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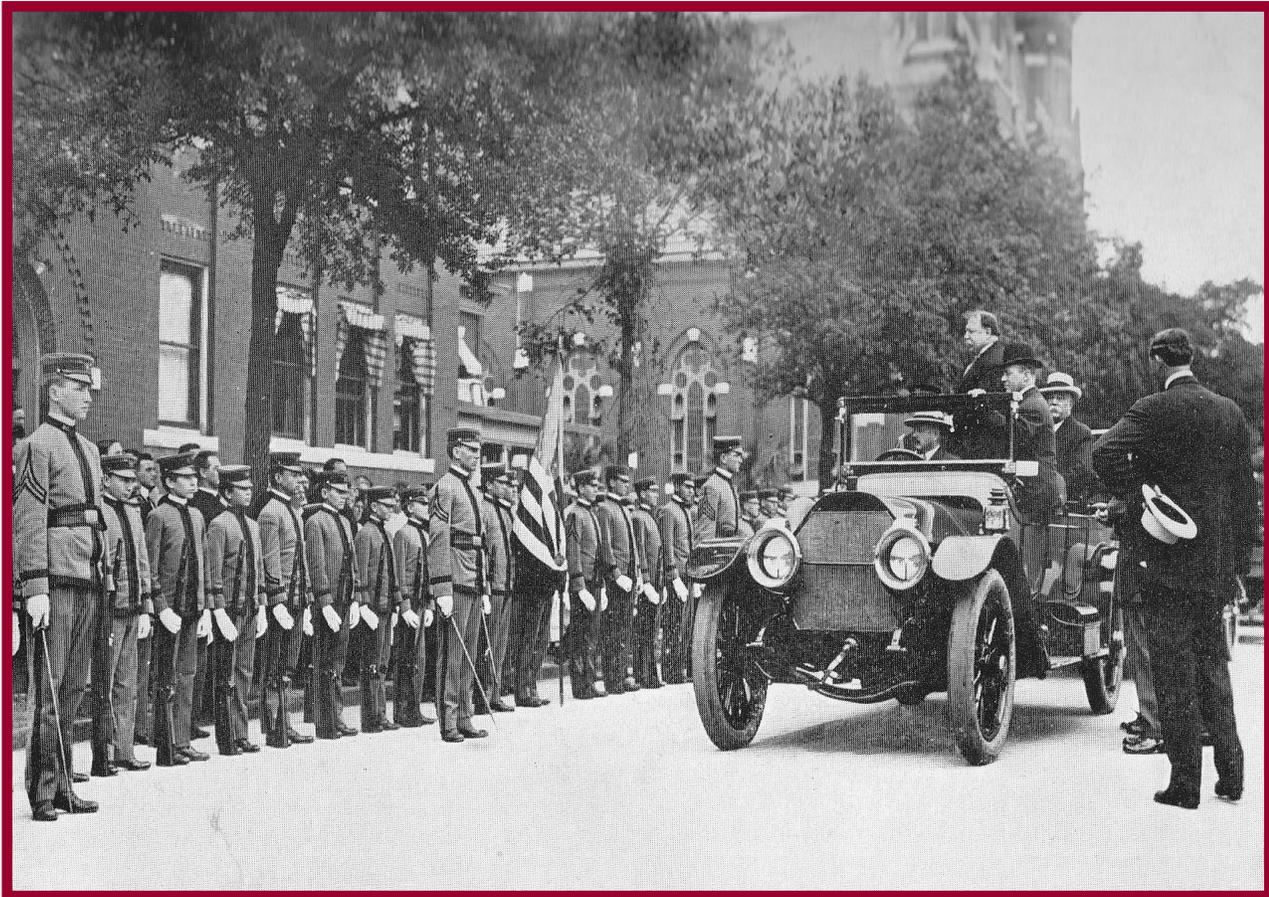


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Lost & Found: 1912 President Taft & BC photo

Benedictine alums Mr. Maurice “Mutt” Sheppard ’59 and Dr. Jack Jaugstetter ’55 made a fantastic discovery while searching through archives at Belmont Abbey in Belmont, N.C., in June. Among the documents that Sheppard and Jaugstetter found was a photograph of William Howard Taft, the 27th president of the United States (from 1909-13), standing at attention inside a car as he was being driven past an American flag held by Benedictine Military School Cadets on May 1, 1912. The Cadets were standing at attention in front of the “Old School” on Bull Street, next to Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Read the story by BC Alumni Association President Mike Dillon ‘68 to learn about the BC Alumni Association’s year-long hunt to track down this treasured photograph and other historical documents.



Letter from the Principal ...

