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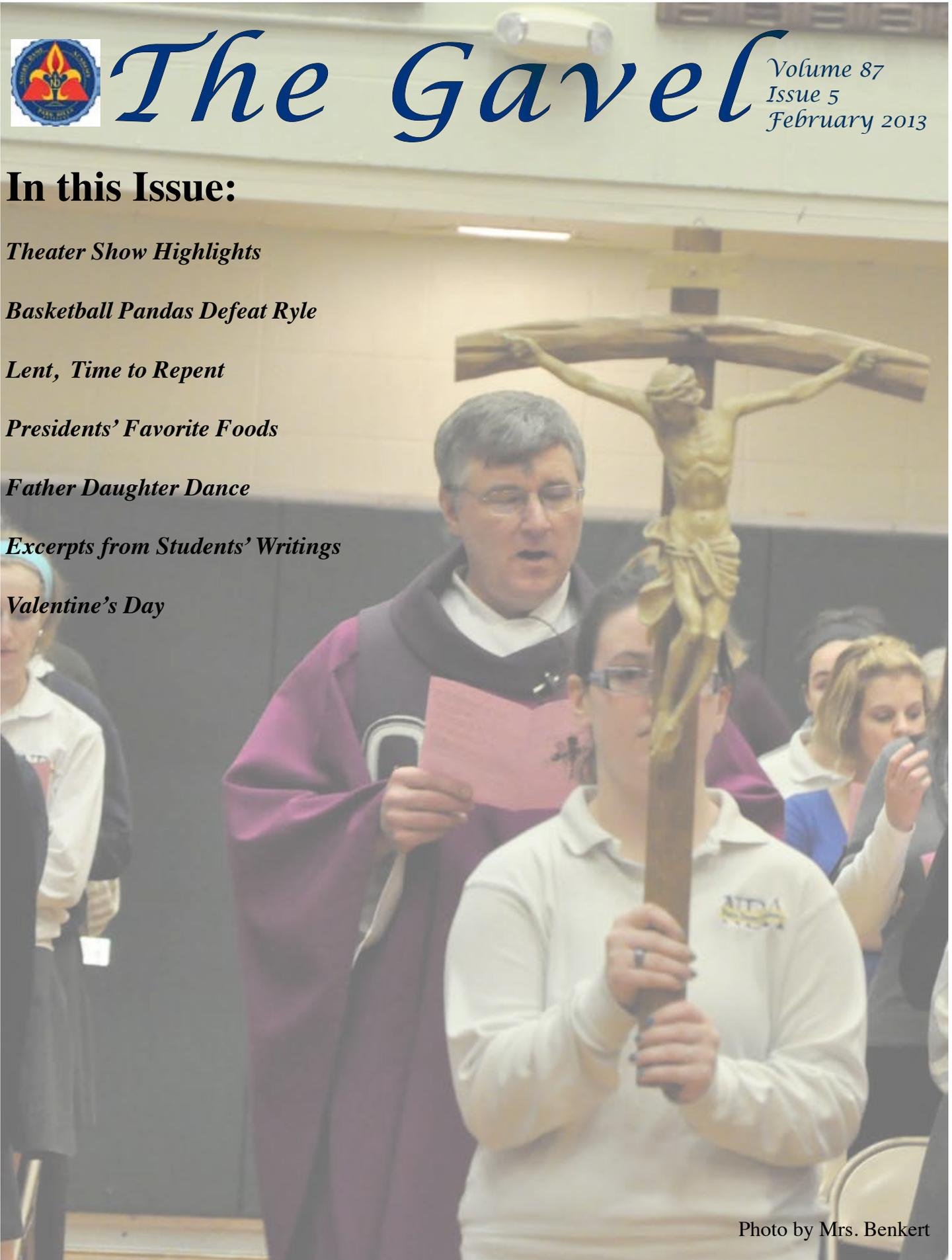


Photo by Mrs. Benkert

THE USO SHOWCASE

A WORLD WAR II TRIBUTE

The USO Showcase opened on February 1 to kick off the new year of shows at NDA/CCH Theatre, and it proved to be a major success. Running through February 3, this fun show was packed every night with guests who were entertained by songs, dances, and skits from the World War II era in this cabaret-style production.

