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## TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND AND TEACHER

Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know.....It is a painful, continual and difficult work to be done by kindness, by watching, by warning, by precept, and by praise, but above all - by example.

John Ruskin

In this first edition of a BLS alumni newsletter it is most appropriate that tribute be paid to Father William J. McGrath, S.J., the only member of the original faculty still teaching at the Latin School.

This year, Father McGrath looks forward to teaching his ninth freshman class at BLS. Having been stationed here since its opening, he has seen the school's growth in many ways. More important however, is the fact that in that period he has constantly given of himself to foster that growth of BLS and of the students enrolled in it. Even those who

may not have been in any of his classes have felt his influence. His affability and abiding interest in the young men of the Latin School brought him in contact with each of them. The appreciation of the students is evidenced by the large numbers always found in his office throughout the day, and by alumni, returning to BLS, who always make it a point to pay Father McGrath a visit.

Father is a native of Philadelphia and a graduate of St. Joe's Prep. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1946 and from 1953-1956 taught at Georgetown Prep. This year, Fr. McGrath celebrated his tenth anniversary as a priest.

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William J. McGrath, S.J.

In an era when the necessity to communicate via various methods is considered to be of the utmost importance, the appearance of a newsletter such as By-Lines would be found to be quite commonplace. However, when taken in relation to BLS, it does, in a way, mark something of a milestone for the school, despite the fact that it is not even a decade old.

This year was the fourth anniversary of the school's first graduation and saw many of the members of that class complete four years of college. This was certainly a milestone for the Latin School, but the event was also to point up the rapid flight of time and the need for some way to keep the alumni cognizant of the school's development as well as one another's activities as their paths inevitably draw them farther apart. It was with this in mind that the Board of Governors decided to organize a publication to fulfill these needs.

This is the inaugural edition of that publication, which will appear three times a year according to the proposed schedule. Its purpose is to provide the alumni a link with one another and with the school. Such a communique can be a vital asset to an alumni association. To be such, it requires the interest and co-operation of all of its readers. As a result, everyone is urged to submit any comments, criticisms, or suggestions which they may have regarding the newsletter.

This fall when Vince Marino and Bill Glunk begin their studies at the North American College, they will be joining another Bishop's Latin School alumnus who has already spent one year of study in Rome. Nick Cafardi '66 left for Rome last fall to study at the Gregorian after two years at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton. After his first year at the Gregorian, during which time he resided at the Scots College, Nick attended a summer session at the Sorbonne in Paris. In his year abroad, he has been able to visit Germany, Austria, England, Scotland, and France. At the Greg, Nick studied Metaphysics, Natural Philosophy, and Epistemology. While in Paris, he did further study in French and French civilization.

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By Dan DiNardo

By Brian Keane

John Wright has long been acknowledged as a man enthusiastic for ideas. However, he is filled with a more special gift of enthusiasm towards people, subtly revealed in the purpose of the Latin School, a place where men meet ideas of a past that fill the world yet, and new ideas they confront or themselves express. But, the emphasis for Cardinal Wright has constantly turned towards the men; they are the ones who test and value ideas - yet remain above them all. Cardinal Wright opens this spirit at Rome as Prefect of the Congregation of the Clergy. He will be missed at HLS, though his broader influence will be welcomed in the Universal Church. The HLS Alumni express now a simple statement - though weighted with the ideas of many men- "Thank-you." Your zeal for ideas makes you invaluable to the Church; your "zest" for people makes you indispensable.



John Cardinal Wright

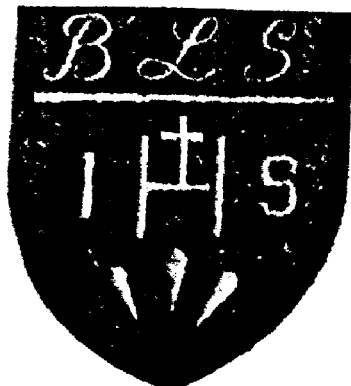
The scholastic year of 1968-69 proved to be one of accelerated change for the eight-year - old Latin School.

One of the most significant changes involves the admittance of non-seminarians. A difference in tuition of \$150.00 is the only distinction made between the two groups. This Fall, more than one half of the Freshman class will be composed of non-seminarians

School officers are now categorized as Rector and President, Headmaster, and Assistant Headmaster. A Chaplaincy has replaced the office of Student Counselor.

Class rings have been introduced along with the discretionary wearing of emblemed Blazers. Optional attendance at Mass is permitted through a system which affords expanding privileges to upperclassmen. Dances are now included in the social functions held at the school. The apostolic work program at St. Francis Hospital is now pursued on a voluntary basis. Students who attended HLS for at least two years have been invited to join the Alumni Association.

In respect to curriculum, an experimental activities period was incorporated into the schedule each week. There is a senior year choice of Greek, History, or Meth, while the introduction of German offers an alternative to French. This course is taught by a diocesan priest.



THE EMBLEMS  
OF THE  
LATIN SCHOOL  
by Lou Vallone



"Good symbolism can be an aid to love; bad symbolism can kill it." The sign or seal that a man places over his heart, the seat of love, is a banner proclaiming his love for that which is symbolized. Three different emblems have graced the blazers of the men of the Bishop's Latin School; the love signified by each is the same.

