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The Abbey Farm

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“The Subiaco Abbey farm is right where it ought to be,” stated David McMahon, one of our farm’s many benefactors. Br. Ephrem O’Bryan and Fr. Richard Walz were visiting with Mr. McMahon recently and those were his first words. He is very proud of the progress made over the past few years in developing a top-notch Black Angus herd and attributes much of the credit to Abbey Farm Manager, Lawrence (Butch) Geels ’56.

When the first monks came to Subiaco back in the late 1800s, they plowed fields, planted a vineyard and orchard, and tended a few chickens and cows. They were continuing the centuries-old tradition of working the land surrounding the monastery. The thought was that as the monk worked the land, the land formed the monk into a person of prayer, dependent on God’s loving providence for sustenance and material welfare. In time, corn and cash crops were added to the list of products derived from the monks’ farming effort. In the early 1900s, Holstein cattle were introduced at Subiaco to provide milk, butter, and cheese for the monks and students of the Academy.

For the next sixty years, the brothers would milk and feed the dairy herd every morning and evening, often missing community prayer to get the job done. In 1964 the dairy cattle were auctioned off, and the face and nature of farming at Subiaco changed. With the decision to get out of the dairy business came the decision to expand in the area of beef cattle. For the next 30 years Br. John Schad directed the beef operation and the farm land was then utilized for pasture and hay, where previously silage had been so important for the dairy cattle. As Br. Henry Fuhrmann was quoted as saying, “There was plenty of work to do and we liked it that way!” Br. Michael Fuhrmann and Br. Louis Fuhrmann also had a big hand in the farm work and were assisted during the summer months by the junior members of the monastery in making the hay and storing it for the winter months.

Brothers John, Henry and Michael are doing their work from their ringside seat in heaven these days, and when Butch Geels was hired to manage the Abbey Farm in early 2000, it was with an idea of moving in the direction of “specialization.” Encouraged by Mr. David McMahon, a long-time abbey friend and registered Black Angus cattleman, the well-considered and timely decision was made to specialize in Black Angus cattle and specifically in the production of breeding stock. Mr. McMahon furthered the cause by donating some registered Black Angus cows himself and looking for dona-



Highway 22 sign announces Subiaco Abbey Angus

tions from other breeders. This search bore major fruit with the donation of 41 registered Black Angus to the abbey by two Angus breeders, and over the years with other donations of breeding stock, embryo transplants and semen from some of the best Black Angus sires in the country. The hope is to reach a level of 150 to 175 producing cows, making Subiaco a prime supplier of Black Angus breeding stock.

Today, under the direction of Butch Geels, Fr. David Bellinghausen and Br. Tobias DeSalvo, the breeding operation is making use of the latest technology and available expertise to achieve these goals. The breeding program prides itself in trying to use only sires whose carcass qualities rank in the top 1% of the Black Angus breed. Adopting proven methods of cattle breeding and pasture management and doing the painstaking recordkeeping and weighing of individual animals at regular intervals, has resulted in what is hoped will be of benefit not only to the Subiaco Abbey farm, but to the many farmers in this part of the country who are raising beef cattle.

This benefit to surrounding cattle ranchers was one of the original goals of the Abbey Angus operation. In 2001 the abbey was enrolled in a program with the University of Arkansas called Arkansas Beef Improvement Program (ABIP), and one of the original goals was to make the Abbey Farm a valuable source of quality Black Angus bulls for local and area breeders. By making the abbey's farm a kind of demonstration farm, local farmers would benefit as well as the abbey itself. Another stated goal was to make the farm profitable for the abbey and academy. We are on the verge of achieving this second goal.

Today the farm follows a routine similar to that of many others. There is constant surveillance of the cattle which includes weighing, daily feeding and recordkeeping, not only during breeding and calving times, but throughout the year. At other regular intervals the animals' weights are recorded and the use of ultrasound data is used to determine the quality of the animals' carcass that will be passed on to its progeny. During the warmer months much effort is put into growing good pastures and producing hay for the winter season. This includes weed control, fertilizing, pasture rotation for grazing, and the many jobs that must be done throughout the year, such as building or mending fences.

In 2004 a new hay barn was built south of Highway 22, where many of the animals spend much of their time and where much of the hay is produced. This new barn holds up to 600 round hay bales. Since much more hay than this is required during a typical winter, hay is also stored outside and in two older barns. The old horse barn, built in 1904, is an heirloom of the monastery. Some repairs have been made on it recently, but more work is required. The old dairy barn, built in 1923, became a machine shop after we ceased to milk cows and is also used now to store hay. This barn, while still a sound structure, is in need of renovation and a new roof. Neither of these barns were built with the idea of storing round bales of hay, but they help preserve the more or less 2000 round bales of hay needed each year for our cattle.

Looking to the future it is clear that another hay barn and another corral will be needed south of Highway 22 so that it will not be necessary to drive these cattle across the highway in order to vaccinate, weigh or otherwise care for them. Subiaco has been blessed by the interest of many local farmers, and some who are much farther away, in doing the work of bringing the Abbey Angus operation up to speed. This work has been the work of many hands and it is the hope that it will bring benefits to many as well.



Br. Tobias storing hay in the recently built hay barn south of the highway. This barn holds up to 600 round bales, nearly one third of a year's supply.

The Gospel of Judas

The National Geographic Society did a disservice to the world and tarnished its own reputation for scientific objectivity by the way it presented the Gospel of Judas last spring. Don't get me wrong. The Gospel of Judas is a valuable document, but not in the way hinted at in what the Biblical Archeology Review described as National Geographic's "masterful display of professional hype."

