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Calendar



A new mosaic on the outside of the Ryken Center for the Arts celebrates the Prep's Centennial year.

Alumni Events

- April 14 Chicago Alumni Reception
- April 17 San Francisco Alumni Reception
- April 29 Atlanta Alumni Reception
- May 1 Washington, DC, Alumni Reception
- May 6 Portland, Maine, Alumni Reception
- May 7 Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Alumni Reception
- May 16-18 50th Reunion Weekend for the Class of 1958 and Commencement 2008
- June 14 Fenway Park Tour
- August 8-10 Alumni Trip to Chicago to see the Red Sox vs. White Sox
- October 6 Brother Linus, CFX Memorial Golf Tournament, Turner Hill
- October 17 & 18 Homecoming Weekend
- December 3 Alumni Christmas Reception, Boston

Important Dates

- March 15 Fashion Show at the Sheraton Ferncroft, Danvers
- March 20 Holy Thursday Day of Service
- April 4 Artists of the Prep Community Event, Ryken Center for the Arts
- April 4 & 5 Swingtown! Spring Concert, Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall
- May 3 & 4 Danvers-to Duran Overnight Walk to Benefit Padre Damien Hospital in Ecuador
- May 17 Baccalaureate Liturgy and Awards Ceremony
- May 18 Commencement for the Class of 2008, Gibbons Field
- May 20-22 Underclassman Awards Convocations
- October 6 Brother Linus, CFX, Memorial Golf Tournament, Turner Hill
- October 15 Grandparents Day for the Class of 2011

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Saturday, August 9

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Space is limited so register early! Full payment required by June 1.

Contact Jeanne Rankin at jrankin@stjohnsprep.org or 978.774.6727, ext. 303. See you in Chicago!

Mapping the DNA of St. John's Prep

The Xaverian Brothers are known for taking a contemplative stance in the world – a well-designed pause to pray, absorb, appreciate, and reflect on God's creation. As a member of the Prep and Xaverian communities, I would like to take a moment in our Centennial year to offer a reflection on my travels to visit with Prep grads across the country and around the world. I cannot map my travels with the beauty and simplicity of Watson's and Crick's double helix, but I can point out the genetic markers of a Prep education as I have seen them firsthand in our graduates. Please bear with this liberally educated headmaster as I try to stretch this DNA metaphor beyond its genetic bounds.

My *Travels in Search of the Eagle* (hmmm ... a great memoir in the making ...) have taken my wife Mj and me thousands of miles to dozens of cities, where we've met hundreds of Prep graduates and witnessed their common bonds – their shared Prep DNA. I have taken poetic license here to offer you composite profiles of real life alumni living around the world. As someone who has found that



no doubt that he was wired at the molecular level to be an athlete (he is a big guy!), but the Prep allowed his nature to mature. He points to compassionate, caring and honest coaches at St John's, who brought out the best he had to offer.

London, England: Meeting the single most generous donor in the 100 year history of the Prep was life changing for me. He says that the most valuable lesson he learned at the Prep was that true success is measured, not by what we accumulate, but by what we give away. At St. John's, he learned that what one gives away, one truly keeps. Deep DNA from the Prep.

Back Bay, Boston: A graduate of the early 70s came to the Prep on a scholarship and went on to Yale University. Because of the help he and his parents received from St. John's, he made a lifelong commitment to pay the tuition of one student at the Prep every year. Did we teach him that? Or did the hydrogen that binds DNA itself forever tie him to the Prep and program him to give back?

Chicago, Illinois: Our Midwestern friend was committed to running a socially responsible company long before it became the vogue to do so. He stayed with the same

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they all share some of the same deoxyribonucleic acid conceived in Danvers, I offer insight into their DNA map.

Paris, France: Our young alum speaks French, lives near the Louvre and works in public relations. In his late 20s, he talks about the Prep faculty as though they were his parents. He revels in the relationships he forged at the Prep, and consequently, in the bonds he has forged with his French colleagues. He actually says that the Prep taught him the value of people – not stuff.

Salem, Massachusetts: Father John is a Gold Eagle who found his vocation to the priesthood among the Xaverian Brothers at St. John's. He is a preacher, a teacher and a Catholic because he was re-born at the Prep. He may not have been genetically engineered to take priestly vows, but his spirituality grew in concert with his Prep experience.

Boca Raton, Florida: One of the greatest athletes ever to graduate from the Prep went on to play in college and in the NFL. He says it all began in Cronin Stadium. There is

global oil company his whole life, committed not so much to the profits, but to the social good it was doing in the world. The company subsequently won national recognition because of his efforts to steward its social backbone. He points to the influence of one the Xaverian Brothers, who taught his first course in ethics.

New York City: A veteran of the Prep Drama Guild, now a successful corporate attorney, recalls his great joy in donating several thousand dollars to a shelter for homeless teenagers. He simply thought that no young person should have to face those issues. His gift to the Prep was in his giving to others.

So what defines the essence – the true DNA – of a Prep grad? It's impossible to say, but I do know this: Eagles give back to the world because people on our little hill in Danvers cared about them and now, they care about other people. I am sure of that and I have the travel receipts and have seen the DNA to prove it. ■

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Flying all year, the Centennial flag makes it clear that we're celebrating 100 years at St. John's Prep!

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Andrew Carr '02 on the 36' high scaffolding he used to install the Centennial Mural in the A. E. Studzinski Library.

Celebrating the people of St. John's

For one singularly sensational evening last fall, Memorial Gymnasium was transformed into a sparkling, stylish venue for the Centennial gala.



It was an evening to honor fourteen people who have dedicated their lives to the ideals that inspired the Xaverian Brothers to establish St. John's one hundred years ago. Those honored included Virginia and John Kaneb, who received the Spire Award, and twelve members of the school community who were inducted into the Hall of Honor during the celebration, which was held on September 29, 2007.

Brother Edward Keefe, CFX, was on stage during the gala to present the Spire Award to the Kanebs, whose generosity during his tenure as headmaster helped to secure the future of St. John's at a time when its financial stability was uncertain. The parents of six sons, all of whom graduated from St. John's, Virginia and John Kaneb have been an integral part of the school community for more than 30 years. John served as a member of the Board of Trustees for nearly a decade, and Virginia was active in the Guild of St. William while their sons were students.

Those who were inducted into the Centennial Hall of Honor during the celebration included alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends:

- **Headmaster Emeritus Brother William Drinan, CFX:** The 14th headmaster to lead St. John's, Brother Drinan oversaw the opening of the Ryken Center for the Arts, broadened the school's Campus Ministry and service programs, and initiated a strategic planning process that called for building the A. E. Studzinski Library, which opened in 2003.
- **Charles T. Bleiler:** Terry Bleiler has captured the life and times of St. John's as the school photographer for more than 40 years.

- **Brian Flatley '62:** Unabashed in his affection for St. John's, Brian served the Prep for four decades as a teacher, coach, dean of students and director of admissions, before retiring in 2006.

- **Eileen Larkin:** During a remarkable career that spanned 50 years, Eileen worked as secretary and administrative assistant for nine of the school's 15 headmasters.

- **Laurence O'Neill:** During the course of his 42 years at the Prep, Larry has served as a teacher, alumni director, development director, dean of students, director of student activities, basketball coach, and golf coach.

- **Lawrence and Sandra Polimeno:** The parents of three Prep graduates, Larry and Sandy define volunteer leadership, with Sandy serving on the Next Challenge Campaign Committee and Larry serving on the Board of Trustees.

- **David Ives '75:** A member of the Board of Trustees at St. John's from 1996 to 2003, David received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2003.

- **John Archer '68:** Tireless as an advocate for community organizations, social justice, and the arts, John received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2004.

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Pictured above: Brother Edward Keefe, CFX, warmly applauds Spire Award honorees Virginia and John Kaneb.



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Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Burns '64
Co-Chairs, Centennial Executive Council

With our thanks

Great affection for St. John's, and more than a little creative energy is what the Centennial Executive Council brought to the task of planning our Centennial year. Thanks to their efforts, the richness of Prep history is being celebrated in myriad ways throughout the year. Thank you!

Brother Arcadius Alkonis, CFX
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Byrne '83
Mr. Bernard Caniff '72
Mr. Jeffrey Connolly '80
Mr. Brian Dalphonse
Mr. Paul DiVincenzo '50
Ms. Dorothy Dolan
Brother William Drinan, CFX
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Flatley '62
Mr. Thomas Guidi '70
Dr. Edward Hardiman

Mr. Christopher Hawthorne '80
Mr. Paul Hennessey '52
Brother Edward Keefe, CFX
Mr. Gary Larrabee
Mr. Thomas Leonard '54
Mr. Joseph Milano '62
Mr. Michael Newhall '80
Ms. Jeanne Rankin
Ms. Janet Rogers
Dr. and Mrs. Albert Shannon
Ms. Renee Zimmerman

- **Rev. James Ronan '62:** Pastor of Saint Mary and Saint Catherine of Siena parishes in Charlestown, Massachusetts, Father Ronan founded Rostro de Cristo, in Duran, Ecuador, a cultural immersion program attended by Prep students every year. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2005.
- **Rev. Leo Shea, MM '56:** Former Vicar General of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Father Shea recently moved to Jamaica to open the order's first mission in the Caribbean. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2006.
- **Peter Dolan '74:** Recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2007, Dolan served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer at Bristol-Myers Squibb until 2006.

The Spire Award is the highest honor given by the school to a non-alumnus. The Hall of Honor was established in 1998 to recognize alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends for their dedication to the mission and goals of the school. ■

Pictured above: It was a gorgeous autumn evening when the Hall of Honor awardees and their families gathered with administrators before the Centennial Gala: (front row, l to r) Kara Hardiman, Brian Flatley '62, Kathie Flatley, Tom DeSimone '68, Midge DeSimone, Sandy Polimeno, Sharon Larkin, Brother William Drinan, CFX; (second row) Principal Ed Hardiman, Mj Shannon, Maureen O'Neill, Rev. Leo Shea, MM, '56, Lawrence Polimeno, Dorothy Bleiler; (third row) Larry O'Neill, Rev. James Ronan '62, Terry Bleiler, Eileen Larkin; (fourth row) Headmaster Shannon and David Ives '75.

Celebrating 100 years has been the theme for activities and programs taking place throughout this milestone year in Prep history. We suspect you will see many familiar faces among those who have been back on campus to say:

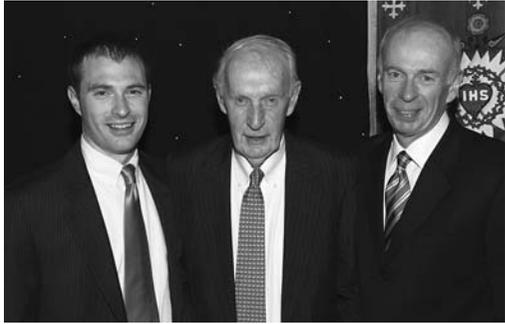
Happy Birthday, St. John's!



Clockwise, from top right: The scene inside Memorial Gymnasium during the Centennial Gala was a far cry from the usual athletic events that take place there. ~ As the gala wound to a conclusion, Chris Burns '64, co-chair of the Centennial Executive Council, was joined at the podium by (l to r) Headmaster Shannon, Brother Drinan, Brother Keeffe, Mj Shannon, co-chair Suzie Burns, Jeanne Rankin, Midge DeSimone, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Tom DeSimone '68. ~ The Class of 2003 was well represented at the Gala by (l to r) Matt Harutunian, John Craig, Mike Shanahan, Mike Carroll, Sean Langton, and Ted Shanahan. ~ Nancy and Jim Stager caught up with Marge and Tom Leonard '54 before the gala. Jim and Marge are colleagues in the school counseling office and Tom served on the Centennial Executive Council. ~ Math teacher Anne Gamer with dapper student volunteers Daniel Hallstrom, Zachary Blair and Michael Papagni, all class of 2008. ~ It was a special treat to see many members of the Xaverian Brothers community at the Centennial Gala, including (l to r): Brothers Arcadius Alkonis, Philip White, Ronald Santoro, Robert Green, Brian Davis, James Connolly, Paul Murray and Edwin Boissonneau.



Clockwise from top: Nine of the Prep's alumni clergy gathered at Cronin Memorial Stadium prior to the Centennial Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 8. The group included (l to r): Rev. Joseph O'Keefe, SJ '72, Rev. John O'Donnell '55, Very Rev. Richard Craig '53, Rev. Gerard Dorgan '50, Rev. James Riley '49, Rev. John Daley '48, Rev. Joe Rossi '76, Rev. Anselm (Steven) Smedile '89, and Rev. Mr. David Akin '60. ~ Greg Fankos '91 (left) and his brother Dean '92 – the only brothers in Prep history to graduate as valedictorian in consecutive years – were back on campus for Centennial Alumni Day. ~ The gala brought brothers Stephen '77 (left) and Philip Burke '65 back to campus. ~ The St. John's Prep Travel Choir and Mr. Michael Hamill in a light moment before their performance. ~ (L to r) Paul McGinley '56, Roland "Moe" Morency '54 and Stan Burba '57 took advantage of Centennial Alumni Day to have their copies of the Prep history book signed by Headmasters Keefe, Drinan and Shannon, and author Gary Larrabee. ~ St. John's celebrated Centennial Day on September 8 with alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends, who gathered on campus for the Mass of the Holy Spirit, concelebrated by Rev. John Unni and nine alumni priests. ~ John Belko P'03 and '04 and Lisa Kenney P'06 find familiar faces in the history museum's timeline.



Clockwise from top right: Father Gerard Dorgan '50 celebrated a special Mass on Boston CatholicTV to celebrate the Prep's Centennial. Pictured at the studio in Boston are (l to r) Father Robert Reed '77, director of CatholicTV, St. John's Principal Edward Hardiman and Father Dorgan. ~ A special Veteran's Day ceremony honoring graduates of St. John's who have served our country during the past one hundred years took place on campus on November 10 at the Capt. John Coady '44 Marine Deck. The service began with a color guard of recent Prep graduates, including: Cadet James Graves '07, Norwich University; Cadet Patrick O'Brien '06, Norwich University; Midshipman Nicholas McPherson '07, Massachusetts Maritime Academy; Midshipman Maxwell Wigglesworth '07, Massachusetts Maritime Academy; and Lance Corporal Mark Gregorio '04, United States Marine Corps and Fairfield University. Cadet James Papagni '05 of The Citadel, commander of the guard, stands in the second row center. Later, with student musicians playing echo taps, the Spire bell tolled as the names of Prep graduates who have given their lives in service to their country were read. ~ Hundreds of alums came back to campus for Centennial Alumni Day on September 8 and they received a warm welcome from Alumni Association volunteers including (l to r) Brian Shultz '75, John Murtagh '75, Mike Reardon '92, Martin Burke '91, Tom Guidi '70, and Anthony Regis '03. ~ Many Gold Eagles came back to campus for Centennial Alumni Day, including (l to r) Bob Delande '50 and Jim Cummings '50. ~ The junior and senior classes got into the Centennial swing at an elegant dinner dance that was held at the Sheraton Ferncroft in October. Among those to attend were (l to r) Mike Cohen '08, Katie Wyman, Amanda Neilson and Jackson Gemmill '08. ~ Vintage golf attire was in order for (l to r) Bernie Caniff '72, Bill Sullivan '71, Jack Dolan '72 and Denis Sullivan '72 during the Brother Linus Golf Tournament at the Essex County Club in October. ~ Three generations of the Larivee family cover a lot of Prep history in their own right (l to r): Garrett '99, John '41, and John '68. ~ The gala was a chance for folks to catch up, including (l to r) Charlie Poor '65, Carol Poor and Maureen O'Neill.

Painting the Prep's history on a grand scale



As we planned for our Centennial year, we felt it was important to create a work of art that would make a statement about who we are and what we believe. Andrew understood exactly what we had in mind and we, in turn, respected his vision as an artist. The result is the most significant piece of original artwork on the Prep campus and we could not be more pleased.

HEADMASTER SKIP SHANNON



Just a year after Andrew Carr '02 graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design, St. John's commissioned him to paint a mural that has become the focal point of the soaring space within the main reading room of the A.E. Studzinski Library.

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A bold nine feet in diameter, the oil on canvas circular mural depicts 100 years of Prep life. It is divided into four sections that represent religion, athletics, the arts and academics – the essential elements of a Prep education. Carr evokes the full range and scope of the school's long history by anchoring each of the four sections in a different time period. Seen in sequence, they form an almost cinematic timeline that opens in 1907 with the founding of St. John's.

Carr begins his narrative in the chapel, where he pays homage to the Prep's foundation in faith and to the spirituality of the Xaverian Brothers. To highlight athletics, he moves to the 1940s and '50s, when St. John's boasted new

sports facilities and its reputation as an athletic powerhouse was widely acknowledged. A production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" introduces the 1980s and '90s, when the Ryken Center for the Arts opened and the arts program was greatly expanded. The present time comes into focus in the form of a thoroughly modern classroom, where teacher and students embody the Prep's tradition of rigorous academics.

Although he came to the project intimately familiar with St. John's through his experiences as a student, Carr spent long hours studying the school's history.

"When I started the project, Gary Larrabee was writing his book and there was a room filled with documents, year-books, and photographs. I was aware of the Prep's history, but it wasn't until I started sifting through everything that I started to really understand how long the school had been around and what the Centennial year really meant," says Carr. "It made me proud to be part of such a long and special tradition."

Much of what Carr learned found its way into the mural. Intrigued to discover that fraternities played a big role in life on campus for many years, for example, he added a small Sigma Nu insignia to the jacket of the student pictured in the chapel. And knowing that there was no money for stained glass windows when the chapel was built, he pictured plain glass in some of the windows.

These and other small hints about the Prep's history add layers of meaning to the painting, whether it is the rainy track scene that underscores the endurance and commitment of Prep athletes, or "The Tempest" that represents an edgy, experimental approach to the arts.

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Pictured above: Carr painted the mural in two large sections, which he adhered to the wall with the help of Rob Lockwood '05 and Conor Maguire '05.

Art + History

Future generations will enjoy the artistry of special hallmarks that were created this year to honor our Centennial, whether it is in beautiful new places on campus or a new song that pays tribute to our Xaverian roots.

■ **A Window into the Past.** A stunning new stained glass window above the entrance to the A.E. Studzinski Library represents the courageous journey of the Xaverian Brothers who first came to the United States in 1854 to pursue a ministry in education. *A gift of Kris and Joe Trustey.*

■ **Art Inside and Out.** The creative energy that flourishes inside the Ryken Center for the Arts shines forth on the outside now, thanks to mosaic panels created and installed by Fine Arts faculty and students.

■ **Centennial Garden.** A tranquil outdoor retreat at the entrance to the Campus Ministry Center, the DeSimone



Family Centennial Garden calls to mind our mission to serve the world beyond St. John's. *A gift of Midge and Tom DeSimone '68.*

■ **A Moment in Time.** Artifacts and memorabilia from Prep life at the start of the 21st Century are secured in a time capsule beneath the path leading to the DeSimone Family Centennial Garden. *A gift of Ted and Mike Shanaban '03.*

■ **The Sounds of Our Centennial.** A new tune for the official St. John's Prep songbook, "In Harmony Small Things Grow" by Nicholas Celletti-Nissenbaum '08 and James Gregoire '08, made its debut at the Centennial Gala.

■ **Bringing Back the Concordia.**

Student editors changed the name of the *Eagle* newspaper to the *Concordia* in honor of the Centennial year. Originally published in 1912, the *Concordia* was the Prep's first student newspaper.

