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Trojan Rule

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FBLA awards

On January 17, Mr. O'Neal and nine members of the Future Business Leaders of America chapter attended the District 1 Spring Leadership Conference in Fort Smith. Six members of the chapter competed in various events with great success. The following students placed in the competitions and will go on to participate in the State competition in April: Brandyn Brooks - 1st Place in Economics, Ben Ingle - 1st Place in Impromptu Speaking, Woo Chan Lee - 1st Place in Computer Applications, Will Shows - 2d Place in Business Law, Jonathan Wingfield - 4th Place in Marketing



Quiz bowl victories



The senior high quiz bowl played two matches against Scranton on January 17. Subiaco won both matches. The score of the first match was 165 to 60 with Haegen Hess scoring the most points for Subi with 50. The final score for the second match was 210 to 115. Haegen again had the most points with 70.

The junior high quiz bowl team commanded a strong 90 to 40 lead after the first round and continued to pull away during the bonus round with a score of 165 to 70 at the half. Scranton made a comeback in the second half. Although Scranton scored more points in both the lightning and final tossup rounds, Subiaco maintained their lead, ending the game 255 to 220. Top scorers for game one were Jaxon Perreault with 50 points and Zach Ingle with 40.

Subiaco had a 60-point lead after the first round of the second game and scored 90 points during the bonus round, answering all questions correctly for the three bonus rounds allotted to them, giving them a score of 180 to 50 at the half. Scranton had a strong lightning round scoring 50 points, 30 more than Subiaco. The final score for game two was 240 to 110. Game two top scorers were Zach Ingle with 80 points and Max Linares with 40.

At Alma the senior high team lost the first match, but won the second match 140-105. Haegen Hess scored the most points for Subiaco in both matches; 60 and 90 respectively. At Alma, in the first game, Subiaco earned 105 points out of a possible 120 in the bonus round. The final score of game one was 385 to 190 with Josh Buxton (70 points), Max Linares (70 points), Jaxon Perreault (40 points) and Zach Ingle (40 points) as top scorers. In the lightning round of game two, Subiaco chose geometry and answered all ten questions correctly in 60 seconds, earning them 100 points plus 20 bonus for a perfect round. The final score was 390 to 145 with Josh Buxton (60 points), Jaxon Perreault (40 points) and Max Linares (40 points) as top scorers.

Trojans rebound from losses



After a miserable first week of the new year, Subiaco took the court three times in hopes of getting their form back. The first week was unkind to the Trojans as they lost two big games.

On Tuesday, January 16, Subiaco hosted Mansfield in hopes of finding their game. It did not happen on this night. The saying a win is always good, was severely challenged on this night, on what had to be the ugliest win in memory. The Trojans managed a 43-37 win to at least end the losing streak.

On Friday, January 19, the Trojans hosted Cedarville knowing they better up their game if they wanted to get another win. The first half saw the Trojans play with more intensity and despite missing James Taylor for most of the half went into the locker room with a 24-17 lead. The second half saw the Trojans up their game more as they gradually pulled away from the Pirates for a 61-41 win. Elvis Janga led the Trojan scoring with 18. Devon Forst

tossed in 12 and Tom Myers added 10. James Taylor tossed in 8 points to go along with 7 assists.

The Trojans were right back to work on Saturday, January 20, as they hosted conference leader Charleston. Charleston has put together an outstanding year with several impressive wins. The game was very tight early with each team knocking down some impressive shots despite hardnosed defense. The Trojans slowly pulled away in the second period and took a 27-17 lead into the dressing room. The Tigers changed defenses the second half, as they went to a man defense against the Trojans. Tyler Komp moved well without the ball and was the recipient of several James Taylor passes as he scored a team high 16 points to go along with his 7 rebounds. James Taylor scored 15 points to go along with several assists to lead the Trojans to a 57-38 win.



Helping a school in Uganda



On Saturday, January 20, Trojan runners traveled to Shadow Lake in Greenwood and ran in Amelia's Gift 5K supporting Grace School in Uganda. Volunteering their own cash for a donation, nineteen students and three faculty members raised \$550 dollars for charity. Shadow Lake was a challenging course filled with steep hills. Out of 126 runners, the Trojan runners placed 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th. Jacob Tyburski was the first to cross the finish line. A fun time was had by all as they ran to support Christian education in Uganda. The adult sponsors, Br. John Paul Boyer, Br. Raban Heyer, and Mr. Don Goetz ran the 5K with the

students. Congratulations to them all for a fine showing. Every year for her birthday AR native, Amelia, chooses to forgo birthday presents and give to others in need instead. This year for her 12th birthday Amelia hosted her second annual 5K, Amelia's Gift 5K.



