



Farewell to the Class of 2003

“The class of 2003 is about to go out and conquer the world. We hope we’ve provided them with the tools they need and that their energy and enthusiasm will carry them to significant heights. We rejoice in all their accomplishments,” said Sr. Janet.

The 40th senior class will be graduating Saturday morning at War Memorial Auditorium. The homily will be given by Fr. Charles Newburn. The Valedictorian, Greg Roberts and the Salutatorian, Laura Findlan, will also address the class.

All of the 261 seniors are prepared to move on to their next challenge, whatever it may be. The top ten seniors scholastically, actually 11 this year due to a tie, in alphabetical order are Brooke Adams, Ashley Bomarito, Eric Christiansen, Kathryn Farland,



Top students scholastically: (Back row, left to right) Eric Christiansen, Dan Martinez, Casey Gaskins, Nora Kern, Matt Remm and Greg Roberts. Front row: Laura Findlan, Brooke Adams, Danny Fernandez, Ashley Bomarito and Kathryn Farland

Danny Fernandez, Laura Findlan, Casey Gaskins, Nora Kern, Daniel Martinez, Matt Remm and Greg Roberts. CGHS congratulates these students on their outstanding achievement.

Mr. Kevin Owens had this

to say about the graduates: “The senior class has a cornucopia of talents and personalities. They have left an enduring mark during their time at Gibbons, and we wish them well on their future endeavors.”

Tennis Team Wins State Titles



Monsignor Kelly announced the appointment of Mr. Paul Ott as principal. [Story page 9](#)

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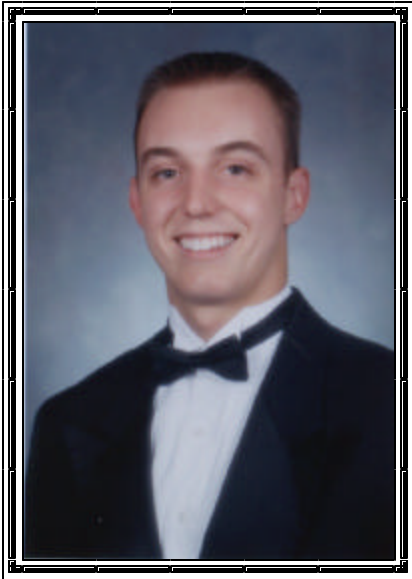
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Top of the class: Roberts and Findlan

By Kristen Nelson

Valedictorian



Gregory Roberts

The graduating class of 2003 could not have asked for a better valedictorian. Greg Roberts has surpassed the standards of simply maintaining a high GPA. Not only is he an impressive student, he is also an exceptional person who has, through all his inspiring accomplishments, remained entirely too modest.

Academically, Greg will be graduating with an impressive 4.903 GPA by the end of his senior year, with an SAT score of 1540 and an ACT score of 35. Throughout his high school career, he has excelled in advanced placement and honors classes.

"I think I got it right on the first try," said Greg when asked if he had any regrets during high school. "I just tried to be a well-

rounded person by playing sports, getting involved in the school, and challenging myself in the classroom."

Greg found a release in sports. He took pride in playing both football and basketball as well as running track. His performance as an athlete is reflected in his long list of successes: the Brian Piccolo Scholar Athlete Award, Miami Herald All-Broward Football Team Honorable Mention, Westminster Academy's Holiday Classic All-Tournament Scholastic Player award and his avid participation in the Senior Athletic Club.

As far as getting involved was concerned, Greg did it all. He participated in over six separate school organizations. Student Leadership presented him with an achievement award for introducing a new service project through the Christ Church Feeding Ministry. In addition to this project, he was involved with community service projects, such as the Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity and the Ann Storck Center.

In his opinion his involvement in the school was encouraged by the faculty's style of teaching. "They make their classes a lot of fun and get to know you on a more personal level," explained Greg.

Mr. Owens, Greg's AP Composition teacher, described Greg as, "a rare academic gem with tons of potential. It has been a privilege teaching a pupil whom I consider one of the most talented I have encountered during my edu-

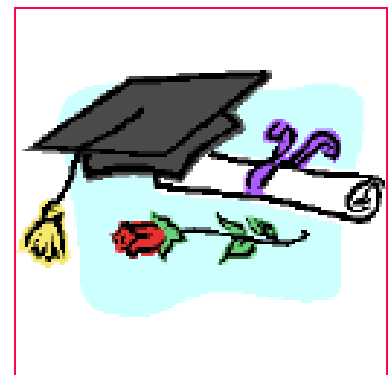
cational career."

Greg explained that the talent, which Mr. Owens is referring to, is due to the support and encouragement of his family. "My parents are the most important factors in my life."

And Greg has returned that love with hard work and dedication. This hard work enabled him to receive acceptance letters from all eight of the schools to which he applied, including Princeton, Cornell, Duke, Notre Dame, Virginia and Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt has the honor of accepting Greg into their class of 2007. There our valedictorian intends to major in either history, anthropology, or international politics with a minor in French and Russian. From there he plans to attend graduate school and then possibly work for the government in the Foreign Service or CIA.

The graduating class of 2003 has an outstanding person as its valedictorian. We wish Greg continued good luck in the future!



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Salutatorian



Laura Findlan

The salutatorian of the Class of 2003 is also a step above the rest. Laura Findlan has spent her entire high school career exhibiting what it takes to succeed. She will be graduating with a 4.78 GPA, an SAT score of 1590 and an ACT score of 30.

Like our valedictorian, Laura is deserving of this honor, not only for her academic ability but also for her awards, accomplishments and outstanding character. She has accepted over twenty-one different awards throughout her high school career spanning a multitude of areas from books to sports.

From an academic aspect, Laura has earned honor roll all four years, the AP Scholar with Honor award and Academic Excellence awards. She has also been involved in community service as the Youth Group co-

founder, working at the Christ Church Feeding Ministry and as a CCD teacher's aide.

The athletic part of Laura's high school experience seems to touch closest to home. She ran track and participated in softball. "I think one of my outstanding accomplishments is to have been named a Scholar Athlete in Cross Country because it shows that I am a well rounded person." Laura also took the time to reach out to other athletes in the CGHS family by taking on the position of wrestling manager and scorekeeper.

Her inspiration in life is her family, especially her two older brothers, and her friends. "My family always taught me to work hard and be the best that I could be in everything I do, and I've also had great friends that supported me and encouraged me to do so," she explained. These people act as positive influences in her life, which she describes as her basis for success.

She also attributes her success to the strength of the Cardinal Gibbons family. "Both the teachers and the curriculum made the classes memorable," said Laura.

Mr. Owens, her AP Composition teacher, explains that, "Laura is blessed with academic ability and charisma. The University of North Carolina is lucky to have such a special talent in their incoming freshman class."

Laura took the salutatorian award by only one one-hundredth of a point. The third in rank is Nora Kern, a good friend of Laura's. Laura said, "Although Greg, Nora and I were all at the

top of our class for four years, only Greg was named valedictorian, and I salutatorian. I would like to recognize Nora Kern, who has always been an inspiration and a good friend to me. She is extremely intelligent and hard working, and I believe she is just as deserving of this recognition as I am."

Laura is going to the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in the fall. She would like to major in business and marketing and eventually pursue a career in advertising.

We wish Laura only the best in the future!



It is interesting to note that both Greg Roberts and Laura Findlan went to St. Coleman's School. They graduated from there with Greg as the Valedictorian and Laura as the Salutatorian.

Let's hope that their success follows them throughout their college career.

Academic Awards

The Academic Awards are given by each department to senior students who have demonstrated outstanding performance in that content area. This year's recipients are the following:



Drama
Lindsey LouVierre



English
Julianne Curran and Emily Klee



Excelsior Editor-Leslie Roper
Technology Editor-Jessica Rust



Insight
Sports Editor-Shannon DeFries



Language: French-Meghan Remm
Spanish-Javier Martin



Mathematics
Eric Christiansen



Music
Julien Cantelm and Lisa Lindsey



Science
Noelle Rose and Brian Wagner



Social Science
Nora Kern and Matthew Remm

Visual Arts
Michael Kurdek and Christina Maffia



CGHS congratulates all
of these fine students.