The publicity implied that a new document had been discovered which gave an independent witness to the events of Jesus' last days and a version of Jesus' relationship to Judas which legitimately challenged the evidence of the canonical Gospels. The fine print revealed that existence of the document had been known since the year 200, that it isn't in a Gospel format, and that it is a witness to the second century rather than the first. Many newspapers fell into the trap and printed headlines like that in The Washington Post, "Newly Translated Gospel Offers More Positive Portrayal of Judas."

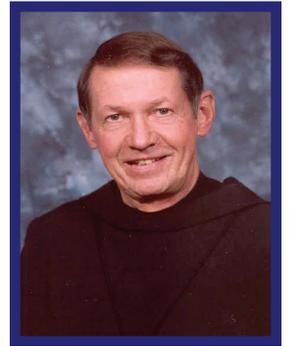
What is the truth about the Gospel of Judas? A leather-bound papyrus manuscript copy of this document was found in the Egyptian desert in the early 1970s but only became public in the late 1990s. Though the existence and part of the contents of the document were already known through comments of early Christian writers, no text was available until this copy, dated between 220 and 340, was found. The Gospel of Judas presents a series of encounters between Jesus and other disciples and Judas in the three days before the Passion. Unlike the four canonical Gospels, this text betrays no intention of providing a narrative of events in the life of Jesus; in fact the title, "Gospel of Judas," was added at the end by a later copyist. Though it is only about three-quarters complete and there are mutilations of the existing text, the document is a valuable witness to the second-century development of the Gnostic sect, which claimed a secret knowledge of divine mysteries different from the teaching of orthodox Christianity.

But it was misleading for the publicists to imply that this apocryphal text has any bearing on the historical evidence about Jesus, Judas, or the days leading up to the passion. The original text, of which the present manuscript is a copy, is dated between 130 and 180, or 100 to 150 years after the events it narrates. From our vantage point 2000 years later, that seems very close to the time of Jesus. But it is equivalent to a report of the Civil War or the Spanish-American War being written today, with no new evidence, changing the order or interpretation of those events, which by now are very distant in the past for us. That is acceptable in a work of fiction. And that is what the Gospel of Judas is, a work of fiction based on the Gospel events. It is more akin to the Da Vinci Code than to the Gospels themselves, and it has no more authority than the Da Vinci Code concerning the facts or their interpretation. Both tell more about the time and culture in which they were written than what they were written about.

The value of the Gospel of Judas rests in what it reveals about the teachings of Gnosticism (a sect professing to have "secret knowledge," from the Greek word gnosis, knowledge) as it developed in the second century. Jesus tells Judas, "Step away from the others and I shall tell you the mysteries." One of these "mysteries" is the Gnostics' rejection of the flesh – and thus the incarnation – and the whole material world as the creation of an evil deity. Jesus is portrayed as coming from the realm of the highest God, who is different from the evil God of the Bible. The twelve apostles have been serving the biblical God, but Jesus sees that Judas is reflecting more deeply and can receive the true knowledge about the highest God.

Judas is just one of the biblical "outsiders" revered by Gnostics. Around 200 St. Irenaeus referred to the Cainites, a group who looked to Cain, the brother of Abel, as a demigod and hero. Others idolized Korah, a rebel leader against Moses, or Esau, the brother of Jacob. Because these figures were adversaries to the leading figures in the biblical narrative, they were considered to have been champions of the higher God, but in their own time their worth had not been recognized by those without the secret knowledge.

All of this is fascinating for students of the history of religion as a new source for following second-century developments in a heretical Christian sect which would survive into the fourth century. But for insight into the historical figures of Jesus and Judas and what happened in the days leading up to the Passion, it is no help.



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Abbot Jerom Kodell, OSB

Abbey Journal

July

The pleasant weather of late June continued into July, with clear skies, low humidity, and highs in the 80s. This would be ideal summer weather, except that we are constantly aware of the rainfall deficit, and the steadily dropping level of the Abbey and town water supply. At mid-month the first level of a water conservation policy was announced by the city council, and the town of Subiaco began getting its water from the Paris water system. The lines of the two systems come very close together, and some five or six years ago a connection was made. Now the Abbey and Academy can be isolated from the rest of the distribution system. I believe this is the first time the separation has been made. The result was immediately apparent: the gauge which indicates the water level in the Abbey water tower began hovering near “full,” and comments were heard from town customers about the different taste of the Paris water. Of course everyone gets used to and likes their own water. On July 17, we began paying for our mild temperatures. That entire week topped 100°, beginning a four-week period of extremely hot weather.

Fr. Raphael was hospitalized with a loss of kidney function. He received a port for peritoneal dialysis, and is now receiving this treatment in the Abbey Health Center. He says that he is able to sleep while the solution does its cleansing job during the night, so that he feels “tolerable” during the day. He has even managed to return to his parish of Shoal Creek for a few weekends.

Fr. Richard took pictures of our water supply lake on July 30. Comparison with pictures from January 2004 showed that it is at exactly the same level as then, seven feet below full. The second level of water conservation measures were imposed at the end of July, banning all yard and plant watering. More on this later.

Br. Tobias showed up at breakfast on July 24, which is unusual. He is always out feeding the cattle by that time. When he grabbed Br. Francis, who set his plate of food down and hustled out with Tobias, we knew something was up. He returned half an hour later with an unlikely tale, but with pictures to prove it, of a bull on the barn roof. This circa 700-pound animal had first gotten through a fence, then walked up a dirt ramp on one end of the two story dairy barn, and stepped off the ramp onto the roof of a lean-to shed. From the edge of this roof, he jumped up onto the main roof of the barn and wandered around, going all the way to the peak. That’s where the farmers found him. He occasionally started sliding down the roof and came close to the edge before regaining traction. Br. Tobias tried to coax him down with a bucket of feed while Mr. Geels waited below with a rifle, sure that he would fall off, break his neck and have to be slaughtered. Against all odds, he finally followed the feed bucket back down to terra firma, oblivious to his near brush with the hamburger grinder. Br. Francis composed titles for his pictures (“Bull on a Hot Tin Roof,” etc.). The Ozark and Paris newspapers featured the Abbey’s acrobatic bull.