The first patch, gold on black, reflected the beginnings of the Latin School. There were three written capital letters, BIS, standing for the name of the school, and there were three Greek letters, IHS, the abbreviation for Jesus, superimposed with a cross and footed with three nails, the trademark of the Society of Jesus which staffed the school, and an advertisement of the Christ, whose call the students were following. The emblem was simple, direct, and functional, a laconic signature for the Spartan beginnings of the new school.

As BIS grew, a new seal evolved, circular this time to show that the program was rounding out. The full name of Bishop's Latin School was spelled out, and the location, Pittsburgh, was added to set the reality in place. There was also a new dimension in color, in the form of a red flame in the inner circle, to show the burning love of Christ in the inner depths of the men, which their call to priesthood obliged them to spread. The IHS was still there in the center, but understated now, to communicate the quiet certitude that had marked the adolescent years of the school's existence.

The new coat of arms, designed by Mr. Milton Jordan S.J. and authenticated by Ryan Co. of New York, shows now the complexity of the school in full swing. On the viewer's left is the coat of arms of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. On the lower right is the rising eagle of St. John the Evangelist, honoring Bishop, now Cardinal, John J. Wright, the founder. Immediately above is a castle, symbolizing Pittsburgh, the locale. In the upper right are a miter and a crosier, signs of both the school's name, and two of its publications. Perched above all is the familiar IHS, complete with the cross and nails, the only constant in the three stages and the symbol of the unity of love that is the spirit of all the men of the Latin School, no matter which emblem they wore.

By Brian Keane

By Dan DiNardo

On June 8th, the Latin School graduated thirty seniors in ceremonies held at Sts. Peter and Paul Church which followed a Mass concelebrated by Bishop Vincent M. Leonard and several members of the faculty.

Following the bestowal of diplomas and medals, three scholarships covering two years at St. Paul Seminary were awarded to Tom Scanlon, Dan Pietrowski, and Rege Duffy. Marty Harris received the John Reed Memorial grant. The John Cardinal Wright Award was presented to Doug Reilly, who also won a scholarship to Georgetown University. John O'Leary was awarded the William J. Walsh medal, while the Alumni Medal was presented to Ken Fusina.

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In honoring Fr. McGrath, one is reminded of a statement from the '66 Crosier which said that an advantage of the Latin School more significant than its curriculum was the opportunity given its students to meet men and to learn from them. It is with this thought in mind, and with a deep sense of admiration and gratitude on the part of all the alumni, that we pay tribute to Father McGrath, for he is one such man.

Every year, along with the academic medals, the Latin School presents other awards connected with service. The John Cardinal Wright Award for General Excellence is the new title for a presentation given to a senior, chosen by the students and faculty, in recognition of four years of outstanding service. His name is inscribed on a permanent plaque kept in the school. Two other yearly awards are new, both given by faculty vote. One, the William J. Walsh Medal, is named for the first rector and awarded to one who beyond his pursuit of academic excellence and personal integrity, displayed the greatest devotion and generosity to BLS. The Alumni Medal is issued to that senior whose leadership and enthusiasm in school activities contributed most to spirit. Such awards are signs of the emphasis on service in fully educated men.



The Editor

William J. Walsh, S.J.

## SPORTS REPLAY '68-'69

BY JOHN A. SCHMIDT

In the same fashion that expansion has taken place in professional sports over the past few years, the sports program at the Latin School has grown in leaps and bounds. In the beginning intramurals made up the sports activities at B.L.S. As time has progressed and the school has grown, varsity basketball has come of age. During this past '68-'69 season, the varsity donned new uniforms and faced an all-time high of 13 hardcourt opponents. There were two other firsts during the past season. The Lancers' first J.V. team ever finished with a 6-6 record which could have been 9-3 with a few breaks. Also, graduating seniors on the team were presented with jackets and varsity letters. With 4 returning Junior year lettermen well over six foot tall, the prospects for next year look better than ever.

By far the most significant event of late has been the arrival of a new Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Robert Rodrigues. Mr. Rodrigues is a '69 graduate from Duquesne University where he earned a letter for varsity baseball. In addition to being Varsity Basketball Coach and Athletic Coordinator, he will teach history, civics, and P.T. He succeeds John Burik who held the basketball reins for the last three years. Kerry Lynn '67 who was last year's Assistant Varsity Coach and the school's J.V. Coach will remain on to assist the new Coach in the basketball program.

Varsity baseball is another recent undertaking. How this endeavor into the national past-time will fare remains to be seen.

The most recent sports venture at B.L.S. to meet with a great deal of success has been its entrance into the field of track. The Lancer strikers, coached by Fr. Jones, have competed in meets since entering the Catholic League and have had their moments of glory. A '69 graduate, Greg Niemiec, was the team standout. In the Catholic League Championships he finished third in the 220 and second in the 440 with impressive times. However, Greg saved his best effort until last. At Harrisburg he captured first place in the 440 over several competitors representing other parts of the state. Congratulations, Greg, for a job well done. Next year cross country will be added to the track program. As a climax to this year's seasonal sports activities, the first annual athletic banquet was held at which the standout performers of the Latin School were honored. We are looking forward with great expectations to the '69-'70 season. Good luck.



