

Fifty years of diocesan basketball

Dear Msgr. Tolan,

When I was appointed assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Boone in 1927 the Sacred Heart High School had no basketball team or any high school athletics. A group of high school students came to me and asked if they could have a basketball team. I then asked the pastor Father Edward Masterson, and he gave permission for a team if I would take charge of it.

We had about fifteen boys who wanted to play, but we had no coach, no gym, and no place to play. A young man Joe Duffy volunteered to coach. He was very willing. Colonel Walter Anderson, a non Catholic plumbing contractor, very kindly offered to let us practice and play in the National Guard Armory. We accepted the kindness of these two men. Neither asked for any rent or salary. At the end of each season we made an offering. It was small — not over \$100.00 to each, but it was all we could afford. In those days it was not required that the coach be a member of the school faculty.

Mr. Duffy worked for an abstract company. He coached only one year, then two brothers, William and George Johnstone, volunteered to coach. They both had played basketball at the University of Iowa. They were both non Catholics. They asked for no salary. They were willing to coach for the fun of coaching and being associated with a fine bunch of boys. The first year of team we lost every game. The second year we lost all of our early games. Then the team began to click and we won all of our games in the last part of the season. The season of 1930 was our big year. We won every game in our regular season. We beat Des Moines Catholic academy (now Dowling) twice and also Sacred Heart and Corpus Christi of Fort Dodge. We won the first diocesan tournament which was held in the Fort Dodge Public High School gym. We were an undefeated team. We then went to Davenport to play in the State Catholic Tournament. It was held at St. Ambrose College. Our first game was with Loras Academy of Dubuque. We were beaten. But it was a relief when our string of victories was over. And besides Loras had about 400 students and Sacred Heart of Boone had about 80.

If I remember correctly there were only 13 Catholic diocesan teams when Boone won in 1930. Many small Catholic Schools still did not have a basketball team. Fonda and Danbury were always outstanding teams in those days. Smokey Johnson, the editor of the Danbury Paper, coached the Danbury team, and I believe Lute Sauter coached the Fonda team. William and George Johnstone continued to coach the Boone team for many years. They were very loyal to the school. Their players have never forgotten them. William Johnstone is now dead. His younger brother, George, still lives in Boone, but is not in good health.

Of the twelve boys who played on that victorious team in 1930 one became a priest, Fr. George Snell of St. Mary's Church, Tipton, Ia. One, Dr. Maurice Healy became a medical doctor. Another Paul Maggio is now a practicing dentist in Fort Dodge. Another John Mahoney became a doctor of science, and dean of the medical school at Indiana University. Another Robert Gartland became a prominent lawyer in Chicago. The others Regis Duffy, John Masterson, Paul Snell, Ray Duffy, Don Sullivan, James Tournabane and Kenneth Powers all went on to become successful business men. All of these men, I believe have remained loyal Catholics and loyal to their old alma mater, Sacred Heart High School of Boone.

Every Kind wish,
Msgr. Clarence E. Farrelly,
Emmetsburg

Dear Msgr. Tolan,

St. Patrick's Danbury played in the K.C. Tourney in Sioux City in 1927. The writer played in this tourney in 1928 and 1929. I don't remember who won either of these years, but, it seemed that Fonda O.L.G.C. was very strong at that time. My strongest memory of these events was the size of the playing floor and the indoor swimming pool, first such pool I had ever seen. Also staying at a hotel for the first time was no small thrill.

St. Patrick's played in the Ft. Dodge tournament in 1930. We had a good team that year, and as I recall our only loss was to Fonda, during the regular season. If my memory serves me right, St. Patrick's beat Fonda in the semi finals and then was defeated by Sacred Heart of Boone 14-12 in the finals. Came back in 1931 to Fort Dodge, with the tournament, defeating Immaculate Conception, Cherokee 15-25 in the finals. I am not sure of score and not aware of other teams in 1931 event.

Of small floors Danbury played their games in the old opera house which was used for all events: movies, dances, plays etc. It had a raised stage at east end of playing floor, and playing surface in the annex of 40x40. It had a fairly high ceiling, for a redeeming factor. I remember going to Varina to play and shoveling snow off the floor that had drifted through the windows. Very rare to have a shower before climbing into a Model T or Model A and coming home. Three of team mates from 1930 and 1931 teams have passed on (Regrets).

