plant, the single largest investment in Iowa business history.

Michele (Kuhlmann) Crane '72 of Sioux City was recently named team leader of the Sioux City Vet Center of the Department of Veteran's Affairs.



Doug Lehman '71 Has a Mission

"I am on a mission to help organ donors and donor recipients with information, advice, transportation and more. I speak from first-hand knowledge and experience. I lost one kidney at age 15 due to a hunting accident. Through my middle age years, I gained a lot of weight, developed diabetes and high blood pressure and didn't take care of my health. I lost the function of my one remaining kidney and went on dialysis. I tried different types of dialysis that were not effective and was at the end of the road. I got the call at noon Feb. 18, 2012 from the transplant center in Omaha. By 8 p.m. I was going into surgery. Because of a horrific traffic accident, my donor saved me and helped others through organ and tissue donation. It was a miracle and the beginning of my new life! I started Doug's Donors a month later. Organ donors and recipients are welcome to contact us."

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712.277.1050

Dr. Connie Meis-Robertson '73

"Our 40th Reunion was a great experience. I was able to rekindle the warmth only Heelan provides."

'80s



Hohenstein '83



McGowan '81



Ely '75

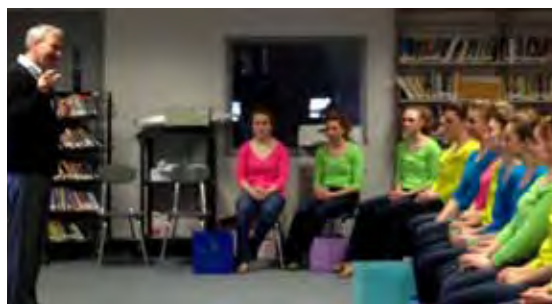
School Board Salute

Three Heelan graduates volunteered their time and expertise on the board of education to guide the Bishop Heelan school system this past year. They are **Jeanie (Gill) Hohenstein '83** a geriatric nurse consultant; **Mike McGowan '81**, a manager with Great West Casualty and **Mark Ely '75** a CPA.



Jerry P. Montagne '80. "We had a get together."

From left are Terry Loutsch, Jerry P. Montagne and Tim Hubert.



Mark Mangold '83, of Minneapolis, a part-time choreographer and show choir judge, was a critique judge at the Lewis Central Show Choir Invitational in Council Bluffs, Iowa in March. Mark is an original member of Heelan's first "Swing Choir." The students listened to Mark's expertise and his critique and praise of each group. He offered the show choirs wonderful suggestions on how they might improve their performances. The ladies of Heelan's Magnifique surprised Mark with the Heelan Fight Song as he entered the room. Of course, he joined right in!

'90s



Dr. Andy Krueger '95

and wife, Janette, of Lee's Summit, MO welcomed son, Lucas, born Sept. 9, 2013. He joins big brother, Grady, 2. Andy graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College in 2009 and is in practice as a

chiropractor at Natural Way Chiropractic in Overland Park, Kan.

2000s

Paul Buchheit '00 has been promoted to Head Minor League Medical Coordinator with the Boston Red Sox organization.



Following stints as an intern for the Sarasota Red Sox in 2004 and the Lowell Spinners in 2005, Buchheit worked as athletic trainer for six seasons between different levels of Boston's minor league system, including Greenville, Salem, and Portland. Paul won his second World Series ring and is now the #2 athletic trainer in the Sox organization behind the Boston trainer. He is remembered for pitching a gem against a tough Dowling team, only to have it rained out in Des Moines before it went in the books.

Lee Hansen '01, a travelling nurse, has moved to Omaha from Denver, Colo. to be closer to family and friends.

Becky (Feauto) La Liberte, '02

"We added a little Argentine baby to our family. James Joseph La Liberte was born on Nov. 18, 2014 in Buenos Aires, but we have since returned to Chicago March 1, 2014."



Katie Agnes Roberts '03 has been named executive director of Siouxland Habitat for Humanity. She and husband, Bryce, and their son, Owen, live in Sioux City.



Aaron '01 and **Annie (Twohig) Althaus, '04** welcomed Alexander Joseph Althaus. The couple now live in New York where Aaron is doing a medical fellowship in Orthopedics.