National Merit Scholars

By Ashley Hewlett



Greg Roberts, Nora Kern, Laura Findlan and Matt Remm

Earlier this year, senior Greg Roberts was named as a National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist. Just a few weeks ago he was notified that he had moved on to the next level as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. This is an amazing accomplish-

ment. He is ranked in the top 1% of all high school students nationally.

It was his great scores on his PSAT's that actually got him into the National Merit Scholarship running. With all of his hard work it is not a surprise that Greg is ranked number one in the senior class and has the honor of being valedictorian.

After all of Greg's accomplishments at Cardinal Gibbons, he has stayed humble. Greg said, "I believe that achievements are the result of my belief that you should make the most of the talent you've been given." After Greg graduates, he will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall.

Three other students were also recognized as National Merit Scholarship Commended students. These students are in the top 4% nationally. They are Nora Kern, Laura Findlan and Matt Remm. Nora and Matt will be attending the University of Florida, and Laura will be going to the University of North Carolina in the fall.

CGHS congratulates them all.

Buen trabajo!



Danny Fernandez is not only one of the top ten seniors of the class of 2003, he is a National Hispanic Recognition Program Finalist. This award is given to a Hispanic senior with a high PSAT score. This fall Danny will attend New York University, where he will study acting. Congratulations Danny!

Knights in shining armor

By Ashley Ruiz-Margenot

Silver Knight nominees Brandon Scibilia and Danny Fernandez (pictured left) received a Silver Knight Award and an Honorable Mention at The Herald-El Nuevo Herald 2003 Silver Knight Awards on May 6th. Brandon won for the Science category and Danny received an honorable mention in the Drama category.

The Silver Knight Award recognizes only 15 Broward County high school seniors who excel in and out of the classroom. To be a Silver Knight nominee is a great honor, but to win is an outstanding accomplishment.

Brandon received a Silver Knight statuette, \$1,500, a round trip ticket to anywhere in the con-

tinental United States, and a medal to wear at graduation. Danny received \$500 and an engraved plaque. The awards ceremony will be broadcast on WLRN- Channel 17 at 7:30 p.m. on May 24. It will also be broadcast at 6:30 on June 14 on UPN-Channel 33. Congratulations to Danny and Brandon!



Brandon Scibilia will be attending FAU in the fall.

Pinnacle prowess



Erica Fay, AJ Belt and Matt Lear

By Ashley Ruiz-Margenot

In the academic world, the majority of honors are given to those with the highest GPA, or the best athletic ability. The Pinnacle

Award breaks the mold because it is given to students who excel in one or more areas such as community service, citizenship, and student activities. The Pinnacle Award also rewards character traits like perseverance, dedication, and a good attitude.

Cardinal Gibbons is proud to have three Pinnacle Award recipients: Erika Fay, Matt Lear, and A.J. Belt. They received their award at a luncheon on May 8 at the Signature Grande. This award was presented by the Broward County Nonpublic School Association.

Erika Fay is dedicated to music, community service, and leadership. She is president of the

Key Club and is known to her teachers and friends as a dependable person.

Matt Lear is a self-motivated student who aspires to be a doctor. He is held in high esteem by his peers and teachers. He volunteers regularly at Holy Cross Hospital and is currently employed as an operating room clinical assistant there.

A.J. Belt is no newcomer to the Pinnacle Award. He received it in eighth grade while attending St. Marks. He is a Renaissance man, excelling in athletics, academics, and leadership. A.J. also dedicates time to his community and his school.

Making a Difference

By Ashley Prchal

Congratulations to the elite group of students that completed a total of 250+ community service hours. At graduation these 85 students will each wear a gold cord which signifies their abundant service hours. These students took the opportunity to give something back to our community.

Most of the students who will receive the gold cord performed many more than their required service hours. Mary McLane completed 1,062 service hours. She said, "I mainly completed the 250+ service hours to prove to myself that it was possible. It may seem impossible to complete 250+ service hours, but as long as you stay active in clubs and encourage yourself, then you will not believe how fast you are able to earn the hours."

Danielle Avantino commented, "It doesn't bother me to take 1 to 2 hours a week to help out at a breakfast at church or usher a mass. Simple family traditions like going to church every Sunday, can get you easy and convenient community service hours."

Each student gave a variety of reasons as incentives to complete their outstanding number of service hours.

"I felt it was necessary to go above and beyond to display my gratitude for all the support that my community has given to my friends and me. I wanted to reach out to the community and make a difference," said Daniel Martinez. There are numerous places in the community that are delighted to see teenagers commit hours to help and serve. Daniel worked with young children.

"I have gained a greater sense of responsibility and improved my communication skills and patience with others," continued Daniel.

The time and effort that someone puts into the community is reciprocated through the wonderful experiences and the numerous lessons learned.



A few of the top community service students: (Back row, left to right) Casey Kleiman, Julianne Curran, Mary McLane, Chris Serge; (Front row) Danielle Avantino, Jennifer Pillitteri, Kristen Wolczanski and Amanda Hermes

Horatio Alger Scholar



On May 5th, at a banquet at the Dolphin Training Center, Jessica Rust received a \$2,500 scholarship. She was one of only two Horatio Alger scholars in Florida. There are only 100 selected, two from each state, for this award.

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was the spokesperson for the event. The award sponsored by the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, chaired by Wayne Huizenga, is given as a tribute to determination and hard work.

Congratulations to Jessica, who will be attending Florida Atlantic University in the fall.

Ford Salute to Education Scholars

Five seniors were selected to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Ford Salute to Education. These awards are given to students who demonstrate leadership and excellence in their particular field.

On May 29th, at the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, the following students will be honored: Laura Findlan-Foreign Language, Shannon DeFries-Athletics, Charles Blyth-Math, Casey Gaskins-Natural Science, and Dan Martinez-Leadership/Service.

In the fall Laura will be attending University of North Carolina, Shannon-Catholic University of America, Charles-Vanderbilt, Casey and Dan-University of Florida.

Best of luck to these talented students.

Outstanding scholar-athletes

Cardinal Gibbons is very proud to have 7 of the top scholar-athletes in the county. They are the following: Greg Roberts-Basketball, Charles Blyth and Laura Findlan-Cross Country, Joelle Schwenk-Tennis, Kathryn Farland and Casey Gaskins-Volleyball, and Eric Christiansen-Wrestling.

The students had to not only be great athletes but also maintain a high GPA. The nominees sent their resumes to the BCAA (Broward County Athletic Association) scholar-athlete committee. This committee selected one scholar-athlete for each sport and in each division in the county. The county is divided into two divisions, North and South. CGHS is in the North division.

The BCAA committee held a banquet to honor these scholar-athletes on April 28, at Signature Grande.

Greg Roberts won the Frank Till, Broward County Superintendent Award which includes a \$1000 scholarship. CGHS congratulates its scholar-athletes!



Greg Roberts, Eric Christiansen, Charles Blyth, Laura Findlan, Kathryn Farland and Casey Gaskins are pictured at the banquet.

Labor omnia vincit Work conquers all



Senatus Populusque Romanus

On Monday, March 10, 2003, 58 of our Latin scholars joined 127,000 others from all over the world in taking the National Latin Exam. Mr. Richard Burke, the Latin teacher, is extremely pleased to announce that 36 of the CGHS students received honor awards including medals and certificates.

"The students were just FANTASTIC!" said Mr. Burke.

This is a very impressive showing and all of the students are to be congratulated.

Latin I



Mr. Burke with Christina Nguyen the Gold Summa Cum Laude winner



Silver Maxima Cum Laude: (Left to right) Kyle McLemore, Lilia Pivovarov, and Miroslav Brzobohaty



Magna Cum Laude: (Left to right, back row) Austin Taylor, Victoria Bujalski, and Carrie Wartmann, Front row: Corina Olivares and Lucas Paladino



Cum Laude: (Left to right, back row) Justin Wright, Daniel Burkitt and Alexander Lawrence, Front row: James Lugo, and Angelica Silberstein (Absent from photo Megan Moran)

Latin II



Silver Maxima Cum Laude: (Left to right, back row) Geoff Bomarito, Andy Haas, Charles Goodman, Tim Ironman, Front row: Emily Ross, Amanda Sacino, and Tracy Benton



Magna Cum Laude: (Left to right, back row) Caitlin Buchanan, Dominic Kleinhenz, Patrick Bond, Front row: William Ward, Allison Pazandak, and Katherine Sulenski



Cum Laude: (Left to right, back row) Megan O'Connor, Tara Khalil, Taylor Spectorsky, Jamie Shubert, Jackie Bates, Front row: Chris Chiefor, Matt Innes, and Cameron Cromartie

Movin' on up

By Vincent Balsamo and Taylor O'Brien



Mr. Ott is signing his new contract.