■ **Far Above the Neighboring Hilltops.** A complete history of the first one hundred years at St. John's Prep. By Gary Larrabee. *Made possible by a gift from Aletta and Edward Bond.*

■ **Museum of the Prep's First 100 Years.** This permanent exhibit in Xavier Hall explores Prep history through a timeline and photo murals with special sections on the Xaverian Brothers, life at the Prep through the years, athletics, academics, spiritual life, service, and the arts. *Made possible by Pamela Burch and David Ives '75, P'07 and their sponsorship of the Centennial Giving Circle.* ■

Pictured, above: Art teachers Harriet Malone (left) and Dale Bryant perched on some pretty tall ladders to install Centennial mosaics on the outside of the Ryken Center for the Arts last fall. ~ At left, Martha and Alec DeSimone's family created a beautiful garden to honor their longstanding commitment to St. John's. Pictured at the dedication of the new space are (l to r) Tom DeSimone '68, Headmaster Shannon, Alec and Martha DeSimone, and Tom's wife, Midge.



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Even more subtle are the shapes Carr uses to create a unified aesthetic within each of the four sections: arches in the chapel; straight lines and boundaries in sports; organic curves in the arts; right angles, squares and rectangles in academics.

"It's not necessary to analyze a piece to enjoy it," says Carr, "but I wanted to create something that you could look into and use your imagination to enjoy. I think it's what makes artwork so special."

Andrew Carr moved to a tiny studio in Brooklyn's Williamsburg neighborhood last fall, where he paints portraits while developing a portfolio of his work. To contact him, email andrewcarr@gmail.com. The Centennial Mural is in the A.E. Studzinski Library, which is open on school days from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm. ■



The war years at St. John's

Emmett Nealon was among many Prep students who interrupted their studies to serve in World War II. The Spire yearbook was published only sporadically during the war, but these excerpts from the 1943 edition offer a glimpse into how the conflict changed life at St. John's.

1939-1940: Hitler's hordes were twelve days inside Polish territory when we forced a bloody entrance into Prep school life ... Those long hours of study almost got us down, but somehow we survived, none the worse for our concentrated efforts ... War was the general topic of conversation. To us it was something of only a vague and uncertain nature ... Little did we realize.

1940-1941: France had fallen ... The world outlook was dark indeed for the democracies as we entered upon our sophomore year ... Our athletic teams had better years, but somehow we looked at it against the larger pattern of a world at war ... We settled to more serious study ... War was still the chief topic of conversation and there was talk of our entrance into it. It meant more to us for we were approaching our junior year.

1941-1942: Juniors now, and war moved closer to us. December 7 beheld the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor. We felt a bit uncertain, a bit insecure, but the steadying hand of our experienced elders kept us at our books. Friends we associated with in boyhood hastened off into the service, but we resolved to make ourselves better soldiers of tomorrow by preparing more diligently today. A far cry from the shrieking bombs over battered Europe was the peace and seclusion of early Spring on the campus.

1942-1943: The draft age was lowered to eighteen years and one by one our postgrads were called ... Many of us will join them shortly ... The second semester brought changes ... elective courses in electricity, pre-flight aeronautics and radio code ... We heard discussions by Army and Navy representatives ... Many of us were successful in our V-12 and A-12 tests.



Remembering St. John's

by Emmett F. Nealon, Class of 1944

There is not a time that I drive north on I-95 past the Danvers exit that I don't find myself gazing out the window toward the top of that hill. It doesn't take long to find the spire of St. John's Prep, standing tall among the trees. I smile for the next few miles, reliving my brief, but memorable, time there as a student. It's hard to believe over sixty-four years have passed since I walked those halls.

During my junior year at Evander Childs High School in the Bronx, I received an invitation from Coach McCabe to join St. John's football squad. Although thrilled, I was reluctant

to leave my home because I had such a wonderfully close family. Regardless, my parents recognized what a great opportunity it would be to be educated by the Xaverian Brothers. My mother quipped that I might even jettison my Bronx accent in favor of a refined New England one.

I traveled to Danvers by train and bus, then the rest of the way by taxi. My driver was an older man who extolled the virtues of Prep. When we arrived at campus, I handed him the \$1.25 fare (including tip). He looked in the rearview mirror, handed it back to me, and wished me well. (Maybe it was my beat-up suitcase?) I have often thought of his kindness and his unfulfilled dream of attending Prep. I was a lucky guy.

At that time, most students were boarders. Each morning, Brother Gerardus would awaken us with a series of deafening knocks on our door and a piercing shout of "RISE AND SHINE!" in a heavy Brooklyn accent. He would then throw open the window, and flip on the local radio station full blast playing its opening song of "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning!" Our day had begun. Dress codes always applied: white shirts, ties, jackets, and polished shoes. Mass was offered daily in the chapel. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were culinary and cultural events in the formal dining hall presided over by an order of German nuns who prepared and served our meals.

Discipline with the Brothers was basic but rarely required. If you had a confrontation with another student, the Brothers would typically invite you to the gym in the old Field House, give you each a pair of boxing gloves and have you settle it in the ring. That's how I developed a great friendship with Warren Carter, who would not fight me because I was smaller than he was. He had character. In their wisdom, the Brothers assigned me to be Warren's roommate.

For me, after morning and afternoon classes, it was football practice. Practice sessions were long and arduous, and the same players played both offense and defense with little time to rest. We were a proud, winning team.

After dinner there was half an hour of free time, then back to the classrooms for homework or tutoring from the Brothers. It was this type of individual attention that made me realize the clear difference between a good school and a great school. During these evening sessions, I learned study habits that served me well over the years.

Prior to arriving at St. John's, I had enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. I desperately wanted to become a pilot. I was seventeen and knew I would be summoned after my eighteenth birthday. Still, that day came more quickly than I thought it would, and I left St. John's early in my senior year in January 1944. It was like leaving home all over again. The Brothers were like my older brothers at home, always challenging me to be better than I thought I could be. Brothers Ricardo and Gerardus were mentors I shall never forget.

During the summer of 2007, my wife, Kathleen, and I stopped by St. John's on our way to Maine before the Centennial Celebration. We met Coach O'Leary, who gave us a grand tour, and the campus never looked better. Xavier Hall had been beautifully renovated. The grounds were pristine and I was extremely impressed with the new buildings. Obviously, St. John's remains in good hands.

After leaving St. John's, Emmett Nealon served with the Army until December 1945. He went on to graduate from Parks College of Aviation and Engineering in St. Louis before going to work for Sikorsky Aircraft, where he stayed until retiring in 1991. The parents of five children, he and his wife divide their time between Maine and Florida. ■



What They're Learning Now

If there's one thing Karen Grutchfield wants her students to learn, it's that history is often shaped by people whose names we don't even know.

The stories of ordinary people who changed the course of history, frequently at great personal risk, have always fascinated Grutchfield. People like Ezell Blair, Jr., Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, and David Richmond, who launched the civil rights movement by staging a sit-in at the Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1960. Or labor activist Mary Jones, who came to be known as Mother Jones after putting aside devastating personal tragedy to fight for the rights of mine workers. Or David Walker and other black abolitionists from the North, who agitated for emancipation before the Civil War.

Grutchfield teaches American history at St. John's and she covers everything from

Christopher Columbus's arrival in 1492 to the present day. Her students study all of the key events and conflicts, as well as iconic figures like John Adams, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt. But she challenges them to go beyond the traditional narrative and look at our nation's past from the perspective of people whose stories don't always appear in history books.

"I want to convey the significance of the average person," she says. "Their presence is everywhere and we don't recognize it. Their stories are inspiring."

Grutchfield uses Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States" as the primary textbook for her class. Zinn's emphasis on looking at history from the bottom up, calling attention to the role of the disenfranchised, complements her approach and reinforces the way she hopes her students will learn to look at history.

"I love Zinn's emphasis on the marginalized," says Grutchfield. "I don't think of his approach as being politically correct, although some historians do. I think of it as giving students a perspective they might not otherwise have. Traditionally, we've organized our history according to presidents and generals and that's certainly the way I learned it. But more and more, I've come to look at history from the point of view of people we've never heard of."

Another thread that Grutchfield weaves throughout the fabric of her class is the notion that the public images of some of our most famous historical figures are often at odds with their private lives. When they study Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, for example, Grutchfield and her students try to reconcile their significance as champions of individual liberty with the fact that both also owned slaves. Her point is that students of history need to look beyond standard mythology and think critically about the people and events that shaped our nation.

"High school is where you acquire the knowledge that forms your view of the world," she says. "I want students to be inspired by history and I want them to learn to think critically."

Karen Grutchfield began teaching at St. John's in 1987. She majored in history at Holy Cross. ■

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Recommended Reading

We asked Karen Grutchfield about her favorite authors and she came up with a list that will keep you busy for a long time!

Blanche Wiesen Cook: Excellent biography of Eleanor Roosevelt, a woman ahead of her times, unafraid to embrace controversy.

W.E.B. DuBois: His essays and articles are particularly helpful in understanding early 20th century America from the perspective of a person of color.

Anything by **Joseph Ellis** ("American Sphinx" is particularly good), **Doris Kearns Goodwin** ("Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" is outstanding), **David McCullough**, and **Barbara Tuchman** ("A Distant Mirror" and "March of Folly" are favorites).

Chalmers Johnson: "Blowback: The Costs and Consequences of American Empire"

David Maranis: "They Marched into the Sunlight," a depiction of the war in Vietnam and how it ripped our country apart.

Lawrence Wright: "Looming Tower – Al Qaeda and the Road to 911"

Howard Zinn: "A People's History of the United States"

Among non-fiction writers **Leon Uris** and **Graham Greene** are favorites, particularly Greene's "The Quiet American."

The voices of "A People's History"

Watch for "The People Speak," a four-part miniseries based on "A People's History of the United States" and hosted by Howard Zinn. The series was filmed in January at the Cutler Majestic Theatre in Boston. It features an all-star cast, including Matt Damon, Marisa Tomei, Danny Glover, Josh Brolin, Kerry Washington and others, who read passages from the book highlighting Zinn's themes of class, race and war.

Among the performances is one in which Marisa Tomei portrays a Lowell mill girl. Anyone who paid close attention during "Good Will Hunting" may recall that Ben Affleck and Matt Damon (Damon lived next door to Zinn growing up) referred to "A People's History" in the film.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Crazy for tap dancing

The Drama Guild brought down the house with “Crazy for You,” a high stepping musical revue that had the cast of 30 tap dancing their hearts out. An adaptation of George and Ira Gershwin’s “Girl Crazy,” the fall show wowed audiences with sentimental favorites like “I Got Rhythm,” “They Can’t Take That Away from Me,” and “Nice Work if You Can Get It.” Hats off to the hard-working cast and crew, and kudos to faculty members Alicia Greenwood, director, Liz Mastrangelo, choreography, and Michael Hamill, musical director.



(L to R) Joe Thibodeau '10, Don Granese '08 and Alex McGillvray '11 rehearse their roles as cowboys in “Crazy for You.”

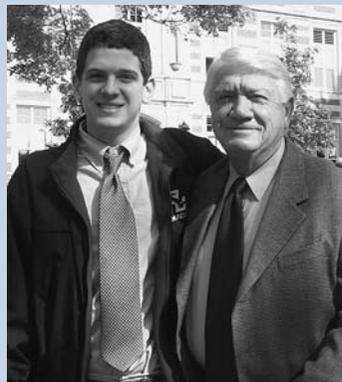
The path to NASA starts in Latin class



If the connection between Latin and getting a job at NASA isn’t immediately obvious, you should listen to Greg Anderson '03. Back on campus recently to talk with the Greek and Latin Club, Anderson told students that knowing Latin helped him

pick up Russian and German and that, in turn, helped him land his job with the International Space Station in Houston. Anderson, who majored in aerospace engineering at Syracuse University, studied Russian in college (“It made sense to take it because Russia is the other space power.”) and picked up German during a World Youth Day conference in his sophomore year, and later during an internship with Ford Motor Company in Cologne, Germany. “I speak enough Russian and German to get by and having those languages on my resume helped me get the job at NASA,” he said. With some 85 members, the Greek and Latin Club is one of the largest extracurricular clubs on campus, reports the club moderator, Gene Baron '70, Ph.D. “Greg is a model for the future. We’re looking at a smaller world and we all have to be able to interact,” said Dr. Baron.

Pictured: Greg Anderson '03 (back) with club members (l to r) Chris Pappas '08 and Tom Pedulla '09, and Dr. Baron.



No generation gap here

St. John’s held its first Grandparents Day in 2000, and it has quickly become a popular tradition for the sophomore class. More than 560 grandparents and grandsons were on hand for the big day this year. There was an informal luncheon, music by the St. John’s Prep Celtic

Band, remarks by sophomore John Tesoriero, and student-led campus tours. In the midst of students’ busy schedules, we’re delighted to be able to provide an occasion for grandparents to get a glimpse of their grandsons’ experiences at St. John’s.

Pictured: Michael Cronin '10 with his grandfather, Gerald D’Alfonso, on Grandparents Day.

From China to St. John’s Prep

Mr. Li Yang, vice principal of the High School Affiliated with Xi’an Jiaotong University in Xi’an, China, visited St. John’s last fall as part of a Chinese-American educational exchange that helps school administrators learn about educational practices in the two countries. “China is keenly interested in modernizing their educational system, and they look to the United States as a model. They see American schools as successful in training students to think independently, and we certainly admire the discipline and rigor of the Chinese programs,” said Dr. John Moran, assistant principal for academics.



The Pan family (Jeffrey '08 and Jason '11) graciously hosted Mr. Li Yang during his stay at the Prep. Visiting MIT was a special highlight for Mr. Li Yang, who trained as an electrical engineer. His high school is located in Xi’an, a large, culturally significant city in central China. For more information about the High School Affiliated with Xi’an Jiaotong University, visit <http://www.xajdfz.com.cn/english.htm>.

Pictured: Mr. Li Yang at St. John’s with Dr. John Moran.

Prize winning Prep publications

Kudos! The Spire yearbook and Eagle newspaper both earned first place awards in the 2007 annual American Scholastic Press Association contest and review. The Spire was one of three Massachusetts yearbooks to garner a first place finish, while the Eagle (now called the Concordia in honor of the Prep’s Centennial year) was one of only four Massachusetts newspapers to take first place honors in that category. Congratulations to all involved, including Mr. Christopher Lynch, yearbook moderator, and Ms. Kirstin McEachern, newspaper moderator.



Above: The Aviation Club turned out in force to welcome Tom Haas: (standing l to r) Ryan McCarthy '10, Patrick Nadworny '11, Brother Tim Paul, CFX, Tom Haas '74, Zak Wolnik '10, Erik Slettehaugh '10, Mark Chaoui '11, Stephen Lovely '08, Richard Nash '10, Tom Houghton '09, and Matt Davis '08; (kneeling) Tyler Shepard '11. ~ Right: Members of the Model UN Club at Brown University included: (front row l to r) Moderator Ms. Pamela Bronder-Giroux, Chris Fitzpatrick '09, Hyun-Sik Choi '10, Vincent Maniscalco '08, Dan Creamer '09, John Sears '08, and Barrett Flynn '09; (back row l to r) Nick Johnson '08, Dan Landry '10, and Rick Kimball '09.



Flying Eagles

Tom Haas '74 was on hand for a meeting of the Prep's Aviation Club recently to hear firsthand about the adventures of students who are taking flight training classes, thanks to his generous support of the club. A pilot and owner of Great Bay Aviation in New Hampshire, Haas provided the resources for ten students to train on Piper Warrior II planes at Beverly Airport this year. "It's a dream come true to have young aviators in the sky," he said. Haas also made it possible for Brother Tim Paul, CFX, club moderator and an avid aviation buff, to take flying lessons for the first time.



A career dedicated to making a difference in Africa

John Dunlop '84 stopped by the Campus Ministry Center recently during a visit to the North Shore from East Africa, where

he has lived and worked for more than 16 years. An officer with the US Agency for International Development, Dunlop oversees government public health care services, including care and treatment of HIV/AIDS. "In some places, the life expectancy is only 30 years. With proper treatment and medication, we can extend lives and as a result, a lot of lives are saved every year. We want these countries to be self-sufficient, healthier and properly educated," he said. He told students that he was inspired to work in service during his days at the Prep. "I encourage you to get involved and continue with service as you move ahead in life. Today, I have a career with a lot of adventure and I feel good about what I do."

Pictured: John Dunlop with Brian Wettach '09 in the Campus Ministry Center.

Considering geopolitics

Do high school students today care about what is happening around the world? If the members of the Prep's Model UN Club are any indication, they care a great deal. Well informed and fully engaged in a wide range of topics, club members regularly participate in conferences like one sponsored at Brown University last fall. They also took on the ambitious task of organizing an impressive day-long conference at the Prep in January with 300 students from 21 area high schools, including Our Lady of Nazareth Academy, Boston Latin High School, Malden Catholic High School, BC High, Phillips Exeter Academy and others. Kris Holloway, author of "Monique and the Mango Rains" and a former Peace Corps volunteer, was the keynote speaker during what club members hope will be an annual event.

Rugby team digs Palmer Cove

Members of the Prep rugby team rolled up their sleeves last fall to help install landscaping at Palmer Cove, a development of 15 houses for first-time home owners buyers in Salem's Point neighborhood. Developed by the non-profit Salem Harbor Community Development Corporation (CDC), Palmer Cove brings together many folks with connections to St. John's. The homes were designed by Joe Luna of Luna Design Group, whose son Joe '09 organized the rugby team volunteers. The Green Company, landscape contractor for St. John's, donated their services for the project, and Nina Cohen, whose son Sam Barrows graduated from St. John's in 2007, is the Salem Harbor CDC project manager.



Pictured: Andrew Griffin '09 digs in at Palmer Cove.



New faces join the Prep faculty

St. John's is the happy beneficiary of the extraordinary talent, expertise and energy that our new faculty members have brought to the Prep this year. Welcome!

Pictured above, front row (l to r): **Matthew Zaterka, School Counseling:** Mr. Zaterka brings a strong background as a high school counselor to his post at St. John's. He received his master's in education at Cambridge College and his BA in history at Saint Anselm College. **Shannon Barker, English:** Ms. Barker's experience includes teaching secondary school English and mathematics. She received a master's in secondary English at Boston College and a BA in psychology at Harvard University. **Karen Riley, English:** A reading specialist at Amesbury High School, Ms. Riley also taught at Whittier Regional Vocational High School. She received her MEd from Northeastern University and her BA from Montclair State College in New Jersey. **Susan Bavaro, Social Studies:** Before coming to St. John's, Ms. Bavaro was a practicing attorney and adjunct professor at North Shore Community College and Merrimack College. She received her JD at Seton Hall School of Law and her BA at The University of Notre Dame. **Decastur Potier, Social Studies:** Mr. Potier was the senior counselor and program recruiter for the Upward Boston program at UMASS Boston, as well as founder of the Potier Foundation, an organization that provides mentoring for young men of color in Boston. He received his master's in teaching at Tufts University and his BA in political science at Trinity College in Connecticut. **Alicia Greenwood, Fine Arts:** Ms. Greenwood has been a familiar face on campus for several years as the Drama Guild's technical director and coach in many productions. She received her BA in theater education at Salem State College and she is pursuing her master's at Emerson College.

Back row (l to r): **Lynn Cooper, Campus Ministry:** Ms. Cooper brings experience in working with youth and

community building programs. She recently received her master of divinity at Harvard Divinity School and she earned a BA in comparative religion and English at Tufts University. **Sean Sennott, Religious Studies:** A doctoral candidate in theological ethics at Boston College, he earned his undergraduate degree in psychology at Saint Anselm College, as well as master's degrees at Harvard University and Gonzaga University. He also taught at Phillips Exeter Academy's summer school program. **Mark DeFabio, Religious Studies:** A graduate of Gregorian University in Rome, Italy, Mr. DeFabio earned his undergraduate degree in philosophy and theology at St. John's Seminary in Boston. Most recently, he taught at Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine. **Jamison Pelkey, Assistant to the Athletic Office:** Jamison recently graduated from Endicott College with a degree in sports management, and he has worked in athletic communications at the University of Vermont and Tufts University. **John Munro, English:** A 2002 graduate of St. John's Prep, he received his BA at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and taught at Blessed Stephen Bellesini Academy in Lawrence.