Dear Benedictine Family,

It's August and the Class of 2017 is about to begin its BC journey. The students are about to become part of something that will remain part of them for the rest of their lives. Each is a Benedictine Military School Cadet. Our freshmen join our seniors, juniors and sophomores as our Corp of Cadets.

All of our Cadets are afforded the opportunity to learn, to achieve, to succeed and to grow intellectually, athletically and socially. Their academic experiences will be led by a faculty second to none, each of whom is an expert in their field, passionate about their subject, and form strong departments. The boys' athletic experiences will be led by coaches who will help them improve in their positions and as members of a team. All will learn sportsmanship and fair play. They will experience what it is to play as a Cadet, to wear white, maroon and gray, to hear the BC fans cheering them on.

As our 2013-14 academic year begins, we will review with the boys what it is that BC stands

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for, what our expectations are of ourselves and of them, and how we are all here for the same reason – for them to be the best students they can be in the best college preparatory high school so that they will be accepted and excel at the colleges and universities of their choice. That’s what we’re about!

Again, welcome to all new students, parents and families, and a big welcome back to those Cadets, parents and families who are returning. This is going to be an exceptional year!

I, for one, will be so happy to have our hallways once again teeming with the Cadets and their teachers!

With great appreciation, anticipation and excitement,

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By Mike Dillon '68, President, Alumni Association

Last August, John Hohenstein '69 dropped me a Facebook note stating that he watched an SGTV documentary on the Grand Prize Races in Savannah that took place more than 100 years ago. He said that one of the photos depicted U.S. President William H. Taft, in town for the Great Race, "standing in his car reviewing the Benedictine Cadets on Bull Street." John didn't know the source of the photo, but suggested that due to its significance, we find it and display it in Alumni Hall.

A few weeks later, I came across this documentary and looked for the photo to appear. Sure enough, there he was, our "largest president" in plain view on Bull Street with the entire Cadet battalion on review. I jotted down the documentary credits and thought that it would be a "piece of cake" to obtain this prominent photo. There were four credits for the photos: Estate of Dr. Julian Quattlebaum, Coastal Heritage Society, Georgia Historical Society and the Savannah Chatham Public Library.

We started with the public library since we've had good finds in their system in the past. Not this time. They only had articles about the races but no Taft photo. The GHS and CHS also did extensive searches for us to no avail. I contacted Robyn Quattlebaum of the Driftaway Restaurant, and nephew of Dr. Quattlebaum. Robyn referred me to his aunt, but again - no luck. Robyn also suggested that I visit Tanya Bailey Smith, owner and curator of the Great Savannah Race Museum on Abercorn Street. Tanya (the mother of 2008 Benedictine graduate Johnathan Smith) knew of the photo, but not the source.

Determined, on April 1, we contacted John Nichols of the Crystal Beer Parlor, a great source of local memorabilia. John acknowledged that he had seen this photo, but it was not in the restaurant. Finally, I turned to our Survivors Club committee. We established this committee to help the Alumni Association track down historical items for the Benedictine Archive and Alumni Hall. Jules Holman '56 chairs the committee, with members Dr. Jack Jaugstetter '55, Maurice "Mutt" Sheppard '59, Dr. Jack Groover '61, and Jerry Hatch '56.

I mentioned to the committee that a few months earlier I had requested information about our school from the Belmont Abbey Archive in North Carolina. The archivist at Belmont Abbey, Simon Donoghue, sent a list of BC items preserved at their Archive and upon review; there it was "TAFT, WILLIAM HOWARD Photograph of the 'visit' to Benedictine College." Promising, but this was a list, not an actual photo.

In mid-June, Mutt Sheppard and Jack Jaugstetter made the journey to Belmont Abbey and spent the day searching their Archive. The following day I received an email from Mutt with the Taft photo attached. Mission: accomplished! Mutt also included the actual Taft speech which was printed in the May 2, 1912, Savannah Morning News. We

Lost & Found: 1912 President Taft & BC photo (Continued)

discovered why we could not find the photo associated with the auto races. Taft was actually in Savannah on May 1, 1912, for the Centennial Celebration of the Hibernian Society. He arrived in Savannah by train early that morning. At 11:30 a.m., the President's motorcade stopped in front of the Bull Street campus, Taft gave a brief speech then proceeded to Thunderbolt for a luncheon in his honor.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in this search, especially the dedicated members of the Survivors Club committee. Stop by Alumni Hall and enjoy the photo, along with the caption which includes Taft's actual speech to the Cadet battalion.