Clint Sargent '07, was recently named basketball director of operations for South Dakota State University in Brookings. A two-time All-Summit League Second Team selection, and the Jackrabbits most prolific 3-point shooter, Sargent has returned to Brookings after two seasons of playing professionally with USC Heidelberg in the German ProA League. A four-year letterwinner for the Jackrabbits, Sargent graduated from SDSU in 2011 with a degree in psychology and then signed with USC Heidelberg, where he played in 58 games over two seasons, averaging 12.6 points and 1.6 assists. He also led the team in 3-point shooting in both years on the team, going 39 percent in 2011-12, and then 44.9 percent in 2013-13. A pre and postseason All-Summit League Second Team selection as a senior, Sargent started all 31 games in 2010-11. He set the SDSU career 3-pointers record with 252.



Tyler Brown '11, a senior this fall at Saint John's University, has been named a 2014 Truman Scholar. He is one of 59 students chosen from a group of 655 candidates from schools across the country. A political science major, Brown is the student trustee on the Saint John's Board of Trustees and student coordinator for the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement. As a scholar he receives up to \$30,000 for graduate study.



Kaitlyn Brady '12, a student at the Raikes School of Computer Science and Management at the University of Nebraska Lincoln stands next to Jeff Raikes, CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Raikes was previously a Microsoft division president and has his name on the Raikes School at Nebraska. The photo was taken during the annual board meeting. Kaitlyn was asked to be one of the students to lunch with Raikes.

Karissa Smith '13, welcomed a baby girl Feb. 27, 2013. She is attending Briar Cliff to become a nurse practitioner.

Andrea Tritz '06 married Paul Choquette in June 2013. Their Parents are **Lisa (Pyle) Tritz '80** and **John Tritz '81** and **Vince Choquette '78** and **Stacie Choquette**. Maids of Honor included **Carli Tritz '10**, **Rachael Tritz '04** and **Reyn Wilson '06**.



In Memory

Alumni

Rev. William Neenan '45, Trinity High School, Chestnut Hill, Mass., June 25, 2014

Eugene Parks '48, Trinity High School, Sioux City, Nov. 24, 2013

Richard Shinkle '52, Redondo Beach, Calif., Aug. 22, 2013

Carmelita (Rosenbaum) LaScala '54, Sioux City, April 10, 2014

Dr. Barbara Williams '54, Cowpens, SC., June 6, 2014

Judith Flaa '56, Arlington Heights, Ill., April 8, 2014

JoAnne Moore '57, Sioux City Nov. 15, 2012

Mary Lou (Vondrak) Gergeni '58, Nov. 24, 2013

Gary Dickman '59 Norwalk, Jan. 15, 2014

Carol Ann (Lenzen) Even '59, Catabwa Island, OH, March 27, 2014

Janet (Smelzer) Florer '59, Midland, Tex.

Gary Nashleanas '62, Omaha, Neb., May 2010

Jean Codella '54, Pleasanton, Calif., Feb. 17, 2014

Susan (Noonan) Schroeder '62, Sioux City, March 9, 2014

John Duggan '64, Omaha, May 1, 2014

Helen Kay (Wendt) Lewis '64, North Sioux City, S.D., June 26, 2014

Fred Holcomb '64, Sioux City, June 8, 2014

Karen (Bergeon) Uhl '64, Sioux City, Dec. 2, 2013

Steve Hittle '66, Sioux City, May 9, 2014

Marcia (Orcutt) Porter '67, Albuquerque, N.M., April 14, 2013

Richard Elliott '67, Winter Park, Fla., Jan. 27, 2014

David Thiltgen '67, Omaha, Neb., March 20, 2014

Cindee Garner-Floro '67, Denver, Colo., Nov. 23, 2013

Steven LaCroix '70, Omaha, Neb., June 6, 2014

Marilyn (Miller) Upton '71, Nov. 4, 2013

Dick Winkle '71, Sioux City, March 25, 2014

Jack Rooney x'71, Sioux City, April 28, 2014

Randall Hansel '72, Sioux City, Dec. 22, 2013

Lee Ludwig Goldsmith '72, Southwick, Mass, March 23, 2014

Colleen Arndt '73, Sioux City, June 9, 2014

Kathleen (Schoberg) Schulte '74, Omaha, Neb., Jan. 30, 2014

Sue (Navin) Oliver '76, Fayetteville, Ark., June 9, 2014

Marlene (Budde) Moes '77, Dakota City, Neb., March 27, 2014

Richard Scott '92, Centerville, Ia, April 11, 2014

Ryan Touney '92, Jackson, Neb., June 26, 2014

Kevin McElroy '06, Omaha, Neb., April 21, 2014

Honorary Heelan Grad

We bid a fond farewell to Fr. Merlin Schrad, pastor for 13 years at Blessed Sacrament, a parish which offers significant faith and financial support to Heelan. Fr. Schrad loved Catholic schools and always watched Heelan football on the sidelines.

