



The Blue Jay



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HOMECOMING 2016



Jesuit High School's 2016-17 Homecoming Court was presented during the halftime festivities at Tad Gormley Stadium on Oct. 7 during the homecoming game against the John Curtis Patriots. Reigning on the court were, from left: freshman/sophomore couple Jila Azimi and Chance McGee; senior couples Alli Periloux and Jacob Marshall, Aleia St. Germain and Mack Miller, Ivana Thompson (Queen) and Liam Crane, Madison Brayton and Christian Crout, and Peyton Miller and Karl Hoefer (standing in for Patrick Spiers); and junior couple Laurel Mixon and David Gravolet.

National Merit Semifinalists named

Jesuit's 22 scholars among highest ranked in Louisiana

By Philip Hourguettes
Features Editor

Once again, Jesuit scholars have led the way in Louisiana, earning nearly two dozen spots among the nation's National Merit Semifinalists.

Each year, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation identifies a select number of students from around the United States as National Merit Semifinalists.

The students gain this honor by achieving the highest scores in their junior year on the PSAT standardized test, administered by the College Board. The winning Blue Jays scored between 214 and 226 on the test last year. (The cutoff varies by state from year-to-year.)

This honor is further used by many colleges and universities for recruitment and automatic scholarship considerations. Of the approximately 1.6 million students who take the PSAT each year, only about 16,000 are selected at National Merit Semifinalists.

The following 22 Blue Jay seniors achieved this prestigious honor:

Samy Amkieh, Maxfield Bell, Troy Broussard, Graham Buck, Christopher Chimento, William Fine, Nikhil Gogineni, Christian Gonzalez, Christian Hebert, William Hillery, Brandon Jackson, Ethan Legrand, Noah Martin, Dylan Meyer, John Quaglini, John Redfearn, Keegan Rooney, Andrew Souther, John Steib, Jonathan Vegh, Preston Warwick, and



Jesuit produced 22 National Merit Semifinalists this year, nearly 20 percent of the total across Louisiana. They are among the 1 percent of high school seniors across the country to earn the title.

Alexander Welsh.

Six seniors also were named as National Hispanic Scholars: Eric Espinal, Philip Hourguettes, Christian Marks, along with

Broussard, Gonzalez and Hebert.

These elite Semifinalists are further eligible to apply for finalist status, narrowing the national number down to about 7,500,

who will receive more than \$30 million in scholarships.

Congratulations to these Blue Jay scholars for their tremendous accomplishments.

Jesuit remains major influence in surgeon's life

Lessons learned carry on, 2016 Alumnus of Year says

By Dominic Salomone
Staff Writer

Although Jesuit alumni number in the tens of thousands, and rank among the most successful members of society, only a select group have been named Alumnus of the Year, serving with special distinction both the school and their community.

To those illustrious ranks, we can now add Dr. Warren R. Bourgeois III, Class of 1974.

He was awarded the 2016 honor at this year's Homecoming Mass celebrated in the Chapel of the North American Martyrs on Oct. 1.

"Jesuit High School has been one of the foundations of my life's work," he said after being told of the honor. "Jesuit gave me a solid educational background, the mental discipline, and the organizational skills that allowed me to excel academically in college and medical school.

"My experience as a student with the Thanksgiving drive and senior service project helped form my compas-

sion for those in need of my medical talents," he added.

In the four decades since his graduation from Jesuit, Bourgeois has hardly stopped. He received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering at Tulane University, and went on to enroll in that prestigious School of Medicine, earning his medical degree in 1982.

He saw it all working his internship at the old Charity Hospital, and then focused his residency in orthopedic surgery, which remains his specialty today.

Bourgeois is on the staff at Ochsner Baptist Medical Center, East Jefferson General Hospital, and the Jefferson Ambulatory Surgical Center. In addition to his practice at Audubon Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, he dedicated himself to Blue Jay athletes as Jesuit's team physician for 21 years.

