



## Judge Leighton Hatch suggests Goals for Brothers alumni

Although not an alumnus of Christian Brothers High School, I am delighted to join with a long and distinguished line of graduates — all proud to be known as "Brothers Boys!"

As we commence our 103rd year, I suggest these immediate goals for our school and its Board of Regents:

(1) The fund raising appeal should be continued, expanded and completed



this year. We are fortunate again to have the talented Michael Donovan of the Class of '42 heading the Regents Foundation Committee and leading this endeavor. Mike has expressed that a sense of urgency is needed.

(2) A viable and organized alumni association should be created. As an "outsider" with "no class," I feel free to proclaim our greatest asset is our alumni — but a definite need also exists for an organization. For this reason, a special Regents Alumni Relations Committee has been appointed.

(3) We need to bolster the unity and cohesion of our constituent organizations, including the splendid La Salle Club, Parents Service, faculty and alumni.

(4) Our exposure to the community outside should be heightened, particu-

larly through publicity regarding our academic, spiritual and athletic achievements and activities.

And finally, I hope that I share with you and CB in what Daniel Webster (and our own Stan Gilliam, '41) have expressed regarding alma mater: "... it is a small school, but there are those who love it!"

## PSA crash claims Bill Francis '37

Christian Brothers' community was shocked with the announcement that Bill Francis, a local labor leader and loyal alumnus, was one of the unfortunate victims of the tragic PSA crash in San Diego. Bill had been a outstanding athlete at Brothers.

Since 1969, Bill had been General Organizer and International Representative for the United Organization of Plumbers Unions, and since 1975 represented the entire State of California.

Highly respected by his fellow members, he was recognized as an exceptional labor leader who had the interests of the rank and file at heart. He also served for 15 years representing the building trades as a member of the Sacramento City and County Appeals Board.

Bill will always remain in the hearts of his family, friends and fellow classmates. A large memorial fund has been donated in his name by friends, labor associates and business acquaintances.

## Season's Greetings!

Brother Ronald Roggenback, principal; Judge Leighton Hatch, president of the Board of Regents; Daniel Lahey, president of the Parents' Service Organization; and Walt Turner, president of the La Salle Club, extend to all the members of the Christian Brothers High School family joyous greetings for the Christmas season and every blessing of good health, happiness and peace for the coming year. God bless you.

## Development appeal Reaches to alumni

As is well known, Christian Brothers School is making a fund raising appeal to maintain the traditional character of the school as the one private school for the children of the working class.

The appeal has not been on a wide base as yet to the Alumni, though it will be in the early part of the coming year. There has been a mail campaign to those outside of the area and to a few selected alumni.

Those who have contributed according to class:

- 1915: Robert Slakey
- 1926: Matthew G. Radovich
- 1927: George H. Burt
- 1928: Peter Perich
- 1929: William P. Dwyer
- 1930: James M. Flynn, Jerome M. McLaughlin, Francis J. O'Brien, Charles J. Wild
- 1931: Dr. John H. Doval, Thomas R. Dwyer, Stephen F. Williams
- 1932: Msgr. Richard Dwyer
- 1933: William Koewler, Yubi Separovich
- 1935: Peter Dwyer, Adon Panattoni
- 1936: John Kipp, Bernard McEnerney
- 1937: Kenneth Belke
- 1939: Raymond Cordano, Archie Crossland, Alfred Franzoia
- 1940: William Gormley, Thomas Koewler, John Stassi
- 1941: Dr. John Babich, Paul Bernardis, Richard Desmond, Robert Harlan
- 1942: Michael Donovan, George Franklin, Peter Grassi, Lawrence Jurin, Lucian Meyers, William Ryan, Arthur Senini
- 1943: John Ryan
- 1944: Walter DeFaria
- 1945: Louis Desmond
- 1947: Joseph Bertain, Dr. Richard Escajeda, Edward Lammerding, Thomas O'Neil, Jr.
- 1948: Robert Slakey, Thomas Slakey, Anthony Zanze
- 1949: Dr. Patrick Melarkey, Dr. Robert Winchell, Jack Wirts
- 1950: Dr. Daniel D'Amico, Daniel Lahey
- 1951: Donald Butz, Ronald Carissimi,

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In a previous column we asked for the family with the most CB graduates and we came up with the winner, we thought, the **Church** family. Lo and behold! We now find out that we have a tie. The **Bob and Hildred Pierson family** have the following CBers: **Bob '60** is a senior analyst with the Department of Health in California, **Ken '62** is in the sheet metal and air conditioning business, **Pat '65** Data Processor technician supervisor, State of California, **Tom '68** Senior Computer operator with the State, **Rich '70** with the Glaser Candy Co., **Bill '73** also with the same company as Rich, **James '76** is with the Blue Cross, and **Tim** who is a soph at CB. Congratulations to the Pierson family. Also congrats to Sacramento Police Chief **Kearns '51** who was named Law Enforcement Officer of the year by the California Trial Lawyers Association. A word of sympathy to the families of two fine athletes who passed away recently: **Bill Francis '37** and **Charles Roddy '39**.