A graduate and former president at Carroll Kuemper High School, he has worked with catholic schools and parishes for 37 years. He now serves in Estherville and Graettinger.

< Fr. Merlin Schrad with Heelan students from left, Julianna Keane, Karissa Fjeldhelm and Grace McGowan.



Former Faculty and Staff

Sr. Brendan Schneider, Dubuque, age 92, former Heelan music teacher, July 26, 2013.

Frances Hopkins, Sioux City, wife of Charles Hopkins, former band director and mother of Fred.

Beanie Cooper, Sioux City, April 20, 2014, father of Heelan grads Gary, Mike, Pat, and Mary, former student. *Heelan was honored to be remembered by the family. See right.*

Parents

Marie Callaghan, Sioux City, Dec. 3, 2013, mother of Heelan grads, Kathy (deceased) Mary Joyce, Karen, Megan and Jim.

Catherine Chedester, Oto, Iowa., grandmother of children of Frank Cosgrove and Bill Myers.

Mary Fitch, Sioux City, Feb. 11, 2014, mother of Heelan grads Jean, Judy, Mary Frances, Jim, John and Kevin. *Heelan was honored to be remembered by the family.*

Don Hindman of Sioux City, father of Heelan grads **Scott '79** and six grandchildren who are Heelan grads.

Marvin Japel, Sioux City, Nov. 28, 2013 father of Heelan grads Matthew and Aaron.

Walt Jonas, Sioux City March 12, 2014, father of Heelan Grads Patricia, Richard, Marilyn (Jean,) Betty, Robert, David, Judy, William, Mary Jo, Alan and Karen.



LaFleur Gift Supports New Heelan

Dan LaFleur '71 and his mother, Lois, came to Bishop Heelan's campus in June to make a family gift in honor of the family patriarch Russell LaFleur. Russ passed away April 5, 2014 after decades of cheering on his Heelan children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in sports, activities, school and life.

Cooper impacted many during his full life

Beanie Cooper passed away April 20, Easter Sunday. Here is an edited tribute column by Terry Hersom, courtesy of the Sioux City Journal

"...The Beanie Cooper nearly all his family and friends will remember is the fellow with the infectious smile and the gut-busting laugh so many of us will carry forward with fond remembrance. We'll remember the unique voice that somehow worked for a gifted public speaker who became a highly popular Siouxland emcee and a remarkable fund-raiser...."

In his 10 seasons at Algona Garrigan and six at Heelan, he was 92-38-2, leading Heelan to a 42-12 mark with a mythical state title in 1971, the last season before Iowa introduced playoffs. Then came four seasons as the head coach at USD, capping it off in 1978 with the Coyotes' first outright North Central Conference championship in 52 years.

Still, Beanie would unflinchingly defer credit for all of his successful teams to the athletes who won the games. A lesson to all of us: Here was a man who never tooted his own horn and still wound up with an extraordinary cache of awards. ...

Halls of Fame into which he was inducted were the North Central Conference, Greater Siouxland Athletic Association, Iowa Football Coaches and, as mentioned, USD. And, he accepted all of these honors, as well as countless coach of the year awards, with supreme and often tearful humility....

Beanie always made it clear how grateful he was for all his good fortune, especially Ruby and that wonderful family. Knowing at least a little about the life they're both celebrating and mourning, my sympathies go out to sons Gary, Mike, Pat and Tim along with daughters Kathy, Mary, Linda and Chris."

Grateful for a Gift for a New Heelan

Cooper Heelan grads Mike and Pat Cooper and Mary Cooper Merrigan gathered with their parents Beanie and Ruby for a special lunch with Heelan's Tom Betz and Janet Flanagan to present a gift for the new Heelan High School in honor of their parents.

God Bless the Cooper Family and may Coach rest in peace.

Coach Beanie Cooper compiled a 42-12 record in six seasons at Heelan. >



Shirley (Miller) Kunkel, Parker, Colo., mother of **Marilyn '71**, **Marlene '67**, **Patty '69** and sister to **Ed Miller '67**.