Missing from the photo: **Jeffrey Cann, Mathematics:** Mr. Cann comes to the Prep from the Salem Academy Charter School, where he taught mathematics. Previously, he taught at the O'Maley Middle School in Gloucester and Lynn English High School. He recently earned his MEd at Fitchburg State College and his BS in mathematics at Salem State College. **Jeffrey Joiner, Computer Science:** Mr. Joiner taught computer science at Harvard University's Extension School and at the Portsmouth Abbey School in Rhode Island before coming to the Prep. He received his master's and bachelor's degrees in computer science from Harvard University. **Thomas Lewandowski, Mathematics:** Mr. Lewandowski recently moved to the North Shore from Wisconsin, where he taught mathematics. He earned his bachelor's in mathematics education at the University of Wisconsin. ■



St. John's welcomes new trustees

We are delighted to report that a graduate of St. John's and the president of a fellow Xaverian Brothers sponsored school joined the Board of Trustees at St. John's earlier this year.

John Carnevale '81 is CEO of Sentinel Benefits Corporation, the largest privately-owned employee benefits firm in Massachusetts. He founded the company with his father, Anthony, and his brother, Jim Carnevale, who graduated from the Prep in 1982. During his days at a student at St. John's, Carnevale received the first Brother Linus Scholarship, a prestigious award given at the end of freshman year to a student who demonstrates outstanding promise and leadership potential. A graduate of Bowdoin College, Carnevale earned his JD at Suffolk University. He and his wife Linda live in Boxford with their two children, including Max, who graduated from St. John's in 2007.

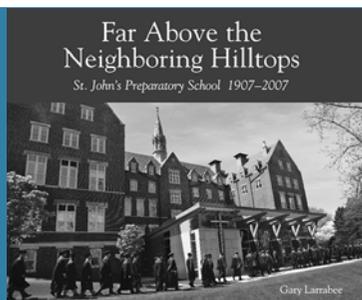
President of St. Mary's Ryken High School, a fellow Xaverian Brothers sponsored school in Leonardtown, Maryland, **Mary Joy Hurlburt** brings valuable experience both as a teacher and an educational administrator to her role as a trustee at St. John's. Before being named president at St. Mary's Ryken, she taught history, art history and studio art, and also served as principal and assistant principal of academics. She earned her undergraduate degree in studio art and education, and her master's in leadership and supervision. She and her husband, George, live in Tall Timbers, Maryland, on the Potomac River. Their son and daughter-in-law are graduates of St. Mary's Ryken. ■

Pictured: New to the Board of Trustees at St. John's: John Carnevale '81 and Mary Joy Hurlburt

The History of St. John's

"Far Above the Neighboring Hilltops" chronicles the remarkable history of St. John's Prep, from its earliest days to the present time. Written by North Shore author Gary Larrabee, the 254-page volume is handsomely illustrated with vintage images and color photos of the campus today.

Available in the Prep bookstore in Brother Benjamin Hall for \$40. Also available online at www.stjohnsprep.org (click on Bookstore).



Brother Ron Santoro, CFX, receives the Ryken Award

For more than 35 years, Brother Ron Santoro, CFX, has nurtured the Prep's creative spirit, inspiring colleagues and students with his passion for theatre, music and art.

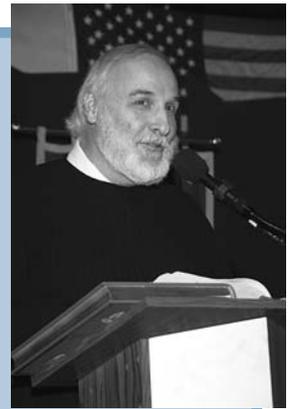
Most comfortable working behind the scenes, he found himself at center stage recently when St. John's presented him with the Ryken Award during the Founder's Day liturgy on December 4.

Brother Ron is the first Xaverian Brother to receive the Ryken Award at St. John's. Presented to a member of the faculty or staff for exceptional dedication and commitment to the vision and goals of Xaverian education worldwide, it is the highest honor given by each of the 11 Xaverian Brothers sponsored schools in the United States. The award is named for Theodore James Ryken, who founded the Xaverian Brothers in 1839 in Bruges, Belgium.

When he came to St. John's in 1972, Brother Ron taught French and worked in Campus Ministry. He went on to develop the Prep's first music appreciation course, before devoting his energies to teaching theatre and directing the Drama Guild. Under his tutelage, the St. John's Prep Drama Guild has won the annual Massachusetts High School Drama Festival an impressive 14 times, most recently in 2007 for its production of "Peer Gynt."

Honed over the course of countless productions, Brother Ron's approach as a director is to let students take the reins when it comes to putting a play together. He starts by choosing challenging, sometimes edgy, plays that provide plenty of room for creative interpretation. Then he steps back and lets his students shape the production. "I want to give kids the space to discover the play for themselves, but I need to be sure of myself in order to go with the uncertainty that comes during a rehearsal, when I find myself saying, 'I hope this works.' I have to trust the kids, and my experience tells me very, very clearly that these kids will do it. It has everything to do with the kids," he told *St. John's Prep Today* in a recent interview.

A native of the Bronx, Brother Ron graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School. He earned his undergraduate degree in French at Catholic University in Washington, DC, and later studied educational theater in London, and music at Boston University and Northeastern University.



Introducing the new St. John's Prep Summer Institute

The Prep campus will be anything but sleepy this summer with the opening of the St. John's Summer Institute, a new coed summer program offering a lively mix of courses designed to help young people develop personal interests, hone academic skills and spark imaginations in a hands-on, student-centered environment.

Taught by members of the Prep faculty and working professionals, the Institute will take full advantage of the resources available on the Prep campus and around the North Shore. While some students may spend the summer building bridges in the Prep's physics lab or mastering information processing in the technology center, others will be heading out on the water to learn fly fishing or exploring their creative talents in the Ryken Center for the Arts.

Open to current and incoming Prep students and their sisters and brothers in grades seven to twelve, the Summer Institute runs from June 16 to August 1. (Specific course dates and duration vary.) Program co-directors are Prep faculty members Sandra Martin and Mark DiFabio. Email summerinstitute@stjohnsprep.org or check www.stjohnsprep.org to learn more. Click on Quick Links from the homepage, or go to SJP Today and click on Summer Institute.

This is a sampling of the courses that will be offered at the Summer Institute:

- Presidential Election 2008
- Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Baseball in America
- College Essay Writing Workshop
- Fitness Bootcamp
- Journalism
- Italian, Spanish and French
- Introduction to Engineering
- Field Studies Institute
- Land Stewardship
- Introduction to A Cappella Singing
- Brass Ensemble
- Theater Appreciation
- Silk Screening
- Art Studio Lab
- Fundamentals in Image and Sound Production
- Introduction to Integrated Information Processing

Principal's Viewpoint

At the midway point of the busy academic year, we caught up with Dr. Hardiman and asked about developments in the Principals' office.

What topics are on your radar screen right now?

The increasingly global nature of the world today is a major focus. In "The World is Flat," Tom Friedman talks about the rapid pace of globalization and what this "flattening" of the world means for countries, companies and individuals. What it means for St. John's is that we have to encourage our students to look beyond their own experiences and think about issues in a global context. We're also focusing on creating opportunities for students to work collaboratively. Whether it's in education, business, or the non-profit world, collaboration is key to the way people work today and our students need to be prepared.

Two years ago, St. John's went through an extensive self-study process in preparation for reaccreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Does that kind of internal review continue to go on?

We constantly evaluate and assess our programs. We're engaged in a curriculum project right now that looks at what we are teaching, when we are teaching it, and whether it is advancing the mission of the school. The goal is to be certain that the curriculum is structured in a way that encourages students to look at what they're learning through a multi-dimensional, interdisciplinary lens. In the case of cloning for example, looking at it from a purely biological perspective is fine, but to look at it from an ethical, historical or business perspective raises different questions. Colleges like Harvard, Boston College and Fairfield University are undergoing a very similar process now. It's a matter of coming together as a school and saying this is what we'd like our students to achieve in their four years at St. John's.

Tell us about the new Summer Institute at St. John's. We surveyed students and parents this year and received over 1,100 responses indicating an interest in a summer program at St. John's. Faculty members Mark DiFabio and Sandy Martin built a program from scratch with courses in areas ranging from environmental science and engineering to fly fishing and the philosophy of middle earth. What's exciting is that the summer courses will allow faculty and students to pursue areas of interest and take advantage of the wealth of resources available at the Prep, on the North Shore, and in Boston.

You recently surveyed Prep graduates who are in college now about their experiences at St. John's. What did you learn? We are still in the process of learning from the survey! More than 475 alums from the classes of 2003-2007 responded. We found that 91% of our graduates have completed or are on track to complete their undergraduate studies in four years (the national average is around 50%). More than 90% of our graduates felt they were prepared for undergraduate study and over 75% reported that St. John's had an important impact on their faith life journey. The survey also reminded us of the sacredness of the relationships between students and faculty, as students overwhelmingly praised the dedication, talent, passion and compassion of their teachers at St. John's. A significant number indicated that they have no regrets and would do the same thing over again if given the chance at St. John's. As with any project, we identified areas of growth. We learned that students are looking for guidance about living away from home on a college campus, as well as more information on choosing a major in college, more experience in collaborative group projects, and an increased number of electives in the areas of science, English and business. ■



Coaching Profile: *Kristian Hanson '94 steps behind the bench as the Prep's varsity hockey coach*

Even as a player, Kristian Hanson '94 always had an interest in coaching. After graduating from the University of New Hampshire (UNH), he became an assistant coach at Salem High School. Two years later, he was named head coach and turned the struggling program around. After a record of 1-17 in his first season, the Witches finished the second year with a 12-8-2 mark and qualified for the Division 2 tournament, the first time in the 60-year history of the program. Under Hanson's seven-year watch, the team won two Northeastern Conference (NEC) Tier South Titles, qualified for the tourney four more times, and advanced to the North semifinals in 2005. He was named Boston Globe Coach of the Year in 2002, NEC Coach of the Year in 2005, and finished with the most wins and best coaching record at Salem High (79-60-5).

Hanson's success on the ice as a player equaled his proficiency behind the bench. He was a four-year member of the Prep varsity squad, and led the team in scoring his sophomore, junior, and senior years. A two-time captain, he garnered numerous all-star awards, including Catholic Conference MVP his senior year. He remains the school's leading goal scorer (102), and was inducted into the Prep's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. He went on to play two years at UNH before an injury ended his career.

The head coaching job at the Prep opened up last May when Bob Marinelli retired after 12 years. When Hanson threw his hat into the ring, he impressed the search committee with his success as a coach and player, and on June 12, he was named to the post. "We are very pleased to have someone of Kristian's caliber join the hockey program at St. John's. As a high school coach, he



understands the balance students have to strike between academics and athletics, and he knows the importance of promoting a positive attitude and good sportsmanship among players," says Dr. Hardiman, principal. "As an alumnus, he knows our mission and shares our commitment to excellence and to educating the whole person."

In addition to coaching, Hanson has been a patrol officer with the Salem Police Department for five years, and he has also spent time assigned to the North Shore Gang Task Force. "It was

absolutely thrilling to be named the Prep head coach. The application process was very competitive with many great names from Prep hockey past in the mix," he says. "I remember sitting in my patrol car when Coach O'Leary called to offer me the job."

Hanson sees himself as a teacher as much as a coach. He wants players to feel comfortable asking questions and learning from their coaches, and everyone on his staff subscribes to the same approach. The implementation of defensive systems has probably been the biggest change he has seen in hockey. Thanks to the success that the New Jersey Devils have had with their trap system, teams now pay closer attention to this defensive style of hockey.

Hanson is committed to stewarding the Prep's rich hockey tradition, and has set winning the Catholic Conference title as the team's short term goal (last won in 1994). "The ultimate goal is to win the State Title," says Hanson. "We are always working towards that goal, which we know is a lofty one. If it were easy to win the state title, we would have won one in the last 22 years." ■

Bio Notes

Hometown: Salem, MA

Family: wife Susan and son Owen, who at 6 months is the Prep's littlest hockey fan

Downtime activities: time with his son, jogging

Sports for fun: ice hockey and basketball

Favorite book or author: non-fiction criminal investigations

Athlete he admires most: Cam Neely

Favorite memory as a Prep student: 4-2 victory over CM in senior year to capture the Catholic Conference title



In honor of a brother athlete

Prep athletes are wearing their hearts on their sleeves this year. Athletic team uniforms are sporting a very special Centennial patch that pays tribute to U.S. Army Lieutenant Derek Hines '99, who graduated from West Point in 2003 and was killed in the line of duty on September 1, 2005, while serving in Afghanistan. Derek was an outstanding scholar-athlete at St. John's, and the patch carries his initials and the number 23 that he wore playing hockey and lacrosse for the Eagles. *The patches were a gift of Jan and Buddy Coady '75, P'11.*



Prep Football: A Winning Tradition for 100 Years

It was 1907 when the Prep's first football team launched a winning tradition that continues to this day. The inaugural squad finished the season with a record of 6-4-1. Ninety-nine years later, the Prep football program boasts a 554-289-43 record. Football, the first sport to be played at the Prep, is the only one that goes back through the Prep's 100 year history.

Nearly 100 football alums, ranging from the 1950s to recent grads, gathered for a reunion at the Danversport Yacht Club on Thanksgiving Eve. Prep Hall of Famer Mike Smerczynski '78 emceed the evening, which brought together three legendary head coaches – Paul "Buster" DiVincenzo '50, Fred Glatz, and current coach Jim O'Leary – who among them coached five state championship teams ('66, '67, '68, '82, and '97).

The festivities continued on Thanksgiving Day, when captains of the state championship teams joined current captains at the 50-yard line for a pre-game ceremony and coin toss. Following a breakfast in Griffin Hall, team members enjoyed the Prep's exciting come-from-behind 21-17 victory over Xaverian Brothers High School.

Pictured, above: Members of the '82 team, front row (l to r): Coach John Westfield, Norm Beaulieu '85, Carmen Monks '83, Bob Glatz '84, Head Coach Fred Glatz, Bro. Ed Keeffe, Paul DiVincenzo '50, Coach Brian Flatley '62, Steve Black '83, Mike Thibault '83, and Coach Pat Yanchus '67; back row Coach Jim O'Leary, Kevin Carney '85, Arnie Roy '83, Derron Darcy '83, and Steve Graczyk '83.

At left, from top: Matt Slaven '76, Coach Brian Flatley '62, Allen Berry '73, and Coach Fred Glatz. ~ Brian Currie, Kevin Pierce, Ralph Cecere, and Chris Davis, all class of '79.

Sports Shorts



On October 6, 2007, six Prep alums participated in the Williams-Bates football game. Pictured at left are **Rich McNeil '06, Matt Cocciardi '07, Chris Murtagh '07, Andrew DeSalvo '04, Tim Kiely '07, and Trevor Powers '05.**

Ben Ring '92 has been named head coach and officer-in-charge of the United States Military Academy's judo team. A Prep Hall of Fame member for his excellence in wrestling, Ring, a 1996 West Point grad and current member of their computer science faculty, was a 4-year member of the Academy's judo team and has competed all over the world.

Nick Figueiredo '04 capped off a stellar soccer career at Bowdoin College, finishing as the school's all-time leader in points (88) and goals (35), earning Division 3 First Team All-American and First-Team All-NESCAC honors, and being named NESCAC Player of the Year.



Above, clockwise from top left: Members of the '66 team, front row (l to r): Bro. Ed Keefe, Charlie Gianturco '68, Doug Kane '67, Head Coach Paul "Buster" DiVincenzo '50, Paul McInerney '67, Bob Mielcarz '67, and John Webb '68; back row: Rich Pelletier '69, Steve Harrison '68, Jack Kareckas '67, Pat Yanchus '67, and Bert Broyer '69. ~ Members of the '67 team, front row (l to r): Rich Pelletier '69, Bob Brown '68, Steve Harrison '68, Head Coach Fred Glatz, Steve LaLonde '68, Charlie Gianturco '68, Jim Phalen '68, and John Webb '68; back row: Dave St. Pierre '70, Dave Doyle '69, Skip Crossman '70, Jim Winkowicz '69, Bert Broyer '69, George Spartichino '69, and Joel Musumeci. ~ Members of the '97 team, front row (l to r): Coach John Westfield, Andy St. Pierre '99, Ed Walsh '98, Alan Rich '99, Bro. William Drinan, Zach Magliaro '98, Jeff Ryan '98, and Coach Mike Barbati; back row: Head Coach Jim O'Leary, Coach Dave McHenry, Coach Joe Lovett, Coach Pat Yanchus '67, and Coach Joel Musumeci. ~ Headmaster Skip Shannon and Head Football Coach/Athletic Director Jim O'Leary presented the David "Tank" Crowley '51 Award to former football coach Fred Glatz (center) in recognition of his service to the Prep football program.

At right: Kyle Bransfield '02, Coach Pat Yanchus '67, and Steve Black '83.

Trevor Powers '05 was named co-captain of next year's Williams College football team. Powers, a linebacker, and teammate **Andrew DeSalvo '04**, a defensive tackle, both were named to the All-NESCAC First Team. A third Prep alum, **Tim Kiely '07**, also a defensive tackle, saw considerable action for the Ephs, who finished the season 6-2.

John Pynchon '01 has been named the head lacrosse coach at Beverly (Mass.) High School. He was a standout lacrosse player at the Prep and Providence College, and served for two years as an assistant coach at Providence.

Aaron Wheeler '04 and **Brian Murtagh '05** were captains of last fall's Connecticut College's cross country team. Both are also members of the indoor and outdoor track and field squads.

Jonathan Goff '03, a senior linebacker for the Vanderbilt University football team, was named to the All-Southeastern Conference Second Team. A two-time team captain, he led the team in tackles (112) this season.

Steve Langton '01 has been named to the U.S. Men's Bobsled World Cup Team. He earned enough points during the National Team Trials races to make the team. Langton ran winter and spring track at the Prep, and on the collegiate level at Northeastern University.

Brian Kelly '79 finished his first head coaching season at the University of Cincinnati, leading the Bearcats to a 9-3 regular season record and a victory over the University of Southern Mississippi in the Papajohns.com Bowl in Birmingham, Alabama. Kelly, previously head coach at Central Michigan, was named Big East Conference Coach of the Year.

Ryan Leary '05, a freshmen forward on the Bowdoin College hockey team, scored two goals to lead the Polar Bears to victory over Salem State College in the Salem State Ice Hockey Classic in December, earning him the MVP of the tournament and landing him on the all-tournament team.

Fore and Aft

Prep sailing began as a club sport in 1988 at Community Boating on the Charles River in Boston. Here's a snapshot of the program today.

Coach: William Mackinson

Assistant Coach: Charlie Newhall

Home: Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield

League: New England School Sailing Association

Season: March - June

Championships: 1 – Mass Bay Regatta

Races: Fleet and team

Boats: 420s (8 purchased by SJP in 2007)

Rivals: BC High, Lincoln Sudbury

Prep sailors of collegiate note:

Paul "PK" Kenney '89: US Naval Academy

Matt Velluto '95: Bates

Sean Greely '98: Tufts

David Robbins '98: Babson

Matt Hooks '99: Stanford

Hunter Stunzi '02: UVM



Ryan O'Connell '08 joins the 1000-Point Club

The Prep varsity basketball team's 77-68 victory over Lynn Classical on January 13, 2008, was more than just another win. Fans present that night in Memorial Gymnasium saw guard Ryan O'Connell '08 join the 1000-Point Club, only the fourth player in Prep hoop history to achieve that goal. (Dave Winey '74, Chris Ford Jr. '94, and Matt Symes '99 are the others.)