Smokey Johnson, Editor of Danbury Review, was our coach. His favorite expression to referee was "If you're a referee, I'm an aviator". That always went over big.

Sincerely yours,
Earl P. Fitzpatrick,
Sioux City
Formerly of Danbury and St. Patrick's

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Sacred Heart played their Basketball games at the National Guard Armory seen above.

The Boone Sacred Heart basketball teams were coached by William "Bill" Johnstone and/or his brother George "Bricky" Johnstone between 1926 and 1941. The teams of 1930 and 1938 were Diocesan Champions.



1930 Sacred Heart Diocesan Champions.

Coach William “Bill” Johnstone back left and his brother George “Bricky” Johnstone on the far right. Father Clarence Farley (center) was an assistant pastor in 1927 when he started the basketball program started. In a 1999 newspaper article he wrote: “Of the twelve boys who played on that victorious team in 1930 one became a priest, Fr. George Snell of St. Mary’s Church in Tipton, Ia. One, Dr. Maurice Healy became a dentist in Fort Dodge. Another John Mahoney became a doctor of Science and Dean of the medical school at Indiana University. Another Robert Gartland became a prominent lawyer in Chicago. The others, Regis Duffy, John Masterson, Paul Snell, Ray Duffy, Don Sullivan, James Tournabane and Kenneth Powers all went on to become successful business men.



This may be a team from 1932 or 1933 or 1934. Father Kelly far left and coach William "Bill" Johnstone. Father Kelly replaced Father Farley in 1932 and served through 1934.

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Sacred Heart Basketball Team 1935 – Coach George (Bricky) Johnstone, far left in the back row. The assistant pastor that year was Father James Duhigg (1934-1940). I don't know who the boys are but they may be Seniors from the class of 1935 and Juniors from the class of 1936.

The Senior boys that year were: Paul Brown, Edward Duffy, Maurice Griffin, John McCoy, Edward Powers and Jerome Schollmeyer.

The Junior boys that year were: Raymond Fitzgerald, Charles Healy, Lester Helquist, Bruce Herriman, John McCoy, Bernard McMahon and Roger Smith.



The 1938 Sacred Heart Basketball team.

First Row L to R: William Mahoney, Don Knight, John Martin, Lawrence Loehrer, Ed Yeagee and Bert Wheelock.
 Second Row L to R: Mgr. Bill Walton, Don Lonergan, Richard Cook, Father J.J. Duhigg, Clarence Powers, Wayne DeMouth, Coach George "Bricky" Johnstone on the far right.

Mike Loehrer (BHS 1964) sent this picture, his Father Lawrence Loehrer was on this team. Mike wrote: "The 1938 team played in the Iowa Catholic State Tournament. They won the Sioux City Division Tourney and had the #1 seed in the State Tourney, but were defeated by Dubuque.



Father Skahill was the Assistant Pastor from 1940 through 1944. Coach William "Bill" Johnstone is on the right. I don't know the names of the players, but the names of the seniors that year are as follows: Charles Alden, ~~James Fitzgerald~~, ~~William Riordan~~, and Vernon Schell (9). The Juniors that year were: David Deering, Gerald Fritz (manager), Richard Murphy (3) and John Shaw. The Sophomores that year were: Donald DeMouth, Eugene Hamill, John Sandon, Slvester White, and Lawrence Yegge.



**SHHS
Basketball
Team
January 1943**

Coach Father
Skahill
James McDermott
John Sandon
Sylvester White
Charles Fangman
Paul Lonergan
William Matt
Lawrence Yegge
Don De Mouth
John Roberts
Pat Healy

CATCHING UP

Just to make the records complete--Boone Sacred Heart team defeated Luther on Jan. 22, 33 to 9. Yegge led the Boone team with 11 points, while Roberts got 7, McDermott 6, Sandon 5, and De Mouth 4.

The Fort Dodge Corpus Christi team defeated Boone on February 5 42 to 38. The Boone five were behind at the half 19 to 15, but managed to go into the lead in the third quarter. The Corpus Christi five got hot in the fourth quarter and finally won 42 to 38. Yegge dumped in 18 points, White, and De Mouth who was taken out on fouls, garnered 10 points. For the visitors, Smith and Harrington scored 13 and 14 points respectively.