Bull on a Hot Tin Roof!

During the final week of July, the boys and girls of the annual Choir Camp, sponsored by the Arkansas Interfaith Council, filled the dormitories, the swimming pool, and the Abbey Church with youthful energy and melody. It is wonderful to see kids enjoying themselves

in such wholesome pursuits—learning the handbells, singing Vespers in lush harmony, preparing a Broadway/vaudeville musical. Several of the Catholic girls joined us for morning Mass, and we were touched as one girl made a special point each day of greeting Br. Martin in his wheelchair at the sign of peace.

August

The Abbey Chapter, i.e., all the finally-professed monks, or at least all who could be located in mid-summer, convened two evenings in a row. The first session concerned the repair of the collapsed north retaining wall. The plan presented was quite expensive and the Chapter decided not to decide right now. Other options will be explored. We did decide to remove the mature pine trees below the wall. These were slowly dying anyway, and many monks simply are tired of them. They do block the view to the



Br. Louis (r) and Dennis Schluterman harvesting “the pines” near Coury House

north, and several large trees near Coury House and the cooling tower are potential hazards. Now that the wall repair has been put off, we have plenty of time to harvest the trees. I say “we,” meaning Br. Louis and Novice Greg. They haul the logs to the sawmill, where Fr. Bruno converts them into lumber.

The second Chapter meeting allowed Novices Kyle and Greg to continue their novitiate, and accepted Candidate Michael Deel into the novitiate. Novicemaster Fr. Leonard said that he had to wake one of the novices to tell him the results of the voting. “Well,” he said, “I was tired.” Talk about a clear conscience!

Br. Louis had planted watermelons this year, for the first time. They were looking so good that he couldn’t stand to see them dry up, and he managed to haul water from a pond near the garden. His efforts paid off with numerous melons, including two 50-pound giants. For a while there, we were eating watermelon three meals a day.

The heat peaked on August 10 with 105°. It stayed hot for another three weeks, but the worst was past.

Nearly 300 people turned out on August 12 to honor Fr. Harold on his special Appreciation Day. The idea here was to express thanks and love toward a person while they are still around to enjoy it. Fr. Harold is pushing 93, but remains alert, active, and very involved in life and ministry. The dinner speeches featured representatives from the many groups Fr. Harold has served over the years: Subiaco Academy, Corpus Christi Academy, Laneri High School, Marriage Encounter, parishes, and Knights of Columbus. One of the speakers summed up the man and monk: “He taught us how to laugh, how to cry, how to love.”

Faculty and staff of the Academy began in-service days on August 14. We knew it was coming, since the football players’ pre-season program had already been going on for two weeks. Headmaster Mike Berry sounded a positive note, telling of a higher enrollment than projected, and an improving financial outlook. These words were backed up by the announcement that faculty and staff lunches would be provided without charge this year. The higher number of boarding students required the re-opening of the Third East dormitory, which had not been needed for several years. Of course this area needed a “daddy,” and Br. James Casey got the call. He had been “deaning” the football players, so he just got to stay on in what he had thought would be a temporary assignment.

We began picking grapes on August 16. Br. Joseph Koehler and Br. Andrew had been picking some for table use and for sale for weeks already. The raccoons, opossums, birds, and June bugs had been working on them steadily too. Br. Joseph traps and relocates the ‘coons and ‘possums, ignores the birds, and concocts a lethal poison for the June bugs. His sweet poison is so attractive that the insects burrow down through the heaped carcasses of their own dead to get at it. Surely it is safe to say that no one has ever before used this disgusting behavior as an illustration of St. Benedict’s words in the Rule: “death is stationed near the gateway of pleasure.” (RB 7:24)

Just after the British authorities foiled the airline terrorist plot, Abbot Jerome set off for two English abbeys (Worth Abbey—men, and Stanbrook Abbey—women) to give retreats. He was able to carry bottles of “liquid explosives”—the Abbey Monk Sauce—to them and returned with samples of honey from Worth Abbey. He said that a nun at Stanbrook ignored his warnings about the hot sauce, and she left the refectory in a hurry!

As soon as Abbot Jerome left for England, it started raining (draw your own conclusions). We got four inches the week of August 20, assuring another cutting of badly-needed hay. The water supply rose three inches, showing that there was no runoff at all from the heavily-forested watershed of the lakes.

September

Before the late August rain, Athletic Director Tim Tencleve had watched helplessly as the football field turned brown. Banned from watering, he eventually commandeered the town and Abbey fire trucks and hauled tanks of water, totaling around 30,000 gallons, from the “highway pond” just across from the football field. This saved his honor, and provided an evening spectacle.

Perhaps Br. Francis should have followed suit in the inner courtyard, but who would have thought that the St. Augustine grass would actually die? Yes, it turned brown, but then it stayed brown after the rain, and by mid-September we had to face reality: It’s gone. Fr. Harold had brought one square yard of Augustine grass sod from Corpus Christi, Texas, around 1944. All the Augustine grass on the “hill” descended from that stock. An extremely cold and icy winter in 1977 killed the grass of the two south rectangles in the inner court;



Watering the football field during the drought

now thirty years later the two north plots have succumbed to the drought. A rye and fescue blend has been planted, and plans call for the whole inner court to revert back to Bermuda grass next summer.

The swimming pool closed on Labor Day, earlier than usual. This is another effort to conserve water. In hot dry weather, two garden hoses have to run continuously into the pool to maintain the water level. The maintenance department began issuing a weekly update on the lake water supply, in ever smaller decrements. The report of September 13 said that the level was 7 feet, 7 and 3/8 inches below full.