Reminder: ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER: AUG. 21

Benedictine Military School's Alumni Association invites you to visit its new website: <http://www.benedictinealumni.com>



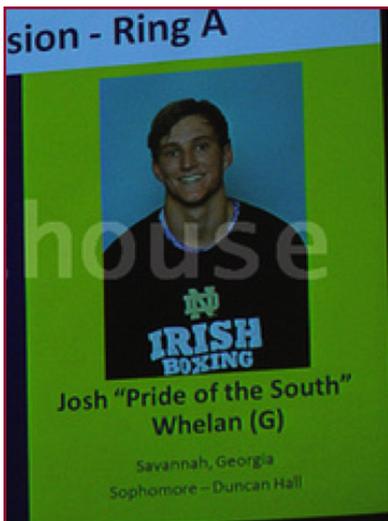
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From Cadet to Captain: A journey through Notre Dame boxing

By Josh Whelan '10

“Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished.” These immortal words of Dominic “Nappy” Napolitano, the University of Notre Dame’s first boxing coach, are as true today as they were when the school’s annual charity boxing tournament began in 1931. The Bengal Bouts, as they are called, have funded the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh, a small, highly impoverished country in Southeast Asia, now for 83 years.

After an upperclassman recommended that I tag along with him to practice, I joined the Men’s Boxing Club my freshman year; making the easy crossover from high school wrestling. The workouts were not far from what I had done at BC under Coach Joe Tvrdy; however, the purpose that drove boxing at Notre Dame was completely different from anything I had ever experienced. Instead of competing for a banner on the gym wall or a patch on a letterman’s jacket, I was now representing millions of people on the complete opposite side of world. This all sounds very grandiose, and, quite honestly, I joined the club for the sport and competition. It was not until my first Christmas break, when I returned to Savannah, that the full force of the program really hit home.



Every boxer wishing to participate in the tournament must raise \$500 to become eligible to fight. Funds are raised each year through a mix of advertisements in the program, donations and ticket sales. With no real market for advertisements or ticket sales in Georgia for a tournament in Indiana, I decided to give a speech after Mass at St. James Catholic Church and ask for donations. Again, I was doing my duty. It was only after I was inundated at small table set up in the narthex that I felt the gravity of the program in which I had so recently become involved. People were handing me money and checks, taking forms, asking questions, and wishing me luck for more than a 30 minutes after every Mass. I even learned that I was not the first BC grad to go on to box at Notre Dame. William “Mo” Summerlin ‘46, grandfather of Shane, Will, Ben and Josh Summerlin, had fought in Bouts in the 1940s. All in all, that first year I was able to raise just more than \$2,000, and I have been a strong participant in the club ever since.

This coming year, I have been elected to serve as one of the club’s few Senior Captains. Thus, it is my firm desire to lead in the form of fund raising as well as training other boxers and seeking to win the championship in February. In the past few years, the Bengal Bouts have raised more than \$100,000 annually, with every dollar going directly to the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. The priests and brothers in Bangladesh have set up a college, a number of elementary, secondary and trade schools, as well as parishes and health clinics throughout the country. Through these institutions, Catholics are, “bringing light to the darkness” in the form of education, more so than simply distributing food, which allows the Bengali people to raise

From Cadet to Captain (Continued)

themselves out of the poverty that surrounds them.

Utilizing the values of Catholic Christian service, hard work, and leadership that I developed at BC has enabled me to excel in a completely new arena in college. As I have relied on these lessons learned as a Cadet to help me succeed at Notre Dame, I now wish to reach out to my fellow Cadets and the larger BC and Savannah communities to support me in my fund raising efforts for the 2014 Notre Dame Bengal Bouts tournament. It is my hope that with your help we will reach and surpass this year's goal of \$100,000 and come February you might even have the chance to catch Josh "Pride of the South" Whelan fighting on ESPN3 for the championship. Thank you. God Bless and Go Irish!

Please contact Josh Whelan if you are interested in more information or a donation form. Cell: 912-272-4593; Email: jwhelan2@nd.edu. Donations can also be made online at the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts website: bengalbouts.nd.edu.

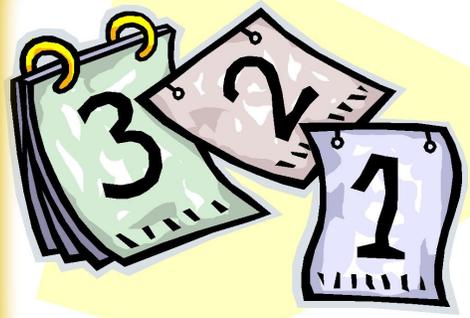


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Benedictine Military School graduate Josh Whelan '10 (gold trunks) is a Senior Captain of the University of Notre Dame's Men's Boxing Club and he is active with the Bengal Bouts charity.