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HOW WE STAND

<u>BOONE</u>	32	Napier	31
	44	Luther	22
	20	Beaver	56
	14	Pilot Mound	27
	22	Fort Dodge (S.H.)	33
	33	Luther	18
	30	Fort Dodge (S.H.)	28
	38	Fort Dodge (C.C.)	42
	24	Cherokee	23
	27	Le Mars	28
	26	Stanhope	37

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S.H. MEETS TOREADORS

After disappointing luck in the diocesan tournament, the Sacred Heart cage team is "rarin' to go" in the State Sectional Tourney to be held at the Boone High School gym March 3, 4, 5, and 6.

This is the first time in the history of the school that the team has been eligible for these contests, and it seems that they have come up against a Goliath in the opening round, for the Blue and White are scheduled to play the Boone High Toreadors.

The SH team this year has looked good, and it has looked extremely bad, but the boys from "Toreador Land" seem to think they will not have much trouble from the Boys in Blue. The boys themselves do not know, and the fans do not know whether they will win; but this they do know--they are always at their best when the going is roughest.

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Interscholastic Basketball Is Planned At Sacred Heart School Next Year



Above is a general view of a Sacred Heart basketball practice at Lowell school. Players from left right are Eddie Dittmer, Tom Brown, Gary Mullins, Denny McCann, Billy Ryan, Terry Ferry, Tornabane, Tom Matt, Donald Garvey and Coach Joe Anderson. (Staff photos by R. P. own.)

Anderson Guiding 39 Boys In Cage Drills Currently

There's a move afoot to bring basketball back to Sacred Heart high school on an interscholastic basis by next season. And the plan is already in motion with a coach hired to teach fundamentals.

Practice began the last of January for some 39 players from the seventh grade through high school. There are only two seniors currently engaging in drills.

Joe Anderson, the former Ft. Dodge Corpus Christi hardcourt great, is currently guiding the efforts of the prospective Sacred Heart cagemen.

The practice sessions are being held at the Lowell school gym with Coach Anderson working with the seventh and eighth graders from 6:30 to 7:30 nightly and with the senior high 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

Boone high school's gymnasium has been rented for six off-night home games for next season. The home games probably will be on Thursday nights.

Father C. H. Friedman is in the process of drawing up a schedule for the parochials. Small schools in the Boone area have been contacted for possible game contracts.

Schools wishing to schedule the Sacred Heart team for next season should contact Father Friedmann at Sacred Heart high school.

Sacred Heart's high school enrollment is 49 of which 24 are boys.

The plan is to hire an Iowa State college student with enough practice teaching hours to qualify under Iowa High School Athletic association rules as the coach. Whether the coach next season will be Anderson or not is not known.

Anderson, a member of the crack Corpus Christi team that advanced to the state tournament in 1953, is a junior at Iowa State.

Practice sessions stressing fundamentals are expected to continue until around the end of April.

is not known. But in running the Boone high gym for next season, Sacred Heart officials made it be known that a gymnasium was in the plans for the future for the parochial school.

A breakfast at which 500 were served was held last week with the profits from the mothers project going toward the athletic program. Various other means of financing the program also are planned.

The high school and junior high squads are:

High School — Larry Ackerman, Earl Brice, Edward Brice, Ray Brown, Larry Conway, Duke Conway, Jerry Cooper, Dean Dittmer, Leo Dittmer, Mike Fitzgerald, Tom Fitzgerald, Bob Garvey, Dan Garvey.

Dick Hare, Ronnie Hopkins, Jerry Manriquez, James Matt, Peter Miover, Mike Stanmeyer, Dave Stuckey, Duane Stuckey.

Junior High — Tom Brown, James Cady, Marvin Cady, Steve Chance, Tom Conway, Eddie Dittmer, Mike Fleming, Terry Ferry, Kirby Flanagan, Donald Garvey, Mike Lacey, David Longergan, Tom Matt, Dennis McCann, Gary Mullins, Tom Payne, Mike Pestotnik, Billy Ryan, Joe Tornabane.

Student managers, Peter Fleming and John Jacobson.



Here's one of the two squads of Sacred Heart basketball players, from left to right, Tom Brown, Mike Pestotnik, Tom Payne, Mike Lacey, Terry Ferry, Steve Chance, Dave Lonergan, Marvin Cady and Kirby Flanagan.