Sitting in their classes with 15 minutes left before the weekend, the students of Cardinal Gibbons High School were caught by surprise when the announcements came on 10 minutes earlier than usual. Not only did they come on early but there was an unusual

voice. It was Monsignor Kelly. He said he had an important announcement to make; the announcement notified the CGHS community that Mr. Paul Ott was appointed principal on April 4, 2003.

Mr. Ott, who has been assistant principal of Cardinal Gibbons for the past 9 years, is the perfect man for the job. He is experienced and loves what he does.

"I am very pleased. It's a larger responsibility and a greater challenge," Mr. Ott said about his new promotion.

One thing Mr. Ott loves to do is walk (or drive) around campus. "My main interest is being with the students and teachers. Operating behind a desk is not my view of operating a school. But I will do what is necessary for the job."

Finding a principal that the students like is rare these days. But according to sophomores Tho-

mas Alexander and Tommy Nolan that's not the case.

"Mr. Ott is perfect. He is nice, funny, and understanding. He is always there when you need something and always knows the right thing to say. I am happy that he is principal," Nolan said.

Thomas Alexander added, "I think he is a great principal and administrator. He is very fair, smart and is a great person with a good outlook on life. Also I think he deserved the job since he has so much experience being the assistant principal."

A sign above the door in Mr. Ott's office reads, "A caring teacher is remembered a lifetime." Not only does this apply to most teachers here at Gibbons, but also to Mr. Ott himself.

Teacher, disciplinarian, mentor, and friend, Mr. Ott is like a parent here at Gibbons. He is proud of our school and students, and we are just as proud of him.

Welcome back Msgr. Kelly

Over 33 years ago Msgr. Vincent T. Kelly began his teaching career as a religion teacher in both the "Boys" and "Girls' Divisions" of Cardinal Gibbons High School. Since that time he has been a champion of Catholic education, not only in South Florida, but also throughout the nation. He has held many positions both within the Archdiocese of Miami and as a highly respected civic leader in Broward County. Among other duties he is Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Vicar

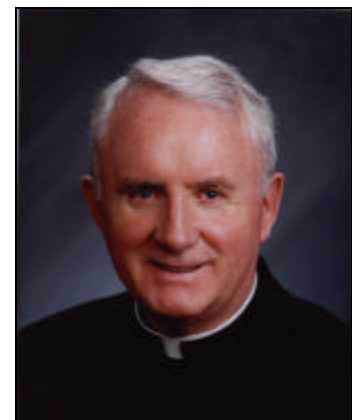
of Education for the Archdiocese, and Supervising Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

At the request of Archbishop Favalora, Msgr. Kelly has agreed to continue the work he began this year at CGHS in the position of pastor/Supervising Principal. This is in addition to all of the duties and responsibilities he currently holds.

In announcing this decision, Br. Richard J. De Maria, CFC, said, "I know that Cardinal Gibbons will benefit greatly from the wisdom that Msgr. Kelly brings to this role."

Mr. Paul D. Ott, Principal, and Sr. Marie Schramko, OSF,

Assistant Principal, expressed their appreciation to Msgr. Kelly for his assistance during this past school year and look forward to working together as a team for the 2003-2004 school year.



Monsignor Vincent Kelly

Spanish Honor Society

By Kris Orofino and Kelly Ring

The Spanish Honor Society has had a very busy year. They recently had their third annual field trip to a local dance studio for Salsa and Merengue lessons. The students learned very quickly and everyone enjoyed themselves. For



Salsa lesson— Ana Marie Caputo and Brittan Furness

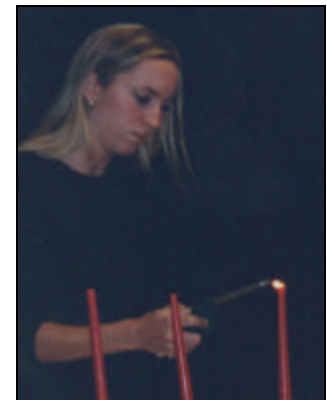
their spring fundraising event, the members contributed bath and beauty products to single moms at Sheridan House. Mrs. DiDonato once again was very pleased and proud of her students for all they contributed. Members Justine Keenan, Alexis Conill, and Kelley Ring participated in the Relay for Life.

The culmination of this spring's events was the induction ceremony of the new members. Father Charles Newburn inducted the seventeen new members, who showed leadership, character, and service, in the Chapel of the Holy Family on April 30. They each received red carnations and certificates acknowledging their membership into the Pan American Chapter of the Spanish Honor Society.

Mrs. DiDonato would like to thank all of the faculty and staff who attended the ceremony as well as Mrs. Skee's 3rd hour computer class for their help with the program.



New inductees: (back to front) Nina Pinnella, Kari Swiderski and Cristina Zitoli



Ashley Bomarito, president, is lighting the "leadership" candle.

Walk for lives

By Ashley Hewlett

The annual Cancer Walk was held on April 12 at Pompano Beach High School. It started at 6:00pm on Friday night and ended Saturday at noon. The Cancer Walk commenced with an opening ceremony. At the ceremony cancer survivors spoke about their own struggles with the disease. After this the walking began. For the rest of the night Gibbons' volunteers took turns walking around the football field to raise money.

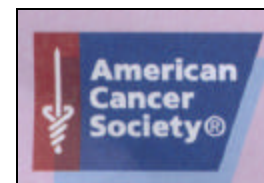
While everyone was taking turns walking laps, there were also activities going on. The activities varied from car races, to hula-hoop contests, to live karaoke, and a showing of a Harry Potter movie.

There were thirteen teams that contributed to the Cancer Walk. Cardinal Gibbons' team consisted of 120 people. At the end of the night Gibbons raised six thousand dollars. And all together the Cancer Walk raised thirty-five thousand dollars. All of this money was donated to the American Cancer Society for victims and

research. The night was a complete success.

"Cardinal Gibbons made a big difference with the fight against cancer, and I am very proud," commented Mr. Cubas.

He hopes that the Cancer Walk gets larger each year and that Gibbons keeps contributing so greatly to this deserving cause.



NHS: Inducts new members

By Taylor O'Brien

The new members of the National Honor Society were inducted at a special ceremony on Thursday, May 8, in the Gibbons Chapel. Sister Marie Schramko, Mr. Paul Ott and Father Alonso all participated in the ceremony.

The NHS officers President, Greg Roberts, Vice Presi-

dent, Mary McLane, Secretary, Laura Findlan and Treasurer, Chelsea Lesky helped with the candle lighting ceremony and distributing the certificates to the new inductees.



Mary McLane is placing a candle during the candle lighting ceremony.



Heather Castle is receiving her NHS certificate from Mr. Ott.

"I'm very pleased with the newly selected members. They represent the best of Cardinal Gibbons in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character and service. There were many good applicants who were not selected due to the number allowed in the group; I hope these people reapply next year," said moderator, Mrs. Sharon Parr.

Congratulations to all who were inducted!

The following are the National Honor Societies new inductees:

Seniors:

- A.J. Belt
- Lindsay Momyer

Juniors:

- Lindsey Belt
- Ryan Bing
- Heather Castle
- Alexis Conill
- Jenna Denning
- Brian Dunne
- Meghan Ewing
- Brittan Furness
- Wesley Hill
- Justine Keenan
- Jillian Krickovich
- Lucia Lapaz
- Amy Lee
- Katherine McGrath
- Ashley Meiners
- Samantha Noderer
- Colin O'Neill
- Daniel Ott
- Harry Patel
- Gina Pettineo
- Brooke Phelps
- Nina Pinnella
- Jenna Ravine
- Kelly Ring
- Jose Rodriguez
- Emily Ryan
- Rebecca Sabates
- Kerry Slattery
- Mikel Solupe
- Callie Tomasso
- Alex Wakshinsky
- Jennifer Welding

Excelsior

To the Editors Leslie Roper and Jessica Rust and everyone who worked on the 2003 yearbook, you are to be congratulated. Under the supervision of Penny Minich, you all did an outstanding job.