Along with a great performance was a chance to donate to the USO. Congratulations on an amazing show NDA and CCH, as well as Ms. Perrino and Mrs. Stratman!

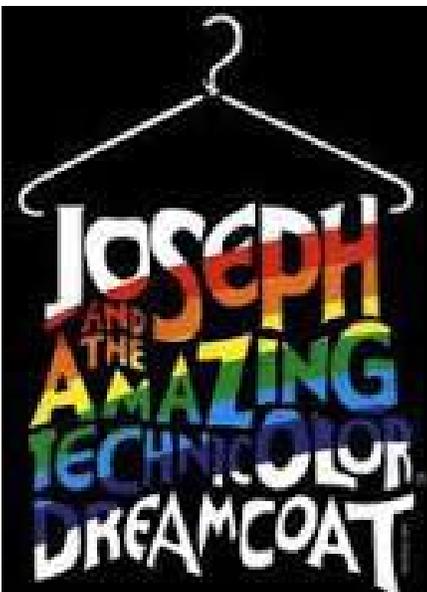


The Cast of the USO Showcase



The NDA girls perform "Wash That Man"

Photos by: Tom Maurer



The Spring Musical is Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat". This show takes the biblical story of Joseph and his twelve brothers and turns it into a fun, upbeat musical.

**Performance dates are April 18 thru April 21.
Don't miss your chance to see this amazing show!**

Basketball Pandas Defeat Ryle

By Amanda Meagher

A big rivalry of Northern Kentucky met last Friday night at NDA and the outcome was very favorable for the Pandas. The Ryle Raiders have become a big rival to the NDA Pandas after Sophomore Haylee Smith switched from Ryle to NDA. The game was neck and neck for a while but the pandas secured a win by half-time. The two teams will most likely meet again in Regionals.



Photos by: Bob Jackson

Lent, A Time to Repent

By Amanda Meagher. Contributions from Emily Ryan and Nicole Waugaman

Every year, we come together for Lent and repent our sins. We also think of something to give up for 40 days. Many students were talking in the halls about what we would be giving up or what we planned on doing to grow in Faith as Easter comes around. This year, the majority of girls gave up some kind of food. But others gave up things such as the snooze button or procrastination. Lent is a great way to grow closer to God.

On Ash Wednesday, students and staff gathered to celebrate mass with Father Enzweiler and mark the beginning of Lent by receiving a cross of ashes on our foreheads. The school came together as one and we are all working on bettering ourselves and others during the season. Hopefully we can all stick with our promises!!!