Russ LaFleur, Jefferson, SD., April 5, 2014, father of Rick and Heelan grads **Dan '71**, **Doug '72**, **Ernie '74** and numerous Heelan grandchildren and great grandchildren. *Heelan was honored to be remembered by the family. See left.*

Bob Lawler, Sioux City, June 4, 2014, father of Heelan grads Lynn, Teresa, Bob, Michele, Kathy and Joe. *Heelan was honored to be remembered by the family. See right.*

Raymond List, Granville, Iowa; Oct. 28, 2013, grandfather of Heelan grads Michelle, Dan, Bryan and Matt.

Vern Pranke, father of **Greg '69**, **Becky Stidfole '67**, **Janice '74** and **Cheri Van Schepen '81**.

Ivan Richardson, Sioux City, May 24, 2014, father of Heelan grads Connie, John, Ann and Mary.

Joseph Rizk, Sioux City, July 9, 2014, father of Heelan grads Bob, Susan, Tom, Joanie, Julie and Bill.

Joseph Shoop, father of Heelan grads **Loretts '62**, **Dan '63**, **Lynette '70**, **Stanley '67** (deceased).

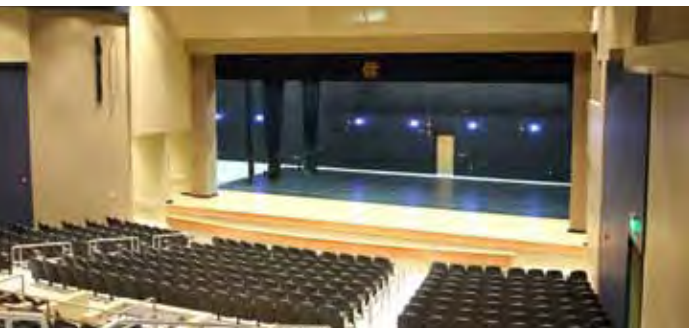
Swede Nelson, Sioux City, July 20, 2014, father of Mike and of Heelan grads **Bob**, **Jim**, **Ray**, **Barb**, **Meg**, **Mike** and **Jeannie**.

Natalie Thorpe, Sioux City, Nov. 13, 2013, mother of **Paul '96**, **Julia '73**, **Natalie '76** and **Oto '64** (deceased).

Betty Wiedemeier, Omaha, June 21, 2014, mother of Heelan grads Carol, Mary Jo, Joe (deceased) Gina, Thad, John, Beth and Dan.

Dr. Daniel Youngblade, father-in-law of Heelan grad Bridget (Murphy) Youngblade and grandfather of Jack and Kathryn.

Nancy Unger, Sioux City, July, 2014 mother of Heelan grads Lesley, Mary Ann, Michael and Chuck.



Fine Arts Building Open House

Sunday, October 5 • 12 noon – 2 p.m.

Join the Heelan Legacy Society

You can help ensure a Heelan education is available for future generations.

Leave a legacy for Bishop Heelan by making a simple bequest in your will or making another type of planned gift. Gift planning is not only for the “wealthy.” People of modest means can make a difference through gift planning and feel tremendous satisfaction in doing so.

Please consider naming Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools in your will or make another kind of planned gift and inform us.

It's easy. Call your attorney to create or amend your will and notify us. You will become a member of our Legacy Society and support faith-based education in Sioux City.

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Upcoming Heelan Class Reunions

2004 10th Reunion

Friday, August 1: Rush Werks

Saturday, August 2: Heelan Tour, Museum, Memorial Field

Contact Daniel Boden, danieljboden@gmail.com

1994 20th Reunion

Friday, August 22: Jim's Lounge

Saturday, August 23: Mass

Contact Ann Lanham, lanham76@gmail.com

1984: 30th Reunion

Friday, July 25: Irish Pub

Saturday July 26: Bev's on the River

Contact Jim Tritz

1974: 40th Reunion

Friday, August 8: Pub Crawl from Bev's on the River

Saturday, August 9: Heelan Tour, Picnic, “Bamboozle” parties

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/748857668457574/>

1969: 45th Reunion

Friday, August 8: Buffalo Alice

Saturday, August 9: Memory Walk, Heelan Tour, Golf, Mass, Country Club

Contact Pam Harrison Pottebaum, maptop@aol.com, Ph. 712-490-7395

Visit www.classcreator.com/Sioux-City-IA-Bishop-Heelan-1969/class_index.cfm

1964: 50th Reunion

Friday, September 12: Sioux City Public Museum

Saturday, September 13: Bev's on the River

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