The book was dedicated to Father Pala. He would certainly have been proud of this edition.

Corrections:

In the April issue of *Insight* a picture caption in the article "Wrestling Takes It All" incorrectly identified Jorge Badia. The picture was of Armand Algarin .

The printer also cut off the last sentences of "A Rising Star" Alessa Ocampo was named Showcase Artist of the Year at the Big Time Talent Show. Congratulations Alessa!

We regret these errors.

Freshman student wins national English award



The United States Achievement Academy announced May 9 that freshman, Michelle Suppe, has been named a United States National Award Winner in English. This award is a prestig-

ious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students. Michelle Suppe was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Hanke, a Freshman Literature teacher.

Michelle Suppe will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to

excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Congratulations, Michelle, and keep up the great work.

Making an educated choice

By Ashley Prchal

High school is all about accessing the many opportunities that are available to teens. Junior Eric Detuscan saw an opportunity and applied for a chance to be one of 18 Senate Pages in Tallahassee.

A student may apply for this position as Eric did through Senator Campbell's office or the House of Representatives in Tallahassee.

This prestigious opportunity is only awarded to .001% of students who apply. Their character and recommendations are evaluated for acceptance. The student must also be planning to pursue a serious business degree. Once an application is received, it is reviewed. Students are selected from the U.S. as well as some

countries abroad.

"Eric learned about history in the classroom and was able to see it in action in Tallahassee," said Mr. Detuscan, Eric's father.

His duties as Page consisted of handing out documents and delivering messages to senators. "It was a good learning experience to know how the government works," commented Eric.

The attire was formal, and Eric was required to wear a coat and a tie. His agenda consisted of working from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 21 through April 25. He was later sent a stipend for his expenses. Eric is interested in a business profession and the legislative process. "I would recommend this experience to someone who is interested in politics," said Eric.

Mr. Frank Talerico, Eric's history teacher, was pleased to hear of Eric's participation in Tallahassee. He said, "Eric is a pleasure to have in class. He is a good contributor to discussions; he shares many intelligent ideas."

We wish Eric continued good luck.



Eric is standing in front of the Capitol in Tallahassee.

Festival at sea

By Kristen Nelson

Recently, the CGHS Music Department embarked on a whimsical adventure across the ocean. Eighty-three students, under the direction of Mr. Mengersen, participated in the Festival at Sea. They journeyed on the *Carnival Fascination* for a 4-day cruise.



Mr. Mengersen seen giving Sister Marie the trophies and medals the Music Department won. (At right) The students aboard the ship

The students performed in competition on board as well as entertained the natives in the tropics off the ship. The instrumental and vocal divisions of the Music Department competed against Varina High School from Richmond, Virginia on board the

ship. The chorus and concert band sparkled and won the silver medal. Our talented jazz band came home with the gold! And although the winter guard attended but did not compete, they performed an outstanding display of spins, twirls and dances in Ramson Square in the Bahamas.

Mr. Mengerson said, "Congratulations to all the music performers for outstanding behavior as well as performances!" CGHS would also like to congratulate and thank them for doing an excellent job of representing our school.



Reel Fun

By Shannon DeFries



The CGHS Fishing Club has 58 active members this year with Mr. Davis at its helm as club moderator. The students get together to do service projects and fish using their own boats.

Several members boarded the Flamingo Drift Boat on March 21, to catch fish and have some

fun. It was their first drift trip this year. They also participated in a Fort Lauderdale Beach and Intra-coastal Waterway cleanup in May and plan to go on a fishing trip in the Keys later in the year.

The Rotarians have some ballpark fun

By Brittany Woehler

On April 9, the baseball field was the site of the annual Scholarship Softball Game between the Rotary Interact Club and its sponsor the Rotary Club International. This was an opportunity for Rotary Club members to celebrate their successful year with a barbecue and softball game.

Members of the Cardinal

Gibbons club are involved with service projects presented to them by their sponsors. The Rotary Club is a professional international group which desires to serve the needs of the community as well as citizens of the world.



Left to right: Drew Martin, Ryan Alfieri, Nick Tansey, Peter Magnani and Steve McMullan in the dugout

Clapping to perfection

By Kirk Kissner

Many students lack the ability to avoid interruption and concentrate while in class or while doing homework. To remedy that situation Cardinal Gibbons High School recently hosted the Interactive Metronome training program.

Interactive Metronome is an interactive rhythm-based program designed to improve your focus and concentration. This program comes with the highest recommendations. Area high schools such as St. Thomas and Pine Crest utilize this program. Certain studies have shown an increase in concentration while driving after taking this course..

Gibbons hosted the program this March. The program consisted of 12 training sessions, each one was one hour long. With two groups, one morning, one afternoon, more than 50 students and a few teachers participated.

The whole goal of the program is to listen to the metronome beat and trigger the sensor on the beat. A computer is used to combine an audio beat with visual clues that tell a student when to trigger the sensor. Sensors can be configured to be used with both hands, a single hand, and even your toes and heels. A rating is given based on the average

amount of milliseconds off the beat one performs over the exercise. Lengths for the exercises can vary from fifty-four beats to two thousand. Most students begin with an average of 100 or more milliseconds off. Most participants finish with an above average rating of 20 milliseconds before or after the metronome.

Sophomore Taylor Tegreeny recommends the program saying, "It's for you if you're having trouble concentrating and would like to improve your sport's ability." If you missed out on this, the program will be offered again next year.



(Left to right) Taylor Tegreeny and Kirk Kissner are with instructor Sharon Skee using the Interactive Metronome.

Faculty/Staff News:

Media Specialists retiring

By Kristen Nelson

Cardinal Gibbons High School will be bidding farewell this year not only to the seniors, but also to two of our library media specialists. Unfortunately, Mrs. Jane Totte and Mrs. Laura Hinshaw will be retiring from Gibbons this year.

Jane Totte has served as Media Specialist at CGHS for nine

years; she began as a volunteer ten years ago. She has developed in-service programs for the faculty and online courses for staff and students.

Laura Hinshaw has been a Technical Assistant for five years after she retired from Christ Church School as a computer teacher and Technology Director. She has been a helping hand and assistant to teachers, administrators and students alike. Both women also have children who are Gibbons' alumni. Mrs. Totte's son, Rob, graduated in '97 and Mrs. Hinshaw's daughter, Amy, graduated in '94.

"I will miss their expertise and positive influence. They will continue to work on special projects as needed, so we will see them again!" said Mrs. Lansdale, Library Director.

Everyone wishes them well in their retirement.



Jane Totte and Laura Hinshaw

Say it isn't so

By Ashley Ruiz-Margenot

When Ms. Alyssa Kennedy told her Drama students through tears that she would not be returning next school year, they shed tears of their own. Ms. Kennedy will move to North Carolina this summer because her fiance Brian has been offered a professor's job at the University of North Carolina.

Ms. Kennedy is coordinator of the Drama Department, and

a freshman and sophomore religion teacher. She has not only directed four plays and numerous showcases, she has touched the lives of her students, and they have touched hers.

"Gibbons has been a home away from home for me since I was a student here myself. I'll miss these kids and all the faculty and staff more than you could possibly know," she said. Her students will miss her too.

Lindsey LouVierre, president of ITS troupe 6362, said, "Ms. Kennedy was the first friend

I made in high school. Her talents and incredible teaching ability inspired me, and have changed my life. I will miss her, and I wish her luck in all that she chooses to do."



Off to Africa

By Ashley Hewlett



Last June immediately after everyone was out of school for summer break, Tim Davis embarked on a very exciting journey. Mr. Davis, who is the economics teacher at Cardinal Gibbons, went on a 26 hour plane ride to Africa. With an eight day vacation hunting wild prey in Africa, he felt the plane ride was well worth it.