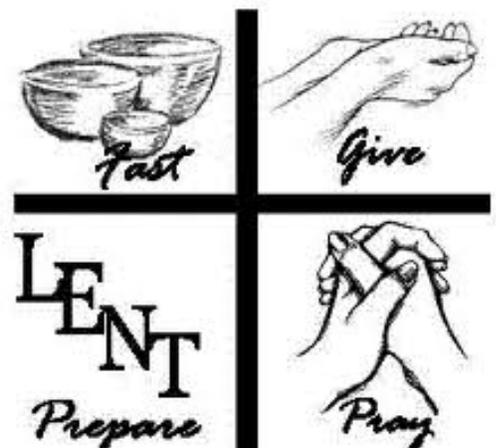


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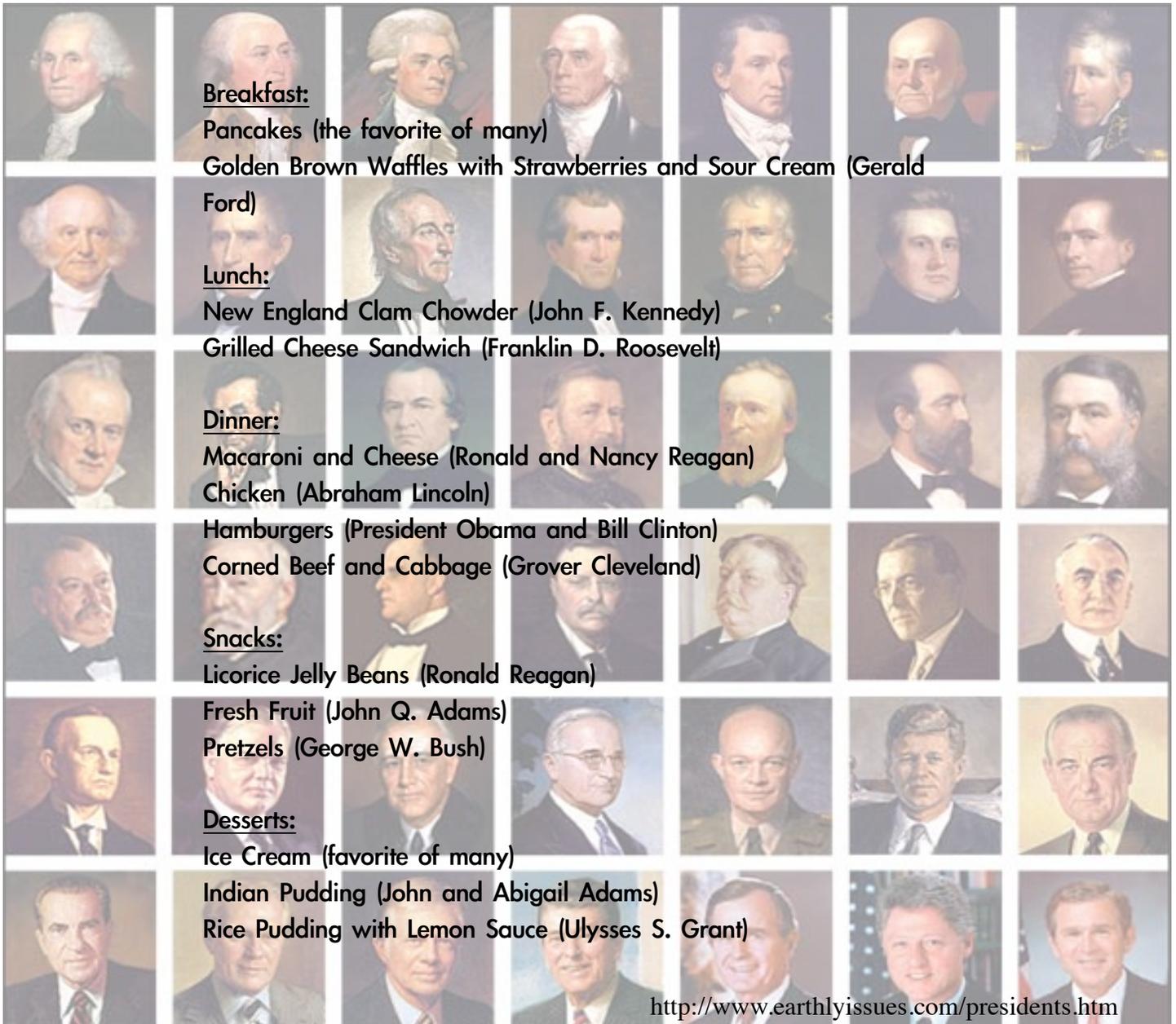
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PRESIDENTS' FAVORITE FOODS

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT'S DAY

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT THE PAST PRESIDENTS OF
THE UNITED STATES FAVORITE FOOD WAS...?



Father Daughter 2013



Father Daughter 2013 was a success. The theme “Under the Tuscan Sun”, was a great chance to get dressed up. The dinner was Italian and it was delicious. After dinner there was a dance contest for each grade level. The Senior winner was Olivia Bayer and her father. The Junior winner was Fran Herbe and her father. The Sophomore winner was Josie Shriver and her father; and the Freshman winner was twins, Lauren and Leah Darpel, and their father.