The entire community and some of the staff enjoyed an outing to Shoal Creek on September 14. The fish did not cooperate, but the fried chicken and burgers were not able to escape. Brother Edward, the acknowledged monk horseshoe pitching champ, teamed up with Sam Little, the maintenance director. The expression “bringing in a ringer” fits literally here. The two of them could only have been beaten by some sort of divine intervention, and God did not choose to get involved. The Sisters’ cows left clear evidence that they had been out on the parish grounds, recently. This added a definite element of suspense to the volleyball games.

The bi-annual Oblate Retreat brought familiar faces “home” for some days. Several came early to share a bit longer in our prayer and work. Two new Oblates made their oblation at Vespers on September 23. It is always a pleasure to have these partners in our prayer and work physically present with us.

The report from the Abbey Farm of September 18 commented on the number of calves being born recently. They came a little earlier than expected, “due to the hot weather of late August,” according to the report. I guess it is easier to have a little one trotting alongside than carrying it inside, in hot weather.

Much of Arkansas was under flood and tornado warnings on September 23. We received over two inches of rain, which was most welcome, but we still need one of those floods!



Second lake nears all-time low since it was built

Freedom!

It was for liberty that Christ freed us. (Galatians 5:1)

The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1733)

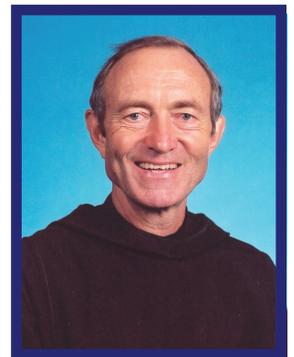
This past June, I attended the national convention of the Couple to Couple League, an association which promotes natural family planning (NFP). Of course, as a priest and a teacher of a Catholic Morality course, I am quite familiar with natural family planning. I teach it and promote it and believe in it. I know couples who use NFP and are happy with it. But I had never spent days with large numbers of families who are all practicing natural family planning.

Very quickly I had two reactions. First, “Wow! There are a lot of kids

here.” Second, “These are really happy families.” A young woman who was on campus at the same time as the Couple to Couple League saw the same families, but from a distance. She concluded that natural family planning does not work. I, who studied, ate, played, and prayed with these families for four days, arrived at a more accurate assessment, I think.

NFP works to space or prevent births, as medical histories, records, and charts prove. And NFP works at a much deeper level to bring spouses to generosity, to self-giving love, to joyful acceptance of life, and to true freedom. Speaker after speaker drove home the message that what first was undertaken with trepidation as another burden led to life-giving and joyful

freedom. Words can be cheap; the proof lay in seeing the large families interact with patience and unfeigned love. The children were clearly happy and well-adjusted; the parents were calm. Their children were not due to failures of NFP. They were the freely-chosen gifts of love and obedience.



Fr. Mark Stengel

Academy

Jazz ensemble begins busy season

The Subiaco Academy Jazz Ensemble performed at the Ft. Smith Jazz Festival October 7, 2006. This festival is primarily for professional groups, so it is a great honor for the Subiaco group to perform. In April the Jazz Ensemble will again travel to San Antonio to compete in the Bluebonnet Classic Music Festival. Based on excellence in performance, the Subiaco Jazz Ensemble has again been invited to perform at the Hard Rock Café on the Riverwalk in San Antonio. The group has received awards for "best overall performance" in recent years at festivals in Dallas and in San Antonio.

Scholars commended

The headmaster, Michael Berry, of Subiaco Academy announced today that Benjamin T. Harrison and Joseph A. Thomas have been named Commended Students in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the headmaster to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2007 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2007 competition by taking the 2005 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Recognition of

The Ensemble performs music in the following styles: traditional blues, 30s-50s big band, be-bop, swing, rock R & B, and fusion. The group delights audiences at more than 20 venues annually, e.g., formal concerts, community events, competitions, football and basketball games.

Pat and Vicki Wardlaw of Waco, TX, recently donated \$50,000.00 for the purchase of new saxophones, trumpets, pianos, a theory composition lab, a portable P.A. system, and to help with travel costs.

academically talented students and the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "The young people being name Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and that they will continue to pursue scholastic excellence."



Benjamin Harrison, Headmaster Mike Berry & Joseph Thomas pose with their Commended Student awards

Elections held

Subiaco Academy held elections for their Student Council officers on Tuesday Sept. 12.

Student Council executive officers elected last April are president Don Goetz; vice president B.J. Moore; secretary Sung Kee Ahn; parliamentarian Harrison Kim; treasurer Lucas Bauer.

Senior class officers are president Mike Gaskell; vice president Jeff Thomas; secretary Alan Albert; treasurer John Zagurski; representatives Danny Adams, Michael Hickey, and Joseph Thomas.

Junior class officers are president Buck Butler; vice president Dylan Veron; secretary Baykal Altiner; treasurer Jacob Didion; representatives Seth Buckman, Joseph Post, and Jordan Pridgin.

Sophomore class officers are president John-Rex Spivey; vice president Sam Gulutzo; secretary Reagan Ryu; treasurer Ji Young Ahn; representatives Bill Heil, Bill Morton, and Jude Ruesewald.

Freshmen class officers are president Chris Trachier; vice president C.J. Kiernan; secretary Gary Nelson; treasurer Stephen Liuzza; representatives Allen Bratcher, Allen Freeland, and Danny White.

Day Student Representative to the Student Council is Kevin Wewers.

Student Council's first event was the Fall Dance held Sept. 23 at the Performing Arts Center with guests from Mount St. Mary's in Little Rock. The ladies also ate dinner in the Academy dining room.

According to sponsor Mrs. Cheryl Goetz, the goals of the council are to provide support for the faculty and administration, to assist the activities director in planning events for student body and to serve as the voice of the student body when it has concerns.