Mr. Davis traveled with his father and fourteen other father-son duos. The two have been hunting together since Mr. Davis was six years old. But the game was a little bit fiercer in Africa. Mr.

Davis's excellent hunting skills proved to be a big help. He killed seven extremely dangerous animals: a greater kudu, a gemsbok, a nyala, a blue wildebeest, two wart-hogs, and an impala.

The first question on your mind now might be, "What did he do with all that meat?" They ate some, brought some home, but gave most of it to the natives in camp. For some of them that was the only meat that they would get all year.

Even though the trip was mainly spent hunting, they still made time for shopping. They went into local villages and bought things, such as iron wood sculptures, masks, ostrich eggs, and different cloths.

The trip to Africa was an amazing experience, but had its hardships. A common misconception about Africa is that it is always hot; Africa can also be brutally cold. While he was there the temperatures dropped down into the thirties at night.

Mr. Davis said, "Africa is

considered the dark continent, because of its harsh terrain. It seems that every tree, bush and plant is covered in thorns, but this unforgiving environment produces some of the most beautiful and unique animals that the world has ever seen."

His trip was so amazing that he even wrote an article about the experience that was published in a magazine called *African Safari*. Mr. Davis said, "We never knew what we were going to see. And at night in the African darkness the sounds were amazing. We could hear the lions, the leopards, the hyenas laughing and the nervous bamboos. It was enough to make the hair on the back of your neck stand up."

With all of that excitement he still felt the best part of the trip was sharing it with his father.

"If you go be prepared for it to become additive," he cautioned. In fact, Mr. Davis had such a great time during his trip to Africa, that he and his father are planning on going back in 2004.

New beginnings



Mr. Anthony Cinelli, who teaches Physics, Physical Science and Marine Biology, has an-

nounced that he will not be returning next year. Since the birth of his second son this April, he and his wife would like to be closer to family. They are moving to Palm Coast Florida, which is between Daytona and St. Augustine.

He appreciates all the support he has received in his two years at Gibbons. "Cardinal Gibbons is a special place. I leave with a heavy heart and many wonderful memories," said Mr. Cinelli.

CGHS will miss him, and we wish him the best of luck.



This is Mr. Cinelli's new son, Martin Angelo Cinelli, better known as Mac. He was born April 22. He was 6 pounds 11 ounces, 19.25 inches. He is doing well.

Alumni News:

Megan Dane, Class of 1999 graduated from Tulane University on May 17, 2003 with both her Bachelor and Master Degrees in English Literature. Megan was able to earn both in 4 years thanks to her AP credits from Gibbons. Megan was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy on May 17 and will begin her career onboard the *USS Bulkley* in Norfolk, VA on June 10. Her mother has asked us to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

In loving memory

By Ashley Prchal

Many will miss best friends and Cardinal Gibbons graduates, Travis Doyle '00 and Jimmy McKee '01. They impacted the lives of countless friends, and companions. They will never be forgotten. May they rest in peace.

Alumnus working for Air Force award

By Kris Orofino

As the Auxiliary of the United States Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) prides itself on its members and the work they do. The program focuses on its youth leadership program, its aerospace education programs, and its work in emergency services. One fine example of a CAP member is former CGHS student, Theodore Spanos.

Theo has been a member of the program since 1996 and has worked undauntedly in advancing through the program. Now, he is a candidate for the youth program's highest achievement, the Spaatz award.

This is a very prestigious award which fewer than 1,500 members have achieved in the past 50 years. It requires the com-

pletion of a comprehensive test that goes over aerospace topics, military and group leadership, and CAP knowledge. The test is timed and closed book. He must also face a US Air Force review board.

Currently, Theo is a junior in Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach. He also serves an internship at NASA at the Kennedy Space Center as part of his studies for aerospace engineering.

All of us at *Insight* wish him the best of luck in his studies and in reaching his goal of winning the Spaatz Award.



PTF Dinner Auction

By Mary Werle

The Great Escape...Destination: New York was the theme of the 12th Annual Cardinal Gibbons Auction sponsored by the school's PTF. The festivities were held at the Westin Hotel with over 300 guests in attendance.

The reception area of the hotel lobby, the silent auction room and the main dining room were beautifully transformed into scenes of New York, complete with a lighted replica of the skyline, the Brooklyn Bridge, street signs and yellow taxis.

With so many items to bid on in the silent auction, there was definitely something for everyone. Golf outings, restaurants, trips, hotel accommodations, decorative items for the home, health and beauty baskets, and much more were available for the highest bidder.

After a delicious, sit-down dinner, the auctioneer began the bidding for the live auction items. Among the more popular items was an 8 week old yellow lab puppy, a trip to New York, a ride in the Good Year Blimp, gourmet dinner packages, and the



Susan Belt, auction co-chair, Paul Ott, Principal, Patty Echarte, auction co-chair, Susan Gallo, PTF President are seen enjoying the evening.

ever-popular student parking spot at Cardinal Gibbons.

After everything was tallied, the Auction raised the record-setting amount of \$123,000, which will be put into the building fund for the 2nd story addition to C Building. The PTF wishes to thank all of our families and donors for their help in making this year's auction the success it was.

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The senior *Insight* staff will be moving on to college.



Insight staff (Back row, left to right): Ashley Hewlett, Brittany Woehler; (Front) Taylor O'Brien (Northern Kentucky University), Shannon DeFries (Catholic University of America), Kristen Nelson (Rutgers), Ashley Prchal; (Absent for picture): Suzanne Hill (American University), Kris Orofino and Ashley Ruiz-Margenot

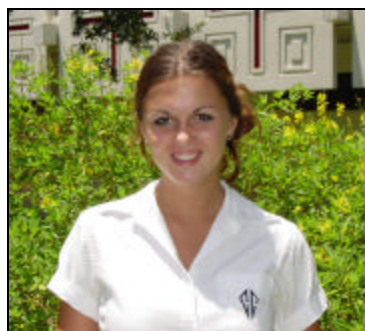
Seniors give some advice to the underclassmen:



Melissa Anderson: "Don't have any regrets because you can't take back what you did or didn't do. Have fun!"



Andrea Grosser: "If you have lost money or possessions, you have lost nothing. If you have lost honor, you've lost a lot. But if you've lost friendship, you have lost the world!"

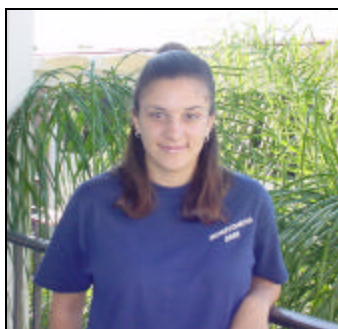


Noelle Rose: "Don't let the things that other people say to or about you bother you. Just know you are the better person for not saying them at all."

Zak Kiser: "Live your life the way you want it, not the way you think someone else does!"



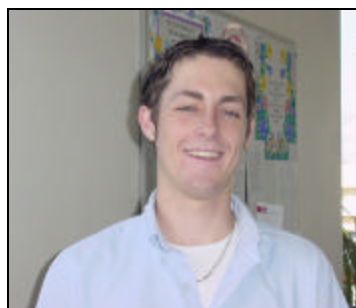
Brian Wagner: "Make as many friends as you can here. And spend as many times with them as you can because these years go by fast."



Danielle Avantino: "Friends are your chosen family, choose wisely."



Ben Neff: "Stand out on your own. March to your own beat."



Student Government:

The Class of 2003 would like to thank all of the teachers at Gibbons. The hard work and dedication that they have demonstrated over the past four years is appreciated. Thanks also to all the coaches, moderators, and staff who have worked with us in athletics, academics, and extracurricular activities.

I would especially like to thank the students of Cardinal Gibbons who have supported all the activities throughout the year. Their spirit and enthusiasm have made this year a memorable one.

Through unity and liveliness, the Class of 2003 has set an example for the classes in the years to come. Congratulations to my fellow graduates for everything you've accomplished in your high school career and good luck with future endeavors. Thanks for all of the friendships and memories.

We all wish the best to the underclassmen. May their remaining years at Gibbons be good ones.