Speaking of athletes, **Eason Ramson '74** was drafted by Green Bay but is doing a great job as starter with the St. Louis Cardinals. Got a nice note from **Ed Reich '53**. After leaving CB Ed became a USAF fighter pilot later graduating from Fresno State and is now an official in Fresno county. He has three children at the Christian Brothers H.S. in Fresno and one who has already graduated. **Vic Cima '61** is not only one of Sacramento's leading financial planners but an up and coming handball player. **Bill Chapman '58** who was a boarder at CB is a local CPA. Just to show that we are always willing to share with the Jesuits, one of our graduates is president of the local Santa Clara Alumni Assn., **Tom Sapunor '45**, and if you want to hear some pretty fair war stories ask Judge **John Sapunor '37** about his varied career in the service. **Bert Swanson x-'61** left to finish his senior year in Rome; he is now surrounded by CB Regents, **Ken Belke '37** and **Dwight Moore**. Bert's brother **Bob** sold Fats City in Salinas and is now living in the Carmel Valley.

**Bob Anderson '65** in the microwave field working at McClellan Field. **Dennis Murphy '65** is a respiratory therapist at Mercy Hospital. **Dan Shanahan '65** working for his doctorate at Stanford. **Dr. Edwin Weisner '65** is a veterinarian in Los Gatos. **Rich Gormley '74** still one of the leading golfers in the area. Congrats to **Steve Morgan**

'37 on his recent marriage to Barbara Gormley Brown. You can bet that **Ron Carissimi '51** will be glued to the TV on New Year's Day when Notre Dame plays in the Cotton Bowl. **Frank Ostoja '36** led his group to the USC-ND game in L.A. **Rex D'Allessandro '31** and wife taking a six month trip to Europe, principally Italy, where else? I just returned from a lovely trip through the New England area and if any of you are planning to go, just get in touch with **Brother Joseph Neary** who really knows and loves the area.

**John McNamara '50** brother to **Jim '47** and **Frank** has just been named the manager of the Cincinnati Reds. **Erle Randolph (Fitzpatrick) x-'49** is a distinguished horse breeder in Oakdale, California. His Fleur-de-Lis Ranch is one of California's finest. We heard from **Dick Mooney '58** who is in the cattle business in Idaho . . . Let's hear from you.

## Popular golf pro Gives scholarship

Popular golf professional Tommy LoPresti donated a scholarship to Christian Brothers recently in honor of his favorite teacher, Brother Virgil Eastman, a retired professor at St. Mary's College.

Tommy never attended Brothers, but he did have Brother Virgil as his teacher at the old St. Peters School in San Francisco. Though he has never seen or communicated with Brother since that year 50 summers ago, Tommy feels that the good Brother had a profound effect upon his life.

Indirectly, however, Brother has been at CB for many years. As an instructor at St. Marys, Brother Virgil had a definite influence upon students who later became English teachers, many of whom taught at CB. In fact, Brother Eugene credits Virgil as being a strong influence on his own teaching.

By establishing this scholarship, LoPresti hopes to help "hard working kids get the same good start that Brother Virgil gave me."

Individuals interested in contributing to this scholarship fund or establishing another in honor of a special

Since the last issue of the **Connection** we have received the following memorial opportunities:

## The William M. Francis Memorial Fund

Memorials have been gratefully received from:

Rose Marie Pane, Mr. L. Hoffman, F. Wilburn Ford, Mr. E. E. Schell, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Kruse, Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Thacker, Rena Levaggi, Mr. & Mrs. Isadore Smith, Mr. Ralph Biby, Mr. Charles Platte, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Elorduy, Mr. Carl Foss, Mr. & Mrs. Kleinfelter, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. George Tyler & Family, Mr. & Mrs. C. R. McLaren, Mrs. Nelli Lund, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Rotz, Lorraine Thomas, Mr. Joseph Kelly, Lewis & Peggy Randall.

There were also many very generous memorials sent to the William M. Francis Memorial Fund from businesses and Union Associates from nine states as far East as Pennsylvania.