The Council planned a dress down day for Sept. 29 to raise money for new megaphones for cheering and designed posters for home football games.

Increased enrollment

The 2006-07 school year started with temperatures near 100 degrees. According to the National Weather Bureau in Little Rock, August 2006 was the hottest on record with the average high temperature at 101.7 degrees. Football players had spent the previous three weeks dealing with the heat.

Along with the soaring temperatures, the registration lines saw many new faces, in fact, the most in recent years, according to Ms. Evelyn Bauer, admission assistant.

Subiaco saw an increased enrollment with 166 students this fall. That

is ten more than last year, according to Ms. Bauer.

The students came from 15 states. The 34 international students came from five countries: Mexico 3, Korea 27, China 2, Taiwan 2, and Germany 1.

The number of Mexican students is small compared to past years. Headmaster Mike Berry said, "We are making an effort to enroll students who will graduate from Subiaco. In recent years students from Mexico who come in the ninth grade do not return. We are not recruiting these students any more."

The increase in the student body brought complaints from returning students about lack of space and lockers, the crowding in hallways and in the cafeteria. The east wing of the third floor was opened and Br. James Casey was put on board as dean.

Seven new teachers and deans also welcomed the new school year. The deans are Mr. Matthew Feist, Mr. Kyle Kordsmeier, and Mr. Brent Thayer.

The new teachers are Mrs. Felipa Garcia (Spanish), Mr. Walt Geels (chemistry and physics), Dr. Sharon Kenney (choral music and piano), and Mr. Brad Kent (math).

Kyle Kordsmeier returns from Middle East work

Tear gas, gunshots, roadblocks, and electric fences are some of the things that Subiaco teacher and alumnus Kyle Kordsmeier experienced in the land of the West Bank. In his four trips, Mr. Kordsmeier helped impoverished Palestinians living under the present occupation. His time spent in the West Bank showed him exactly how real and devastating the actual Israeli-Palestinian conflict is.

Mr. Kordsmeier worked with several groups of international and Israeli human rights groups, like Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR), for Palestinian relief. Several problems faced the Palestinians in the West Bank including under employment, poverty, and Israeli military incursions.

Mr. Kordsmeier and the human rights activists often entertained themselves by playing football and soccer in the Palestinian refugee camps.

During peaceful demonstrations, Mr. Kordsmeier and the other international activists placed themselves in front of the Palestinians because the Israeli military was not allowed to fire on internationals. During demonstrations, international and Israeli human rights workers joined in solidarity with Palestinians losing their land with the construction of the wall.

Sometimes relief was simply being with the oppressed. The relief work from human rights workers (HRWs) was not only enlightening for workers, but it also showed a wider view of the American people to Palestinians.

Mr. Kordsmeier said, "Not all Americans support the relocation and occupation of Palestinians."

Much of Mr. Kordsmeier's work was done in the city of Qalquillia, an agricultural city with a population of 70,000, and the surrounding area. Much of Qalquillia's trouble came from the presence of the Israeli fortified wall complete with sniper towers and electric fences. This wall caused grief for the farmers in the surrounding area which made an international presence necessary during Mr. Kordsmeier's trip. The removal of roadblocks was also one of the many tasks the HRWs performed in the region.

Groups from Mr. Kordsmeier's organization were divided into teams of five and then spread all over the West Bank.

About one third of the workers in the organization were American college students while the majority of the rest were from Sweden.

For those who are considering becoming involved, Mr. Kordsmeier advises them to "see for themselves because the images on the TV are not the reality."



Kyle Kordsmeier, teacher & dean at Subiaco Academy

Summer travels to Spain and Jerusalem

June 2006 was an eventful time for Subiaco students when they went to Spain and to Jerusalem. Six Subiaco seniors (Jeff Thomas, Joe Thomas, Danny Adams, Alan Albert, B.J. Moore, and Nathan Willems) went to Alicante, while Cooper White (10) and Fr. Mark Stengel pilgrimaged to the Holy Land.

The students attended classes at the University of Alicante. The classes were like a college course and even counted for a semester of college credit. Outside the classroom, the students were still learning. The need to use the Spanish they had learned was never higher than on this trip. On every occasion, except for conversation with each other, the students had



Subiaco seniors in Spain with José Aznar, former Subiaco Spanish teacher

to use Spanish to interact in the new culture. While in Spain, the students stayed in the homes of two Argentinian families. The students had meals with the families. Albert said that the families were “really friendly.” Their experience in housing international students gave the Subi students relief.

There was much to do in Alicante. When they had free time the students spent their days at the beach. According to Moore “Alicante is a night city.”

The trip gave the students a wider view of the world. Moore said, “The trip made me see how the world works outside America.”

Late May and early June was the time for a different trip for several from the local area. Cooper White, Fr. Mark, and a couple of Subiaco oblates went to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage.

While in Israel, the group spent eight days (not including travel) visiting places of Biblical importance: Canaan, Nazareth, Bethlehem, the Jordan River, Mt. Tabor, Jerusa-

lem, the Wailing Wall and the house of the Last Supper. The trip was an eye opener for many. Much of the trip followed the path that Jesus took during his life and ministry.

The group also visited non-religious places like the Jewish Kibbutz of Nof Tavor, Caesarea. Near the Dead



Fr. Mark and Cooper White riding a camel

Sea, the group also visited the ruins of Kunran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

As Fr. Mark said, “Any Christian should try to make this trip some time in his life because it makes your faith come alive.”

Ricky Tang and Paul Noebels attend Lead America

Two seniors attended an international leadership-building program this summer. Ricky Tang from Zhahai, China, and Paul Noebels from Paris, AR, attended a ten-day Lead America program.