His other accomplishments include North Shore Invitational MVP 2007, Catholic Conference Co-MVP 2007, Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic 2007, and Team MVP 2007. "Ryan has worked hard to achieve this type of success. He is poised, intelligent, and is a great competitor," says head coach Dan Letarte '86. O'Connell, a resident of Ipswich, will take his basketball talents to Bowdoin College next year.

A new mooring for Prep sailing

Like many extracurricular programs at St. John's, the sailing team began as a club sport resulting from the hard work of Paul "PK" Kenney '89, who recruited faculty member Bill Mackinson to supervise the activity. It is from these humble efforts that the program has grown from its early days, sailing on the Charles River, to a full-fledged interscholastic team competing against the best in the state.

Prep sailing celebrated twenty years on the water this past year. The program provides both fall and spring sailing opportunities for 40 students.

Students enjoy the recreational, learn-to-sail program during the fall season, and sailors with racing experience compete during the spring with other high school teams throughout New England. The racing team sails in the Mass Bay League of the New England School Sailing Association (NESSA) in a dozen "team racing" events and multiple "fleet racing" championship regattas.



Last year, coaches Bill Mackinson and Charlie Newhall pursued a venture to move the program from its home venue of many years, Community Boating, Inc. on the Charles River in Boston, to the waters of Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield. The school administration generously supported this initiative, forming a St. John's Prep-Quannapowitt Yacht Club partnership. This endeavor included a significant Prep capital expenditure to purchase eight 420-class sailing dinghies and a low-profile floating dock to store the boats. The dream of many former student-sailors is now a reality: a venue within fifteen minutes of the Prep campus with a fleet of 420s and a fine breeze!

"We are ecstatic to have a new home for Prep sailing. We appreciate the counsel and expertise of Matt Velluto '95, David Robbins '98, and Ken Harvey '97 in our transition to Lake Quannapowitt," says Coach Mackinson. "Coach Newhall and I welcome sailing alums to reconnect with this generation of Prep sailors in coming seasons."

Chris Remeika '08 of Marblehead and Kieran O'Connell '08 of Gloucester, both integral members of the team for four years, share their coaches' enthusiasm. "It's amazing. We've been talking about it for four years; maybe even longer. It's a dream come true for us. Instead of fighting traffic all the way to Boston, we just go Quannapowitt," says Chris.

Kieran, the youngest of three brothers to attend the Prep, says moving to Lake Quannapowitt is a definite highlight of his four seasons on the team. "It's brought our team together. The coaches are pumped up about it. You can see it in their faces."

Twenty years and going strong, the Prep sailing team now has a place to call home.

The dock and new boats were an unexpected expense that was covered by the Prep administration last year. Close to \$50,000 was invested in the program to help us realize our dream of a new home for sailing. If you are interested in sponsoring the team or one of our new boats, please contact Michael Newhall '80, chief advancement officer, at 978.624.1333 or mnewhall@stjohnsprep.org for more information. ■

Debra Marino, who joined the Office for Institutional Advancement as director of planned and major gifts, is among the new faces at St. John's this year. "Offering expanded planned giving options is one of our priorities for institutional advancement at the Prep, and Debbie brings the experience and understanding that will enable us to offer the same variety of programs that are offered at many colleges and universities today," says Michael Newhall '80, chief advancement officer at St. John's.

Marino came to St. John's from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, where she served as major gifts and planned giving officer. Previously, she was the coordinator of gift planning at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business in 2000 with a B.S. in business administration. She is an active volunteer with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, as well as a member of the Planned Giving Group of New England and the Association of Catholic Admissions and Advancement Professionals.



A new publication entitled *Planned Giving at St. John's Prep* provides helpful information for anyone interested in learning more about the options listed below:

- Bequests
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Retirement Assets: IRAs, 401(k)s, 403(b)s
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Life Insurance
- Personal Property
- Real Estate
- Retained Life Estate

If you are interested in learning more about planned giving at the Prep or would like to receive a booklet, please contact Debra Marino at dmarino@stjohnsprep.org or 978.774.6727, ext. 358.

"I enjoy working in institutional advancement because it gives me the opportunity to meet and get to know so many different people," says Marino. "Prep graduates are a very special group, and I am excited about getting more involved with our alumni." ■

The KIPP Scholars at St. John's Prep Fund

Building a partnership for the future



Adam Zoia '88 feels fortunate to be a Prep graduate. He values the education and preparation for college he received at St. John's, and he would like more students to have that same opportunity. To help make that happen, Adam and his wife Elizabeth recently created an

endowed fund to provide tuition assistance for students coming to the Prep from KIPP Academy Lynn.

Opened in 2004, KIPP Academy Lynn is a public middle school modeled after the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP). Two veterans of the Teach for America program founded KIPP in 1994 and opened their first two schools in Houston, Texas, and the South Bronx. Today, KIPP serves 14,000 students in 57 locally run schools in 17 states and the District of Columbia.

St. John's and KIPP share a commitment to educating the whole student. KIPP's mission is to provide a place where students can excel academically, develop intellectually, and learn the values critical for becoming personally and professionally successful. The program has gone on to provide a stellar educational foundation for many underserved children. The majority of "KIPPsters" qualify for

free or reduced cost meals and many students enter KIPP below their expected grade level.

Adam has seen evidence of KIPP's success firsthand as his brother, Josh Zoia, is the founder and principal of KIPP Academy Lynn. The school's first class of eighth graders will graduate this spring and several hope to attend St. John's. Adam has generously donated \$30,000 toward the minimum \$50,000 needed to endow a tuition assistance fund for KIPP students attending the Prep with the hope that they will thrive in the Prep environment, as they did at KIPP. To encourage others to join in his effort, Adam has offered to match all additional gifts up to \$20,000.

Adam feels passionately about the KIPP Scholars at St. John's Prep Fund. "KIPP is all about taking the raw material that is in all of us, including those whose external circumstances are a negative force, and creating an environment where that raw material can shine academically. Creating a scholarship that marries two institutions (KIPP and St. John's) that share similar goals seemed to me to be a cause with high impact."

If you are interested in learning more about the KIPP Scholars at St. John's Prep Fund, please contact Michael Newhall, chief advancement officer, at 978.624.1333 or mnewhall@stjohnsprep.org. ■

It's all about participation

At this time of year, as our June 30 deadline approaches, it is always exciting to see the thermometer rise as your gifts to The Fund for St. John's bring us closer to our goal. It is especially heartwarming to see who participates in annual giving at the Prep.

Alumni – Prep graduates of every generation are participating in The Fund for St. John's this year. From Gold Eagles who have celebrated their 50th reunion, to graduates of the last decade and everyone in between, your participation speaks volumes about what St. John's means to you.

Parents – Whether you are a current parent or an alumni parent, your gift is a vote of confidence in the educational experience your sons received at St. John's.

Faculty and Staff – You care deeply about the mission of this school and the students you are charged with guiding and educating. Your collective participation demonstrates a profound loyalty that goes above and beyond all that you do on a daily basis.

The Fund for St. John's
2008 Goal: \$1,175,000
\$875,000
\$700,000
\$525,000
\$350,000
\$175,000

Help push us over the top!

Grandparents and Friends – You are an important part of the Prep family and your support is an endorsement of our commitment to educating young men of character and conviction.

Many students would not be able to avail themselves of the extraordinary education offered at St. John's were it not for the tuition assistance provided by The Fund for St. John's. By making a gift to the Fund, we can all help give students from diverse financial backgrounds the opportunity to be part of the Prep experience.

You live in different states and come from different generations, but you are all part of the Prep family. You are all part of the equation. Without you, our thermometer of giving would not rise.

Without you, we could not achieve the success we are celebrating during this historic Centennial year.

If you have not yet given to The Fund for St. John's, we ask you to make the Prep a priority in your charitable giving this year. All gifts must be received no later than June 30, 2008.

For more information, please contact Dorothy Dolan at ddolan@stjohnsprep.org or 978.774.6727, ext. 331. ■



A waterfront setting for Headmaster's Council reception

Misselwood, an historic oceanfront estate on the Endicott College campus in Beverly Farms, will be the setting for the Headmaster's Council reception in September 2008. This special reception honoring members of the Headmaster's

Council is always an elegant evening, and it can only be enhanced by this year's waterfront location.

Members of the Headmaster's Council are all those who give \$1,000 or more to St. John's annually. (Please note our fiscal year ends on June 30, 2008. Company matching funds may be counted toward Headmaster's Council level giving.) If you would like to learn more about joining the Headmaster's Council, please contact Dorothy Dolan at ddolan@stjohnsprep.org.

Matching Gifts – corporate good citizenship

Last year, we received 142 corporate matching gifts that meant an additional \$80,000 in donations supporting the mission of St. John's. Many employers have matching gift programs as part of their community outreach and involvement mission. It is good citizenship. Please take advantage of these programs by inquiring about a match when you make your gift to St. John's. Following is a list of just some of the employers from whom we received a gift in fiscal 2007. To see if your company matches gifts, visit our website at www.stjohnsprep.org and click on Giving, Ways to Give.

- Bank of America Foundation
- Eaton Vance Management
- Fidelity Foundation
- GE Foundation
- Goldman Sachs & Company
- John Hancock Financial Services
- JP Morgan Chase Foundation
- Mellon Bank, N.A.
- Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation, Inc.
- Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
- Motorola Foundation
- Putnam Investments Matching Gifts Program
- Raytheon Company
- SC Johnson Fund Inc.
- State Street Bank & Trust
- The Gillette Company
- Verizon Foundation

Sponsorship: Advancement's opportunity for businesses

John Carnevale '81 has committed his company, Sentinel Benefits, Inc., to be a major sponsor of the annual golf tournament that benefits the Brother Linus scholarship. For John and his brother and business partner, Jim '82, support of the Brother Linus Golf Tournament is a wise business decision and one that has emotional roots as well. John was the first recipient of the Brother Linus Scholarship in 1978.



Sponsors are motivated to assist us in our charitable fundraising efforts for a variety of good reasons. For some, it is simply a means of demonstrating their strong support for the beneficiaries of the event. For some, it is a way to expose their business to a targeted group of potential clients – in this case the alumni and families of St. John's Prep. For some, like John Carnevale, it is a bit of both.

Special events add a significant amount to the funds raised by

the Office for Institutional Advancement. Sponsorship of those events by individuals, local businesses and large corporations are an important part of that success. Sponsorship is a winning proposition for both parties.

If you are in a position to make commitments on behalf of your business, please consider becoming a sponsor of one (or more!) of our upcoming events. Information about sponsorship opportunities is available by calling Jeanne Rankin, director of stewardship and special events, at 978.774.6727, ext. 303 or by email, jrankin@stjohnsprep.org. ■

Pictured: John Carnevale '81 (right) and his dad, Anthony, flank Headmaster Skip Shannon at the Essex County Club during the Brother Linus Memorial Golf Tournament.



Brother Linus Golf Tournament

In 1986, a group of Prep parents and alums got together at the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club for a tournament in honor of Brother Linus, CFX, legendary golf coach, freshman guidance counselor and teacher, whose death in 1977 saddened the entire school community.

More than two decades later, the Brother Linus Memorial Golf Tournament has been played at some of the North Shore's most beautiful courses, including Ferncroft Country Club, Kernwood Country Club, Tedesco Country Club, Myopia Hunt Club and Essex County Club.

Brother Linus would be pleased to know that proceeds from the tournament help provide tuition assistance for Prep families and fund the Brother Linus Scholarship, which is given annually in May to an outstanding member of the freshman class. In October 2008, the tournament will be held at Turner Hill in Ipswich.

By the Numbers

Brother Linus Tournaments:	22
Brother Linus Scholarship recipients:	30
Tournament locations:	7
Golfers:	2,900 and counting
Sponsors:	757
First tournament proceeds:	\$5,997
Latest tournament proceeds:	\$91,440
Total funds raised:	\$857,000
Golf balls lost in the rough:	too many to count

Pictured: Brian Flatley '62 (left) and Larry O'Neill sported a vintage look for the 2008 Centennial year Brother Linus Tournament.

Brother Linus Tournament moves to a new location!



23rd Annual St. John's Preparatory School Brother Linus Memorial Golf Tournament

Monday, October 6, 2008 ~ Turner Hill in Ipswich

For more information, contact Jeanne Rankin at jrankin@stjohnsprep.org or 978.774.6727, ext. 303.



LinkedIn with the Prep

St. John's has created an alumni professionals networking group on LinkedIn.

- Connect with fellow Prep alums
- Expand your professional network
- Develop business relationships

We encourage you join the new Prep Alumni Network group on LinkedIn. To find us, visit www.linkedin.com and search for Jeff Connolly. The Prep Alumni Network is listed under "additional information" on his profile.

When you set up your LinkedIn profile, or if you already have one, be sure to include St. John's Prep in your education area to make it easier to find fellow Prep alums.

For more information about the Prep LinkedIn group, contact Jeff Connolly '80, director of alumni relations, at jconnolly@stjohnsprep.org or 800.292.0227, ext. 388.

Greetings from the Alumni Office

Hello Fellow Alum,

The next time you're on campus, drop into the Alumni Office and you'll see a wonderful reminder of Centennial Alumni Day – a framed poster signed by hundreds of alums who attended that celebration on September 8. I glance up and see Phil Loreti's '45 signature next to Martin Zuk's '06. As I think back to that day, I remember the pride, the smiles, the camaraderie, and the stories that were shared by graduates from virtually every decade in Prep history. I can think of no better way to have embarked on our Centennial year than with this special day for all of our alumni.

While there have been many great events on campus this year, we are excited about visiting our alums outside the local Prep area. These gatherings – whether they are at a restaurant, an alum's home, or on a college campus – share several goals: to encourage alums to reconnect with St. John's; to share the latest happenings at school; and to encourage networking among Prep grads throughout the country. I enjoy meeting alums and hearing about how St. John's influenced their lives. And I always like to ask who their favorite teachers and coaches were. Headmaster Shannon attends most of these events, and, on occasion, we are fortunate to have a faculty member or two join us. In 2007, we visited 12 cities and five college campuses. We've already been out on the road this year, and we plan to add to our regional travel initiatives, so keep an eye out for us.

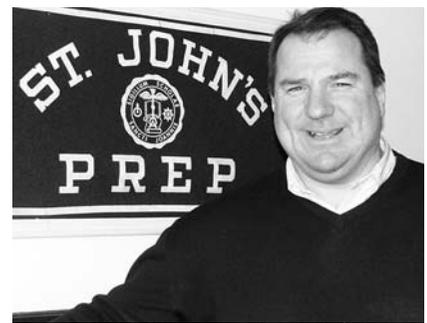
We kicked off our new Alumni Travel Program in August, as we headed to Baltimore for the Red Sox-Orioles series. With that trip such a success, we have decided to ride the World Series champs' coattails once again, this time to the Windy City for their series against the White Sox (August 8-10). See the details about this trip inside the front cover of this magazine.

We know our grads are looking for ways to network with fellow alums, and we're excited to report on two new initiatives in this area: a Boston area young professionals event and a Prep alumni group on LinkedIn. See the sidebars on this page for more information.

Best regards,

Jeff Connolly '80, Director of Alumni Relations

jconnolly@stjohnsprep.org ~ 800.292.0227, ext. 388



Please get in touch and tell us your comments and suggestions. The Alumni Association is your organization, and our goal is to make it valuable to you!

Boston Young Professionals Event for Alumni from the Class of 1990 to 2004

Interested in career networking?

Join us in Boston at an alumni event for young professionals.

- Connect with Prep grads during an informal reception
- Hear from keynote speaker Ted Johnson '92, Partner at Korn/Ferry International, professional search firm
- Learn from an informal panel of Prep grads working in a wide range of professions

Bell in Hand Tavern ~ March 25, 2008 ~ 5:30 to 8:00 pm
No cost to attend ~ Complimentary appetizers ~ Cash bar
RSVP by March 18

A CONVERSATION WITH Mike Kotarski '88

As a student at the Prep twenty years ago, Mike Kotarski's goal was to play professional baseball. He achieved his dream and went on to play four seasons for the Colorado Rockies and one for the New York Yankees before retiring from baseball in 1997 to enter the business world. In 2007, he joined CSP Associates in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he advises aviation and defense corporations and private equity firms who invest in these industries. We caught up with him recently and asked about his days at the Prep.

Why did you decide to attend St. John's?

I'd like to tell you that I decided to attend the Prep after consideration of multiple private high schools and a careful weighing of the pros and cons. The truth is my grandfather went to St. John's; the athletic program was known as one of the best in the state; the graduates had their pick of colleges; the religious aspects of campus life were appealing to me and my family; and the tuition was reasonable. So the reality is I am just happy St. John's decided to accept me. My younger brother Jim was also fortunate enough to go to the Prep, graduating in 1995.

Describe a few of your memories from your four years at the Prep.

I seem to remember the little things the most. I remember borrowing the family van and transporting the "legal limit" of passengers to watch St. John's hockey. I will always remember how Coach Carey led his track teams, and specifically how he took the time to work with everyone on the team – even those of us who were slow. I obviously have great memories of baseball – coach Yanchus and our catchers Kevin Snow '89 and Jim Lamontagne '88, first baseman Jeff Blaeser '88, center-fielder Mike Ambeliotis '88, shortstop Mike Connolly '89, and guys like Jim Brown '88, Scott Meaney '89, Adam Buckley '89, Eric Kotchian '89, Greg Keenan '89, Rich Sinopoli '88, and Eric Zamore '89. The list of teammates



could go on and on. I guess I should also add the memories of the daily humor from guys like Mike Duffy '88 and Mike Bardwell '88, and the fact that Mr. Boyle's chemistry class became the standard against which all other classes had to measure.

What were the hot topics of the day – on and off campus – and how did they influence student life?

The major topic was the Cold War and the ongoing struggle to stop the spread of Communism. The Red Sox were mediocre and Bill Buckner was public enemy num-

ber one. It was the 80s, so hair styles and Van Halen were also key issues. I don't seem to remember any polarizing issues, although we didn't have access to real-time news, laptops, podcasts, blogs or cell phones. I am sure today's students are armed with an enormous amount of information pertaining to world events and politics that fosters and shapes beliefs and debate.

The Prep was 80 years old when you graduated. Was there a sense of school history or tradition?

My grandfather graduated from the Prep in 1923, so I didn't have to learn much about the school's history once I arrived in 1984. Perhaps the most interesting part about the history and tradition is how many generations of families have attended the school. It is impressive. The obvious common denominator has been the Xaverian Brothers. Having recently attended the Centennial Gala, it is clear to me that the rich history of the Prep is alive and well.

What advice would you give students at the Prep today?

I think the best advice I could give to students is to strive to be trustworthy and take responsibility for your actions, whether on the athletic field, in the classroom, at work, in the social scene, or at home with your family. We all struggle to embody these qualities, but I am sure I am not alone in saying that the Prep helped me understand their importance.

