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"THE BEAR FACTS"

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MATT: Good morning! I'm Matt Erpelding.

AARON: And I'm Aaron Twait. You're listening to "The Bear Facts", where each week we keep you in touch with all the latest news from Bishop Garrigan High School. Welcome back to our third season on KLGA Radio.

MATT: We've already had a week and a half of school at Garrigan and Seton. The Catholic schools started earlier than the Algona public schools, so we can have a longer break at Easter. We're well into the swing of all our classes, but there's still a lot of summer memories to think about.

AARON: The biggest news at Garrigan this summer was construction. The Bishop Garrigan library was completely renovated, and a number of other rooms got facelifts in the process. The library now features completely new shelves and furniture, plus a new lab of IBM-compatible computers and on-line research equipment. The fifty thousand dollar project has really helped bring Garrigan into the information age.

MATT: There's another reason for commemorative T-shirts at Garrigan. Last year B.G.H.S. became a full member of the North Central Conference, and over the summer the Golden Bear baseball team won its first conference championship. The Bears had lost a lot of key players, but Coach Gene Meister says seniors like B.J. Hood rose to the occasion and really came through for the team. The Bears finished 14 - 4 in the conference, and we hope theirs is the first of many North Central Conference championships for Garrigan.

AARON: The softball team also saw some changes this year. Former umpire Giles Struck saw his first season as head coach for the Garrigan girls. The Bears had an up-and-down season, but there were a lot of stunning victories along the way. Players like Steph Schumacher and Ali Richter led the team and will be the core again next summer. Congratulations, girls!

MATT: The staff of the Garrigold yearbook took a field trip over the summer. Sponsor Mary McCall took a van-load of students to Topeka, Kansas, where they toured the Josten's factory. Josten's publishes yearbooks from all across the nation, and the Garrigan crew got to see just what happens at the plant to turn pictures and computer text into finished keepsakes. This year's yearbooks are already in, and students have definitely declared them a great success.

AARON: Ecology teacher Tom Froehlich also took students on a trip this summer. Four students joined Coach Froehlich and his wife for a fun-filled fantasy flight to Europe. The Alps were their major destination, with stops in Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. We've been watching video highlights of the trip during homeroom this past week.

MATT: A lot of other people were busy this summer, too. Several religion students worked on a service project in Kentucky, while the Sisters of the Presentation helped renovate their mother house in Dubuque. Many teachers took classes, but there was special satisfaction for librarian Norm Kunkel. He finally received the papers that make him a fully-certified Iowa media specialist.

AARON: Now that the school year has started, there's a lot of other news, too. The B.G.H.S. marching band got into swing almost two weeks ago and has been going strong ever since. The sixty-five member ensemble is establishing a Mexican theme this year. Tunes include "Coronado", "El Diablo", and "El Camino". You can see the band perform at their first home game on September 23rd or catch all the action at Band Day, October 1st. So be there as we "Arriba" our Golden Bears to the top!

MATT: This fall the Bishop Garrigan drama department will present a melodrama entitled Pure as the Driven Snow or A Working Girl's Secret. Tryouts were held last Tuesday and Wednesday, so by our next edition of "The Bear Facts", we hope to have a cast list ready for you, our listeners.

AARON: We start our third year of senior spotlights by featuring class officers Tracy Studer and Steve Bormann. [Here to tell us about them is ?????.]

[?????]: You may remember Tracy Studer as the namesake of the Screaming Stus, the most talked-about team in last year's intramural basketball tournament. Tracy is an honor student who is also active in quiz bowl. He was overwhelmingly elected class president last spring. This Wesley native is interested in science and agriculture, and we wish him the very best in the future.

Steve Bormann lives near LuVerne. He is one of three Garrigan students who are taking a college-credit calculus course this fall. Steve enjoys sports, both as a player and a spectator. He has also been active in quiz bowl. In the future he hopes to major in agriculture at Iowa State University. Good luck, Steve!

MATT: [Thanks, ?????.] On this week's Garrigan calendar, there's volleyball this morning at Algona High. Monday we'll have the day off to celebrate the Labor Day holiday.

AARON: Tuesday the freshmen vote for their student council representatives. There's freshman and sophomore football at Eagle Grove that night, and the cross country teams run at Estherville.

MATT: Wednesday B.G.H.S. will dismiss at 11:30 for a teacher in-service. It's just Garrigan that gets out early. Both Seton and the Algona public schools will be in session all day as usual.

AARON: Friday we kick off the annual calendar sales drive. That night both the football and volleyball teams face their big cross-town rivals from Algona High.

MATT: That's our first "Bear Facts" for this fall. Thanks for joining us, and be sure to tune in again next week to hear all the latest news from Bishop Garrigan High School.