Sacred Heart Jr. High 1955-1956?

Game #

1	0/0	11	0/0
2	2/4	12	1/2
3	2/3	13	0/4
4	1/3	14	0/3
5	?	15	0/2
6	0/3	16	0/2
7	2/3	17	1/3
8	1/4	18	1/3
9	3/5		
10	0/2		

14/46

304

Jr. High
1955-1956

MINUS
6 AND 5



These seventh and eighth grade Sacred Heart eagers are currently working out under the guidance of Coach Joe Anderson. From left to right, Dennis McCann, Billy Ryan, Joe Tornabane, Tom Conway, Tom Matt, Mike Fleming, Gary Mullins, Donald Garvey and Ed Dittmer.

Cyclones Set Pace In Cherub League

The Cyclone team, which boasts two of the top 11 scorers in the circuit, are the leaders in the Cherub basketball league, a Boone junior high cage loop.

Keith Cryder of the Cyclones has the second best scoring average, 10.6 per game. Team-mate Buck Monen has a 7.7 average and 77 points while Cryder has 106 markers.

Leading scorer in the circuit is Mike Lacey of the fourth place Rams. He averaged 11.5 points while bagging 101 digits in his first nine games.

The standings:

CHERUB LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	O.A.	D.A.
Cyclones	8	2	26.3	18.5
Tar Heels	7	4	25.9	21.4
Bruins	6	4	25.0	18.4
Rams	5	4	21.7	22.0
Spartans	5	5	17.1	19.8
Hawkeyes	4	5	21.7	22.6
Jay Hawks	3	7	20.8	22.2
Mustangs	2	9	14.6	22.0

Cyclones Sack Up Cherub League Title

Play in the Cherub league, circuit for seventh grade basketball players, will conclude this week, Jim McLeran, league director, announced.

A post season single elimination tourney is planned.

By scoring a 33-19 victory over the Spartans, a 36-26 win over the Hawkeyes and a 27-2 verdict over the Bruins, the Cyclones last week clinched the league championship with a 11-2 record and two games to play.

Mike Lacey of the Rams is top scorer with 139 points and 11.5 average. Four other boys have double figure averages.

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Jay Hawks	4	7	21.0	20.1
Hawkeyes	5	7	24.5	22.1
Rams	5	4	22.0	22.1
Spartans	5	4	16.7	18.1
Mustangs	2	10	12.8	25.1

* Games completed.

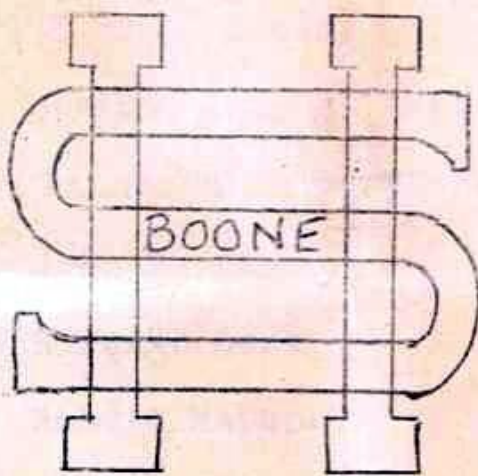
LEADING SCORERS

Player, Team	Total Points	Avg
Lacey, Rams	139	11.5
Anderson, Hawkeyes	130	10.8
Reedholm, Tar Heels	124	10.4
Cryder, Cyclones	106	10.6
Ferry, Rams	101	8.4
Monen, Cyclones	77	7.7
Libby, Hawkeyes	80	7.2
Trullin, Bruins	57	7.1
Meyers, Bruins	87	6.3
Gunther, Bruins	85	6.2
Highland, Tar Heels	54	6.0

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Hawkeyes 24, Rams 21.
Bruins 23, Hawkeyes 22.
Jay Hawks 28, Rams 18.
Cyclones 22, Spartans 19.
Bruins 29, Rams 22.
Jay Hawks 27, Mustangs 18.
Cyclones 36, Hawkeyes 27.
Jay Hawks 22, Spartans 19.