# Class of '65

TOM BENDER graduated from Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit with a B.A. in English. He plans to continue his studies in September at St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth, Mich. HENRY BIEDRZYCKI is attending Point Park College; his major is History. Upon graduating he plans to teach in high school. DAN CARROLL received his B.A. in Economics from Duquesne. He is married and has a son. Dan works as a claims representative for Hartford Insurance. ED CLOONAN graduated from Duquesne with a B.A. in Classics. In September he will be studying at St. Vincent Seminary. DAN CONN completed four years at Duquesne graduating with a B.A. in Sociology. He was commissioned 2nd lieutenant in the army and is stationed at Ft. Benning Ga. BILL COYNE is a cum laude graduate of Pitt with a B.A. in history. DON CZERNIEWSKI is studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Detroit. He is working for G.M. in a university related program. JIM DITILLO, S.J. has been a member of the Jesuits since his graduation from BLS. He is currently studying Philosophy at St. Louis University where he will remain and work toward an M.A. in Social Service. BOB FRANKO studied at Notre Dame and received a B.S. in both Biology and Chemistry. Bob now plans to attend the school of

Dental Medicine at Pitt. BILL GLUNK received a B.A. in Classics from Duquesne. Bill will continue his studies for the priesthood at the Gregorian in Rome. ANDY GOURASH is a SP. 4th in the army. He is stationed on Okinawa and is being trained in communications. Prior to this he went to Duquesne for 2½ years and majored in Psychology. JOE HOPPER was a corporal in the Marines and served in Vietnam as a squad leader. He has now resumed his studies in Management at Duquesne. RON KANE has been in the army for the last three years and is presently in Vietnam. Upon completion of his military tour of duty next April, he will continue his education. Ron is married and has one child. VINCE KOVALIK graduated from Duquesne with a B.A. in English. He is now a 2nd lieutenant in the army and in February, '70 will be training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. DAN KUCHAR will graduate from Robert Morris in February, '70 with a B.S. in Business Administration. After college, Dan expects to pursue a career in personnel management. VINCE MARINO graduated cum laude from Duquesne with a B.A. in Classics. He will continue his seminary training at the Gregorian this fall. RAY MARTINO received a B.A. in Psychology from Carnegie Mellon and plans to continue his studies there in

computer science or electrical engineering. MARK McNULTY completed his military service in July of '68. Mark was stationed in Bamholder, Germany where he served as a tank operator and as a personnel specialist. He is now enrolled at the McKeesport campus of Penn State majoring in Marketing. GERRY MOLITOR is currently attending Point Park College. He is majoring in English. JIM OBELDOBEL graduated from Duquesne in June. He received his degree in Classics. BOB OBRINGER graduated from Duquesne with a B.A. in Philosophy. He will continue his studies at Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland. JOHN O'HARA graduated from Notre Dame after completing a program of Liberal Studies. Beginning in September, John will teach elementary school in St. Louis. MIKE O'SHEA received his B.A. in Psychology at Duquesne. He is a 2nd lieutenant, and in Oct., he will take up his duties in Army intelligence and security. GREG ROUP is currently working as a managerial trainee for the Potomac Corporation. Greg is married and has a daughter. JOHN SCHMIDT received his B.A. in Classics from Duquesne. In September John will be studying Theology at St. Vincent Seminary. DAVE SCHORR graduated as a Classics major from Duquesne. This fall he will attend St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, Pa. PAUL SCHRATZ received his degree in Philosophy at Duquesne. He will now attend the Theologate at St. Mary Seminary, Baltimore. JOE SHEEHAN graduated from Du-

quesne with a B.A. in Classics. Joe will enter the Duquesne Law School this fall. NORB SIEBER is a graduate of Duquesne where he majored in Journalism. Norb was recently married and is presently working in creative advertising. DENNIS STRAIN has completed four years in a five year History honors program at St. Michael's College, Toronto University. After graduating next year, he plans to go on to law school. JOHN SWEENEY graduated from Duquesne with a B.A. in Classics. John will now continue his studies at St. Vincent Seminary. LOU VALLONE received a B.A. in Philosophy from Duquesne. For his participation in university affairs he received an Outstanding Senior Award. Lou will now go to St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. NORM VAN HORNE graduated from Duquesne where he majored in Classics. Norm will enter the service in September. DICK WELCH graduated with majors in English and History from Duquesne. In the fall of '70, Dick plans to enter Georgetown University's law school. MEL WENTZ is taking classes in Civil Engineering at Pitt. When he graduates in '70, he plans to take up urban and regional planning at Pitt's School of Public and International Affairs. Before he enrolled at Pitt, Mel attended St. Vincent College for three years. BOB ZAJDEL ended a very successful college career graduating magna cum laude from Duquesne. Bob received his degree in Classics and was awarded a fellowship to study for his Masters at Ohio State.