Eighteen students, Mrs. Michelle Chuang, and Mr. Phil Potchatko attended the Chinese Lantern Festival in Little Rock yesterday. The students toured the festival, shopped at the Asian Market, and had an authentic Chinese dinner at Chen's.



Several members of the Academy cross country team hiked to the top of 1st Ridge to show a new student, Hayden Haridopoulos. Peter's Chair, a Subiaco landmark.



We in Residential Life went on a weekend Bowling Word, Mall, and Chick Filet trip this past Saturday. A good time was had by all.

Rule of St. Benedict



“The monks keep their rank in the monastery according to the date of their entry, the virtue of their lives, and the decision of the abbot. The abbot is not to disturb the flock entrusted to him nor make any unjust arrangements, as though he had the power to do whatever he wished. Absolutely nowhere shall age automatically determine rank. For example, someone who came to the monastery at the second hour of the day must recognize that he is junior to someone who came at the first hour, regardless of age or distinction. Boys, however, are to be disciplined in everything by everyone.

The younger monks, then, must respect their seniors, and the seniors must love their juniors. But the abbot, because we believe that he holds the place of Christ, is to be called “lord” and “abbot,” not for any claim of his own, but out of honor and love for Christ. He, for his part, must reflect on this, and in his behavior show himself worthy of such honor.” (Chapter 63:1-3, 5, 8-10, 13-14 Community Rank)

The idea of having a community where everyone gets along well without leaders may be very attractive, but the likelihood of this actually working is not great. Order is a necessity in any community, and order requires leaders. We may recall from chapter 3, Summoning the Brothers for Council, that Benedict wants every voice in the monastery to be heard. It is the abbot's responsibility to hear all voices and then to make decisions without disturbing the flock. The rank of monks is honored in the Rule, but it is important to note that rank is not a license to lord it over another monk, but rather an obligation to guide and love the junior.

For us as parents, teachers, administrators, or leaders in any role, this may serve as a vivid reminder that our “rank” should never be used to dominate, but always to serve each other in imitation of Christ.

Deacon Roy Goetz, Academy Chaplain

Students and staff gave 23 units during January 18 blood drive. blood drive

Spring Carnival 2018

The carnival committee and volunteers are working fast and furiously to make plans for the big event on Saturday, March 3rd, from 4-9 p.m. in the Academy Fieldhouse greenroom. Keep in mind that we are always in need of items for the silent auction. Some of you may be able to consider the use of a vacation home, work of art, a hand-made craft, or themed basket of goods. We are also in need of non-perishable grocery items for the country store, bingo prizes, kids' game prizes (stickers, pencils, small toys or books), and individually wrapped candy. Items can be sent to the Development office any time before March 2, 2018.

If you like to bake, assorted cookies and brownies for the "Sweet Shop" would be welcomed the night of the event.

The online auction will be up and running from February 23rd through March 2nd. Watch for an email to announce the opening of bidding and visit www.subiacoacademy.us to view updates on Carnival Happenings .

The grand prize for the raffle this year will be an Intimidator 4x4 Utility Vehicle. Other prizes will be a \$1,000 Dillard's gift card and a tablet (handheld personal computer). Watch for ticket information in the mail soon!

To purchase tickets by phone, please call the development office at 479-934-1001 or email at subiaco@subi.org.

Please join us on March 3rd for great food, fun, and fellowship!

Introducing the Academy Board of Trustees

The Subiaco Academy Board of Trustees met January 12-13, 2018, in its quarterly meeting at Subiaco. Board members are Ryan Gehrig '91, Darian Llayes '86, Bill Lux '66, Amy Oatis, Jeffrey Gray '85, George Lieux, Jr. '68, Donna McDonald (President), Br. Ephrem O'Bryan, OSB '60, Tom Strobel '79, Abbot Leonard Wangler, OSB '61 (ex officio). The General Chapter of solemnly professed monks at Subiaco Abbey have entrusted the full authority of ongoing governance of the Academy to this Board of Trustees.

Donna McDonald, married 38 years to William McDonald, mother of John and Hayden '05, Graduate of the University of Arkansas, BA and the University of Oklahoma, MLIS. Director of the Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System. Member Rotary International, Paul Harris Fellow, Board member, United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, Member Arkansas State Library Board.

Bill Lux is a 1966 graduate of Subiaco and a 1971 graduate of the University of Arkansas. He worked for Rheem Manufacturing Company for nearly 40 years before retiring in 2011. He held many roles at Rheem, but his later executive responsibilities included Marketing, Strategy Development and Implementation, Mentoring, and Planning. Bill often cites his exposure to a broad demographic at Subiaco for his ability to work with persons in global markets where he spent the last 8 years of his career in charge of his company's international expansion. Bill has been married to De De for 47 years. They currently live in Fayetteville, AR, and belong to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. They have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. Bill continues to be very actively involved with Subiaco and enjoys "evangelizing" to parents and anyone else who will listen about Subiaco and its mission to develop young men graciously into manhood.