Mike Kotarski graduated from Duke University in 1992, where he played baseball for four years. He received his MBA in 1999 from Babson's F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business and later worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and General Dynamics Corporation. He is a member of the Prep's Athletic Hall of Fame and continues to be involved in baseball, notably with Rick DeAngelis '66 and his Lexington Blue Sox team and the coaching staff of the Boston Intercity League. He ran the Boston Marathon for Children's Hospital Boston, cycled with his brother Jim in Lance Armstrong's Tour of Hope in Washington, DC, and competed in numerous triatlons and adventure races in support of charitable causes. He is also an American Red Cross Disaster Services Volunteer. He lives in Lexington, MA, with his wife of 14 years and their 5-year-old daughter. ■



The Lexington Blue Sox were the 2007 Intercity Baseball League Champions. Prep alums on the team were (l to r) pitcher Mike Kotarski '88, catcher Brian Lentz '98, outfielder David Katzman '05, manager Rick DeAngelis '66, and outfielder Peter Frates '03.



ALUMNI EVENTS SUMMER '07-WINTER '08

Enjoy these pictures of Prep alumni gathering at recent events in Danvers and beyond.

Counterclockwise from top right: Ron, Andy '01, and Tim '08 Cedrone next to Babe Ruth's statue outside Camden Yards in Baltimore. They were more than 40 Prep alums, family, and friends who took part in the Prep's inaugural alumni travel program trip to the Red Sox-Orioles series in August. ~ Joe Newman '73 and Tom Solone '73 before teeing off at the Bro. Linus Golf Tournament in October at Essex County Club. ~ Alex Blair '06, Matt Cahill '06, Ryan Bates '07, Patrick Tivnan '07, Director of Alumni Relations Jeff Connolly '80, and Patch Culbertson '04 at the Middlebury, VT alumni luncheon in October. ~ Eric Hanko '07, Matthew Wolfe '07, Jamie Gallagher '99, and Kyle Benison '06 at the Burlington, VT alumni reception in October. ~ John Pierce '77, Matt Donahue '77, and Larry Guinee '77 celebrating their 30th reunion at the family cookout before the Malden Catholic football game in November. ~ Peter Volpe, Charlie O'Donnell, Paul Fleming, Kevin Brennan, Richard Garvey, Joe Dooley, and Paul Kareckas (all class of '67) before a campus tour during their 40th reunion. ~ Headmaster Skip Shannon visits with Kathy Ryan, Bob Ryan '72, and John Mahoney '72 during their 35th reunion at the family cookout before the Malden Catholic football game in November. ~ Steve Shinnick '82, Kathy Murphy, Chris McIntire '82, and Marcia McIntire enjoying the class of 1982 25th reunion dinner on campus in November. ~ Matt Kimble '87, Paul Ross '87, Tabitha Ross, Antonia Moreno, and Sean McKillop '87 at their 20th reunion dinner on campus in November.





First row, from left: Jon Shuman '92, Frank Ryan '51, and Mike Muska '69 at the New York City Alumni Reception in November. ~ Ben Ring '92 and Jeff Massa '92 enjoying their 15th reunion celebration at the Bell-in-Hand Tavern in Boston in November. ~ Craig Schreck, Alex Daigle, Zach Gendron, Mike Troisi, and Phil McManus (all class of '97) at their 10th reunion celebration at the Bell-in-Hand Tavern in Boston in November.

Second row, from left: Jeff Switchenko, Joe Travaglini, John Munro, Duncan Scott, and William Keefe (all class of '02) at their 5th reunion celebration at the Bell-in-Hand Tavern in Boston in November. ~ The class of '86 turned out in force for the annual Alumni Christmas Reception at the Union Oyster House in December. Pictured here are: front row (l to r): Brian Brady, Kevin Richardson, and Mike Pucci; back row: John Faggiano, Kevin Dougherty, Rich Holtz, Headmaster Skip Shannon, Karl Smith, and Chris Kaneb.

Third row, from left: Alums from the '70's through college-age hit the hardwood of Memorial Gymnasium in January for the Coach Robert McKenna Alumni Basketball game. ~ Tara Verzi, Tom Verzi '82, Jane Bresnahan, Joe Bresnahan '59, and Deb Marino, director of planned and major gifts, visiting during the alumni reception held at Boston's on the Beach in Delray Beach, Florida, in January. The event was hosted by Dan Sullivan '78.

Fourth row, from left: Karen McManus, Paul McManus '55, Tony Vorias '61, Carol Ann Vorias, Mj Shannon, Moe Morency '54, Jeanne Pierce, Steve Pierce '55, Headmaster Skip Shannon, and Gerry Delaney '60 at the alumni luncheon held at Willoughby Golf Club in Stuart, Florida, in February. The event was hosted by the Vorias'. ~ Almost 40 years of Prep hockey was represented on the ice during the Coach Paul Smith Alumni Hockey Game in February.



WALTER MITCHELL '25 recently celebrated his Centennial – plus one! Born December 22, 1906, on Sheridan Street in Lynn, Walter turned 101 in the same year that his alma mater marked 100 years. Influenced by his uncle, Brother Ernest, CFX, Walter attended the Prep for a post-grad year in 1924-1925. During his days at St John's, he became a member of Sigma Nu, the most influential student club on campus at the time. Upon graduating from St. John's, he worked in the refrigeration industry before joining the Navy for almost four years. After his service in the Navy, Walter and his wife settled in Lynn, where he was a mailman for the remainder of his career. When he retired, the Mitchells traveled to many places around the world, but it was Ireland that caught their fancy and they returned there many times. Walter, who has lived in Swampscott for the past four years, fondly recalls his childhood with Brother Ernest, his father's brother. He says that Brother Ernest was a wonderful singer and that the neighborhood would gather to hear his beautiful singing voice. Walter feels blessed to have enjoyed longevity, good health, and such a rich life.

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to share your news and memories with your fellow alumni. In some small way, Class Notes help keep the Prep spirit alive. We hope that reading about a classmate will inspire you to get in touch. If you would like to submit news for the next edition, drop a note or an email to Kathie Flatley at kflatley@stjohnsprep.org.

1943

Richard Daly continues to practice law at his office in Salem, where he is joined by his son **Kevin '74**. He reports that his son **James '71** is struggling with ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease) and would welcome your prayers. His son **Matthew '89** is a major in the Air Force and is serving in the Middle East.

1950

Bill Nolan was a dayhop from Swampscott; he reports: "Right after graduation from St. John's in 1950, I went with classmate **Steve Hennessey** of Salem to spend a few days at the home of another classmate, **Blake Hetterick**, in Hempstead, L.I. That's the last time I ever saw a classmate, and I've only driven by St. John's twice in the last 57 years. After graduation, I entered the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., and spent the next 34 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, including 3 1/2 years at MIT getting a couple of graduate degrees in ship design and construction. During this Coast Guard period, I moved 18 times with my wife and our four kids and I just lost complete contact with the Prep. I spent years at sea on Coast Guard cutters and boats, as well as at shore assignments, including a period from 1976-80 as head of the Engineering and Applied Science Department at the Coast Guard Academy. In 1984, I retired from

the Coast Guard, settled on Cape Cod, and started my own engineering and marine business, which I ran for about 15 years. My third career involved buying a classic wooden Grand Banks trawler, after having owned both sail and power fiberglass boats for the prior 35 years. Anyone who has owned a classic wooden boat can appreciate that keeping it up and actually using it, which my wife and I have from Canada to Washington, DC, can indeed be a career. I happened upon St. John's 100th Anniversary yearbook, by Gary Larrabee, on the Internet, bought it, and here I am, still thankful for all St. John's did for me, and still married to the same woman for 53+ years, Bette Ann of Mission High, one of our sports competitors from years ago. My most memorable instructors, maybe because they were also my coaches at one stage or another, were Brothers Joseph Gerard (French and religion), Hilaire (English and literature), Pdraic (algebra), and my track coach Jim Daley (U.S. history). Since I went into the CG Academy so soon after graduation from the Prep, and almost immediately entered a combination boot camp and academic environment, it took me awhile to stop referring to my officer instructors as "Brother," which got to be a habit with me after 4 years at the Prep. If anyone out there knows where I can get hold of a copy of our 1950 yearbook, which I lost in one of our many moves, I'd sure appreciate it." Six images by **Bob Parker** are published in the 2008 winter edition of *Epicenters*, the new online magazine of Boston College. One photo is featured on the cover, and each is accompanied inside by a description of how and why he took the photo. To see the work, go to www.bc.edu/clubs/epicenters/parker1.html. There is also an older listing from a group show

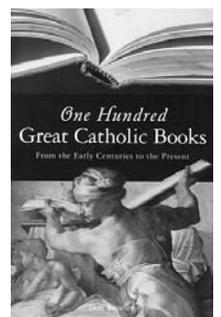
last year in which his wife Margot Parker and he each showed about a dozen photos. Go to www.newimpressionsartshow.com, click on Featured Artists, then on his name to see four of his images. Click on Margot's name to see four of hers.

1951

Bill Shea sends a bit of sad news about **Bill McKeon** who passed away on Dec. 4th after an illness of several months. He reports that **Paul Murphy**, **Jim Pollard** and he met in December for lunch and enjoyed talking about old times. They plan to get together in the spring with a few other classmates, God be willing. He says, "Those of us that made the 100th birthday celebration were certainly impressed with the Prep and all that has been done to modernize the school and the campus. Even though most people don't get the chance to mention it, I'm sure they all appreciate all that has been done. That was a real nice event. Thanks."

1952

Don Brophy, retired managing editor of Paulist Press, has written a new book, "One Hundred Great Catholic Books: From the Early Centuries to the Present." It offers an overview of Catholic thought and writing, including a wide range of significant figures from Augustine, Thomas Merton and Gerard Manley Hopkins to Graham Greene, J.R.R. Tolkien, Teilhard de Chardin and John XXIII.



In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers these members of the Prep community who have passed away recently.

Edward D. Sara '39
James J. O'Leary '41
J. Bazin Lemont '42
John F. McManus '45
Joseph A. Bachorowski '50
John L. O'Brien '50

William F. McKeon, M.D. '51
Michael D. Reid '53
Paul J. Hannaway, MD '54
William P. Manning '57
Timothy J. Murphy '57

Brian G. Burns '66
Katherine E. Roberts '72
James R. St. Pierre '81
Patrick M. Downey '86
Jonathan P. Champigny '01

1954

Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A. received an honorary doctorate of Augustinian education during Merrimack College's commencement in May. Father Dwyer is a professor of religious and theological studies at Merrimack and has been a priest since 1962.

1956

John Roberts reports that his son Jeffrey graduated from Loomis Chaffee in Windsor, Conn. in June and is attending Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. He intends to major in international business and play lacrosse. **Paul McGinley** received the 2007 Codman Award for lifetime achievement in preservation from the Boston Preservation Alliance. **Fr. Leo Shea, MM** reports, "In March 2007, I began the first Maryknoll mission commitment in the Caribbean. Father Timothy Kidney of the San Jose Diocese of California and I formed a team of evangelizers in the Diocese of Montego Bay, Jamaica. It is a challenging and interesting area in which to work. Jamaica is less than 3% Catholic; however, some of the better schools are run by the Catholic Church. Besides schools, the church has been committed to health care, clinics for HIV/ AIDS patients, orphanages and homes for special children. Food for the Poor, which distributes food and aid in many countries, was founded by a Catholic Jamaican. Food for the Poor works closely with the local dioceses. Our Catholic community makes a wonderful contribution to Jamaican society. Father Tim and I, together with two Jamaican Catholics, teach a course on "What is Evangelization" and "Who are the Evangelizers." Basically the course served two purposes, namely, to educate our Catholic adults in their faith and secondly, to promote the Catholic faith in the wider community so that the Catholic Church in Jamaica will grow. I am very open to have a group of Saint John's Preparatory students come for an immersion trip to Western Jamaica to serve the poor. Mr. Tom Brady, the quarterback's father, is presently organizing a student trip from Serra High School where his son played H.S. football. I recall that I came to Jamaica forty seven years ago fresh out of Boston College to serve one year as a lay missionary. It changed my life. Cathy and Paul McGinley are coming in February for a class reunion of three. Last September, I attended the Centennial Gala which was very special and memorable."

1957

Bill Shanahan was unable to attend his 50th class reunion in May, but he did have an opportunity to catch up with some of his former Xaverian Brother colleagues on the occasion of the celebration of their jubilee. Bill entered the Xaverian brotherhood after graduating from

"The snow had begun in the gloaming, and busily all the night had been heaping field and highway with a silence still and white."

These words from Lowell's "First Snowfall" always stayed in my mind when thinking about St. John's, since it was that kind of an afternoon when I was first introduced to the school.

It was late on that snowy afternoon, and the sun had already set when my father and I arrived at the main building. We were welcomed by Brother Campion, a rather portly fellow, who reminded me of the classic English boarding school master. I was totally spellbound as in the distance I could hear the brothers chanting their afternoon/evening prayers in the chapel, while the radiators hissed and snapped from the escaping steam. I was sure I had stepped back in time.

When I finally did get to St. John's the next fall, I was shown the Ryken Dormitory and was greeted by Bro. Joseph Gerard, who saved the day, since I wasn't too sure about living there for the next 9-10 months. He saved the day simply because of who he was, cheerful, energetic, understanding and a no-nonsense person with a broad smile. Everyone felt immediately at home, and that's the way it was for all 30 of us all year. When someone got the chicken pox, we all got them. I got mine on Easter vacation! It was Eddie Maher from Lynbrook, Long Island, who passed them on to me. Where is Eddie now?

My best friend that year was Robert White from South Boston. He had asthma, I think, and I did too, so it was difficult for us to keep up with the after class athletics that were required of us. Thanks to Jim Daley, our track coach, I left my asthma on the track. He recognized what I had and would run me on that track until I would get sick. It worked. After that year, my asthma was gone. I'm not sure what happened to Robert White. I know he was in the freshman class the following year, but not after that. I think he was ill with other things, and didn't return after that summer. I missed him. Having asthma wasn't all that bad actually. As a boarder, when I would have an attack, I'd spend my sick time in the infirmary. That was another world. Mary McGauley was our nurse, and she did take very good care of me, despite all the comments from my class mates who claimed she used square needles when giving shots. I don't think she did. And I remember Brother Linus, who had to be at least 110, and how he would hang around there to talk to everyone and read the magazines and newspapers. Boy, how he disliked Life magazine. He thought that was the most evil, risqué magazine in print, with all those pictures of half dressed girls. I'm sure he'd find it difficult in today's environment.

The bowling alleys were in the basement of Ryken Hall. We who lived there had to clean the alleys as part of our Saturday morning "activities." This meant many hours of steel wooling the marks off the alleys themselves and beating the rugs at the end of the alleys to get the dirt out. Actually, the "rugs" were 4 or 5-foot sections of fire hoses which could be slapped easily against the corner of the building. It's a wonder the building didn't fall down. And, oh yes, when these activities were finished, in the spring I remember we would play baseball in the field adjacent to Ryken, and how Bro. Joseph Gerard would holler out the dorm window "ya gotta love it."

On Saturday nights we had the meeting of the Kappa Kappa Club. Of course, we new arrivals had to go through an initiation period, when, if it was bizarre, we had to do it. One Saturday night, when Johnny Consoli of Palm Gardens fame was president, we all had to do some skits. "Doc" Eagan and Frank Downey (RIP) were on the chosen few list for that night and they were picked to sing the song, "It's Magic." I think Doris Day made that song famous. Anyway, John and Frank thought they had it down well and strutted out on the floor in front of the officers and began ... "you sigh, the song begins, you speak, and I hear violins, it's magic." What an uproar came from Consoli as he shouted "get out of here, get out, that's not magic, that's tragic!" And certainly any of the rest of us who thought that was funny would surely be the next on the floor. It was like trying not to laugh in the chapel.

These are just a few of my many fond memories of St. John's. I lived there for 5 years. I was in the last 8th grade, and when I graduated, I was probably the only one who felt like crying. St. John's taught me so many valuable things, who I am and how I should interact with my fellow man. No one is beneath us, and if we can help relieve someone else's unfortunate plight, try to do so.

Has anyone looked at page 83 of the 1949 year book? That's Pablo Murphy from Marblehead running in the lower right hand corner. Would you believe that yesterday I received a change of e-mail address from him? Way to go Paul. And on unmarked page 76 is a picture of Bill Shea and the Jayvee Eaglet hockey team. I didn't remember that Bill played hockey. I really must get up to the Cape and pay him a visit.

Don Cavett '51 provided us with this wonderful remembrance of his Prep years.



TOM DENNEN '60 has found passion and satisfaction through his involvement with the Mineseeker Foundation, an organization with the ambitious goal of removing all land mines from the planet. Princess Diana was one of the first public figures to raise awareness about land mines, and although it is a recent initiative, the Mineseeker Foundation has brought other high profile figures including Nelson Mandela, Sir Richard Branson, Queen Noor of Jordan, and Brad Pitt together in calling for support of removal efforts.

Through its Sole of Africa initiative, Mineseeker hopes to promote economic self-sufficiency in Africa by returning useful farm land to native people. Airships (also known as zeppelins), equipped with sophisticated technology developed by the British Defense Department, will be used to map and pinpoint mines and facilitate the removal process. The organization will then work with local

people on the fundamentals of agri-economics – farming, harvesting and co-operative distribution techniques. The program begins next year in Mozambique, with Angola to follow.

To raise awareness about the Sole of Africa initiative, a team of four daredevils with motorized paragliders and a Russian motorbike with sidecar will travel from Cape Town to Cairo and back next year. For his part, Dennen will script 15 one-hour travelogues about the journey. He will be involved with scouting, filming, editing, and acting as general “gofer” for the team, which hopes to set at least three new Guinness Records. “It’s strange,” says Dennen, who lives in Durban, South Africa. “I don’t have two coins to rub together, but I’m rubbing shoulders with some seriously notable people these days.” *For more information, visit www.mineseeker.com and www.thesoleofafrica.com.*

the Prep and served as Brother Laurentius. He was pleased to reconnect with some other alumni brothers including Brother Anselm, now Rev. Daniel Magni, pastor of St. Rita’s parish in Lowell, and Brother Lucius, David Boraks, who taught religion and coached track at St. John’s in the 70s. Bill now resides in Fountain Valley, Calif., with his wife Therese. He has managed to stay in touch with Prep classmates **Joe Ryan, Neil Burke, Ben Clarke, Stan Burba, and Pete Rush.**

1958

Plans for the 50th reunion in May 2008 are well underway. The enthusiasm of the reunion committee members is terrific and **David Crowley** reports that there should be a great turnout for the event. **Theodore Bernard** is retired from Unum Provident Corporation and living in Naples, Fla. He and his wife Maria have recently purchased a home in Brunswick, Maine, where they will spend their summers. **William Lundregan** and his wife Jane have been practicing law in Salem since 1967. They have three grown children: Catherine, also an attorney; **William IV '88**, an attorney and general counsel for Esselte Corporation in Stamford, Conn., and Anne, who works in public relations. They have seven grandchildren. Bill serves as a director and member of the executive committee of the Salem Five Cents Savings Bank. Jane is a director and vice chair of the board of directors of the North Shore Bank. They have spent a good part of the past seven years traveling the world and hope to be able to continue to do so.

1959

Paul Larkin attended the 100th anniversary day at the Prep last September and enjoyed it very much. He was thoroughly impressed with

the student tour guides. As expected, these students were extremely polite, neatly dressed, and very accommodating. He was also “dazzled” by the use of technology in the classrooms. He says, “Amazingly, I found myself attempting to relate my mental images of Ryken and Xavier halls with my observations during the tour. One of the things that struck me was the enclosure of ‘the Quad’ behind Xavier Hall, which had been open and where we played the game of ‘eggs.’ I was also amazed by the change in the dining halls and what had been the kitchen.” Now retired and a widower, Paul is attending a local community college where he is majoring in graphic arts. He says he continues to feel connected to the Prep. He and his wife used to visit with a number of Prep grads when they visited her family in Maine.