Bourgeois also served the nation as an officer of the U.S. Air Force and was deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm.

Although he said that he does recognize the effect of all of those experiences, he maintains none have made



For Dr. Warren Bourgeois, Class of 1974, a life of service began with the lessons he learned at Jesuit. Seen here in the Holy Name Chapel, the 2016 Alumnus of the Year was a major benefactor for the renovation of the sacred space.

as great an impact on his life as Jesuit High School.

Looking back, he explained what his time at Carrollton and Banks was like. Of course he started on discipline, the all-encompassing feature in every Jesuit student's mind. If one can fathom it, discipline, he said, was harsher when he attended.

He also recalled traditions that continue today – pep rallies, assembly, and senior priority in the lunch line, to name just a few. Some traditions, however, have disappeared over the years, including a senior-only lunch line, parades (or really processions) to and from all football games, and a separate winter uniform.

Looking at the changed campus itself today also stirred memories. He noted that the area once known as "the basement" is now the Student Commons and

first-floor classrooms. And what he once knew as a large lot of asphalt is now Will Clark Field.

Despite all these changes, however, he said Jesuit essentially has stayed the same, with a focus on forming the student religiously and academically in preparation for a more meaningful life.

He believes so deeply in Jesuit that he sent his son, Jason, here in 1999. Proud of his son's academic achievements, he still sees the impact Jesuit has on its students.

After acting as the football team's orthopedic doctor until 2012, Bourgeois and his wife, Dr. Usha Ramadhyani Bourgeois, decided to try something new. They began going on regular medical missionary trips to Central and South America to bring care to the impoverished.

Bourgeois also has served on the New Orleans Medical Mission Services advisory board.

Bourgeois and his wife also have been strong supporters of efforts to improve the physical campus at Jesuit. They became leading benefactors in the campaign to renovate the Holy Name Chapel, making a significant donation for the beautiful stained glass dome in the center of the chapel.

It is clear that Bourgeois's life was heavily influenced by Jesuit and continues to be.

His service of both country and people won him this honor; and, although lunches are no longer 25 cents and we now have first-floor classrooms, he still recognizes the same essential Ignatian components that were instilled in him during his time here.

NHS scholars committed to service



A Blue Jay works on tying his tie before the formal induction ceremony for the Jesuit chapter of the National Honor Society, which was held last month. The Society welcomed 44 seniors and 105 juniors into its ranks.

By Dominic Salomone
Staff Writer

The National Honor Society is one of the most prestigious academic associations in the United States and at Jesuit High School.

Each year, it inducts those students who both excel academically and embody the phrase "men for others."

On Sept. 22, 44 seniors and 105 juniors were inducted into the society.

Founded in 1921, the National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding students.

This year, these inductees

will work dozens of projects including tutoring kids at Esperanza, the grade school next door to Jesuit, as well as offering tutoring sessions to their fellow Blue Jays at lunchtime.

Other projects include organizing the two annual blood drives, making up a huge part of the Walk Against ALS, and even acting as student guides during such events as the Parent's Schedule Night and Open House.

This year's induction ceremony began with Presentation of Colors from the MCJROTC and a touching opening prayer from Fr. Anthony McGinn, S.J., president of Jesuit High School.

It went on to welcome the inductees and, with senior members at the head, describe the cri-

teria for membership.

Scholarship, leadership, service, and character were all defined in depth by seniors Luke Lingle, Ean Neyrey, Nikhil Gogeneni and Andrew Souther.

Afterward, Fr. McGinn presented membership certificates to each of the proud inductees.

To conclude the ceremony, Lingle lead the new members in the NHS Pledge, and with a few more notes from Principal Peter Kernion and Amy Tassin, the society's co-moderator, the inductees made their way to the Commons for the reception.

Congratulations to the 149 new National Honor students, and good luck in the good work they will perform.