Mr. Cerimele band was playing it up on stage and everyone was out on the dance floor enjoying it!

Excerpts from Articles Written by Publications I and II Students

Lent, Time to Repent

By Paige Drees

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday to be exact, marked the beginning of the Lenten season. For Lent every student was encouraged to give up something or make a sacrifice in order to grow close to God. After the Ash Wednesday Mass, Mrs. Price encouraged the students to give up something not because they want to lose weight or give up something that is something we do not really do, instead she told the students to give up something that would challenge them and make them depend on God more. She also encouraged everyone to reach out to people this time of year as well, whether it be through a service project or just by helping a neighbor or being friendly in the hallways. For forty days the students at NDA will be “renewing” themselves in order to prepare for the Easter season. Times may be stressful, but it is important to keep our goals in mind and our temptations away.

Student Council Meets with Architects

By Nicole Zembrodt

On Thursday during the lunch periods, Student Council met in Alumnae Hall with architects to discuss areas of the school they feel that need to be updated. The school recently finished a capital campaign to fund the additions of the athletic turf field used for soccer, track, and lacrosse and the theatre. The additions have attracted many people to Notre Dame Academy. Things discussed with the architects were renovations to the library, auditorium, cafeteria, and classrooms, technology updates in the classroom to complement the iPads and school subjects, a room for the Bamboutique. This discussion was the start of the strategic plan that will take some years to finalize. Hopefully, alumnae donate to this campaign to better Notre Dame Academy.

Naturalization Ceremony

By Rachel Medley

Notre Dame Academy seniors were able to experience something that most people do not get to experience in their lifetime. On Friday, February 15, the naturalization of about 50 citizens from 24 different countries including Zimbabwe, Egypt, and India took place at NDA. I was one of five students to greet all of the incoming candidates and it was a very eye-opening experience. As I was welcoming these soon to be fellow citizens and directing them to the auditorium I felt their excitement and pride to become an American citizen. The ceremony took place during 4th period and as the candidates said the Pledge of Allegiance and listened to the NDA select choir sing the National Anthem, I could feel their excitement as well as their family member’s excitement for them. When the ceremony had concluded the seniors lined Alumnae Hall and cheered with American Flags in hand and congratulated them as they traveled down the hallway. There were lots of photos taken to document the event and overall the ceremony made me proud to be an American citizen. I could see that all of the new citizens were equally as proud.

Naturalization

By Maggie Cheesman

On Friday morning the seniors and a few juniors got to watch 49 immigrants become naturalized United States of America citizens. The Naturalization happened in our theatre and it was a very unique experience. There were people from about 24 different countries. They had their families there and it was an amazing experience for these 49 people. They stood up and said their name, where they were from and where they live now. They all are living somewhere in Kentucky now. After, they received their certificate and got a picture with the judge. After, we were standing in Alumnae Hall screaming, clapping and holding American flags as they walked through to leave. A lot of the people were crying and taking pictures as they walked by. It was a great experience for everyone involved.

Valentine's Day

Interesting Facts

- *73% of people who buy flowers are men and 27% are women.
- *15% of women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day!
- * 3% of pet owners give their pets Valentine's gifts.
- * An estimated 18.6 billion dollars were spent on Valentine's day gifts.

www.corsinent.com/braincandy/valtrivia.html

Several NDA Pandas went to see "Safe Haven", the romantic thriller that came out on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day Celebrity Style

Celebrity Gossip:

-Brad Pitt gave Angelina Jolie breath mints because he jokes that she has bad breath...no worries he also got her a real present!

www.usmagazine.com/celebrity-news

HEY GIRL,

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. FROM THE
BOTTOM OF MY HEART.**

www.troll.me/2012

WHERE



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LOVE?



Can you find the "LOVE YOU" sign in these pictures?