## Other Memorial Contributions received:

### In Memory of

Frances Shiro, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Cordano; Wayne Ware, Mr. & Mrs. John Cronick; Josephine Duccini, Mr. Jim Mulhern; Josephine Duccini, Mr. & Mrs. Roggi; Harry Cox, Mr. & Mrs. James Burich; Edward Matson, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Stassi; Mr. Arvid Pauly, Leila Munoz; Dr. Alfred Oliver, Gloria Schaaf; Dr. Alfred Oliver, Mr. & Mrs. R. Port; Dr. Alfred Oliver, Mr. & Mrs. A. Westlake; Dr. Alfred Oliver, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Cordano; Dr. Alfred Oliver, Clarence Machado; Dr. Alfred Oliver, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; Marilyn Wulff, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; Emily Rosenburg, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; Walter Wasley, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; Mary Baer, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; Elizabeth Mayer, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; Archibald Mull, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; Charles Klein, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; Ellwood Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; Leila Brown Moulton, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; Dr. G. E. Reiner, Mr. & Mrs. B. Pendergast; William & Connie Wright, Mrs. & Mrs. B. Pendergast.

person may contact Brother Joe for details.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** "The Connection" invites contributions of interesting or amusing tales concerning Christian Brothers. If you have a favorite teacher or incident, put it in writing and mail it to the editor.

## Development appeal . . .

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- Donald Johnson, Donald B. Marty  
 1953: Thomas Burke, Robert Forster, Edward Slavich  
 1954: Charles Chatfield, Robert Ferry, David Higgins, Julian Holt, Francis Silvey, Patrick Willard  
 1955: John Keating  
 1956: Joseph Genshlea, Dr. Hohn Keating, Mark Margetts, Robert Schnetz  
 1957: Dr. William Keenan  
 1958: Jerome J. Zentner, George Blake, Theodore Colbert, Richard Mooney  
 1959: Philip Larrabee  
 1960: James De Roos  
 1961: Alan Cordano, James Dubey, Dr. J. Fred Znyder  
 1962: Donald Bradley, Bernard Church, Thomas Kuzmich, Robert Sarti, James Sikora  
 1963: Lawrence Chin, Frederick Oliver  
 1964: Carroll Cook, John Franzoia, Gerald Gomez, Joseph Kuzmich  
 1965: Robert Franken, Dave Mello  
 1968: John Jackson, Jr.  
 1971: Greg Alston  
 1972: Derek Krumm, Mark Russell  
 1976: Anthony Bressi, John McGinness, Gary Schaaf  
 1977: Robert Breen, Christopher Bressi  
 1978: Steven Barsanti, Christopher Brenner, Mark Caruso, Michael Giordano, David Heppell, Casey Kelly, Michael Kettman, Walter Lott, David Loyola, Kevin Mongeau, Patrick Morandi, Terry Prettyman, Gregory Smith, Philip Stein

## Remember CB's first undefeated gridders

by Jack Stassi '40

Contrary to popular belief among the CB alums, the first undefeated football team was not the 1937 team but rather the team of 1931. This was verified by this reporter with the help of two members of that fine team, Al Scott and Rex D'Allesandro.

Scott got out his old scrapbook and found an article in the San Francisco Chronicle that heralded the undefeated Gaels from the little country town of Sacramento.

D'Allesandro told me that the great ambition of the team was to schedule a game with perennial powerhouse, Sacramento High. CB had been dropped from Sac's schedule in the 20's

as we were unable to compete. In fact, the last game played in that series ended Sac 87, CB 0.

The sad thing for the seniors on the '31 team was that they were never able to play against Sac. However because of the '31 showing, Sac put CB on their schedule for the next year.

Schedules were different in those days. Opponents were St. Vincents, Vallejo; St. Marys, Stockton; Jackson, Galt, Grass Valley, Sutter Creek and a trip to chicken and olive country, San Juan.

The coach was Steve Porsilla who had come directly from St. Mary's

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### The same names keep coming up

Browsing through the Alumni Files of long ago, Brother Joe was struck by the similarity of names of more than a century ago with the same names of graduates at later dates. Brother would like to know which families have a long tradition in Brothers. Just a cursory scanning from 1882 to 1910 gives such names as

Abele, Deterdign, Dwyer, Azevedo, Ryan, Diepenrock, Rooney, Keating, Devine, O'Neil, Farrell, Senf, Henderson, Coyle, Pendergast. Of course this is not a definitive list, but just something that comes from a fast glance. We would like to know if there are any three, four and five generation families who went through Brothers.