SACRED HEART ATHLETIC
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ANNUAL BASKETBALL BANQUET

March 27, 1958

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SEASON RECORD 1957-58

Sacred Heart Spartans	47	Granger Assumption	21
" " "	33	Mount Carmel	51
" " "	28	Bode St. Joseph	47
" " "	45	Pilot Mound	17
" " "	32	Kuepmer Reserves	39
" " "	47	Granger Assumption	21
" " "	52	Mount Carmel	50
" " "	49	Dawson	34
" " "	62	Bode St. Joseph	42
" " "	52	Pilot Mound	20
" " "	60	Fonda	72
" " "	45	Kuemper Reserves	56
" " "	39	Templeton S. H.	36
" " "	66	Clare St. Matthew	36
" " "	58	St. Edmonds	62
" " "	49	Boxholm	31
" " "	50	Dayton	53

Won 10 Lost 7

THE SPARTANS

Dan Garvey

Larry Conway

Jerry Cooper

Ray Brown

Mike Fitzgerald

Ed Dittmer

Pat Duffy

Earl Brice

Joe Tornabane

Gary Mullins

Jim Matt

Tom Matt

Jerry Murphy

Ronnie Hopkins

Dick Hare

Tom Brown

Mike Lacy

Billy Ryan

Tom Conway

Don Garvey

Kirby Flannagan

Aaron Vest - Mgr.

COACH

Noel Jones

Cheer Leaders

Pat Lacy

Marcia Day

Mary Kay Keller

Kathy Wilson

Linda Hale

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, March 12, 1957	\$652.28
Ticket sales, 1957 banquet	120.06
Diocesan Athletic Tournament	62.50
Student Club	350.00
Breakfast, Oct. 6, 1957	149.97
Breakfast and Bake sale, Nov. 3, 1957	128.50
Christmas cookie sale	115.00
Bake sale, March 2, 1958	56.40
Christmas dance	25.00
Season Tickets	346.00
Cash at door, home games	143.30
Total receipts to March 12, 1958	<u>\$2149.01</u>

EXPENSES

Banquet expenses for 1957	\$113.59
Breakfast expenses and meals for players	182.46
Misc. expenses	78.31
Iowa High School Ath. Assn. dues	17.00
Insurance for players & cheerleaders	48.00
Basketballs	22.21
Letter awards for players & cheerleaders	45.78
Cleaning suits	37.00
Use of gymnasiums	222.50
Officials for home games	200.00
Coaching	500.00
Total expenses	<u>1466.85</u>
Balance on hand as of March 12, 1958	682.16
	<u>\$2149.01</u>

Howard I. Cooper, Treas

"WORDS FROM THE BOARD"

The Members of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association want to thank the many supporters of our program. First of all, we want to thank the members of the Parish who patronized our breakfasts and bake sales, those who contributed to them, and the parents whose efforts and hard work went to make them a success. We want to thank the members of the Spartans Club who purchased season tickets and supported the boys by attending the games and encouraging the players. We are grateful to those who furnished transportation to take the players cheerleaders and fans to the games away and to the Boone School Board, whose fine cooperation has made the gymnasiums and related facilities available to us in this worth-while project. Last, but not least, we want to thank Coach Jones who has done such a splendid job of leading our boys to the success they have achieved this year. We hope and pray that we may have the continues cooperation and support of everyone again next year, and that Sacred Heart will grow and attain even greater success as a result of that effort.

FIFTH ANNUAL BANQUET

SACRED HEART

SPARTANS



MARCH 24, 1960

MENU

Baked Potatoes

Ham

Green Beans

Jello Salad

Rolls - Butter

Coffee

Ice Cream - Wafers

Served by Ladies

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PROGRAM

Toastmaster-----Howard Cooper

Invocation-----Msgr. J. J. Ryan

Introduction of Guests-----Howard Cooper

Remarks-----Msgr. J. J. Ryan

Remarks - Presentation of Letters
-----Coach Jones

Response-----Pat Duffy

Main Address-----Paul Lambert

Benediction-----Father Richard Macke

SPARTANS

Pat Duffy
Cary Mullins
Joe Tornabane
Ed Dittmer
Bernard Judge
Mike Lacey
Dave Lonergan
Bill Ryan

Tom Conway
Don Carvey
Kirby Flanagan
Steve Duffy
Phillip Gibbs
John Judge
Tom Healy
Ron Keller