Rapping with new Campus Minister

By John Kling
Staff Writer

Teacher Feature

Among the new members of the faculty this year is Peter Flores, the new director of Campus Ministry. Flores arrives at Jesuit most recently from Mount Carmel High School, but he's no stranger to life at Carrollton and Banks.

A member of the Class of 2009, he now works as a colleague with many faculty members who were previously his teachers. He spent some time speaking with *The Blue Jay*, often with a tongue-in-cheek sense of humor, about his own personal homecoming.

The Blue Jay: "So, how did it feel to come back to Jesuit, a place that has meant so much to you?"

Peter Flores: "I feel really excited about coming back. It's a true honor to be back at the school which impacted my life in such a positive way and gave me so many great memories."

TBJ: "How did Jesuit mold you into a young man?"

PF: "Oh gosh, Jesuit did so much for me and my growth. It laid down a great spiritual foundation and philosophical framework to understand the world as a whole and my place in it. And most of that growth was thanks to Fr. Fitzgerald, who taught me Latin when I was a student."

TBJ: "How was the transition coming from Mount Carmel to Jesuit?"

PF: "In terms of teaching, nothing changed at all. It's been more lighthearted because I get to



Campus Minister Peter Flores addresses the freshmen class during its evening of reflection earlier this semester. It wasn't that long ago, Flores remembers, when he was a student sitting in the auditorium or in the classrooms in which the 2009 graduate now teaches.

Staff photo by Richi Fernando

make fun of students in class if they are not behaving."

TBJ: "How was the transition from coaching girls to coaching boys?"

PF: "It's always tough being demoted, or fired. I'm really distraught to be the assistant to the assistant coach after being the head coach last year. I accept my lowly role. But seriously, I feel honored to work with great coaches like Coach Horvath and Coach Bohn."

TBJ: "Who was your favorite teacher?"

PF: "Mr. Harry Clark, one of my science teachers."

TBJ: "What's your favorite quote from a teacher?"

PF: "It has to be, 'We're going to go at a medium pace,' from Coach Kernion."

TBJ: "How does organizing retreats affect you, having gone on Kairos and other retreats when you were a student?"

PF: "I think it's great that I can be involved with Campus Ministry and help others find the same love of God which I found on my retreats."

TBJ: "What activities did you participate in during your time at Jesuit?"

PF: "I was the president of the Pro-Life Club, a member of Student Council executive board, and Sodality, a professional Mr. Rogers and Joker impersonator, and the captain of the cross country team when we won two state titles."

TBJ: "Rumors have floated around of you releasing a rap album during your Jesuit career. Is this true, and if so, rate it on a scale of 1 to 10."

PF: "It's true. The project was

really bad. I did those things, I said those things. I guess I can live with that."

TBJ: "What's your rap name?"

PF: "No comment."

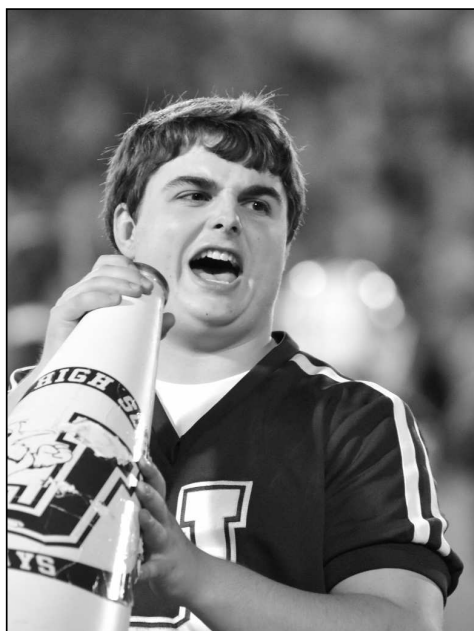
TBJ: "Who are some of your biggest influences for your rap career?"

PF: "A Tribe Called Quest and Lil Yachty."

TBJ: "Who are you voting for in this year's presidential election?"

PF: "Dan DiRosa/Ron Rossi

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For cheerleading team captain Cal Adams, leadership in the Jesuit community means getting Blue Jays fired up for big games.