1960

Joe Albiani has been writing a blog about his life including his years at the Prep. A major publisher is considering publishing the blog as a book. You can read the blog at joealbiani.blogspot.com. Joe’s book, “The Crucifixion: What Really Happened” is available in the Prep library.

1961

Tony Vorias and his wife Carol-Ann celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last year with a three-week trip to Italy. They sold the home in Lynnfield where they had resided for thirty years and relocated to Stuart, Fla. They plan to spend some of the summer months in Rockport. Long-time friends Carol and **Tony Albiani** winter in nearby West Palm Beach and they get together often. They are available for golf should any classmates be interested in a match and report that “we may not be good, but we’re fast!” **Franklin Dodge** reports, “After

being single since 1975, I went to Italy and got married in February 2007. My wife, Stefania, is from Reggio di Calabria on the Mediterranean Sea looking across the straits at Messina, Sicily. It took seven months to go through all the paperwork to get her here finally. She is now studying to be a surgical technologist. Her two sons, 24 and 22, are both in doctoral programs at the University of Messina and honor students. So, I finally have a family. Incredibly, I’m now the oldest senior partner in our 21-attorney law firm (how did that happen?). In addition to serving as a Judge Pro Tem in our Superior Court, I am on the commercial panel of arbitrators and mediators for the American Arbitration Association and several other organizations, a certified specialist in business bankruptcy, a fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America and continue to practice in business, commercial, financial and real estate transactions and litigation. I am also going into my 19th year of participating in Olympic triathlon events in Arizona and California. So, I have much for which to be thankful and attribute whatever successes I might have had to the wonderful foundation, education and direction I received during my four years as a resident at the Prep. Always happy to hear from or have a visit from a classmate ... Scottsdale is hard to beat most of the year! All the best to my friends at St. John’s.” **Dick McCarthy** reports that **Anthony Albiani, Bob D’Errico** and he came to the Union Oyster House for the alumni reception in December and discovered that none of them had changed that much ...

1965

Martin Beekman has retired after 30 years as an administrator, lecturer and actor at the University of Virginia’s department of drama. He and his wife Dot have moved to Clarksville,

Va., on Buggs Island Lake near the North Carolina border, where they are building a new home and immersing themselves in the community. **Pierre Lessard** was recently curator of the "I See a Chuckle II" art show for the Texas Visual Arts Association, held at the Plaza of the Americas, Dallas, TX.

1968

Joseph McDonough was appointed resident legal advisor to the Ministry of Justice to the Sultanate of Oman by the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative. He provides technical assistance and advice to Omani governmental and private organizations. Joe is a Melrose attorney and the former executive director of the Massachusetts Judges Conference. He is a visiting fellow at the Center for Democracy and Development, McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies at UMass Boston and an adjunct professor at Northeastern University teaching international business law. He initiated the MJC UMass McCormack Rule of Law program in 1998 and it has since brought legal education to twenty-two countries. **Biff Michaud** and his wife Gail report that they are enjoying their new daily contact with St. John's as their son **Faxon '11** continues the Michaud family's association that started in 1931 with Biff's uncle. Every male in their family has been a part of Prep since then. Faxon played on the freshman football team that compiled an 8-3-1 record. Biff says, "Life in Marblehead continues to be fun, sailing with friends and enjoying Gail's garden. My work as CEO of The Salem Witch Museum continues to satisfy. Boating, skiing, antique cars, gardening and golf (that should make my '68 classmate **Dave Fay** happy) are our hobbies and St. John's is our focus. Faxon is part of the 100th graduating class of Prep ... what a legacy! I hope to read news from more of my classmates."

1969

Peter Healey reports, "Six months into retirement from ExxonMobil, we're moved into our new home on Lake Travis in Austin, Texas. The Texas Hill country continues to remind us of Tuscany (yes Texas is not all flat and tumbleweeds) and Austin is a hopping place with UT and the music/food/theatre scenes. The lake has yielded a number of impressive fish so far, with more to be sought in the spring. We were out in the boat on Christmas day and in parkas on New Year's, such is the variability of the Texas weather. My children are at Mount Holyoke College and Bowdoin, both doing well and glad they missed the blizzards which threatened their travel south. I had a memorable visit to the Prep, ably escorted by Jeff Connolly, to see the transformations that have taken place in the 35+ years of my absence. The infrastructure and programs now available to the students really do place the Prep on a

par with many of the traditional Prep boarding schools and success in the classrooms, outreach programs and athletic fields, position students for access to the top universities, for even greater lifetime success. Hello to all my classmates – to **Tony Russo**, about time you got married!" **Jon Malay** is asking for all Prep grads that happen to be among the 7,000+ professional members of the American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics (AIAA) to vote for him when they receive their 2008 national officer ballot. Jon's running for Region I Director (the region extends from Hampton Roads up to NY and New England.) He reports that he's running unopposed, but he's worried about a write-in campaign from this guy M. Mouse! Jon was president of the American Astronautical Society (AAS) in '04-'05 and just can't stop volunteering. He's celebrating five great years at Lockheed Martin as their Washington operations rep for NASA and NOAA programs. He says, "Not a bad job after his 20 years as a Navy ship-driver and weather-guesser!"

1972

It's not too late to add your name to the beautiful granite bench installed in front of Xavier Hall that commemorates the Class of 1972's 35th reunion and the Centennial of St. John's. Contact Michael Newhall at mnewhall@stjohnsprep.org for details. **Peter Beekman** and his wife Barb have been living in upstate New York now for close to twenty years. Their daughter Erica is a freshman at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and their son Christian is a sophomore in high school. Peter enjoys keeping up with the Prep through the magazine and visits the web site frequently. They have made a couple of trips to St. Albans, Vt., to watch the Prep hockey team play in the Doc Tulip Classic as the Canton, NY, team plays every year in the tournament, too. He says, "It is great to see the Prep doing so well and growing in stature and reputation. Keep up the good work."

1973

Roger Bourgeois has been named superintendent/director of Essex Agricultural and Technical High School in Danvers. He was formerly an administrator at Shawsheen Vocational Technical High School in Billerica. **John Hendry** was head statistician for Super Bowl XLIII in February. He has years of experience as a statistician for the New England Patriots. **John Clark** updates us with a short history of the last 35 years. He graduated with a degree in communications from UMass/Amherst and entered broadcasting in 1978, at Boston's area rock station WAAF, doing overnights. After a stint in Portland, Maine, he moved on to Classic Rock WPYX, Albany, N.Y. in 1984. He defected to their Classic Rock competitor, WQBK, Albany in 1987, but returned to WPYX in 1996, where he is currently



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In Uniform

To honor our alumni currently serving in the military, we keep a list of their names on display in our library. Please let us know if you or an alum in your family is serving and we will make sure they are on that list. Names can be sent by email to Director of Alumni Relations Jeff Connolly '80 at jconnolly@stjohnsprep.org.

Legal Eagles

Trevor Findlen '94 and **James Kossuth '94** have formed the Prep Lawyers' Network, a new group for Prep attorneys to meet, network, and share insight on the practice of law. They would love to hear from Prep lawyers, young and old, as well as law students and those considering law school. For more information contact Trevor Findlen at findlen@laredosmith.com or James Kossuth at jkossuth@duanemorris.com.



MARILYN SCHLEIN KRAMER '77,

one of the 77 young women who graduated from St. John's, was recently named executive director of the Partnership for Healthcare Excellence, a coalition of insurers, providers, employer groups, consumer advocates and health care experts. The first of its kind in the country, the statewide initiative aims to improve the quality of health care in Massachusetts by helping consumers become better informed and more engaged in their own medical care. The most visible part of the campaign is a consumer-friendly web site, www.partnershipforhealthcare.org, designed to make it easy for people to get information on everything from how to compare hospitals and doctors, to how to prepare for doctor visits and hospital stays. Previously, Kramer served as president and CEO of DxCG, Inc., a health care information technology company. She first became interested in health care management as an economics major at Harvard. "I liked health care because it violated most of the rules of economics that I had learned," she says. After graduating from Harvard, she earned her MBA at the University of Chicago and started her career at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

Kramer's brother, Robert Schlein, graduated from St. John's in 1973. She followed suit and became one of nine young women to graduate in 1977, the last year that girls attended St. John's. "It was a banner year. St. John's sent seven of us to Harvard in 1977," she recalls. "I was often the only girl in class and it made me learn how to speak up in front of all those boys. I couldn't retreat if I wanted to do well. It was great training for the business world." As treasurer of Temple Ahavat Achim in Gloucester, Kramer is devoting much of her time now to helping the congregation rebuild after a fire destroyed the temple in December.

the late night DJ. He's been married since 1982, and has a daughter who is a freshman in college, and a son who is a sophomore in high school.

1974

Scott O. Gershaw is a CPA specializing in financial planning with a practice in Danvers. He reports that his son **David '05** is a junior at UConn where he consistently makes dean's list at both the School of Engineering and the School of Business, and is the owner of Customangeleyes.com. His daughter Rachel is a senior at Danvers High School, with plans to go off to college in the fall. **Paul Twomey** is regional manager for Swagelok/Cambridge V&F, a manufacturer of instrumentation fluid handling components & systems. He and his wife Sandra live in Boxford. Their son John, Phillips Academy Andover class of 2008, has signed a national letter of intent and accepted an athletic scholarship to play soccer for the A10 University of Richmond Spiders. Their daughter Ariana, a Pingree School freshman, plays varsity soccer and basketball. He sends his best to Bro. Keefe, as well as to Lori and **Dave Wright '73** and kids Ariel & Perrin in the hills overlooking San Francisco Bay! **Carole Stone** is in her second term as International Board Member for YPO (Young President's Organization.) She is the third woman in the history of the organization to serve on the board. She also chairs the International Forum Committee. She is curious how many other Prep YPOers there are. Carole champions other events for YPO including an upcoming parent/youth ski racing experience at Whistler with ex-Olympian and U.S. Ski Team athletes. This summer she is working on another YPO parent/youth experience in Kenya with Free the Children organization. Carole is the president of an international executive recruiting company (www.deliveringleadership.com) and resides in Del Mar, California.

1975

Maureen McCauley reports that her four children and her niece are all now in college and that she has a year-old granddaughter as well. In January, she started a master's program in applied healing arts at the Tai Sophia Institute. She manages to visit Danvers and St. John's a few times a year and is impressed with the Prep's campus. **John Herzog** and his wife Barbara are the parents of a new daughter, Emma. Barbara's son **Eric Hanko** graduated from the Prep in 2007 and is a freshman at St. Michael's College in Vermont.

1976

Tom Civiello is living in Perth, Australia, where he has established his own company, SurveySpec. Now up to 20 or more employees, they audit, inspect, and help repair oil rigs in and around Australia and Singapore. Tom's

daughter Lauren is a University of New Hampshire graduate working as a speech pathologist. Son Anthony will graduate from Murdoch University in Perth with a degree in legal studies, and his daughter Ashleigh attends a private high school in Perth and is an accomplished violinist and dancer as well as being an excellent student. **Ted Huemmler** lives in Eliot, Maine, and has spent most of his career as a manufacturing engineer. Last winter he quit his job and sailed his boat, the HUM 2, a 36' sloop, to the Bahamas and back with his friend Brenda. They left in early September from Eliot and returned at the end of May spending four months in the Bahamas, mostly in the Exumas. Georgetown was their final destination, where 400 boats winter over and it was like summer camp for adults. Ted is now back home looking for an interesting job and spends most winter weekends at Sunday River and still gets out on the ice a couple times a week. In the summer you can find him on the HUM 2 out at the Isles of Shoals sailing and scuba diving. Ted invites all his classmates to his annual Summer Solstice Party on June 21 in Eliot.

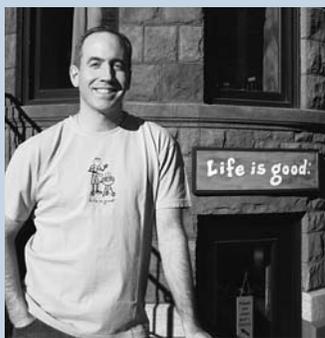
Lon Blais, a former New York City public school teacher, will be bicycling across America to raise Alzheimer's awareness and funds for the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Blais is doing the trip in memory of his father, Bob Blais, who was also a teacher and passed away from complications related to Alzheimer's in 2006. Blais' cross country trek will begin in Bayside, Queens, on August 31, 2008, and will end at the Santa Monica Pier in California on October 12, 2008. For information about how you can help with Lon's fundraising or to know more about his route, contact him at lojoblais@aol.com.

1977

Rich Iorio was awarded the American Orthopaedic Association's Austrian-Swiss-German traveling fellowship for 2008 and will travel for the month of April lecturing and teaching as well as having the opportunity to learn new techniques himself. Rich is an orthopaedic surgeon at Lahey Clinic in Burlington and a member of the Prep's Board of Trustees.

1978

Richard Melanson is the proud parent of two sons. Thomas is a freshman at the Prep and played freshman football in the fall. Richard is a sports and fitness major at Salem State College and plays baseball and hockey. He and his wife Kathryn live in a home they built in Gloucester ten years ago. Rick is an engineering technical writer at TEL/Epion in Billerica and writes the manuals for a gas cluster ion beam machine used in the manufacture of computer chips in the semiconductor industry. Kathryn is assistant human resources manager at ITV in Beverly. In his spare time, Rick and his son Richard play



Life is good for **JIM LAUGHLIN '82**. Literally. As director of communications and head of charitable festivals for Boston-based retailer Life is good, Laughlin helps market the company's message of optimism and fulfill its social mission through festivals that the company stages throughout the country. Known for witty, colorful clothing and accessories, Life is good eschews traditional advertising and marketing, focusing instead on homegrown, family-focused events to combine old fashioned fun with raising money and awareness for charities supporting kids in need. "In three years, more than 300,000 people have attended these events, helping Life is good raise over \$3 million," says Laughlin. "One hundred percent of festival funds are donated to charity through the Life is good Kids Foundation, which I helped establish."

Laughlin's career took many turns before he joined Life is good in 2005. Inspired by mentors from the Prep, including Frank Cimerol, Bro. Sullivan, CFX and Bro. Puccio, CFX, Laughlin taught at UMass Amherst and Virginia Tech. He left academia for the corporate world, signing on with Linkage, Inc., a consulting and training firm in Burlington, MA, where he specialized in leadership, management development, and product development.

Laughlin attended UMass Amherst, where he earned a bachelor's degree in English and political science, and a master of fine arts in poetry. Today he lives in Maynard, Massachusetts, with three of his four children (the oldest is a first-year student at Yale) and stays busy teaching CCD, coaching youth sports, driving the family "taxi" and playing Ultimate Frisbee, which has been a passion for more than a decade.



David Kalman '78

roller hockey together in two leagues. He looks forward to seeing classmates at Prep events in the coming years! **David Kalman** reports, "At SJP freshman orientation, I learned about the school and its extracurricular activities. One presentation caught my eye – a demo by the martial arts club. I instantly knew that was what I wanted to do (aside from the usual readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic), so I joined up with the crew of martial arts misfits and I stuck with the club for the four years of my SJP tenure. (During the first year, we trained on the cold, hard concrete in the basement of Bro. Benjamin Hall.) After leaving the Prep, I stopped my martial arts training for a few years and later wandered from school to school until 1995, when I met a great instructor in Seigokan Goju-ryu karate, Marcos Collaco. While training under Mr. Collaco, I had the opportunity to visit Japan in 2000, where I received my Goju-ryu black belt. I now teach a class at a fitness club and offer a children's class (which includes my older son Harrison) twice a week at my home dojo. I suppose the lesson in this story is that you never know what part of your Prep experience will last a lifetime." David is a publishing and media consultant as well. He

says he's always interested in hearing from former classmates. You can find him on LinkedIn.com or email dkalman@terrella.com.

Rocco G. Ciocca, MD has just been appointed as chief of vascular surgery of Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston, a major teaching affiliate of Tuft's University Medical School. Rocco left his position as associate professor of surgery at University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester to accept this leadership position in Boston. Rocco resides in Wellesley with his wife Lauren and two daughters, Caroline (17) and Margaret (14).

1979

Stephen Doty graduated from Bucknell University and from California Western School of Law in San Diego in 1987. He practiced civil law in Las Vegas during the 1990s and now serves as an investor for a private foundation in Salem. He is also an essay writer on the side; his most recent work is "Richard Feynman: Accidental Philosopher" published in the Jan/Feb 2007 issue of London's *Philosophy Now*.



Rich Higgins '80 and **Brenda Leary** were married at the Prep on Saturday May 12 and a lovely reception in the Milano Dining Room followed the ceremony. Rich's brother, **Tim Higgins '83**, was his best man.

1981

Jim "Whitey" St. Pierre passed away peacefully on July 29 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers. His family would like to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Prep community as it came together to support Jim and his family in their time of need. Jim's family includes his dad, **Jim St. Pierre '54** and brothers **Scott St. Pierre, '82**, and **Keith St. Pierre '83**. **Richard Brown** has been promoted to Captain in the U.S. Navy and has assumed command of the guided missile cruiser USS Gettysburg, currently in the Persian Gulf. He and his wife Erin have two children, Margaret and Robert, and reside in Jacksonville, Fla. Richard is one of four brothers who graduated from the Prep; the others: Rear Admiral Michael Brown '76, Kevin Brown '78 and Stephen Brown '88.

1982

Toby Ahern and his wife Marion are the proud parents of a daughter, Grace, born in February 2007. Toby is director of golf at Fencroft Country Club in Middleton and lives in Charlestown. After graduating from Holy Cross as a pre-med major, **Michael Dembowski** changed career paths and earned a master's in architecture from Harvard University in 1992. He is working for Chan Krieger Sieniewicz Architecture and Urban Design in Cambridge and reports that he absolutely loves his work from start to finish. He says that after one wife, three cats and a dog, he finds himself well-suited for the single life. **Michael Sheehan** has two sons attending the Prep this year: Andrew, a sophomore and Scott, a freshman. The Sheehans live in Beverly. **Chris Bencal** has left work in New York City and is now working with Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems in Tewksbury. Chris is a graduate of the Naval Academy. **Michael Magrane** has returned from a tour in Kuwait

as the comptroller for the 335th theater signal command. He and his wife Diane and their four children will be relocating to the Washington, D.C. area where Mike will become the senior budget analyst in the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, at the Pentagon. After earning a B. S. at McGill University and an M.D./M.B.A. at the University of Chicago, **Jim Hayman** moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he is a radiation oncologist at the University of Michigan and enjoys caring for patients, teaching residents and doing research. He and his wife Carolynn have a daughter Anna (10). **Walter Oneschuk** is a senior principle engineer at MITRE Corporation in Bedford and a lieutenant commander with the Naval Warfare Development Command in Newport, R.I. **Christopher Liam Moore** recently moved to Ashland, Oregon, where his partner, Bill Rauch, has been named the new artistic director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Their two sons, Liam, aged 7, and Xavier, aged 2, are enjoying life in the beautiful Siskiyou Mountains of southern Oregon. Christopher is a regular on the TBS comedy "Ten Items or Less" and has just completed his second season of filming. **Joe Murphy** reports, "Since receiving my Ph.D. in English from the University of Pennsylvania in 1997, I have been a member of the English Department of Fu Jen Catholic University in Taipei, Taiwan, where I teach undergraduate and graduate courses in American literature, Western civilization, and writing. My wife, Winifred Huang, also teaches at Fu Jen. We married in 2000 and have a daughter, Olana, who is two years old.



Joe Murphy '82, his wife Winifred Huang, and their daughter Olana at the National Palace Museum, Taipei.