August Calendar of Events

August 5 - Regular hours resume, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
August 5 - Faculty returns
August 5 - JROTC Uniform Fitting & Issue Schedule
August 9 - Registration Day
August 12 - Freshmen & Sophomores return
August 12 - Survivors Club luncheon
August 13 - Juniors & Seniors return
August 14 - Classes begin
August 15 - Feast of the Assumption Mass
August 16 - Football vs. Calvary Day School (scrimmage),
7:30 p.m., Savannah State University's T.A. Wright Stadium
August 21 - Alumni Association Annual Meeting & Dinner, 6 p.m., Alumni Hall
August 24 - Groovin' for the Gridiron, 7 p.m., BC Gym
August 30 - Football vs. Effingham County (season opener), 7:30 p.m., Savannah
State University's T.A. Wright Stadium



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dates and events!*

August Faculty and Staff Birthdays

Lee Brantley	08/06
Buddy "Cowboy" Vars	08/06
Joe Tvrdy	08/13
Wes Worthington	08/18
Kim Hickey	08/26
Kelly Hill	08/27
Col. Richard LaRossa	08/29



4th Quarter Honor Roll (2012-13)

HIGH HONORS

Dorbin Abendano
 Brennan Anderson
 Thomas Ballew
 Matthew Bartholomew
 Thomas Benson
 William Bradley IV
 John Bremer, Jr.
 Jasper Bridgeman
 Benjamin Cannoles
 Jack Carberry
 Nicholas Carbo
 William Carter
 Michael Cohen
 Samuel Coppola IV
 Andrew Crawford
 Thomas Crossley
 Bao-An Dang
 Connor DeWitt
 Wyatt Ferrelle
 Brian Finkel
 Conor Floyd
 Conrad Fonseca III
 Spencer Fonseca
 Andrew Geha
 Sam Geha
 Riley Harriss
 Thomas Hogan III
 Joseph Holguin
 Tayler Jakubsen
 Austin Jones
 Austin Josey
 Austin Karesh
 Ryan Lelley
 Thomas Kennedy
 Robert Kirby
 Jason Kolbush
 Vincent Koncul
 Conner Kreide

HIGH HONORS

Grant Lanser
 Joshua Laygo
 Michael Lester
 Richard Lisicia
 Chase Lyndale
 Patrick McBride
 Garrett McBroom
 John McCarthy
 Thomas McCarthy
 Daniel Mahoney
 Clayton Moore
 Craig Moore
 John Muller
 Anthony Nguyen
 Zachary Park
 Milen Patel
 Robert Pecenka
 Alfred Pesto
 Matthew Peters
 William Phillips
 Steven Powers, Jr.
 Matthew Provence
 Connor Robertson
 Theodore Robertson, Jr.
 Evan Sell
 John Sevier
 Samuel Silverman
 John Solitario
 Kyle South
 Eugene Stewart II
 Joshua Summerlin
 Steven Tate
 Steven Tilton
 Luis Tupac-Yupanqui
 Logan Wilkinson
 Justin Wilson
 Cordell Woods
 Adam Winters

HIGH HONORS

Benjamin Wright
 Nicholas Wright
 Nigel Wright
 Warren Wright
 David Zambito

HONOR ROLL

Michael Alberino
 Aaron Beers
 Thomas Beytagh
 Andrew Bingaman
 Nicholas Blohm
 Carlton Brown II
 Marcus Brown II
 Phillip Burke, Jr.
 Ellison Burns III
 Reed Cetti
 Alexander Coleman
 Benjamin Coleman
 Jacob Collins
 Matthew Coppage
 Richard Coward
 Robert Creech
 John DeLoach
 Benjamin DeBorde
 Charles Ferrelle
 Kevin Fischer
 Conor Forbes
 Joshua Friedman
 Solomon Friedman
 Jared Geha
 Joshua Goldstein
 Patrick Guthrie
 Tristan Harkleroad
 Stuart Harriott
 Hunter Hebert
 Nathan Hickey
 Richard Hightower

HONOR ROLL

Daniel Hoffman
 Michael Huggins
 Joseph Ireland
 Chance Jackson
 George Jackson
 Charles Keaton
 Sean Kelley
 Jake Kindred
 Kaelan Lutz
 Austin McBroom
 Miles McGinty
 Thomas McMillan
 Andrew McNulty
 John Murphy
 Thaddeus Olson
 Ishant Patel
 Raymond Powell III
 John Rahal
 Mark Reavis
 Zachary Scott
 John Sevier
 Stephen Sheahan
 Matthew Sparks
 Matthew Starling
 Hans Stautberg
 Daniel Todesca
 Charles Turner
 William Vaught
 Parker von Waldner
 Daquan Waldron
 Zachary Watson
 Andrew Wertz, Jr.
 Robert White
 Colby Winston
 Dillon Wise
 John Witt
 Christopher Woiwode

Jacob Horne promoted to Assistant Principal at BC

By Noell Barnidge

Jacob Tyler Horne has been promoted to Assistant Principal at Benedictine Military School.