Staff photo by Wesley Bennett Faust

Cal Adams takes a cheerful approach to leadership

By Hunter Tracey
Staff Writer

Cal Adams might be one of the best embodiments of Blue Jay spirit. A dedicated cheerleader for four years, he is the team's captain. He also is a leader of the entire student body.

During football games and pep rallies, Cal involves the whole student body by teaching cheers, starting the wave, or beginning an impromptu Blue Jay clap at assembly.

Adams, who is now a senior, came to Jesuit for its academic prestige and the influence it had on his father, an alumnus. Upon arriving at Carrollton and Banks, Cal immediately found a niche within Jesuit's many clubs and organizations. In fact, he found "so many great things about Jesuit" that he could not choose a single favorite activity.

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He has especially enjoyed being a cheerleader, an interest that requires him to learn many difficult routines. The hardest cheer routine to master, he said, was the "Liberty," a stunt in which Cal must fully extend his arms to hold up a female cheerleader. The result resembles the Statue of Liberty, giving the routine its name. Cal says that although he has the necessary strength for the Liberty, the technique is difficult to master.

In addition to cheering, Adams is dedicated to helping fellow students in as many ways as possible. He said his participation with two groups — Peer Support and Student to Student — have helped him do that.

Cal has a plan for the remainder of the school year. He hopes to get underclassmen more

involved during games, lead the student section in the absence of the cheerleading team, and read the morning announcements on game day.

Adams plans to attend the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he will major in Educational Counseling so that he can eventually pursue a career in social work. Such a career, he hopes, could have him returning to Jesuit one day.

"It's possible that I could come back as a counselor or a coach (for cheerleading)," he said. He also hopes to have "the opportunity to give a speech as an alumnus" and attend football and basketball games whenever possible.

Cal's overarching message to the Blue Jay community is to "stick with it."

"Go to all of the games. The more people that go to the games, the more likely the players are to succeed."



Members of the Komenka Ethnic Dance and Music Ensemble, including computer science teacher Charles Bourg, fourth from left, participated in a series of folklore festival in Bulgaria and Germany this summer, narrowly escaping the attempted military coup in Istanbul, Turkey.

Dancers, musicians with Jesuit links caught up in international intrigue

By John Howell
Staff Writer

People do not think the unimaginable will happen to them. But the inescapable truth is that unimaginable things do happen.

This summer, several Jesuit dancers and musicians experienced something more along the lines of a Jason Bourne thriller than a musical comedy — an attempted military coup in a foreign country.

The Komenka Ethnic Dance and Music Ensemble, a New Orleans-based troupe celebrating traditional cultures from across the globe, traveled to Turkey and eastern Europe this summer to perform in several major world folk festivals. The company includes Jesuit faculty members Kate Arthurs-Goldberg, Charles Bourg and Allie Timberlake, as well as former students and Philelectic Society members Dominic Lloyd and Colin Phillips.

The company was touring Turkey and on its way to Bulgaria in July when the Turkish military attempted to overthrow President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

These members from our community arrived in Istanbul on July 14, to perform with Komenka's program of displaying American dance and song, ranging from jazzy suites to Appalachian twang, but focusing heavily on Louisiana's own special tunes.

The troupe had toured Turkey before and despite fears of international terrorism, Arthurs-Goldberg, the speech teacher and director of the Phils, noted that the people they always encountered have been friendly and welcoming.

"I felt safe. These were kind



Kate Arthurs-Goldberg, outside of the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, was one of the singers with the Komenka ensemble. Despite the attempted overthrow of the government, she said she and the other members of the troupe felt safe on their journey.

people, and it was all meticulously clean," she said of the city, which the group toured freely.

"We went to mosques, to markets, to all these tourist places," said Bourg, computer studies teacher. He also noted a general safe feeling.

So after a day of sightseeing, they all retired to bed and set out the next day, ready to cross the border into Bulgaria.