1983

Tom Collins, a vice president with Lehman Brothers in Boston, has been named by Golf Digest as one of the Wall Street 150, the top golfers in the world of finance. Ranked at #31, he sports an index of 1.4. **Scott Shaunessy** has started a new software company, IdeaPoint,

Inc., that provides innovation management capabilities to large science-based companies. He lives in Duxbury with his wife Jeanne and their two daughters, Caroline and Julia – both athletes who keep their parents busy coaching hockey, soccer and other sports. Scott attended the football reunion in November celebrating the 1982 championship team and was able to reconnect with classmates **Andrew Roy, Carmen Monks, Mike Thibault, Steve Black, Steve Graczyk** and **Derron Darcy. Dan Connolly** was promoted to director of undergraduate programs for the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business, where he has taught for seven years. **David Glatz** has been living permanently in Barcelona since 2000 and off and on for 9 years prior to that. He married Monica Montaña Martos in 2002 and they have one daughter, Lucia, who will be 3 in April. They recently bought a condo 20 minutes south of Barcelona, abutting the mountains and 15 minutes from the Mediterranean by bike; a good place to try and stay fit! David is managing a Web-based, tourist apartment rental company in the Gothic Quarter of Barcelona, www.flatsbydays.com, which he created with the help of one important Catalan investor in 2003. **Ross Minichiello** lives with his wife Mary Carlin and their 4-year-old son Max, in West Orange, New Jersey. Ross founded his media production firm, Riverside Digital Productions, in 2000 in NYC, where he and his team of audio and video professionals produce audiobooks and corporate communications, marketing and sales videos. He sends a shout out to all Brother Comber's Latin I classmates – Salve! Quid agis? **John Toto** was voted in as the new co-chairman of the Wayland Republican Town Committee (www.waylandgop.com) in 2007. A Republican political pundit and activist, he has been working hard to promote conservative causes and put more Republicans in office at the local, state and national level. John, a Northeastern graduate, lives in Wayland with his wife Debby with whom he will be celebrating 20 years of marriage this year, and their children, Alexandra (12) and Lily (8). John has been a high-tech computer executive for the last 15 years. Currently, he is director of worldwide sales at SuperLogics, Inc. in Waltham.

1984

Jeff Baskies has left his law firm and formed a boutique practice in Boca Raton, Fla. The new firm of Katz Baskies LLC specializes in trusts and estates, tax and business law. Some of their clients have been the families of Prep alums who have moved to Florida. Worth magazine included Jeff in their list of "Top 100 Attorneys" in the country. Jeff and his wife Nancy have a son, Jon, and a daughter, Jessica, and are living in Boca Raton. **Erik Smith** has completed a documentary short film on the charitable

legacies of Salem's Captain John Bertram that was aired on Salem Access TV. He reports, "I owe a lot to my history teachers at St. John's and wanted to let someone know I am grateful for all of you." **Paul Desjarlais** recently won an Emmy Award for a documentary on ESPN which he edited and co-produced. It follows a small town in Alaska as they gear up for their first ever season of high school football. The football team was conceived as an incentive to stem the drop out rate and keep the students, mostly Inupiat Eskimo, interested in school. As a result of the documentary, much national attention has come to the town including a donated new football field, and a feature film is in the works as well. He is in touch and gets together regularly with **Lee Blackstone '84**, who lives nearby in New York. After living as a single dad with his 3 boys, Lorenzo (11), Cosmo (8), and Alessio (6), in Seattle, **Geoff Rossi** ran into his high school sweetheart Elizabeth (McCready) Cote at a party back in Massachusetts. Turns out she was in a similar situation, and after 6 months of renewing their friendship through correspondence, followed by a year and a half of long-distance dating, she moved out to Washington with her two children, Jasper (10) and Phoebe (7) in March of '07. Geoff proposed to Elizabeth on New Year's Day and the couple will be married on April 4th in Seattle. They will be coming back to Massachusetts to celebrate with family and friends for a weekend at the end of the summer. Geoff is managing design and construction for Pine Street Group, a real estate development firm, and Elizabeth is a senior account manager focusing on corporate stewardship and social responsibility with Frause, a Seattle-based marketing and communications firm.

1985

Brian Armand is the network and information systems manager for Sensitech, Inc., responsible for the global IT infrastructure. He lives in Danvers with his wife Brenda and their two children, Justine (11) and Trevor (9), both of whom attend St. Mary of the Annunciation School. **John C. Cushing, Esq.** has been elected partner at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP. John's practice focuses on corporate and securities law, including mergers and acquisitions involving both private and public companies, private placements of debt and equity securities, SEC compliance, corporate governance, entity formation and general corporate matters. John lives in Lynnfield with his wife Kathy and daughters, Kristina (9) and Natasha (8).

1986

Michael Branca, his wife Liz and their children have relocated from Charlotte, N.C., to Esher, Surrey, England. Mike is director of international compensation for Bank of America in

London. Their children, Madelyn (11) and Andrew (9), are attending The American International School in Cobham. **Lt. Col. Andrew Dembosky** is now stationed at Osan, South Korea, as the deputy commander for the 607th air support operations group, in charge of all the tactical air control party personnel that call in air strikes for the Army. He is joined there by his wife Cathy and their son Luke, who is two and has yet to live in the United States.

Michael Lewis has taken a new position with Datran Media in New York, an online media company that sells ad space to publishers including the New York Times. He has been married for 14 years and he and his wife Barbara live in Berkeley Heights, N.J. with their two sons, Ryan (10) and Justin (7). He is still an avid runner, as he was under the leadership of coaches Ray Carey and Bro. Tim Hoey, though he admits his motivation these days is being able to eat whatever he wants. He has become thoroughly immersed in coaching soccer for this two sons' teams and recommends it as a great way to spend family time. He reports that he and classmates including **Tim Crean, Chris Lycette, John Savarese, Peter Ronayne, Richard Holtz and Michael Pucci** take biennial trips together. So far they've hit Las Vegas, Savannah, Ga., and Jackson Hole, Wyo., and enjoyed gambling, golfing, hiking, white-water rafting and lots of good food. They also try to get together whenever they can in New England. He and Chris Lycette were pleased to be in attendance at the N.E. Patriots 16th regular season win at Giants Stadium in December. He says, "All in all, it's been a great 22-year ride since walking out of Mr. Huckins' English final – my last test at SJP – in May, 1986. It's impossible to forget the values instilled in us at SJP, and I marvel at the incredible talents and contributions of other classmates of mine, as well as the older and younger alumni of SJP. I continue to feel the presence, strength and inspiration of the Prep Family from afar, and try to do my part to represent. My best wishes to the rest of the Class of 1986, and the entire Prep Family. I always read the Class Notes, so I look forward to hearing your stories in the months and years to come."

1987
Joseph Tofalo is a full-time real estate agent for Coldwell Banker in Beverly, and has recently opened a dog boutique and grooming service in Melrose called Pristine Pooch. **Mark Harrington** was married in September to Deborah Weissbard and is living in Rye, N.H. Mark is owner and president of several relocation companies including Harrington

1987

Moving and Storage and Woods Brothers Moving and Storage. Deborah is an attorney in the civil bureau of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. **Kevin Dube** and his wife Jennifer welcomed their second child, Jessica Ellen, on September 3, 2007. Jessica joins her big sister Makenna, now 2, and her parents at their home in North Andover. Mom and baby are doing well.

1988
Tom Gubbins and his family have moved to South Pomfret, Vt. In July, they welcomed their third child, Hannah, to their family. **Todd Buckley** and his wife Lisa are the proud parents of twin girls, Ava and Leah, born in November of 2006. They join sister Kirsten and brother Colton. Todd is a chiropractor living and working in Peabody. His email address is bucktodd@aol.com. **Michael Cyr** reports that he has completed his MBA at Georgia State University and has joined Compass Bank as a vice president in marketing communications. He and his partner Jay planned to relocate to Birmingham, Ala., with their two dogs and a cat in early 2008.

1988

1989
Chris Saldi and his wife Misty welcomed a son, Caden, in October. They live in Marietta, Ga., where Chris is a senior vice president in the controller's division of SunTrust Bank. Chris and Misty were married in 2003 in Louisiana with Prep classmates **Jason Davis** and **William Ruger** in the wedding party. **Jeff Maher**, his wife Jessica and their daughter Helen reside in Topsham, Maine, where Jeff is president of the medical staff at Parkview Hospital. Jeff has taken on a new role consulting at the health center of Bowdoin College. **Greg Caires** has relocated to Fairfax, Va., and has joined the corporate headquarters staff at BAE Systems in

1989

Arlington, Va., where he is director of public relations. He has also been promoted to Lieutenant in the Navy Reserve and is assigned to the Naval War College staff in Newport, R.I. **Jamie Cook** and his wife Melanie just celebrated the first birthday of their son, Jensen Carlton Cook. Jamie was recently named director of support services at Nantucket Cottage Hospital, after having served as the housing manager for the last 4 years. He oversees the plant operations, materials, housekeeping, food services, and housing departments. Nantucket Cottage Hospital is now affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital and a member of the Partner's Healthcare network. He is also a certified level 1 Krav Maga instructor and teaches self defense classes at Krav Maga Nantucket.

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Helicopter pilot and Navy Lt. **Chris Conlon '91** visited with **Dan Metrano '91** at Pease airbase in New Hampshire. Chris is currently based at Patuxent NAS in Maryland. Dan is a technical manager for The Steritech Group and lives in Gloucester.

1990

Dean Lischke joined the Marines after graduation from the Prep and served for six years never seeing combat and reaching the rank of sergeant. Now, 16 years later, Dean has re-enlisted, this time in the Air Force, and is deployed in Iraq. His unit is charged with convoy operations, securing pipelines near his base and ensuring the safety of Air Force bases. He spent the interim years in federal law enforcement, as a border patrol agent and a special agent for the federal government. Dean's home is in Merrimac with his wife Lynn and their three children. **Steve Chaggaris** has been promoted to director of political coverage for CBS News and is expected to be a critical part of the network's planning and coverage of Campaign 08. Steve has been with CBS News for eight years.

1991

Brian Bradley graduated from Marist College in 1996, went to work for Verizon, and is currently based in Manhattan with their enterprise service group. Brian and his wife Erica have two children, Caleigh (2) and Brendan (1). **Scott Theriault** is a first officer for UPS Airlines, flying the Airbus300. His usual duties are domestic, but his routes often include Vienna, Budapest, Rome, Madrid and Cologne. Scott resides in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., with his wife Melanie and son Connor. **Chris Iacono** and his wife Lori celebrated the birth of their son, Julian Xavier, in April, 2007. The Iaconos live in Methuen. **Andy McCarthy** lives in the South End of Boston and was recently engaged with plans to be married on November 1, 2008. He works as a researcher in for Cymfony in Watertown. **Joe Bonavita** joined the business banking group for Citizens Bank in October as a business banking officer. He and his wife Joy are expecting their second child in late April.



The Class of '92 was well represented at the 5th annual Pug Bowl, a touch football game held on campus each Thanksgiving weekend. This year's competitors included Matt Soep, Mike Zenga, John Monaco, Dean Fanikos, Mark Walsh, Mike Maccone, Sean Corcoran, Mike D'Annolfo, Mike Drew, Steve Jalbert, Dan Fabrizio, Mike Reardon, Ryan Siden, Curt Dalton, Gus Serino, Pat Mathews, and Tom Hegan.

1992

Kevin Dwan has founded Sabrina's Foundation (www.sabrinafoundation.org) to pursue research and education into the field of women's vascular health during pregnancy and post-partum. Kevin is a director of research for MFS Investment Management and chief investment officer for MFS Investment Management MIMKK in Japan. He is also a member of the MFS Global Equity Management Committee. He joined MFS in 2005 as an equity analyst in Tokyo, Japan. **Brendan Reen** and his wife Sandi welcomed a baby girl, Emma, in November, 2006. Brendan has switched careers and is an officer with the Swampscott Police Department.

1993

Dan Peluso and Heather Mancini were married in the chapel at St. John's on Saturday, July 7 (see photo on page 38). They spent two weeks honeymooning in Italy and toured Rome, Florence, Venice and the Amalfi Coast. Dan wishes to challenge **Tom Weber's** previously printed statement claiming victory in the Fantasy Football league that also includes **Taidgh McClory, Kevin Jeske, Tim Goldberg, Sal DeMartinis** and himself. According to Dan, Tom finished second (behind Dan) for the second straight year. Taidgh's last place finish means that he will be serving beers at the league's March draft while wearing a Red Sox rag cap. **Andrew Bushell** was elected managing partner of Thermopylae Capital Management, a private equity and advisory firm. He also manages Delphi Global Healthcare as chief executive officer. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife Natalie. **Tim Kniveton** is living in a loft in San Francisco and working at Nokia as an internet technical architect. Tim volunteers as a reserve police officer and does routine patrol as well as computer forensics and background investigations. He was recently promoted to corporal. He travels extensively for his job and manages to get to his vacation

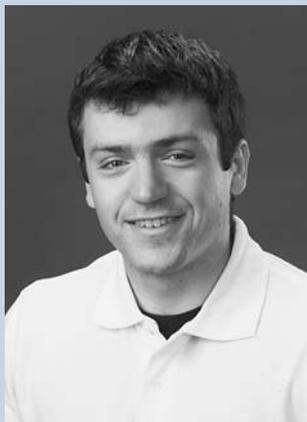
home in Buenos Aires several times a year. In his spare time, he enjoys photography and riding motorcycles. **Jeffrey Testa** and his wife Jocelyn Almy-Testa recently tripled the size of their family with the arrival of twins Jake and Piper. The family, including older siblings William (9) and Simone (7) live in Lynn. Jeff works for Boston Children's Hospital and was recently honored along with his IT team coworkers with Health & Hospital Network's Most Wired award and a Webby award. The Testas also run an art gallery called The Little Gallery under the Stairs located in the LynnArts building. **Chris Sullivan** and his wife Amy welcomed a daughter, Teaghan, in September. The Sullivan's are living in Lunenburg. **Todd Dennis** married Christina Urquhart in August at Castle Hill in Ipswich. They were scheduled to honeymoon two days later in Playa del Carmen and Cancun, but Hurricane Dean forced a change of venue to Aruba. As luck would have it, Todd won the grand prize raffle at a company party, two roundtrip airline tickets to the destination of his choice. Todd works for Loomis Sayles. **Todd Weiss** is married and he and his wife are expecting their first baby this year. He is the sales manager for SG Industries, a company located in Beverly that specializes in the semiconductor industry. He's been working for them for seven years. Todd lives in Malden.

1994

Ralph Covino is an assistant professor in the history department of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. A graduate of Holy Cross, Ralph earned a master's in literature in ancient history from the University of St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland. After teaching for a number of years at St. Andrews, he was a lecturer in ancient history at the Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland for four terms. He returned to St. Andrews where he was awarded his Ph.D. in 2005. **Michael McCann** was hired by Sports Illustrated.com as a columnist and legal expert. He authors the

"Sports and the Law" column and also provides expert commentary on breaking sports law stories. McCann is also a tenure-track law professor at Mississippi College School of Law and chair-elect of the Association of American Law Schools' section on sports and the law. He is regularly back in Massachusetts to work on a torts case book that he is co-authoring with Harvard Law School professor Jon Hanson.

James Kossuth joined the law firm of Duane Morris LLP in Boston in September. At the firm's annual meeting in Philadelphia in October, he was pleased to run into classmate **Michael Wong** who works in the company's Los Angeles office. He and his wife have a daughter, Lucy, who James says is a joy to behold. **Stephen Polley** is a physical therapist at Maine General Medical Center in Waterville, Maine. He and his wife Hillary have two sons, Devon (4) and Nathan (2) and are expecting their third child in April. **Greg Morse** was married to Melissa Flak in the St. John's Prep chapel in November. The reception was held at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem. The newlyweds honeymooned in Hawaii in January. Coincidentally, **Brian Flatley** was married to Atina Hatch on the same weekend and the wedding parties all stayed at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem. Classmates on hand for Brian's wedding were best man **Ryan Gallagher**, groomsman **Mark Corcoran** and **Matt Downes**. Other alums included Brian's dad, **Brian Flatley '62**, cousins **Michael Flatley '93** and **Dan Flatley '95**, **Kevin Flatley '68**, and **Patrick Archibald '90**. Brian and Atina honeymooned for two weeks in Germany and Italy and are now living in Somerville. **Matt Downes** is the sous chef for Broadway East, a new restaurant that opened in the Lower East Side of Manhattan in January. After 9 years, **Ed Colbert** left his job as district manager at Hertz and joined BostonCoach as regional manager, affiliate relations, overseeing the southeastern US and Europe. BostonCoach provides chauffeured ground transportation for leisure and business travelers in over 450 cities worldwide, as well as the design and implementation of special events, meetings, tours and other services associated with group and executive travel. Although his territory is elsewhere, Ed is still based at BostonCoach's worldwide corporate headquarters in the Seaport District of Boston. Ed lives with his wife of 5 years, Christine, and 2-year-old son Edward "EJ" Colbert IV in Salem, MA, where they have been residing since their wedding in summer of 2002. **Dan Triandafilou** and Sinead Cunningham were married on November 4, 2006, in the St. John's Prep chapel (see photo on page 38). The reception followed at The Ipswich Country Club and the couple honeymooned in New Zealand and Australia. Sinead is from Shrewsbury, a 1999 graduate of UMass and is employed as a business analyst at General Electric in Billerica. Dan received both his bachelor's in mechanical engineering in



DAN SHANNON '97 has what can best be described as a dream job. Passionate about animal rights since his days at the Prep, Shannon landed a job with PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) shortly after graduating from Wesleyan University, and now he travels across the country promoting a cause close to his heart. "I was a volunteer activist long before I took a paid position at PETA, and it still hasn't quite sunk in yet that I'm actually getting paid to do this," he says. "All I've ever wanted to do since I was young was make the world a better place than how I found it, and in my job I get to do that every day."

As PETA's assistant director of youth outreach and campaigns, Shannon oversees a team of 15 people who develop and run programs to inform high school and college students about animal cruelty and what they can do to prevent it. Through an initiative called *peta2*, Shannon and his crew coordinate the efforts of a network of more than 300,000 young people in communities around the world. "We call it our 'Street Team' and thanks to their hard work, *peta2* has had some great victories over the years, including convincing major youth retailers and clothing brands – including J Crew, Wet Seal, and Burton Snowboards – to stop selling fur," he reports.

Shannon also acts as a national media spokesperson for PETA, a role that has led to interviews with the New York Times, the Boston Globe, the Washington Post, and Sports Illustrated, as well as appearances on CNN, MSNBC, ESPN. "I've even appeared on 'The O'Reilly Factor' and lived to tell about it," he says. When the Michael Vick case hit the headlines, Shannon organized PETA's response with public demonstrations aimed at raising awareness about competitive dog fighting.

During the course of his work, Shannon frequently rubs shoulders with celebrities who lend their star power to the cause, including Alec Baldwin, Pink, Pamela Anderson, and the Rev. Al Sharpton. "Meeting celebrities is always pretty interesting, but the thing I've found is once I start talking about PETA and the work we do, it's just like talking to any of the thousands of other PETA members and supporters I've met over the years – they're just one more person who cares about animals and wants to do whatever they can to help out," he says. "One of the most important lessons I learned at the Prep was that we all make a difference, either a positive or a negative one, every single day – and that it's our decision as to what kind of difference we want it to be." *For more information about PETA's youth initiatives, visit www.peta2.com.*

1998 and his MBA in 2003 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is employed as a senior engineer at Waters Corporation in Milford. The couple currently resides in Worcester.