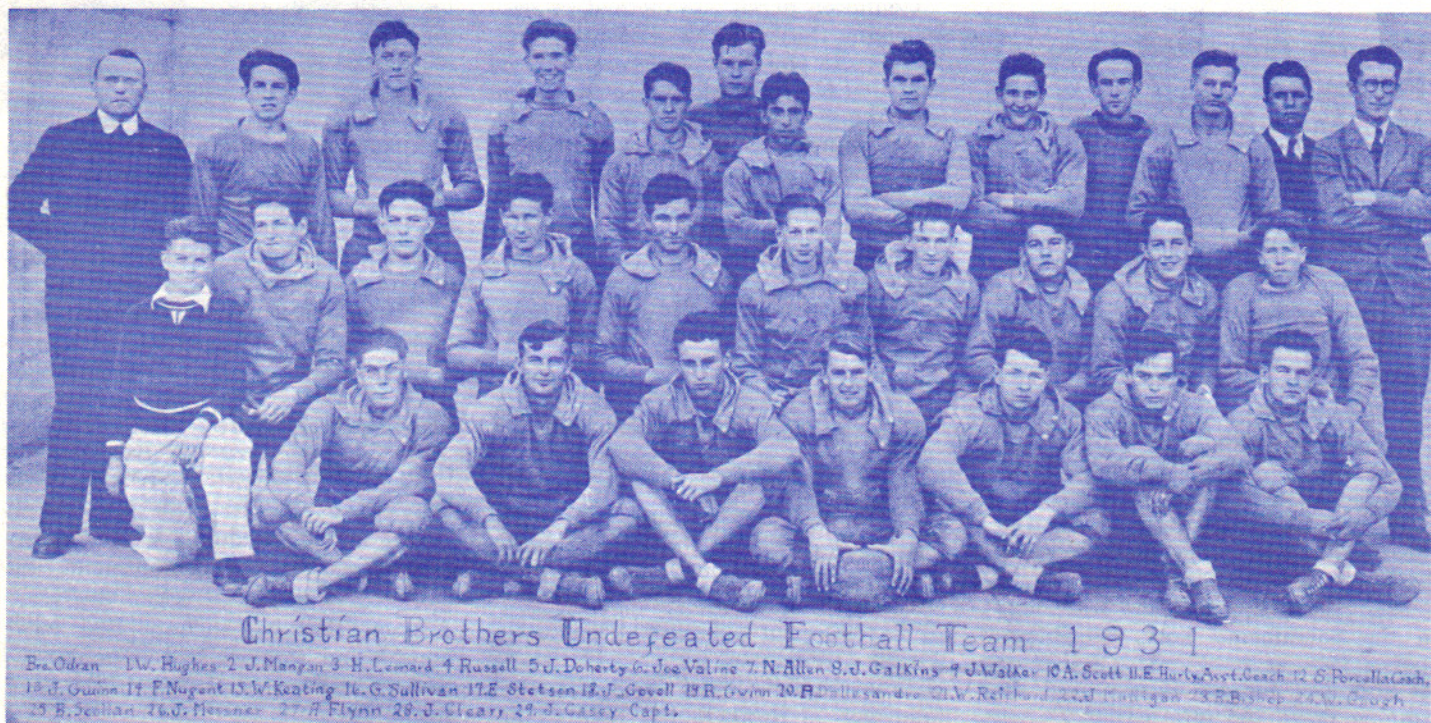
### CB #1 at Sac State

Officials at Sacramento State recently informed us that Christian Brothers ranks #1 over 74 Northern California high schools in percent of graduates who attend the University.

An interesting feature of the study is the fact that most of the CB grads enter Cal State as Juniors after two years

at a community college. According to the 1978 survey, 20 grads entered Cal State as freshmen this year, 39 as juniors for a total of 59. This from a graduating class of 133 which gives CB a 43.6% ranking in grads attending the University.

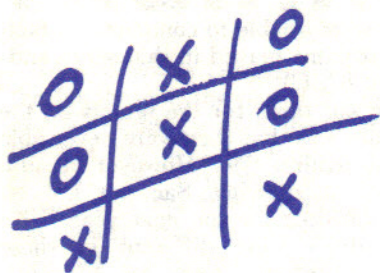
Once again, CB is #1.



Christian Brothers Undefeated Football Team 1931

Bro. Odian 1 W. Hughes 2 J. Manyan 3 H. Leonard 4 Russell 5 J. Doherty 6 Joe Valine 7 N. Allen 8 J. Galkins 9 J. Walker 10 A. Scott 11 E. Burt, Asst. Coach 12 S. Porsilla Coach 13 J. Quinn 14 P. Nugent 15 W. Keating 16 G. Sullivan 17 E. Stetson 18 J. Govell 19 R. Quinn 20 D. D'Allesandro 21 W. Reihard 22 J. Kaitigan 23 B. Shep 24 W. Gough 25 B. Scollan 26 J. Neenan 27 B. Flynn 28 J. Cleary 29 J. Gassy, Capt.