Although normally, the drive into Bulgaria, where Komenka would perform at the first festival, is brief, the buses were soon halted. As far as Bourg and Arthurs-Goldberg could tell, no one seemed terribly concerned. The cars were merely delayed, and the people showed no great signs of worry. In fact, as they waited, the performers and locals even danced and sang together.

But suddenly, the merriment ceased. The bus drivers rushed everyone back on board. The gridlock began clearing but there was no longer a carefree mood. The drivers seemed tense, though no one was sure why, as the drivers spoke limited English.

Late in evening, perhaps

early the next morning, the Komenka group finally arrived in Bulgaria. Cellphones went off wildly. Since first entering the buses, Internet access was now available. Floods of messages, calls, and emails poured in inquiring of their safety: "Are you safe?" "What happened?" "Was anyone hurt?"

Much to everyone on the tour's surprise, a coup d'état had begun while they were on the road. Istanbul and all the rest of Turkey were in a state of emergency. The New Orleansians had crossed the border in the nick of time, or so it seemed.

Arthurs-Goldberg was certain the drivers had struck some sort of deal with border patrol. But whether by luck or the sly goodness of the drivers, they were safe, though there was some concern as to the well-being of the driver's family.

But as quickly as the attempted coup began, it was over just like that. And the Komenka group arrived at their venue, albeit late. They had

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Environmental Club sees care for earth as spiritual work

By Jonny Morse
Staff Writer

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of the Month

Finally, be aware of where the products you purchase come from. Are they from a sweatshop in some foreign country whose workers are underpaid?

If we look at the world from a scientific point of view, we are not doing so well. Disasters like oil spills, garbage patches, and air pollution, could be reduced or even avoided if green alternatives are promoted. Wastelands with toxic chemicals for instance are hurting communities and polluting the world. These could be prevented but are not.

Stewardship of the earth is a core component of what makes a good Christian. In his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis explains how we should wake up and see the dangers of destroying the environment, because we are part of that environment.

Also now part of the Environmental Club, the Urban Farming Club, under the leadership of senior Josh Harper, tries to implement the goodness of going green on a specifically local scale.

The group cultivates a garden, which creates a renewable resource for the school community and inspires positive local action about food access.

Through nurturing the grounds just steps away from Will Clark Field, the young farmers hope to produce enough fruits, vegetables and herbs to either donate to local charities or improve the supply of organic produce for the school cafeteria.

If you are passionate about helping the environment, or just want to learn more about how to recycle or grow some plants, check out the Environmental Club.

The Environmental Club might not be considered a co-curricular like Student Campus Ministry or the Sodality. Its mission, however, is deeply rooted in our faith, and is even backed up by Pope Francis.

Created in the image and likeness of God, we have been given the responsibility for caring for God's green earth. Through the Environmental Club, which has united the Green Club and the Urban Farming Club, we can actively work to fulfill that role. The group's main goal is to foster environmentalism at Jesuit through both recycling and urban farming.

Environmental Science teacher Andrew Lade is the club's moderator. He said that the club teaches that helping and protecting the earth also can benefit people — economically, legally, scientifically, and socially.

Lade said the club's philosophy goes beyond recycling pickups. The Environmental Club hopes to change the way Blue Jays view many aspects of their lives.

We should be aware of consumer labels, what we eat, the utilization of certain products and wasteful products, and inhumane methods of production. What we put into our body makes us who we are, and having an unhealthy lifestyle can affect us through current health issues like high blood pressure, food allergies, eating disorders, and even cancer.

Rather than purchasing plastic and disposable items, we should instead use items that are durable, helping the earth by not using wasteful products that harm it.

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2016 #change."

TBJ: "What are you watching on Netflix right now?"

PF: "Broadchurch and Black Books."

TBJ: "Who's your favorite character on *The Office*?"

PF: "Nate."

TBJ: "Who's your favorite band?"