1995

Jeremy Long is a union ironworker with Prime Steel, a family-owned union steel erecting company. He reports that he also dabbles in real estate, flipping homes for re-sale and has invented novelty items for which patents are pending. He still thinks back to "that unstoppable State Championship soccer team of 1994. What a team!" He is living in Woburn in a home he recently purchased. **Steve Kolano** reports that he and his wife Amy celebrated the Prep's Centennial on September 7 with the birth of their first child, Connor William, SJP class of 2024. **Douglas Comeau** recently completed a primary care sports medicine fellowship at Wake Forest University and is now an attending physician in the department of family and sports medicine at Boston University Medical Center. Doug serves as faculty for both the family medicine residency and sports medicine fellowship and is also an assistant professor in family medicine for Boston University School of Medicine. Doug serves as a team physician for Boston College. He and Rainelle Currier were married in Lynn in December. **Gregory Comeau, Esq. '97** served as best man and **Captain Christopher Batterton** served as a groomsman. **Jeffrey**

Simard, who flew in from Germany for the festivities, and **Dr. Brian Dolan '85**, Doug's cousin, were also present. **Joe Dooley** finished a residency in emergency medicine last July and has moved from Virginia Beach back to his hometown of Woburn. He now works as an emergency medicine physician at North Shore Medical Center (Salem Hospital and Union in Lynn). He and his wife Shannon had their first child, Dillon, in August.

1996

Laurie and **Robert Anderson** welcomed Emma Grace Anderson to their family in July 2007. **Matt Koidin** was married in October 2007 to Christine Murashige. They met as classmates at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. The wedding was held on the island of Kauai in Hawaii (Christine's home)



Ben Blaisdell '96 tells us that his son, *Harrison Payne (Harry)* was born on Halloween night 2007 in Salem, Mass. *Another Eagle in the making.*

and was well attended by the Class of 1996.

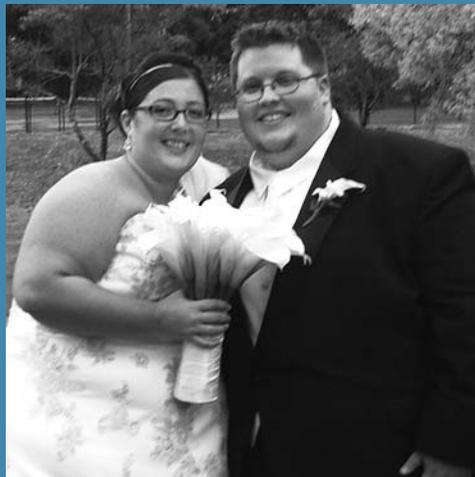
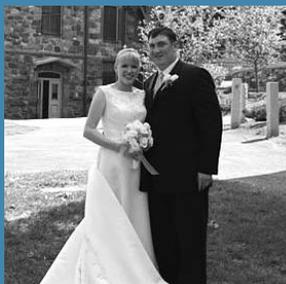
Ryan Gillis was the best man and **Matt Curtis** was also in the wedding party. **Peter Collins, Jon Henry, Peter Rae, Pat Russo, Mark Theriault**, and **Ben Trombley** were also in attendance. The Koidins currently live in Manhattan where Matt is working for Deloitte Consulting and Christine works for a non-profit called SeedCo.

1997

Guy Larcom was married in May to Danielle Strauss whom he met while both were students at Syracuse University. Guy is an electrical/computer engineer at Raytheon in Andover. Danielle is a reporter and sometimes anchor at WMTW, ABC 8 in Portland, Maine. The couple is living in York, Maine. The wedding party included classmates **Jarret Dube, Matthew Ofilos, Paul LeBlanc, Rory Murphy**, and **Michael Troisi** as well as **Mark Vitagliano '96**. Many of the same classmates gathered again in September for the wedding of **Paul LeBlanc** and Holly Moulton in the St. John's Prep chapel. On hand were **Matt Bradley, Brad Cangiamilia, Joe Cavanaugh, Guy Larcom, Donald Gentile, Jarrett Dube, Mike Farrow, Mike Freni, Matt Ofilos, Rory Murphy** and **Mike Troisi**. **Kris LeBlanc '99** was also the best man. Paul and Holly reside in Melrose. Paul works for Columbia Management in the institutional sales group, and is currently studying for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

Wedding Bells

It seems that many graduates of the 1990s are getting married these days. Here are snapshots of a few including many that took place in the Prep chapel.



1998

Mike Kelliher received his master's in accounting from Boston College in 2007. He is an auditor with PricewaterhouseCoopers and shares an apartment in South Boston with classmate **Dan Jones**. **Vivek Radia** reports that 2007 marked a number of large leaps in his life. He completed the Financial Leadership Development Program within Lockheed Martin, earned an MBA from Indiana University, and got married in Katmandu, Nepal, amongst the Himalayas (see photo at left)! **Dan Jones** was in attendance. He is now working in Lockheed's Manhattan office so he has great proximity to everything happening in the Big Apple. He is looking forward to his 10 year reunion.

1999

Noah Kolb and Amanda Malgari announced their engagement in July 2007. Both are students at University of Massachusetts Medical School. **Peter MacLeod** has been promoted to the position of Captain with Mesa Air Group. Peter flies the Embraer 145 for Delta Connection from Atlanta, Ga. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado and is a licensed airline transport pilot as well as a certified flight instructor. **Robert Brown** has recently begun working for **Joshua Nicholson '94** doing broadcast and motion graphics at Josh's company, RelaTV Media in Astoria, N.Y. Bert's band "Red Abbott" appeared in the January 2008 issue of Popular Mechanics and the MTV2 UK for their unique story in composing their album over the internet from three different states. **Eli Mavros** is living in Manhattan and working as a film and video editor. He has edited commercials for Nike, Mitsubishi, Samsung, Turner Classic Movies, Spike TV, ESPN, BBC, NFL Networks, VH1, MTV, and others. He has also done some writing and directing of promos for MTV and wrote and designed two short commercials that were part of an award winning ad campaign for Volkswagen. **Patrick Clark** graduated from law school in May and was admitted to the State Bar of California this past November. He is an associate at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, working from the firm's Los Angeles office. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions. He is also involved in various pro bono projects, primarily focused on immigration issues. He and his partner Luis celebrated their five year anniversary in September and are living in downtown Los Angeles. **Colin Forbes** will be married in Houston, Texas, on March 8, 2008, to Quynh T. Vo. He will be graduating from Georgetown University Law Center in May 2008, and starting as an associate at the Washington office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in the fall of 2008. **Garrett Larivee** and Erin MacPherson were married in Newport, Rhode Island, on September 7, 2007.

Clockwise from top left: **Dan Peluso '93** and Heather Mancini. ~ **Dan Triandafilou '94** and Sinead Cunningham. ~ **Andrew Fox '95** wed Maryann Quinn on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at the chapel at St. John's. ~ **Matthew Krawczyk '97** married Vanessa Armano in the Prep chapel on Saturday, October 27, 2007. ~ When **Matt DiVirgilio '98** and Nicole Deflumere were married at the Prep on August 11, 2007, **Eric Roberge '98**, **Kevin McNelly '96**, **Michael Torto '98**, and **Scott Yavarow '98** served as his groomsmen. ~ **Father Joe Rossi '76** officiated at the wedding of **Eric LeBlanc '99** and Alyssa Bush at the Prep on October 13, 2007. Classmate **Kurt Brown '99** was best man, and **Russell Brown '03** and **Jamie Cairns '02** were groomsmen. ~ **Vivek Radia '98** and his wife, Nidhi were married in Katmandu, Nepal.



Matthew Bailey '99 has returned from his second deployment to Iraq in support of OIF with the United States Marine Corps. 1st Lt. Bailey is based in Kailua, Hawaii.

promoted to vice president at Annaly Capital Management, Inc. Those of you who watch "The Biggest Loser" on TV may have recognized **Neil Tejwani** among last fall's contestants. Neil's hard work and determination kept him in the running until the last week before the finals, the last member of his team to get that far, when his fellow competitors joined forces to vote him off the show. He may not have been the "Biggest Loser" in the competition, but he set a record by losing 211 pounds, leaving him at a svelte 210 and considerably more healthy. His success earned him a spot on the Ellen DeGeneres show. Congrats, Neil! **Eric Bromley** is finishing up his tour at Columbus AFB as a T-38 instructor pilot and preparing to move to Whiteman AFB in Knob Noster, Missouri. Once there he will continue as a T-38 instructor while he waits to start training in the B-2 Stealth Bomber. He has completed four classes in his quest for an MBA, and is looking forward to a full career in the Air Force. If anyone is ever through Kansas City, his door is open.

year. Please contact Paul Roberts at paulallenroberts@hotmail.com for more details. This year the Boston Dirtdogs, consisting of alums **Joshua Richards, John Shimer, Ryan Reilly, Nick Aiello**, and myself defeated team "19-0" featuring '01 alums **Josh Krause, Ty Masterson, Steve Middler, Jeff Miller, and Eric Conway** in the finals. **Drew Cahill** and **John Shimer**, both former Prep varsity soccer stars, play on a soccer team in a very competitive summer league. Any alums looking to recapture that competitive soccer environment, please feel free to contact me for more information. All of us from the class of '01 would like to wish the entire Champigny family our blessings, and give our condolences to everyone who lost a dear friend, brother, and son when Jon passed away." **Peter Savy** graduated from George Washington University and is now finishing up his master's in taxation at Suffolk University. Peter is employed at State Street Bank as a unit manager in alternative investment partnership tax. **Sean Carlson** is living in San Francisco and is manager of global communications and public affairs at Google.

2000

Joseph Boncore recently graduated from law school and passed the Massachusetts Bar Examination. He has joined the Boncore Law Office in East Boston as an associate. **Jack Suslak** is working as a geographic clerk for the US Census Bureau in Boston which is making preparations for the next census in 2010. Jack is living in Lynn. **Ryan O'Hagan** was recently

2001

In December, 20 members from the class of 2001 met up at St. John's to play in their 7th annual Prep Alumni Bowl. **Paul Roberts** reports, "It is a great time for us alums to get back together and play some football on the very fields that we used to play on as students. We welcome alums from all class years to get a team together and to come join the fun next

2002

Jonathan Barletta took a year off after graduating from Tufts and worked in several law firms. He is a first-year law student at Suffolk University and looking forward to a summer internship in sport or real estate law.



When **DUNCAN WEBB'S '00** first interview with the Boston Red Sox didn't turn into an internship opportunity, he was even more determined to make his dream of a career in baseball a reality.

He stayed in touch with Red Sox executives, and thanks to his perseverance, his background as a baseball player (he played at St. John's and Amherst College) and his ability to speak Spanish, he landed a spot with the team's academy in the Dominican Republic. That internship turned into a full-time position as Latin education coordinator. Webb works both on and off the field with the team's Latin American players to help them adapt to life in the States. On the field, he serves as a coach and interpreter, the most enjoyable aspect of the job for him. Off the field, he teaches daily English classes and plans activities to help players acclimate to the community. He spends eight months in Ft. Myers and three months in the Dominican Republic. When asked what he finds most satisfying about his job, he says, "It's definitely watching one of our

guys putting himself out there. By that, I mean taking a chance and speaking English with a staff member, or telling me that they don't want me to interpret for them or they don't want my help finding their way around Walmart. I know from my own experience that it takes guts to do that, and it's great to see a guy show he's mature enough to put himself in that position."

Webb cherishes his baseball playing days at the Prep, where he was a member of back-to-back state championship teams, and he credits his coaches (Pruitt, Mathison, Porter and Yanchus) for creating a perfect environment for players. "We played hard, but we had fun," says Webb. And he praises Prep Spanish teacher Wendy Larivee as an outstanding teacher. After St. John's, he went to Amherst, where he played four years of baseball, and stayed on as an assistant coach for two years after graduation.

Webb feels he has found his calling in baseball. "I just want to keep learning. There is so much about the game that I still need to experience to improve myself. I'd be happy if I were always in a position where I was working hard and learning every day," says Webb. "I'd also be happy if we won the World Series every year. I got spoiled in 2007!"

2003

Tyler DeStefano graduated from St. Michael's College and is now working as financial representative for the Guardian Insurance Company. He is engaged to be married in April 2009.

Sean Gildea, enjoyed a superb senior season for Colby-Sawyer and capped off his career recently with a superlative, if brief performance at the 33rd annual New England Collegiate All-Star game at Fenway Park. He pitched a perfect inning of relief with a strikeout and two groundouts in the College Division team's 2-0 victory over the University Division team. It was only the 10th time the collegiate team prevailed. Sean, the 2007 Commonwealth Coast Conference Pitcher of the Year, was 6-2 in the spring, holding batters to a .178 batting average. In conference play, he was 5-0 and didn't allow an earned run in 29 innings. During the season, he also became Colby-Sawyer's all-time strikeout leader. **Brian Zager** graduated with honors from Boston College in May and is now attending Suffolk University on a full fellowship. He has continued to write music and play guitar and keyboard and is presently producing his third CD. **John Craig** is living in Burlington, Vt., after graduating from the University of Vermont. He is teaching high school English and middle school theater at Missisquoi Valley Union in Swanton, Vt., and reports that he used materials, techniques and tricks he learned during his years at the Prep.

2004

Tom Kelliher is finishing his senior year at Bentley College. Tom is president and captain of the Bentley College men's rugby football club which successfully defended their Division III National Championship by defeating Furman University at the championship matches at Wake Forest. Tom will join the audit staff of Ernst & Young after graduation.

Mike Pitt and **John Fleming '03** ran the Falmouth Road Race last summer as part of the Dana Farber team raising money for cancer research. He ran the race in memory of Mike's uncle who died cancer just days before the race. Mike is in his fourth year of a five year program at Northeastern University. John is a graduate of Hamilton College. **Paul Happel** will be entering the class of 2012 at the Georgetown School of Medicine this fall. He will finish up his undergraduate years at Georgetown by writing a government honors thesis, the topic of which is an analysis of the distribution of legislative medical malpractice reform across the US state legislatures. Paul recently finished up his tenure as president of his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, at Georgetown, which was recently recognized on National Public Radio as an example of a Greek chapter attempting to positively redefine and renew the American college fraternity. **Eric Vitale** spent fall semester in London at the

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts. He will be graduating from Marymount Manhattan College in May and will be pursuing directing. At present he is working with Charles Strouse, composer of the Broadway musicals "Annie", "Bye, Bye Birdie" and "Applause", on his new musical, "An American Tragedy" under the direction of his wife and Broadway director, Barbara Siman.

Tom Maguire will graduate this spring NYU's Stern School and will be working full-time on Wall Street as a foreign exchange analyst for Goldman Sachs where he has been working while still taking classes. He was named 2007 Student of the Year from the NEACURH organization for his work as president of one of NYU's student governments. **Jimmy Morgan** is in his senior year at George Washington University. A George Washington Presidential Arts Scholar in Theater, Jimmy was elected to be the Artistic Director for GW's Generic Theater Group for the 2007-2008 season. As the artistic director, Jim is responsible for selecting, planning and overseeing the entire fall and spring schedule of plays performed by the group. This includes managing and coordinating the entire season's activities for the Generic Theater, from play selection through auditions to opening night. Additionally, Jimmy is working as a dramaturge intern in one of DC's largest theaters, the Arena Stage. As an intern, Jim reviews and evaluates proposed plays submitted to the theatre company by playwrights and agents for possible production.

2005

Tom Milaschewski is sharpening up his soccer skills in Ecuador this semester. Now a captain-elect at Colby College majoring in both international studies and Spanish, he is fulfilling his requirement to study abroad. Tom will play for the Catholic University team, and at 6-foot-3 he'll no doubt be the tallest player on the pitch. "I've talked to the coach already, and he told me I will be huge compared to the rest of the players," said Tom, who has been a starter for the White Mules all three seasons of college. He played outside defense the first two years before moving to center defender this past fall. "I'm one of the bigger guys in the NESCAC already, where I use my size on defense. But the style of play is going to be completely different in Ecuador because ball control is stressed more. Players are smaller but quicker – the altitude is something I'll have to adjust to because we'll be two miles up (above sea level)." In his time off before leaving for Ecuador, Milaschewski coached his sister Katie on the Pingree girls' volleyball as assistant varsity coach." **Patrick Warner Flynn** is involved in government, theater, and emergency medicine at Georgetown University. Hours not spent volunteering at Hillary Clinton's national headquarters are usually used designing and

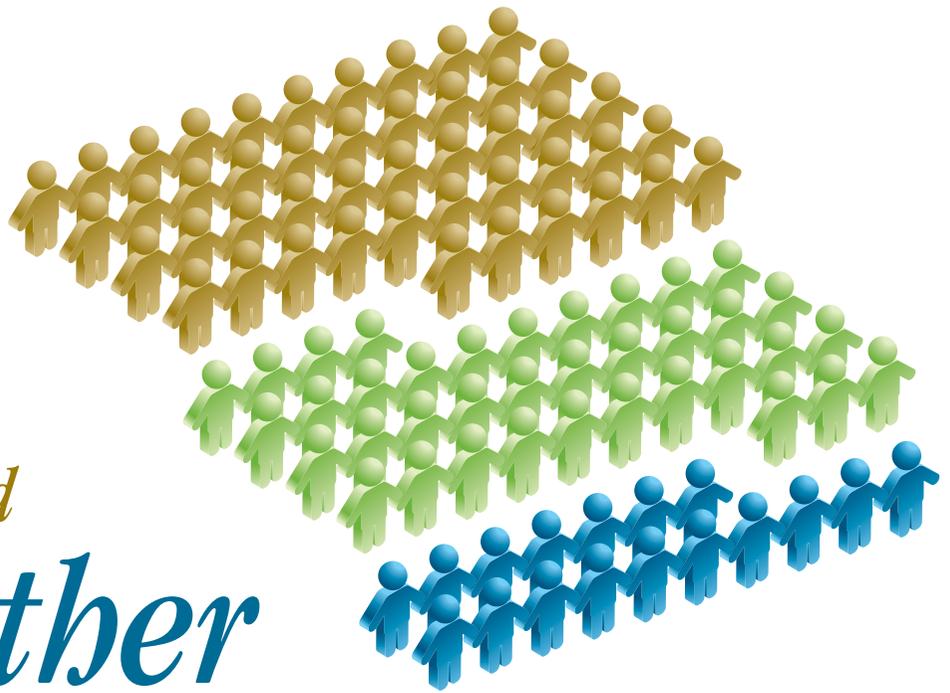


Adam Curcull '05 was sworn into the U.S. Marine Corps in December 2006 and completed his basic training at Parris Island, S.C. where he received the rifle sharpshooter medal and a physical fitness ribbon. He attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Lejeune, N.C. and motor transportation training at Fort Leonard Woods in Missouri. Assigned to the Truck Company, Headquarters Battalion he received additional training in the operation of the military's state of the art mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles, the Cougar and the Buffalo. In August, 2007, he was deployed to Iraq where he was promoted to lance corporal and is stationed in Fallujah. If you'd like to contact him, he can be reached at oceans01930@yahoo.com.

building sets or treating patients in the back of an ambulance. This spring at Georgetown he will be producing the Washington, DC, premiere of David Hare's "Stuff Happens" – a dynamic history play that takes the political build-up to the Iraq War as its subject, and, according to his dad, **Patrick Flynn '60**, "featuring familiar characters such as Colin, Condi, Cheney, Rummy and Dubya himself."

2006

Aaron Brosnan was named MVP in swimming for the 2006-2007 season at the College of the Holy Cross. **Jon Cassidy** took time out from studying for exams at Georgetown University to organize support for the Wreaths across America program in December. He gathered 20 of his football teammates, who wore their game jerseys to Arlington National Cemetery to take part in a ceremony honoring war heroes and placing Christmas wreaths on headstones. ■



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