Adam Dick, President



Student Government (Back row, left to right): President, Adam Dick, and Board Members: Peter Magnani, Kristen Nelson, Andrea Grosser and Emily Klee

Dig this

By Shannon DeFries

Boys' Volleyball finished its season this year 19-7 with some amazing performances. They were District Runner-up, and split with number one ranked district rival Northeast during the regular season. The Skins won the silver division at the Bishop Moore Tournament in Orlando and won their own Redskin Jungle Queen Invitational this year defeating Edgewater (Orlando) in the finals. Defeating St. Thomas twice this season was also a nice perk to a successful year.

The Redskins' season came to

a close Saturday, April 26 in the District Final against rival Northeast Hurricanes 12-15, 15-10, 15-17. The Skins battled but just couldn't hang on to their lead in the final match. Key performers made it an exciting contest. Mark Van Zweiten had 22 kills, eight blocks and seven digs, Brett Ryan had 15 kills, 10 service points and six digs, and A.J. Belt dominated the middle with 9 blocks, 15 kills, 9 service points, and five digs.

Senior A.J. Belt was named to the *Miami Herald's* 1st Team and finished the season with 208 kills, 90 blocks, 112 digs, and 121 service points. Mark Van Zweiten (sophomore), was also recognized by the *Sun-Sentinel* and named 1st

Team All-County. He accumulated 285 kills, 55 blocks, 117 digs, 117 service points, and 63 aces. Setter, Mike Haan (sophomore) had 552 assists this season along with tremendous play from sophomores Brett Ryan and Matt Williams, and junior, Alexi Echarte.

This year's squad was young and had great depth. Coach Marcy Meyer commented, "We're already looking forward to next year. We have 12 returning players who will be working hard in the off-season to prepare for 2004... and who will be ready for the challenge!"

Congratulations on a great season and best of luck next year!

It runs in the family

By Ashley Prechal



Brett Ryan and Mike Haan

Sophomores Mike Haan and Brett Ryan have been on the Gibbons' varsity volleyball team for two years. Both students are following in their fathers' footsteps. Their fathers also played volleyball together and passed their devotion to the game down to

their sons.

Brett and Mike played indoor volleyball at Sunrise Middle in 7th and 8th grades. Brett commented, "We are always playing together at the beach or at our friends court. We also used to play tournaments." Both their fathers practice with their sons to help prepare them for their games.

Mike's father played all four years of high school. His mom and sister also play the sport. "I like the beach and that's where I play the most," stated Mike. Brett's father didn't begin to play volleyball until he was in his early 20's, but Brett's and Mike's dads were beach volleyball partners for many years. Mike said, "They were the best in Florida!" Mike hopes to follow his father's decision to play volleyball in college.

Brett's father played professionally and introduced Brett to the game. Brett said, "I have been

around the sport all my life. I choose to play because it's a really fun game. Our dads were partners for over 10 years through the 80's and 90's. They received the Team of the Decade award for Florida in the 80's."

Presently, Brett and Mike are focused on high school volleyball, and they hope to help Gibbons win at least one state title in the next 3 years.



Brett's dad (left) and Mike's dad are pictured at the 1988 Beach Volleyball tournament.

Track team led by pole vaulters

By Jenna Denning



Sarah Slagle, Meghan Ewing, and Jackie Davis

While most other students were hitting the beach during Easter Vacation, the track team was competing in the District Tournament. Several members qualified for the Regional meet. The girls' team advanced 9 athletes. Qualifying in multi events were junior Jen Stark, who is District champ in the triple jump and

junior Meghan Ewing, a hurdler, who is District champ in pole vaulting. Also qualifying in pole vaulting were Sarah Slagle and Jackie Davis. The relay team of Jenna Denning, Molly Militello, Chelsea Ropes and Jen Stark took 3rd place and Bridget Blyth qualified for Regionals with a 4th place finish in the 800.

Sadel Watterson is the boys' District champ in pole-vaulting, so he and teammate Steve Lujan, who placed second, were able to compete at Regionals. Steve Hurley also qualified in the shot put.

Regionals was held on May 2, 2003, at Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens. Three pole vaulters qualified for State: Sadel Watterson with a jump of 12' 6"; Meghan Ewing

with a jump of 9' 6", and Jackie Davis at 8' 6".

The State competition was held on May 10 at the University of Florida. Meghan came in an impressive second place at State with a vault of 10' 6". Both Jackie and Sadel came in 11th in the State.

Congratulations to all on a successful season!



Jen Stark and Sadel Watterson

Lady Reds end softball season

By Shannon DeFries

The Lady Redskins softball team finished up its season this past April. The team had a very challenging season with a considerably young roster including nine freshmen and four sophomores. The team improved tremendously every single game. Some of this year's highlights were the Lady Redskin Invitational where the Skins defeated Westminster Academy and class 3A rival Archbishop McCarthy. Brooke Phelps and Melissa Gill were named to the All-Tournament Team. Freshmen, Kaitlin Galmiche pitched for the entire season after a severe back injury. She threw a perfect game this year against Fort Lauderdale's Flying L's. The team also took class 6A Flanagan to twelve innings at home, one of the year's most exciting games.

Next season's outlook is very

good. The team will be returning eight starters who have a plethora of experience and athletic ability. They will only be returning one senior, Captain and extremely versatile Brook Phelps. The majority of the squad has a great opportunity to stay together for at least the next two years.

Senior Melissa Gill will also be continuing her softball career attending a college in Georgia next year on an athletic scholarship. Good luck to the seniors and next year's team.



Tennis Teams bring home 4 more State titles

By Suzanne Hill

The Cardinal Gibbons girls' tennis team has done it again. They easily won their sixth consecutive Class 2A State title in Tampa on May 1. In fact, the CGHS girls were the only team at State with four singles' finalists. They included Joelle Schwenk, Kayla Schwenk, Alexis Conill, and Julie Blackmore. Joelle Schwenk and Alexis Conill also defended the doubles title by defeating Nease High's Sierra Poske and Bethany Benson 6-1, 6-3.

Coach Eddie Sposa said, "Both Joelle and Alexis played flawlessly in the final, both serving very well and volleying very crisply." Joelle has now tied a 51-year-old state record held by Miami Beach's Susan Herr, winning three double crowns with previous partner Lingda Yang and this year's doubles title with Alexis Conill. In fact, Joelle now has 9 State gold medals: 4 team titles, 4 doubles titles and 1 singles title.

After eight straight seasons of winning the State Championships, the boys' tennis team finally met its match. Gulliver Prep claimed the team title. However, in the boys' individual event, Joseph Jung won the all-Broward final to claim the Class 2A boys' single title. Joseph Jung, dropping only 3 games in three matches, defeated Josh Brauser of Pine Crest 6-2, 7-6, (7-4) and clenched the Class 2A State title.

Coach Sposa said, "Joseph played really well, proving what a great player he is." Joseph also teamed with his younger brother, Michael, to take the doubles title as they defeated Gulliver Prep's Rory Heggi and Robert McNally 6-4, 6-3.

Congratulations to both teams on another fabulous season.

2002-2003 Tennis Team



Coach Eddie Sposa, Afton Rastatter, Kayla Schwenk, Julie Blackmore, Alexis Conill, Joelle Schwenk, Georgia Beale, Michael Jung and Joseph Jung. (Front) Quinn Gleeson and Megan Troast



CGHS will miss the graduating seniors and wish them luck in college next year: Joseph Jung-University of Alabama, Georgia Beale-Spring Hill College, Joelle Schwenk-University of Kentucky, and Afton Rastatter-Florida State University.

Varsity Soccer Award Winners:

1. Calasancius Award: Paul Ortenzo
2. MVP: Luis Dangond
3. Best Defensive: Steve Rogers
4. Best Offensive: Tony Seta and Trey Gillette

5. Captain's Award: Jon Carillo
6. Coach's Award: Matt Gill
7. Most Improved: Brian Tighe

"Thank you for all your hard work!" said
Mr. Owens.



Senior Skeeter Zimmerman is pictured surfing in Hawaii.

Surfing to success

By Kristen Nelson

With brains, brawn and braving the surf, William Zimmerman (a.k.a. Skeeter) contributes a unique forte to the variety of talents at CGHS. He is a surfer, and he is currently surfing his way to success. Because to Skeeter, surfing isn't simply a past time, it's a lifestyle.