Horne, 27, is preparing for his fifth year at BC. He will continue as the Social Science Department Chair but has stepped down from his position as the soccer team's assistant coach.



“Being Assistant Principal is definitely something I wanted,” Horne said. “That’s why I pursued my master’s degree in Educational Leadership. I know I’m extremely fortunate to get this opportunity. The main thing that I want to focus on is helping the teachers, and helping them to help the students. At the end of the day, the students are why we’re here, and these young men are extraordinary. BC is a great school and I want to continue that tradition of excellence.”

Born in Birmingham, Ala., Horne was raised in the Savannah area. He graduated from Effingham County High School in 2004 before earning a bachelor’s degree in education from Georgia Southern University in 2008. Horne was hired by Benedictine in 2009. He earned a master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Georgia Southern University in 2012 and is working toward an Ed.S. in Curriculum at Valdosta State University.

Benedictine Headmaster Fr. Frank Ziemkiewicz, O.S.B., said, “I’m delighted for the innovative expertise that Jacob brings to our administration and the excellent relationships he has fostered among our faculty, staff and students.”

Benedictine Principal Dr. Deborah A. Antosca, who hired Horne in 2009, said, “Jacob has been an asset to Benedictine in many ways since the first day he stepped through our front doors. He is a very positive role model for the young men. He has very high moral standards, very high expectations, for the boys in the classroom. He’s a man of great integrity and he holds his students to that same level. Very intelligent, very motivated and very dedicated to the field of education. For him, it’s a vocation. It’s not a job. He made a decision years ago that administration was the direction he wanted to head in his career and it will be wonderful to work with him. I’m pleased for the boys and their families. He will continue to be an asset in an administrative role.”

Horne and his wife, Brittani, have a three-month-old son, Noah.

Col. LaRossa replaces retiring Lt. Col. Owens III '61 at BC

By Noell Barnidge

Retired Col. Richard E. LaRossa has been hired by Benedictine Military School as its Senior Army Instructor. LaRossa, 53, replaces Lt. Col. John M. Owens III '61, who is retiring. Owens, 69, served as Benedictine's Senior Army Instructor for 27 years.



Col. LaRossa comes to Benedictine from the 6th Brigade, United States Army Cadet Command at Hunter Army Airfield. He works as a civilian assisting in the oversight of 472 Junior ROTC programs, and 39 colleges and universities with Senior Army ROTC programs.

Col. LaRossa has lived in Savannah since 1993. He and his wife, Barbara LaRossa, have five children. Col. LaRossa's sons, Francis and Edward, graduated from Benedictine and were members of the JRTOC program. Col. LaRossa's step-daughters are Krista, Laura and Tara.

"Col. LaRossa knows about the school, the (JROTC) program, and what the day-to-day activities are and the traditions of Benedictine," Lt. Col. Owens said. "I've invested 27 years of my life into a unit that I helped mold and get to where it is. You can believe I'm not about to turn my unit over to somebody who I have any doubts can't handle the job and do a very good job."



Benedictine screened more than 30 potential applicants and interviewed seven for the position. Col. LaRossa will begin working at BC on July 1.

"Obviously, I can't follow in Lt. Col. Owens' footsteps because he's been there 27 years," Col. LaRossa said. "But I want to take what he's done, the diamond, and maintain the polish. Of the 472 Junior ROTC programs throughout the eastern region of the United States, BC is one of the top and has been for as long as I can remember.

"When I was deployed to Iraq, the whole BC faculty and staff kept an extra eye over my boys and I was extra-grateful to them for doing that," Col. LaRossa continued. "As the son of a Vietnam veteran, I want to thank Lt. Col. Owens not only for his 27 years of service to Benedictine but for his military service and time in Vietnam. Welcome home."