Lead America is an organization founded by Chris M. Salamone, a successful lawyer who wanted to help youth succeed. The program is designed to help middle school, high school and college-level students learn leadership in the career field of their choice. In the program, speakers from selected fields talked to the participants.

Noebels attended the Medicine and Healthcare program held July 28

– August 6 in New York. He attended classes and lectures on medical simulation, EMT skills instruction, leadership development classes, and medical school admission boards.

The July 14-July 23 conference that Tang attended in Boston focused on global business and entrepreneurship.

According to Tang, the program is a very international event. In his small group of 18 attendees, seven nations were represented. Over 300 attended the conference in Boston. Tang said, “I didn’t expect so many people. I had people from Africa, South America, and Asia in my group.” Tang attended leadership

development workshops, presentation skills, and new age business technology. His small group created a business plan outlining the goals for their new business, a magazine for teens.

Along with the lectures and seminars, attendees took field trips and sightseeing tours. Tang visited Harvard Business College and the Federal Reserve Bank. Noebels visited Mt. Sinai Medical School and the Statue of Liberty.

Tang said, “It was eye-opening and fun going to these places.”

With over eight sites and ten career fields, the program was considered a good opportunity by both Noebels and Tang.

Alumni

Alumni Reunions of years past

by Don Berend

What were the early meetings of the Subiaco Alumni Association like when compared to today's get-togethers? When Fr. Luke wrote the first constitution and by-laws for the association in 1913, the need for the group to be a support for the Academy and the Abbey and to foster fellowship among its graduates were the mainstays of the association, just as they are today.

From some of the reports sent out to monks working in parishes during those early days, we can get a glimpse of the kind of activities that were carried on at meetings.

Der Alumnverein: *Am 11. und 12. wurde von den alten Studenten die Subiaco Alumni Association gegründet. Fünf lange Monate hatte P. Lukas als Vorsteher des Präliminar-Komitees gearbeitet an den Konstitutionen und Entwürfen des zu werdenden Verbandes, sowie am Ausspüren und Einladen tauglicher alter Studenten.* Did I forget to mention that those reports in the *Der Klausner von Subiako* were in German, but thanks to Abbot Jerome's linguistic skills, we do have a translation? "On the 11th and 12th former students founded the Subiaco Alumni Association. For five long months had Father Luke, as chairman of the preliminary committee, worked on the constitution and designed the new organization, along with tracking down and inviting qualified former students."

June 1913

(pp. 36-37) On the 11th and 12th the former students met to found the Subiaco Alumni Association based on the work done by Father Luke. On the 10th the student brass band went down to the train station for a formal welcome. The fact that only two alumni arrived on that train did not bother the musicians. At noon on the 11th a preliminary meeting was held, and in the evening the dramatic club performed the play "Corner Store" for the alumni. On the 12th the Association was organized during two meetings with 40 candidates present. The various officers were elected and eventually 72 members joined. The Bishop telegraphed his blessing. A solemn Mass was held in the new west wing, and under the direction of Fr. Boniface, first Subiaco alumnus, various toasts were proclaimed to the present prosperity and the future happiness of the College. – *Vivat, floreat, crescat!!!* (May it live, flourish, and grow.)

Through the five years the reported agenda seems to remain the same. The band meets the train, Alums gather and tell stories, students perform a stage production, and at a meal many toasts are offered. In 1914 tours were given (sounds like reunions of the last few years).

The reports we have only give a brief title for the toast, but from those we imagine the explanations that followed. The longer the meal lasted, probably the longer the explanation. In 1914 toasts were offered as follows "Fr. Peter: 'The Organization, Fr. Luke: 'Education old and new time,' urging the classics; Joe Gatz: 'Business,' Prior Augustine: 'The classical studies as the best mental training.' The toasts continued in 1915 as follows, "Fr. Gregory: 'Elocution and the Alumni Medal,' Fr. Jerome: 'A model Graduate,' using Webster's definition: "A model is a little imitation of the real thing." The real thing he found in student Lips-meyer, 6 1/2 ft. tall and 200 pounds. Fr. Paul: 'Benedictines as Educators,' and lastly Fr. Prior: 'Hugh Benson,' the writer. 1916 brought more toasts, "Fr. Luke: 'Arkansas Then and Now,' Fr. Jerome: 'Shakespeare,' and Nick Eichen: 'My Classmates.'

Entertainment by the students seemed to be a highlight of the reunions. In 1913, in addition to the band performing, the dramatic club performed the play "Corner Store" for the Alumni. In 1915 the three-act play "Vacation" was presented. 1916 and 1917 saw Shakespeare presented in the form of "Macbeth" and "King Lear" respectively.

Two of the early monks who seemed hits at these reunions were Fr. Luke and Fr. Boniface. Fr. Luke, who worked on the formation of the organization in 1915, explained that he would not comment of the war (World War I) because "Sallust is no help, Xenophon speaks only of retreat, and Fr. Luke himself knows nothing of finance, and is neither a soldier nor an insurance agent." Fr. Boniface seemed to always be good for a surprise. In 1915 he had on display one of his new creations, a mobile chicken coop, set up for advertisement in North Park. The 1916 newsletter notes that the arrival of Fr. Boniface, first Subiaco Alumnus, meant there would be fireworks at the meeting the next day.

Today reunions are held after the students leave campus, so we don't have them to provide entertainment, and our meals lack the formality of toasts, but the spirit remains the same. The association is still a strong supporter of the school and offers an opportunity for fraternal fellowship.



A 1917 Alumni Reunion photo from our archives

Mike Mangione

When Mike Mangione took over the reins as president of the Alumni Association this past year, he was just broadening the scope of the activities he is involved in at the Academy. He has worked with summer camp for 11 years and for the last 3 years he has been the Chairman of the Summer Camp Committee. Under his guidance and innovative programs camp has thrived, and this past summer's camp had the largest attendance ever. He is now talking about extending camp for an extra week.