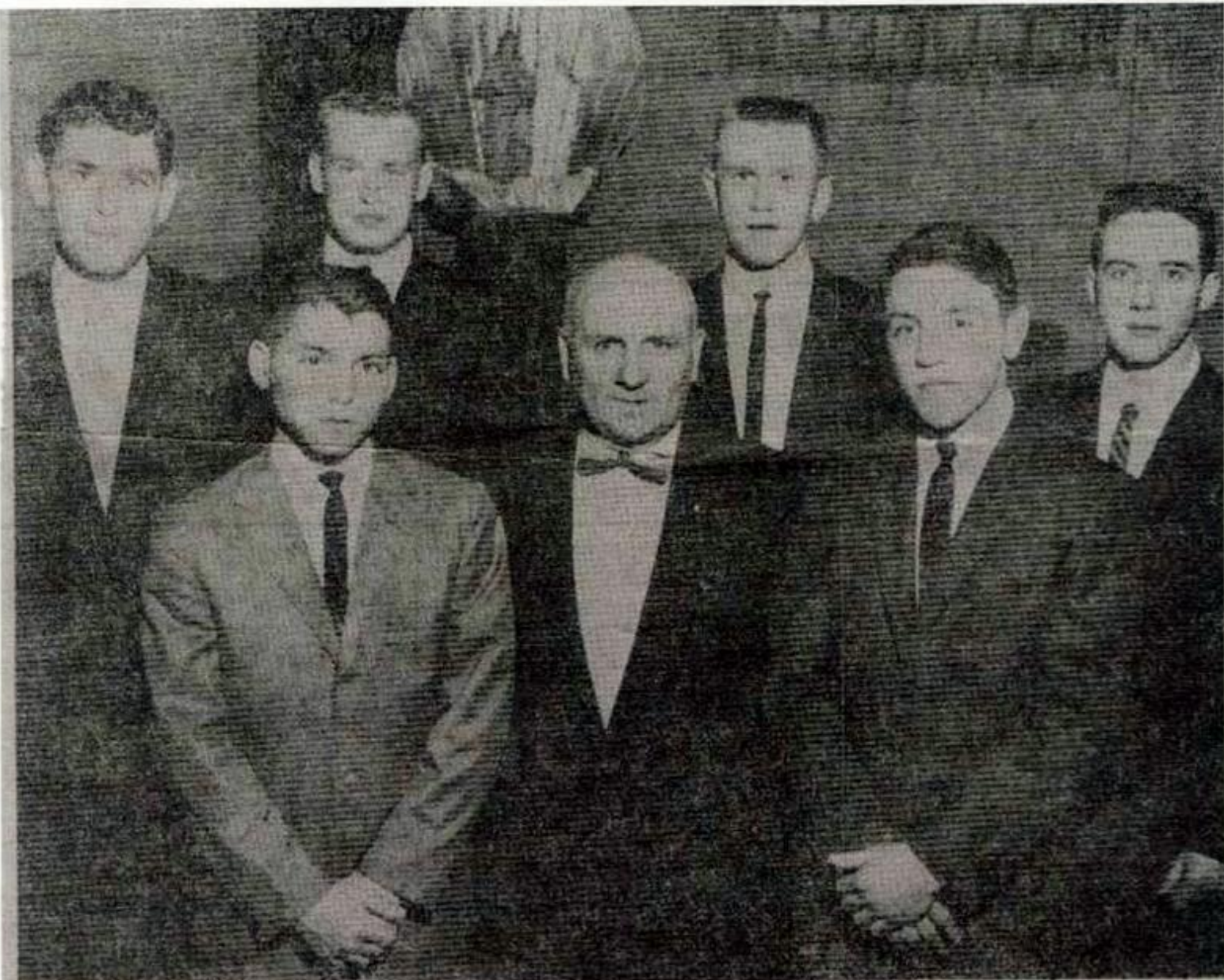
Coach
Noel Jones

Cheerleaders

Linda Hale
Pat Douroumis

RoCarol Tornabane
Sue Miller

Terry Feller
Alice Carver



SPARTAN AWARD WINNERS — Boys who earned basketball letters at Boone Sacred Heart last winter are pictured with their coach Noel Jones after Thursday's award banquet at the parish hall. From left to right, front row, Joe Tornabane, Coach Jones, Ed Dittmer; back row, Bernard Judge, Gary Mullins, Pat Duffy, Mike Lacey. (Staff photo by Wayne Shaw).