## It's Your Move!



### With a gift to CBS You can't lose

The Connection is being sent this quarter with a memorial envelope. As you know we have a successful campaign underway. We have not as yet appealed to our Alumni on a broad scale. There has been a mail appeal to former students living some distance from Sacramento as well as to the classes from 1972-78. Our sum as we go to press is \$168,079, from friends and selected Alumni.

The Memorial Envelope seeks a Christmas Gift to help pay operations. The Alumni and Development Offices are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of each Connection comes to \$800. Secretarial, printing, postage and office expenses add up to \$7,500.

If you do not use the envelope now, please keep it for future memorial offerings.

We would appreciate your thoughtfulness during this holiday season to help us meet day to day expenses.

#### Prayers requested For our ill

Mrs. Angie Burich,  
school secretary  
Charles Kleinfall,  
professor of mathematics  
Brother Frederick Portillo,  
former teacher

#### Remember . . .

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College. Assistant was Ed Hurley who later became an official with the State of California.

Team captain was Jack Casey and the stern regard of Principal Brother Ordran insured no foolishness.

Many team members are still living in the Sacramento area, see if you spot a face or name. My thanks to Al and Rex for the picture and for running down the information.

## CB's finest soccer team

The Falcon soccer season went down to the wire as the Brothers eleven lost a heartbreaker to Del Campo, 5-4, in the final game of the Sac-Joaquin section playoffs, November 11.

The final match could not have been closer, the score being tied 1-1 at the end of regulation. Following two over-times and two sudden death periods, the score still remained unchanged. Penalty kicks, a quick but agonizing procedure, decided the match.

The Falcons had made their way to the finals by smothering high scoring Dixon, and then with a sweet semi-final victory over Cordova. It had been the Cordovans who had edged

Brothers for the Metro title a few days before.

Although Brothers has had some fine soccer teams, no team had gone this far. It was a fine team effort and coach Father Michael Carroll firmly believes that more should have been honored in the All-City selections. As it was, this honor went to Jesse Medina and goalie Wayne Turcker.

The Connection salutes the members of super team: Wayne Tucker, Paul Mendoz, John Sanchez, Alfredo Macis, Danny and Felipe Leon, John Winnenger, Jerome Sanders, Louie Barbosa, Jesse Medina, Ricky Ronquillo, Frank and Vince Miranda, Sergio Guillen, John Hansen and Eric Edelmayer.

### Gridders finish strong with 4-2 mark

The varsity football squad came that close to winning the Metro this year.

Rebounding from three successive pre-league matches, the Falcons torpedoed high-riding Cordova, eventual Sac-Joaquin champs, in the first league game. The hard fought 6-0 victory ended a 24 game winning skein and proved the Falcons were for real.

Improving with every game, the Falcons lost a pivotal game to Burbank, 12-7. Had the Falcons won, Cordova would have watched the Capitol Valley playoffs from the sidelines.

Brothers 4-2 record surprised many a fan whose faith had been tested with the non-league losses. Once again the team was led by Rich Whitall, All City Halfback, who thrilled fans with his running, particularly on returns. But as Whitall will tell you, it was a team effort which produced this year's winner.

With a number of fine prospects returning and the addition of the Metro championship JV team, Falcon rooters look forward to the '79 season.

### JV's share Metro crown

Confusion about the method of determining the Metro championship led JV players and their followers to believe that CB had lost the Metro crown with the season's finale, a loss to supposed-champ, Johnson. However within the week, the school was officially notified that Brothers had a share of the top spot.

Brothers ended with a 5-1 league mark, Johnson with 4 wins and 2 ties. Since Johnson beat Brothers, it was assumed that Johnson was champ.

League officials explained that 2 points are given for a win, 1 for a tie; and so, on points, both teams tied for the championship.

It was only right that the Steve Crutcher coached Falcons got their share of the honor. The team compiled an outstanding 8-1 record, shutting out several opponents.

The strong team feeling and determination of these JV players augur well for the varsity's prospects next season.

### And how about the Holy Bowl?

We have been asked many times why the annual Jesuit-Christian Brothers football game had not been scheduled this year. As many probably know the game was set for 1977, but due to a necessary playoff, had to be cancelled at the last moment. All the preparations for the 1977 game were made and it was a sad day for the followings of Brothers and Jesuits that

this traditional rivalry had to be dropped.

Due to the scheduling in the Metro League and previous commitments, the game could not be arranged this year. A game that has such popular local appeal and support will undoubtedly find a place in the schedule in the near future.