PF: "Radiohead, and I saw them at Bonnaroo 2006, probably the best concert I've ever been to."

TBJ: "Who's your favorite Pope?"

PF: "Pope Benedict XVI. On second thought, it's Peter."

TBJ: "Who's your favorite Jesuit?"

PF: "St. John Berchmans."

TBJ: "Since you also studied at the University of Notre Dame, do you prefer the north or the south?"

PF: "South ... Bend."

TBJ: "Last question, one that's been on everyone's mind since you became the new Campus Minister: Why do you aggressively try to be Mr. Reuther?"

PF: "Who? Never heard of him."

Picking the best bands to see at Voodoo Fest

By Palmer Montalbano
Staff Writer

As Halloween weekend arrives, music-loving Blue Jays start asking, "Who are the best artists to see at Voodoo Fest this year?" Well look no further, for the *The Blue Jay* has rated the best of this year's lineup at the annual Voodoo Music + Arts Experience in City Park.

A top contender for the No. 1 performance in this year's festival is predicted to be Cage the Elephant, a band formed in 2006 that plays songs ranging from classic rock, funk, punk rock, and blues.

With their most recent album released in 2015, Cage the Elephant is an up-and-coming band with popular songs such as "Ain't No Rest for the Wicked" and "In One Ear." The group consistently performs electrifying concerts at many festivals. The high energy levels of this band should create one of the best per-



Cage the Elephant, a band with styles ranging from classic rock to blues, is expected to be one of the top acts at the annual Voodoo Music + Arts Experience held in City Park over Halloween weekend.

formances at Voodoo.

Another music group proven to be particularly popular at festivals is the DJ duo, The Chainsmokers.

With various edits of quality music made by other artists, the Chainsmokers are guaranteed to highlight a favorite song of almost any listener. Combined

with the extremely energetic pace of the beats in the edits, they are guaranteed to appeal to a large, lively audience. Their newest song, "Closer," has peaked at No.

1 on the U.S. Hot 100.

The Weeknd, expected to attract a significant crowd when performing Friday, is a must-see for young audiences today. With many hit songs such as "The Hills" and "Can't Feel My Face," Weeknd is a current, popular artist that connects well with today's society. For those who like Kanye West, Drake, and Future, Weeknd will be the favorite performance of the festival.

The last must-see performance is Arcade Fire, the indie rock band from Canada. This band features guitar, drums, bass guitar, piano, violin, viola, cello, double bass, xylophone, glockenspiel, keyboard, synthesizer, French horn, accordion, harp, mandolin, and the hurdy-gurdy! The artists are multi-instrumentalists who switch instruments throughout the performance. Each of their four albums has been nominated for a Grammy, so the music should be well performed.

Turkey

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escaped narrowly, but following their performances in they still had to return to Turkey to depart back to New Orleans.

The tour was a rousing success as Komenka performed in festivals in Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria, and in Ribnitz-Damgarten, Germany. The festivals they joined in are part of the International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals, a UNESCO partner whose mission is to foster peace and human respect across nations through such cultural exchanges.

Following the two-week tour, the group returned to Istanbul. It had changed. The atmosphere of the vibrant hub—a city that for thousands of years has been a crossroads of the world—had died down.

"There was a noticeable police presence that time

around," Bourg recalled. But what stuck out to many was the ardent display of the Turkish flag. Every building displayed it, the red and white of the banner drenching the streets. The flags lined the sidewalks, dotted little crannies, and was ever present.

Arthurs-Goldberg recalled the powerful sight as a display of pride, though there was some question as to the motives of the flag-bearers.

"You could question whether or not it was patriotism," Bourg said. "Just the whole thing had an eerie feel to it."

Their return stay in the city was uneventful, and while their experience might turn some away from wanting to return, most of the Komenka performers said they enjoyed their time in Turkey and never felt truly endangered, and would readily return.

Upon safely arriving home this summer, the troupe has one new bit of adventurous folklore to add to its repertoire.

Dancing Back to School!