Skeeter has been surfing for 13 years. "My family moved to Hawaii when I was 5 years old, and my dad taught me how to surf," said Skeeter.

Currently he is caught in a whirlwind of select companies who desire to flaunt his expertise. Island Water Sports, Quiksilver clothing, Byrne Surfboards, Smith Sunglasses and OAM surf accessories, all contribute to his surfing

career by sponsoring him in competitions. In return, Skeeter advertises their merchandise.

Sponsors are needed in order for Skeeter to participate in competitions such as the NSSA Eastern Championships, which he competed in April 3-6. "I was very disappointed with my results at Easterns. I only made it to the quarterfinals. The waves were terrible. Hopefully I'll have better luck at National this summer," Skeeter said.

He then proceeded to Hawaii April 7th. In Hawaii, he was involved in local competitions and training sessions with pro surfers who will guide him to Nationals in mid-June. Skeeter said that Hawaii was awesome. "It's really important for me to get out there each winter because I only get to surf small stuff around here."

Despite his lack of quality school time, he still managed to pull off a 3.8 GPA.

District Champs

By Amanda Sharkevich

This year's varsity baseball team banded together when it counted, just in time for post-season play. "Our record of 16-12 is not indicative of our high expectations in playoff contention," said senior Paul Ortenzo. "We come to play everyday."

After a 4-2 win against nationally ranked Nova, the team went on to defeat North Lauderdale Academy 19-0 in the District semi-finals and Pope John Paul in the finals to capture their second consecutive District title.

Gibbons hosted the Regional final on May 9 against American Heritage. The Redskins were ahead going into the 7th inning but were unable to hold the lead. Even with tremendous support from the crowd, they lost the game 4-3.

It was a hard loss for the entire team, but the seniors were hit the hardest as they walked off the field and concluded their years as athletes for CGHS. The Redskins ended the season with a record of 18-13

Four seniors, however, have already signed baseball scholarships with Division I universities: Jeff King – Stetson; Pete

Manso–Jacksonville; Mike Sharkevich–Maryland; Paul Ortenzo – Furman.

Good luck to them, and the CGHS team next year.



Catcher Paul Ortenzo

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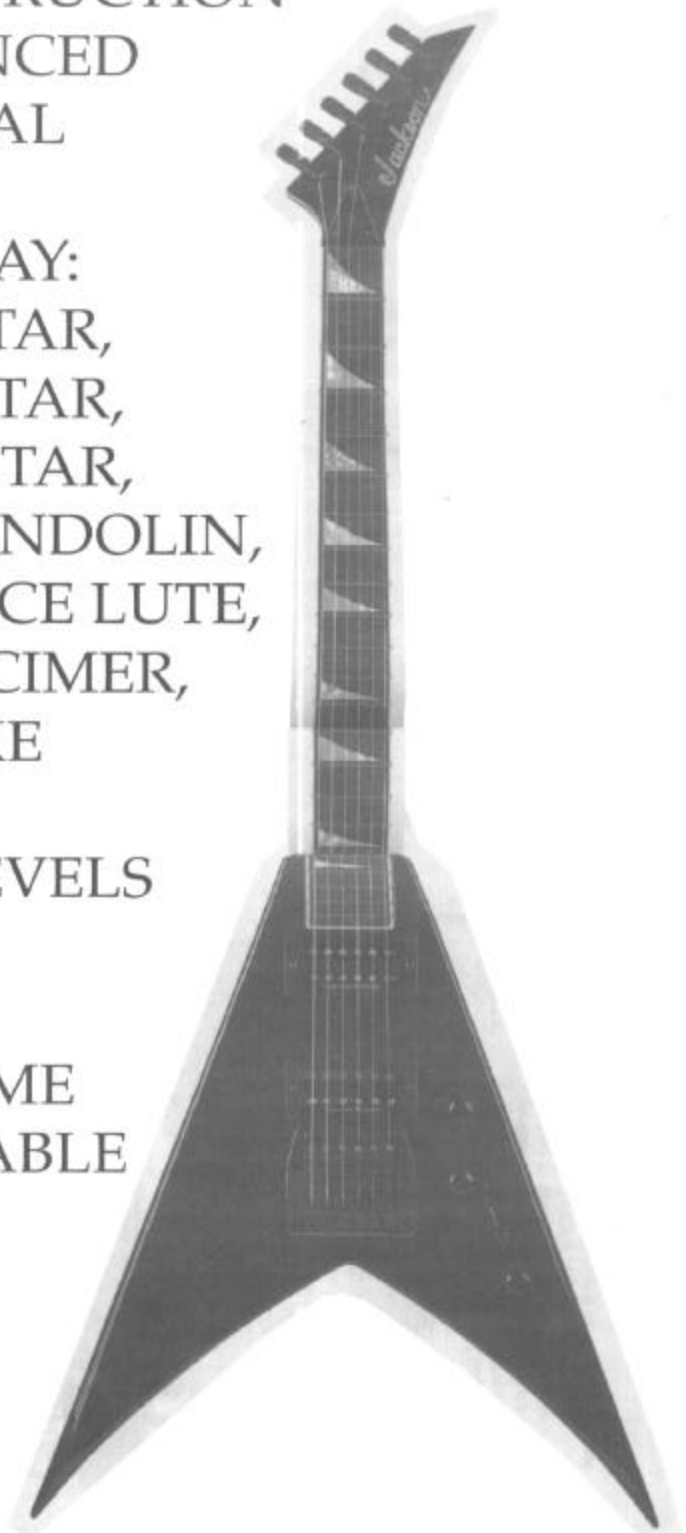
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What a night!

By Ashley Ruiz-Margenot

They did it again. The arts program of Cardinal Gibbons churned out another amazing Night of the Arts. In case you missed this year's event (shame on you), Night of the Arts brought drama, band, chorus, color guard, art, and the dance team together for one incredible night of performances. It is certain to become a permanent Gibbons' tradition.



Ms. Busby, the head of the Art Department, is standing next to a picture of the Madonna painted by Fr. Pala.
Photographer: Julianne Curran

The Night of the Arts also gave the audience cause for reflection. It was dedicated to the memory of Father Francis Pala, who passed away last September. Father Pala taught at Gibbons for 38 years and was an integral part of the Cardinal Gibbons family. He

was the yearbook moderator and a studio art and ceramics teacher.

To honor him, his dear friend Joannie Hubers said the opening blessing at Night of the Arts. Several performances were dedicated to his memory, including a dance to "Find a Way to My Heart" by Phil Collins. The International Club also provided Spanish food to honor Father Pala's Spanish heritage.



Enjoying the Spanish food are Melanie Gent, Jenna Treliving, and Max Feldman

The Color Guard kicked off the night with "Galileo", an inspiring performance that won them second place in a recent competition. The Drama Club contributed their own inspiring performances. Julia Collier sang with great emotion, "I Just Wanna Be a Star." Six girls from our ITS troupe performed "Cell Block Tango" from the popular musical



Katherine McGrath, Rebecca Sabates and Ashley Hansen performed their dance in memory of Fr. Pala.

Chicago. Sophomores Katherine Sulenski and Mike Kutner gave us all a preview of coming attractions with "16 Going on 17" from the upcoming musical *The Sound of Music*.

The Music Department sang and played their way into the night with several upbeat tunes, and the chorus serenaded the crowd with their beautiful voices, blended in perfect harmony. The Dance Team got the adrenaline pumping through the crowd with several performances while the art students made their presence known with displays of their work in the cafeteria.

The night was an amazing success. It was enjoyable from beginning to end. Thanks goes to Ms. Busby and all of those who helped organize this event.

Congratulations to all those who participated in Night of the Arts!



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Gibbons' thespians hit Tampa

By Ashley Ruiz-Margenot

International Thespian Society troupe 6362 made their presence known at the Florida State Thespian Festival at the Tampa Convention Center on April 2-6. Twenty-seven members of the troupe attended and 15 competed with scenes and songs that won superiors at District competition in December. In addition to watching performances, the thespians were able to take classes such as stand-up comedy and dance. Most of all, these budding actors were allowed to be themselves and showcase their talents in and out of the theater.