He has served on the Alumni Board for 5 years and has worked on a number of its projects. Now he has added to his titles, "father of a student," as he enrolled his son Dominic as a freshman for the fall semester.

Mike and his wife Robin live in Fayetteville, AR, with their son, Dominic. Mike is employed by Northwest Health System and Robin is an emer-



Alumni Board President Mangione

gency room doctor at Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital.

When they are not on the road to and from Subiaco, they enjoy sailing on Beaver Lake in their 34 ft. sailboat, *The Bella Luna*. They have been gracious enough to host outings on *The Bella Luna* as prizes for Academy events.

Obituaries

Martin Ashour '39 died in Oak Harbor, Washington, on August 5, 2006. After service in the U.S. Army Air Corps, he taught and coached at Subiaco and at Laneri High School. He is survived by children Daniel Ashour and Debbie Anderson; five grandchildren; sisters Agnes Kennedy, Sister Rose Ashour O.S.B., and Barbara Chrisman; and brother, Paul Ashour.

Clarence Yeager '39 died in Mesa, AZ, on February 5, 2006. He is survived by his wife Evelyn.

Clarence Beumer '35 passed away recently at the age of 93.

Eugene (Blaise) Baltz died on April 15, 2006, in the Corpus Christi area. He was ordained at Subiaco in 1955 and served at the Abbey and at Corpus Christi until 1968. He is survived by his wife Ruth; stepchildren, Dottie Glaze, Debbie Jackson, and Scott Braslau; brothers and sisters, Mary Ernestine Mcguire, Kay Brannon and Richard, Antone and Steve Baltz; two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Colby Mitchell '90 died August 13, 2006, of a heart attack.

Jerry Ahlert '45 died July 11, 2006, in Ft. Smith, AR. He was a member of the Holy Name Society, the UTC Club and Cursillo, a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and retired manager of Petit Jean Lumber Co. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; three daughters, Susan Holtz, Sara Hattabough, and Sharon Tate; six sons, Stephen, Greg, Allen, Mark, Jeff and Tom; three sisters, Betty Hoover, Rosemary Lelemisis and Ginger Georgie; a brother, Ray; 26 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



A gathering of almost 120 Alumni and family enjoyed the culinary skills of Mike Mangione and his crew at the annual tailgate party preceding the football game with Dover. The crowd feasted on hamburgers and hot dogs under the pines adjacent to the parking lot.

Where are they now?

A. J. Fredrich '57 has come out of retirement to assist in developing new flood hazard maps reflecting the flood levels experienced as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in southern Louisiana. He is also presenting an eight-week program entitled "Sacred Sounds in Sacred Spaces" on liturgical music in medieval European abbeys, churches and cathedrals as part of an interdenominational educational program in Little Rock.

Roger Lisko '91 and his son, Subiaco class of 2021, were on the sidelines during the 27-0 victory over Dover.

Keith Harmon '03, according to *The Green Sheet*, the Lyon College Online Newsletter, participated in a Lyon Moot Court Team debate as part of a Constitution Day program. They debated NSA's wiretapping policy.

Major Arthur Didion '82 is at Montgomery, Alabama, at Maxwell Air Force Base attending Air Staff and Command College working on a Masters degree in Military Operations. The curriculum involves leadership, culture, a foreign language (Arabic), world politics and military operations. He says he wishes the language could have been French, then he could have put to use something he learned at Subi.

David Geis '72 wrote, "Since my retirement, I have enjoyed a full life with my wife and my family. I am still teaching at Sears Driving School."

Jason and Felicia Gehrig '89, lay missionaries in Bolivia, were featured in a two-page article in the 2006 issue of *Oye!* magazine.

Justin Cope '95 is currently living in Fayetteville, AR, working for a land surveyor as head CAD Technician. He recently married Maegen Lindsay and will be relocating in Kingwood, TX.

Fr. Jeremy Myers '74 was spotted near the Coury House recently. He had come to visit Fr. Hilary.

Greg Ayd't '72, visited with Frs. Camillus, Hugh and Abbot Jerome in July. An Arkansan since 1993, he now resides in Mountain View, AR.

John Rowley '44 sent a historical note telling of activity at the Abbey during World War I: "Army troops inspected the abbey to be assured that there were no cannons on the roof as reported by locals who were concerned that the German speaking Swiss monks were in the Kaiser's thrall. Downspouts, the 'canons' turn out to be. Water canons?"

Dr. William Lawbaugh '60 of Virginia and Pennsylvania is presently in Canterbury, England, enjoying "tea but no scones, just tiny sandwiches and shortbread cookies" and visiting the Thomas Beckett Pub.

Dave Lensing '99 married Stacie Burrow, July 22, 2006, in the Abbey Church. **Newt Koch '99** was the "best man."

Joe Weisbrod '87 after spending several years with The Brink's Company, a global security and logistics company, as an internal auditor has accepted a position with a Dallas-based chemical company in finance management. His new job requires him to travel in Canada and Europe.

Jim Narens '92, a nationally-ranked fencer, recently competed in a tournament in Atlanta. **Pete '78**, Jim's uncle, is also into fencing, but the kind one finds in the backyard.

Daniel Schmitt '79, a computer programmer in St. Louis, and family, toured campus with Br. Jude in July.

Matt and Mary Stengel '99 welcomed their first child, Emily Terèse, on June 10, 2006.

Mike and Melissa Walter '88 welcomed a baby girl Lexie Ryan Walter into the world August 15, 2006.

Arkansas House Speaker **Benny Petrus '75** has appointed **Abbot Jerome '57** Chaplain for the coming session of the State House of Representatives, beginning in January.

Tommy Scott '90 has left his family's business and is opening a specialty-coating company. His wife owns a franchise, Edible Arrangements, which makes specialty fruit baskets and gifts. Tommy and his wife have three sons, Griffin 6, Elliot 3, and Oliver 1.