Survivors Club luncheon in Alumni Hall



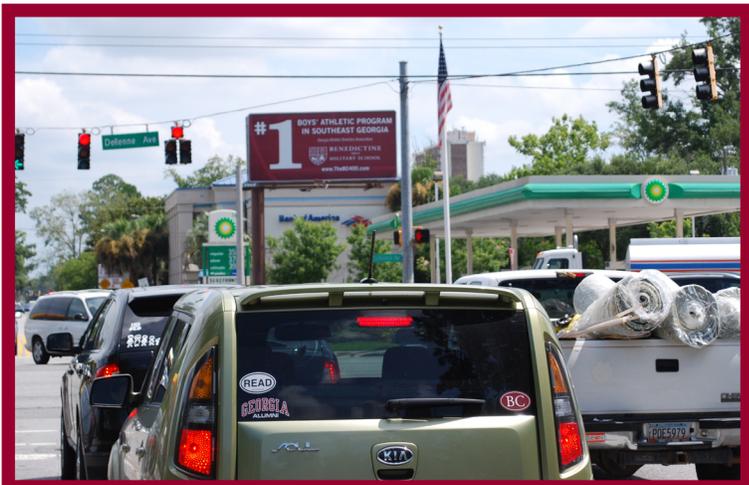
More than 100 people attended the Benedictine Survivors Club luncheon June 10 in Alumni Hall on the campus of Benedictine Military School. The Survivors Club is all alumni who attended BC's "Old School" on Bull Street from 1902-63. The men meet during the second Monday of every even-numbered month (February, April, June, August, October and December) for food and fellowship. The group usually gathers at the Johnny Harris Banquet Hall on Victory Drive. This was the BC Survivors Club's second meeting in Alumni Hall and they plan to meet annually at the school. The members requested to meet on campus because they were eager to see the additions the BC Alumni Association has made to Alumni Hall.



You will “BC-ing” us around town



Benedictine Military School has 10 billboards throughout the city to advertise the fact that BC has the No. 1 boys' athletics program in southeast Georgia, as determined by the Georgia Athletic Directors Association. Look for the maroon and white billboards at these locations: Montgomery Cross Road, Victory Drive at Wallin, President Street, Waters at Montgomery Cross Road, Waters at DeRenne, Drayton at Anderson, Hwy 80 at Dean Forest, DeRenne at Truman, Chatham Parkway at Telfair, and Skidaway Road.



Students attend Study Skills Seminar at BC



Mr. Stewart Pinkerton, Benedictine Military School's Director of Guidance and College Counseling, was a guest speaker at the Improving Your Study Skills and Unlocking Your Potential Seminar at BC on June 26. Several incoming freshmen attended the seminar, which lasted through June 28. The seminar was taught by Ms. Crystal Locke, Assistant Professor of Reading at Savannah State University. The course was designed to equip students with study skills and motivation needed to be successful in high school. Some of the topics included effective listening, time organization, taking notes effectively and participating in classroom discussions.

Campus Ministry

By: Fr. Ronald Gatman, O.S.B. - Campus Minister



WHO MADE ME?

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! By now you're probably fed up with your summer routine of getting up later, having a leisurely breakfast, playing on the computer, going shopping and just plain falling apart. You probably have a great desire to get back into the yoke of school work, be you a student or faculty member - OK, let's be realistic. For most of you, like myself, this is not the case. On a number of occasions I have said that just when I get good at vacation it comes to an end. This year is no exception. With this said, however, I am still excited heading into a new academic year. I have always loved to learn, to read and to discover new things that I never knew before. Our students are about to venture into some uncharted waters, or at least some with which they are not so familiar. They are like Abraham who God called and said, "Go out into an unknown land that I will show you." This unknown land might be a science class such as chemistry, biology or physics. Or it might be the land of English literature or Latin or Spanish. It might be the world of high tech or mathematics. It could be any number of things. Questions will be asked, answers will be given and ideas will be tossed around. All of this will be a means of informing ourselves about the world in which we live. And this with the intention of helping us intelligently making our way in this world of ours.

There are questions and there are questions. Not all of them are asked by a teacher. Some of them are asked by life itself. And these questions can arrive at the most unexpected times, and not necessarily when we are in school or when we are young. These are special questions and pertain to the meaning of life itself. We call these **ULTIMATE** questions. One of these is raised in the title of the article. It is, Who made me? Somewhere during a person's lifetime this question appears in some form, even if ever so briefly. Some give it short shrift and quickly put it out of their minds. Others become fascinated with it and ponder over a long span of time, even to the day they die. This question cannot be answered by conventional means. It supercedes the world of reason, for it is a faith question. Faith questions are questions that come under the expertise of religion. A religion arises when one attempts to explain why things are the way they are, and how they got that way. Be it Hinduism, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Christianity, Shinto or whatnot, all religions try to answer the questions: who made me, what is the purpose of life, what happens after we die. And one of my favorites, which I used to ask my senior religion students to answer at the beginning of the new school year, is "Why is there something rather than nothing?"

But for the time being, let's stick to the first one, who made me? Now this question is by no means a new one. In fact it is the opening question found in the now famous or infamous Baltimore Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church. Apart from any responses from the Church, purely reflecting on reality as I understand it, it is obvious to me that I did not make myself. Someone

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else or some thing made me. Try as I might there is no way that I could have possibly done it myself, for I would have had to exist before I existed to have done it. No way. This brings us to the Catholic Church's answer to the question, which is, "God made me." (For the moment we will pass on a discussion of what is meant by the word God, although it is an important one.) And despite what some might like to think in our day, human beings did not make me. All the necessary ingredients were supplied by God, each with its function set down by Him. All we do is assemble the parts and put them in their proper order so that the laws set down for them by God can be put into effect. Saint Paul in one of his letters expresses this reality succinctly. He says, "Paul plants, Apollos waters, but God gives the the growth."