Tom Strobel is a 1979 grad of Subiaco Academy and an 1981 grad of Arkansas Valley Vocational Technical School. I married Amy (Koenigseder) in 1981 and we have four sons with three having graduated from Subiaco and our youngest will graduate in 2020. I have been farming my whole life first with a dairy but now have changed to beef cows and broilers. I have been on various boards including the Abbey Farm Board, and currently as Past President of the Alumni Board. I have been on the Board of the Subiaco Federal Credit Union for 30 years, serving as President for the last 18 years. I am active in the local parish as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, and Server. I am a member of the St. Benedict's Mens Society and the Knights of Columbus and am currently the Grand Knight of Council 3787.

Ryan Gehrig, FACHE is a 1991 graduate of Subiaco was named president of Mercy Hospital Fort Smith in April 2012. As an active member of the community, he serves on the board of directors for several organizations includ-

ing the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce, Subiaco Academy and the Arkansas Hospital Association. He previously served on the board of the Donald W. Reynolds Cancer Support House. Prior to working at Mercy, Gehrig served as vice-president of enterprise systems at Norman Regional Health System as well as chief administrative officer for Moore Medical Center. Gehrig's previous experience includes the position of COO of Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg, Miss. as well as CEO of Bristow Medical Center and COO of Cushing Regional Hospital as part of Hillcrest Healthcare System in Tulsa.

Gehrig holds a bachelor's degree in biomedical science from Texas A&M University and a master's in health care administration from Trinity University. He followed in his father's footsteps and attended ninth to 12th grades at nearby Subiaco Academy, a Catholic boys' college prep school.

George Lieux is a 1968 graduate of the Academy and has been happily married to his wife, Ursula, for 43 years. We have three sons who are all college graduates. We have two loving daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.

Four years ago I was selected to serve on Subiaco Academy Board of Trustees. On July 1, 2018, I will serve as the President of the Board.

I retired in June 2017 after 40 years in K-12 education - seven years teaching at Subiaco, 17 years at Southside High School in Fort Smith and the last 16 years in Fort Smith Public Schools Professional Development Department as an Instructional Facilitator and as the district's Safe and Drug-Free Schools Specialist.

My wife and I enjoy spending time with our two grandkids in Fayetteville, AR whenever possible. We also fly frequently to Washington DC to enjoy our two grandkids who are in Maryland.

In retirement, I have not strayed away too far from education. I work part-time in the Fort Smith Adult Education Department Outreach Program two days a week at both homeless shelters we have in Fort Smith. One day a week I facilitate a Nurturing Parenting class at an all-male Recovery Center.

Amy Oatis is an Associate Professor of English at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas, where she oversees the academic writing program. She taught English and History at Subiaco Academy, and now enjoys working with Academy students and members of the monastic community as they prepare for college. She earned her Ph.D. in English from the University of Arkansas. She is grateful for her husband, Steve, their daughter, Lilly, and an assortment of rescued animals.

Jeffrey Gray, Subiaco 1985 Subiaco graduate, aka Captain Awesome, is always on an adventure. His father, William Gray, was a monk at Subiaco in the 1950's and his love for the Benedictine community never diminished. Jeff was one of nine sons to graduate from Subiaco. He was admitted into the Honors physics program at the University of Texas at Austin, but soon found a new love in public policy and business. He received his B.A. in Comparative Politics in '89 and his M.B.A. in Finance in '91. He has spent over 20 years doing mergers and acquisitions for private equity firms and family offices with a focus on corporate strategy and governance. His favorite role is being a husband to his beloved wife, Dawn, and a father to his amazing daughter, Alexandra.

Darian Layes is a 1986 Subiaco graduate and is currently completing his 27th year in public education. He earned a BSE in Math from UCA in 1991 and MSE in Ed Leadership from UCA in 1994, Ed Specialist from U Of A in 2008. He taught math and science for three years and have served as an Elementary Assistant Principal, Elementary Principal, Middle School Assistant Principal, and Middle School Principal - 10 years total. Currently the Executive Director of Student Service for Fort Smith Public Schools. He has worked in the Student Service Department for 14 years, previously as a coordinator, a supervisor and in his current role as director for the last 3 years.

Br. Ephrem O'Bryan, OSB, graduated from Subiaco Academy in 1960. He has served in the Academy as teacher, dean, headmaster, tennis coach, student council sponsor, and currently provides publicity for the Abbey and Academy.