Denis Wewers '55 and his wife Molly have been touring Ireland. He says it has been quite an experience driving on the wrong side of the road, steering from the wrong side of the car and shifting with the left hand. They have seen a number of old monasteries and no snakes. St. Patrick apparently was very effective.

Steve Susi '70, Anthony Susi '89, Greg Gormley '92 and Charles Carpenter '89 got together before the Ohio State Buckeyes- Texas Longhorn game. Besides reminiscing and seeing what a difference a few years makes, they heard about Greg's colossal play against former US Open tennis champion Andy Roddick. Greg is still awaiting word when Andy's racket will be repaired.

Chef Drew Daniel '76 provided steaks, chicken, and all the trimmings for the football Trojans August 3 at the Lake Dardanelle campsite; **Joe Spivey '77** provided hours of patient water skiing instruction for the same group.

Kyle Kordsmeier '02, now a Dean and teacher in the Academy, **Andrew Arbogast '03** and **Patrick Hickney '04** were spotted reminiscing after the Senior Ring Ceremony August 20, 2006. The latter two rejoiced with their brothers as members of the class of 2007. Andrew is in his last year at Northwest Missouri State University holding the position of Cadet Major in ROTC, and upon graduation will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Eric Tsai '01 is described in an article "Asia Best 20 Young Entrepreneurs under 25" August 21, 2006, issue of Business Week Online as follows: "talk about a global mindset, Tsai was born in Taiwan, attended high school in the U.S., and picked up a degree at Sophia University in Japan. (Yes he is fluent in Chinese, Japanese and English).

Tony and Mary Beth Passarella '65 were blessed with their first granddaughter August 1, 2006. She will be baptized at St. Bernard Abbey in Alabama.

Development

Development Director's Message

On a recent Sunday I took five students with me to visit and have lunch with Mrs. Betty Hampel of Benton, AR. Betty and her husband, the late Carl E. Hampel, set up five scholarships that are offered to students of Subiaco Academy who have demonstrated during a previous year of schooling at Subiaco that they meet several criteria set up by the Hampels. In setting up the scholarships, Carl described the type of student he wanted to help as being an average student who wants a good education.

This year's recipients of the Carl and Betty Hampel scholarships are: Baykal Altiner (11), Samuel Gulutzto (10), Jude Ruesewald (10), Joshua Stewart (10), and Benjamin Harrison (12). We all enjoyed a nice pizza lunch

with Mrs. Hampel and several of her family members and they got a chance to meet the young men who are benefiting from their support.

Currently efforts are being made at Subiaco to create more scholarships that can be offered to worthy students who might otherwise not be able to benefit from an education at Subiaco Academy. Many current alumni can look back and see that their education at Subiaco helped prepare them for the work they have been engaged in throughout their lives. And they are eager to help provide that opportunity for the young men of today. The Fr. Harold Heiman scholarship, which we announced some 4 months ago and which has reached \$186,000.00, is a recent example of this effort. We

feel that this scholarship will be able to reach its stated goal of \$250,000.00.

One of our goals over the next three years is to create at least 2 more such scholarships. In the past, Subiaco Academy has relied more on the abundance of free monk teachers rather than trying to increase its endowment. We know well that we cannot continue to do so in the future. The way we see it now, the Academy and the students of the future will more and more depend on the endowment that we set up at this time.

Other similar schools of our size look to have endowments in excess of \$10 million. Subiaco's "endowment" has been its monks. But as we know, we have fewer monks today. We hope and pray for a time when this trend will reverse itself, but for now we must prepare for the future that we have.

And indeed that is what we have been doing. Through the help of many alumni and friends of Subiaco, our endowment has increased by nearly \$2 million over the last 4 years. This has not happened by accident. Some of this increase has been through increased donations, but a significant part of it has come about as a result of the careful managing of the funds we have available by reducing expenses and watching over budgets.

It would not be fair for us to ask you to help us if we were not willing to do our share in seeing that the funds we have available are used to the absolute best of our ability.

Thank you and God Bless You.

Fr. Richard Wajda



L-R; Benjamin Harrison, Baykal Altiner, Joshua Stewart, Samuel Gulutzto & Jude Ruesewald presenting a plaque to Mrs. Betty Hampel.

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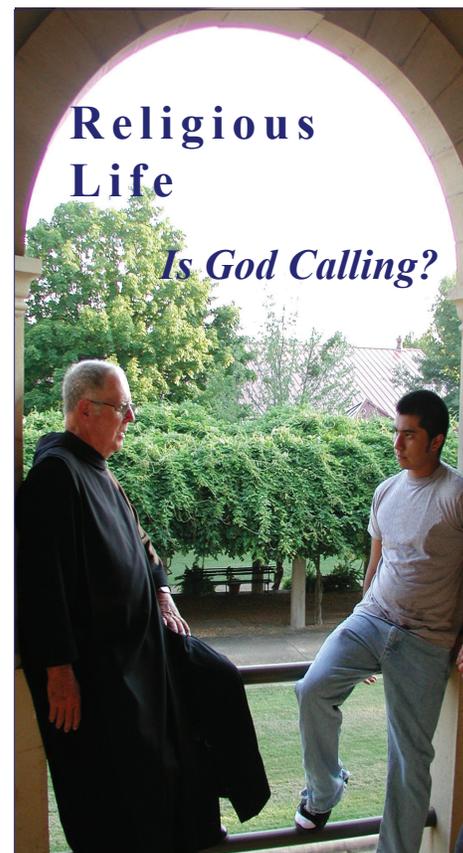


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11 Away We Go Tour
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- 1-3 Dan Egan
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8-10 St. James Episcopal
31 New Year's Evening of Recollection

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