So the Church's answer to the question, who made me, is: God made me. This leads us to the second question presented for our reflection in the Baltimore Catechism, WHY did He make me? Any number of reasons might be proffered in response to this question but for the sake of time we'll go by the book, the Baltimore Catechism and give its answer which is: "To know, love and serve Him in this world, and be happy with Him in the next?" This question and its answer make a demand upon us. We are commanded to get to know God, and in coming to know Him we are to love Him, and the result of this knowledge and this love is that we are moved to serve Him in this world, which is a training ground for our life with Him in the next life, which will be eternal.

Benedictine Military School is committed to foster the growth and development of each and every student who passes through its doors. This includes his growth in the intellectual, physical and spiritual realms. The first two can be pretty well measured, the third is a bit more elusive. How do you test for faith, for hope and for love? One way is to see whether a person is learning to become more and more unselfish and seeking to serve the needs of others. Time will tell. I pray that this new school year will be a time of growth in all areas for our students, faculty, staff and administration. And with this ever-increasing advancement in all dimensions of our lives that we may come to know the God who is revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life."

Blessings on all for a holy and happy new school year. Amen.

Matthew Peters earns perfect score on SAT section

By Noell Barnidge

The streak continues at Benedictine Military School. Senior Matthew Peters recently scored 800 on the writing portion of the SAT to become BC's sixth senior since 2010 to earn a perfect score on at least one section of the three-section test (writing, math and critical reading).



Peters, a member of BC's Class of 2014, joins an elite list of Cadets who have built the streak. He joins graduates Alex Zambito '13 (800 critical reading), Jason Kolbush '13 (800 math), Bryce Bailey '12 (800 math), Bradley Wilkerson '11 (800 critical reading) and Andrew Whelan '10 (800 math and 800 critical reading) as Cadets who have earned a perfect score on at least one section of the test.

The scores prove that students of exceptional ability are enrolled at Benedictine Military School and BC has an academic program that fosters excellence.

Before the 2008-09 school year, BC Principal Dr. Deborah A. Antosca directed Curriculum Coordinator Jim Brown '83 to make SAT scores a point of emphasis with faculty. "Just talking about our scores, setting goals and making it part of the culture was a great start," Brown said.

In the English and Math departments, Benedictine Military School teachers have made SAT Prep an incorporated part of the curriculum, starting with warm-up problems and short sections inside the classroom. This year, all BC students purchased either a PSAT or SAT study guide as a formal part of the curriculum, both for independent use and classroom use.

BC also conducts SAT prep classes twice per year, fall and winter.

Under the direction of Guidance Counselor Stewart Pinkerton, and former Guidance Counselor Lawrence McDonald, all BC students who score over 1,650 (combined critical reading, math and writing) get their names posted to the "Top Gun" wall in the school. "That really appeals to the natural competitiveness we have here at BC," Brown said.

Along with an emphasis on raising AP scores (also higher since 2008 than in the previous 20 years), BC continues its 100-year-plus mission of preparing students for college and beyond.

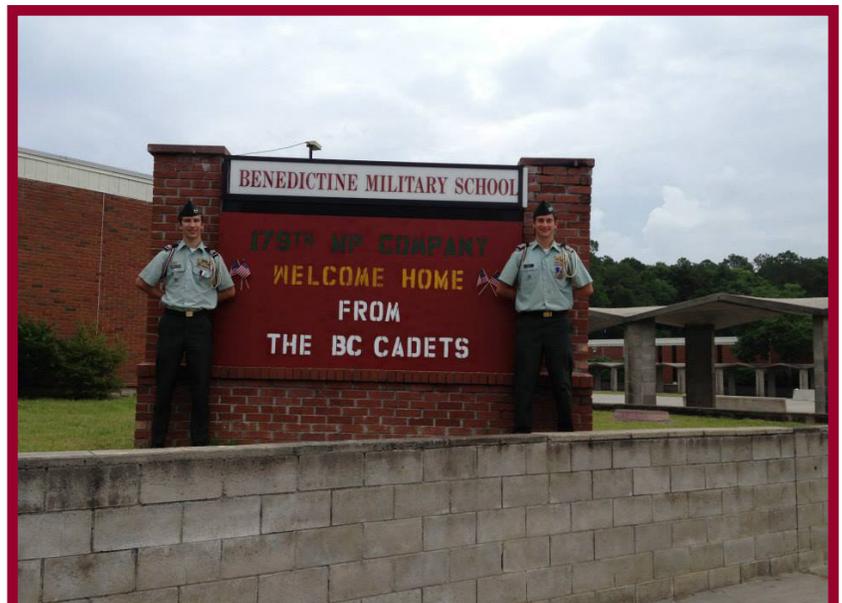
Sam Geha places 5th at AAU National Club Championship