More than a thousand Blue Jays and girls invited from area schools celebrated the start of the new academic year with the annual Back to School Dance. Despite a raindrop or two, the weather held up nicely as the event, held Sept. 17, filled the Traditions Courtyard with music, fun and snowballs!

HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT!

Celebrate this Halloween with a costume contest and "Toy Story of Terror!" and "Lights Out"

Admission is free!

Popcorn and beverages will be sold

Put together a creative, spooky, funny, or imaginative costume
(Homemade or bought, keep it in good taste)

Jesuit Auditorium
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Hard fought homecoming game falls to John Curtis

**Record at 4-4
as season
finale nears**

By Matthew Valerio
Staff Writer

If the celebration of Homecoming wasn't enough, Tad Gormley Stadium was filled with an atmosphere of excitement in anticipation for the rematch of the 2014 State Championship game.

The Jesuit Blue Jays, ranked 28th in the state, faced off against the second-ranked John Curtis Patriots.

While the Jays were going in as the underdog, hopes were high as the team entered the field coming off a 38-0 shutout of Holy Cross.

"There's definitely some nerves going into the game," senior tight end Marshall Lee said. "Curtis will be the best team we face this year. But, there's even more excitement. We want to show our fans that we can get better even after last week's strong performance."

A powerful John Curtis team, however, continued its dominant unbeaten streak, defeating Jesuit 14-7 in a hard-fought game.

Under the bright lights in City Park on Oct. 7, the "Gizzard" student section was buzzing with enthusiasm as the first quarter became a battle of defenses as neither team gave up much ground. It was clear that it would be a low-scoring game.

By the second quarter, senior quarterback Denny McGinnis led a commanding drive, ending with a six-yard touchdown pass to Lee. A few drives later, the John



During halftime ceremonies at the Jesuit-John Curtis football game, Jesuit's president, Fr. Anthony McGinn, S.J., crowned Ivana Thompson as the queen of the Homecoming Court. Thompson is a senior at Mount Carmel Academy and was escorted by senior Liam Crane.

Curtis quarterback made the mistake of throwing the ball in the direction of ball-hawking safety Matthew McMahon, resulting in an interception for the Jays. Jesuit was unable to score the rest of the second half, but the defense held strong, leaving the Jays up 7-0 at the half.

The Jays carried their momentum from the first half into the second. Everything seemed to be going Jesuit's way when senior Bryce Musso caught a 73-yard touchdown pass. However, this was negated by a holding penalty. The offense seemed deflated after this and did not score the rest of the game.

Meanwhile, the Patriots displayed their dominant running game, rushing for two touchdowns making their lead 14-7.

Unable to come back from this deficit, the game ended with the Jays' record now at 3-3 for

the season.

Despite this loss, fans have many reasons to be hopeful for the remainder of the season. The main talking point of the season so far has been the vast improvement of defense. Last season, the Jays gave up an average of 25 points per game, but this year's team is on track, limiting that number to a mere 12 points per game.

Leading the defense has been defensive lineman Nathan Farley, safety McMahon, and linebacker Cameron Crozier, all of whom are seniors. Crozier attributes the strong defensive play to having "a lot more experience this year compared to last year's team."

"Seniors have really stepped up this season, Crozier said. "I think we're setting a good example for the rest of the team." Crozier has been having a stand-

out season, totaling a team high 80 tackles and five sacks.

Special teams play also has been strong this year. Senior kicker Jake Chanove has been successful on nine out of 11 field goals with a long of 42 yards.

Offensive play is a work in progress but getting stronger. Strong performances against Holy Cross and Escambia have displayed the full force of the Jesuit offense, putting up 38 and 34 points, respectively. At its best, Jesuit brings a dual threat to its opponents in the form of quarterbacks McGinnis and Alex Watermeier hitting favorite receivers Musso and Ashton Loria, along with the powerful downhill running of senior Connor Prouet.