"There will never be a place where people are not only allowed, but encouraged by fellow thespians, to dance in the street other than at State," Suzanne Hill, a competitor, stated.

Loosening up obviously did the competitors some good. Ratings were as follows:

- Danny Fernandez & Julia Collier- Superior for Duet Acting
- Elizabeth Thompson & Tanya Failla- Superior for Duet Acting
- LouVierre & Company (Lindsey LouVierre, Katherine Mc Grath, Tammy Brennen, Julie Drewitt, Michelle Artimez, and Jessica Lefebvre)- Excellent for Ensemble Musical

- Julianne O'Connor & Suzanne Hill- Good for Duet Musical
- Casey Kleiman & David Scott- Excellent for Duet Scene
- Frank Imparato- Superior for Publicity and Advertising

Those who attended agreed it was an amazing experience.

"It humbles you, seeing so many incredible actors that are just high school students," said Margie Spangler, a State's spectator. Congratulations to Ms. Kennedy and troupe 6362 on this amazing accomplishment!



(Back Row, left to right) Julia Collier, Casey Kleiman, Javier Martin, Frank Imparato, Elizabeth Thompson, (Front) Morgan Margolis, Lindsay LouVierre, Tanya Failla, Suzanne Hill, Katherine DeCesare and Danny Fernandez

Spielbergs in the making

By Brittany Woehler

Do you like going to the movies? Do you want to be the next Julia Roberts? Then join the Film Making Club.

This year the club was a great success. The president is sophomore, Jackie Richards, key editor is Robert Simms, and acting supervisor is sophomore, Rachel Wheeler. Their main achievement this year was the DVD Yearbook

created by Visiontech and the Film Club.

"I don't know how many of you had the opportunity to take a peek at the video yearbook that was created by Bonnie Busby and her students. It is excellent. I couldn't turn it off! Congratulations to Ms. Busby and the students on an awesome creation!" said Ms. Kennedy.

The Film Making Club also made this year's raffle promotion documentary.

It's never too late to help

out. "Next year our goals are much higher," Jackie said. They intend to have a CGHS Open High School Film Fest. Students will be able to enter a film to be judged, and prizes will be awarded to the best films in their category. You don't have to be the next Steven Spielberg, just willing to express yourself through film.

The club needs actors, writers, editors, and filmmakers. So try something new. Maybe it could turn into a career, instead of just a hobby.

Drama Awards

By Kris Orofino

The Drama Academy Awards will be held on June 5 at the Coral Ridge Country Club from 7 to 10 pm. The banquet will feature awards in various categories for the major productions as well as the best of the Showcases throughout the year.

Tickets will be available soon for \$30 each. Friends and family are encouraged to attend.

“The Academy Awards banquet is the hottest, hippest, most awesome event of the year,” added Alyssa Kennedy, the Director of Drama.

In addition to the listed nominees, more will be posted on the drama website as soon as they become available. Check it out at <http://www.cgshsfl.org/drama/dramawebsite>.

Drama 2002-2003 Academy Award Nominees:

Best Actor in *Bye Bye Birdie*

- Javier Martin
- Danny Fernandez
- Dan Baron

Best Actress in *Bye Bye Birdie*

- Elizabeth Thompson
- Julia Collier

Best Supporting Actor in *Bye Bye Birdie*

- Bryan Davis
- Patrick Legendre
- Frank Imparato

Best Support Actress in *Bye Bye Birdie*

- Lindsey LouVierre
- Tanya Failla
- Michelle Artimez
- Katherine McGrath

Best Actor in *Rumors*

- Bryan Davis
- Rob Miller
- Javier Martin
- Steve Callahan

Best Actress in *Rumors*

- Lindsey LouVierre

- Christen Anderson
- Michelle Artimez
- Katherine McGrath
- Marjorie Spangler
- Caitlyn Hunt

Best Tech

- Allison Gawarecki
- Jahan Garassino
- Richard Crow
- Julianne O'Connor
- Rob Spurgeon
- Matt Greenly

Best Performance Showcase #1

- Chelsea Ryan, Michelle Suppe, Jennifer Nezo
- Sarah Hammada
- Kathryn Almeida
- Monica Cavaioli
- Britney Wight
- Javier Martin
- Emily Ryan

Best Performance Showcase #3

- Natalie Kovacs & Briana Rose
- Catherine Ford
- Kaitlin Conway
- Madelaina Pratt & Jill McGarry
- Dan Baron
- Kathryn Baker

The hills are alive

By Brittany Woehler

The Cardinal Gibbons Drama Department will fill the downtown library with the *Sounds of Music*, May 29 - June 1. Ms. Kennedy and her drama kids will present another massive production. This musical will be stage managed by senior Lindsey LouVierre.

The Sound of Music is a well-known Rodgers and Hammerstein play based on a true story. The time is pre-World War II, in Austria. Frauline Maria (Katherine Scott) leaves the convent and becomes a nanny for

Captain Von Trapp's family. Maria is a fun loving, free spirit who loves to burst into song when times look blue. Her personality clashes with Capt. Von Trapp (Dan Baron), an enforcer of the rules, who controls his nine children with a blow of a whistle, instead of actually getting to know them.

At first, the Von Trapp children give Maria a hard time by playing several pranks on her, but they soon learn to love her. The oldest daughter, Liesel (Katherine Sulenski), a vulnerable sixteen year old, who doesn't know anything about reality, is dating an older man, Rolf (Mike Kutner). He

turns out not to be what Liesel thought he was. The Baroness (Julia Collier) is the sophisticated, significant other in Capt. Von Trapp's life. Uncle Max (Danny Fernandez) is very enthusiastic about the Von Trapp's singing talents and is always encouraging them to sing at various functions or parties.

Plan on seeing the production of *The Sound of Music*. You'll definitely be entertained.



A night “Frozen in Time”

By Ashley Prchal

Prom is the magical night that every high school student dreams of attending. May 16 was the big night when all the girls transformed into lovely ladies, and the boys into gentlemen. Bahia Mar Resort was beautifully decorated by the junior class to complement this year’s theme, Frozen in Time. The event began at 7:30pm and everyone arrived in style, whether by car or limo.

For \$160, couples were able to have an elegant sit down dinner followed by an array of music. Later in the evening the Prom Court assembled together. The members of the Court were Julia Collier, Emily Klee, Shannon Price, Tara Slominski, Jason Becker, Justin Boruch-Dolan, Matt Dengel, and William Zimmerman. At the dance Emily Klee and Jason Becker were crowned as the Queen and King of the 2003 Prom. As the music played, the seniors and their dates danced the night away.



Prom Court: (Back to front): Matt Dengel, Shannon Price; William Zimmerman, Julia Collier; King Jason Becker, Tara Slominski; Justin Boruch-Dolan and Queen Emily Klee

Seniors’ favorite memories of their time at CGHS:



Adam Dick: “. . . going from the quiet kid I was freshman year to leading assemblies senior year.”



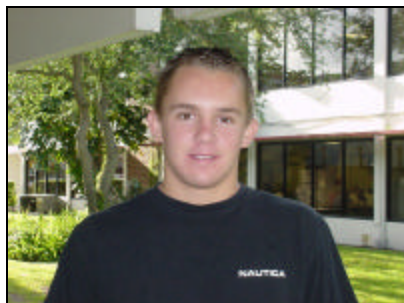
Catherine Zito: “. . . watching the senior float fall apart, and watching the guys try to carry it any way.”



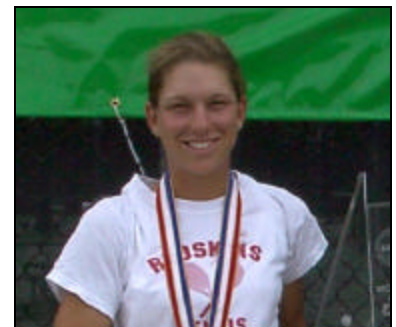
Cory Hickman: “. . . the spirit of the Senior Class.”



Suzanne Hill: “. . . having the boys kiss their mothers at the assembly.”



Jim Doody: “. . . James Argyropoulos imitating Father Quinn at the assembly.”



Joelle Schwenk: “. . . winning Tennis State Championships all 4 years.”