The BC Family would like to congratulate rising senior Sam Geha, who competed at the AAU National Club Championship held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Arena in Orlando, Fla., July 13, running for the Savannah Silver Cheetahs track and field club, and placed fifth overall in the 1500-meter event with a personal-best time of 4 minutes, 17 seconds!

BC welcomes 179th MP Company back from Afghanistan

Benedictine Military School served as host for the 179th MP Company (one of the Army National Guard Units located on Seawright Drive) returning from Afghanistan on July 12. “We had a few Cadets to volunteer to help; Cadet Lawson Turner and Cadet Connor Robertson,” BC Senior Army Instructor Col. Richard E. LaRossa said. “They did an exceptional job and were humbled by the experience.”



BC's JROTC attends Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge

A dozen Benedictine Military School JROTC Cadets left campus June 24 en route to Fort Stewart in Hinesville, Ga., where they attended the Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge through June 28. Under the guidance of Col. Richard E. LaRossa, LTC John M. Owens III '61, CW4 Don Schaefer, MSG Reinaldo Osorio and MSG Richard Smith, the Cadets learned leadership skills. They also were actively involved in activities such as rappelling, land navigation, first aid application and leadership course reaction in addition to building a rope bridge and learning drown-proofing (i.e. how to survive in water with a limited number of supplies).



BC students attend 2013 Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference

On July 19-21, 12 teenagers (many from BC) and four chaperones (including BC Religious Studies teacher Mr. Michael Parks and his wife, DeAnna) traveled to Atlanta, Ga., for the 2013 Steubenville Atlanta Youth Conference. They experienced Jesus Christ in a more personal way through the Sacraments, inspiring talks, praise and worship of our Savior, and by packaging 100,368 meals for starving families in Africa.



23rd Annual Vic Mell/Jim Walsh Golf Tournament



Several members of the BC Family gathered at Southbridge Golf Club at 7 a.m. July 27 for the 23rd Annual Vic Mell/Jim Walsh Golf Tournament to benefit the student-athletes of Benedictine Military School. Thank you to our alumni, players and supporters for your continued patronage of the tournament and commitment to the Mell Walsh Foundation. The day was filled with the camaraderie and fellowship that are uniquely BC. BC Headmaster Fr. Frank Ziemkiewicz, O.S.B., started the event with a prayer, followed by the presentation of colors by a BC JROTC unit that consisted of Youssef Awad, Brennen Anderson, Connor Robertson and Alec Fanning, under the guidance of Col. Richard E. LaRossa.



Mrs. Nicole Willett gives lecture at conference



Benedictine Military School science teacher and Mars Society Education Director Mrs. Nicole Willett recently gave a lecture about the human exploration and settlement of Mars at the Southwest Georgia Science Educators Conference in Camilla, Ga. Mrs. Willett's talk was part of the Mars Society's educational outreach program, which she initiated last year.

Check out Mrs. Willett's latest blog (Will Drilling Find Extant Life on Mars?) at <http://education2.marssociety.org/will-drilling-find-extant-life-on-mars-issue-21/>

BC hosts summer sports camps for children



Hundreds of children from throughout the area flocked to Benedictine Military School to attend a variety of summer sports camps. The children learned more about football, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, lacrosse, soccer and wrestling.



2013 Benedictine Football Schedule



BC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
8/16/2013	7:30	vs. Calvary	Home \$
8/23/2013		OPEN	
8/30/2013	7:30	vs. Effingham Co.	Home
9/06/2013	7:30	@ Long Co.	Away
9/13/2013	7:30	@ Metter	Away
9/20/2013	7:30	vs. Vidalia	Home
9/27/2013	7:30	@ Atkinson Co.	Away
10/04/2013	7:30	vs. Bryan Co.	Home#
10/11/2013	7:30	vs. Toombs Co.	Home
10/18/2013	7:30	@ Bacon Co.	Away
10/25/2013		OPEN	
11/01/2013	7:30	@ Jeff Davis	Away
11/8/2013	7:30	vs. McIntosh Co.	Home*

-All Home games will be played at the Beautiful New Savannah State Stadium/T.A. Wright Stadium

\$- Calvary is a Scrimmage and the rain date will be the following day 8-17-2013

#-Homecoming

*-Senior Night