Musso, who leads the team in receptions and receiving yards, said, "We perform our best offensively, as we did against Holy

SEASON SCOREBOARD

vs. Warren Easton (Sept. 1)
WIN 13-6

vs. St. Paul's (Sept. 9)
LOSS 13-10

vs. Escambia (Sept. 16)
WIN 34-13

vs. St. Augustine (Sept. 23)
LOSS 27-23

vs. Holy Cross (Sept. 30)
WIN 38-0

vs. John Curtis (Oct. 7)
LOSS 14-7

vs. Rummel (Oct. 15)
LOSS 17-10

vs. Shaw (Oct. 22)
WIN 44-0

vs. Franklinton (Oct. 28)
Tad Gormley

vs. Bro. Martin (Nov. 4)
Zephyr Field

Cross, playing at a loose and fast tempo. And starting out fast allows us to open up our entire playbook, which is a plus for any team."

However, when the passing game struggles, Prouet has trouble finding gaps to run through. Performances against St. Paul's and John Curtis are examples of the offensive difficulties that Jesuit experiences, just putting up a combined 17 points in the two games.

Jesuit also fell to Archbishop Rummel at Joseph S. Yenni Stadium on Oct. 15 by a score of 17-10.

The Jays bounced back strongly against Archbishop Shaw Oct. 22, with a shutout win of 44-0.

For up-to-the minute reports on the most recent games, go to www.jesuitmola.org.

Are diamonds a football fan's best friend? Zephyr Field welcomes high school games

By Jonathan LeBrun
News Editor

"Play ball!"

That cry is usually directed to the boys of summer. But this fall at Zephyr Field, the infield becomes a gridiron.

In addition to baseball games, since its opening in 1997, the Shrine on Airline has held events ranging from concerts to political campaign stops. This fall season, the ballpark expanded its reach and began hosting high school football games.

When the minor league team that calls the stadium home came under new management, they set a goal of making Zephyr Field a more vibrant fixture in the community. To that end, the team asked local high

schools to weigh in on the reconfiguration of the field to enhance the experience for both the teams and the fans.

Jesuit's Athletic Director David Moreau has been involved in the project for the past two years and is excited to see the idea come to life.

"The new venue will allow more Friday night games and give fans a closer seat to the action," Moreau said. The idea of bringing high school football to Zephyr Field was inspired by the way schools in Birmingham, Ala., use Hoover Metropolitan Stadium, which is the home of the SEC baseball tournament.

Zephyr Field hosted its first high school football game on Sept. 23, in which John Curtis defeated Brother Martin, 26-9. That game was televised on ESPN.

Jesuit took to the ballpark's field for the first time against Archbishop Shaw on

Oct. 22, and will return on Nov. 4 to face Brother Martin.

The game played on a baseball field was something of a throwback for the Blue Jays. In the early 1900s, Jesuit football was occasionally played at the old Pelican Stadium, which stood just down the street at Carrollton and Tulane avenues until 1957.

Before the Shaw game, Coach Mark Sony expressed excitement about playing at the new venue.

"I look forward to it," he said, noting it will be a nice opportunity for both fans and players. "It will take time to adapt to the grass field, and it is something for the guys to look forward to."

To avoid what have been long lines at Zephyr Field, you can purchase tickets for friends and family during the school week at the switchboard. Student IDs also will

be accepted for admission.

Parking will not be an issue, with three available ways to enter the stadium: From Airline Highway, you can enter in front of the Jefferson Performing Arts Center, or the entrance next to the Saints training facility. Coming from David Drive, you also can drive around the back of LaSalle Park. The parking fee on the grounds is \$5.

"There will be a drop off non-parking area for the parents giving rides to the games," Moreau said.

And what's a ballpark without concessions? Hamburgers, chili dogs, hot fresh popcorn, barbeque nachos, New Orleans style snowballs, Dippin' Dots and the "most popular kid's meal ever," chicken tenders, fries and a small drink, will all be available for fans' consumption at reasonable prices.