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Together:
CBS's New
Governance
Plan



**BROTHER
JOHN MONTGOMERY:
A MODERN VOCATION**

**AMBASSADORS:
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January

- 10 Alumni Dinner (at CB), 6:30
- 12-16,21-23 Alumni Appeal Phon-a-thon
- 16 Parent Information Night for Incoming Students, 7:15-9:00
- 19,20,24,26 Parent Gift Phon-a-thon
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - School and Development Office closed
- 24 End of 1st Semester
- 25 Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Dinner-Dance (at CB), 6:00-12:00
- 27 Semester Break Holiday - School closed; Development Office open
- 30 Board of Regents Meeting, 12:00
- 31 Boosters Raffle Kick-off

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February

- 1 Placement Exam for Incoming Students, 8:30
Parent Service Organization Crab Feed (at CB), 6:30
- 6 Ambassador Club Dinner (Sutter Club), 6:30
- 17 Presidents' Holiday - School and Development Office closed
- 29 Alumni Association Sock Hop (at CB), 8:30

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March

- 8 Boosters Club Rigatoni Dinner, 4:00-7:00
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- 15 Boosters Club Winter Sports Brunch, 10:30-12:00
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THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CONNECTION

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GETTING THEIR HEAD

INTERVIEWS WITH BROTHER RICHARD CAMARA

For CBS's new President and Principal, Getting Their Heads Together isn't just a slogan – it's a mission. To learn more about how the two administrators view the school's new leadership model and their respective roles, The Connection conducted separate interviews of Brother Richard and Mr. Puglisi.

Few people know Christian Brothers as well as Br. Richard Camara. Of his 38 years as a Brother, 20 have been spent at CBS, including his first assignment in 1958 at the school's 21st and Broadway location. In 1981 he was named CBS Principal, a position he held until his appointment last August as President. Respected for his dynamism and vision, Br. Richard is recognized throughout the school, diocese, and civic community as the chief voice and guardian of Christian Brothers High School.

Connection: You were Principal of CBS for a decade. Are you generally pleased with the manner in which the school changed during that period?

Br. Richard: On balance, yes - quite pleased. The school faced a wide range of challenges during the 1980s which required us to do a great deal of evaluating and future planning. I'll admit there were some uneasy moments along the way; however, I believe we emerged from the process with a clearer sense of our identity and strengths. The process also allowed us to make some constructive changes.

Connection: Could you cite some of these changes?

Br. Richard: Well, I think we placed ourselves in the forefront academically with our expanded programs. As it turned out, we were way ahead in requirements when U.C. came out with its new guidelines. I also believe we succeeded in clarifying the mission of the Brothers and the school; that's spawned some very good things, both internally and externally. Then, of course, there was the conversion to co-education. It was a monumental project, but I think the result has more than justified the effort. Probably where we moved most effectively was in organizing support groups and involving them in our future planning - assembling task forces to study the school, restructuring the Board of Regents, expand-



Br. Richard: It was a decision driven by Christian Brothers' needs in continuing its mission here in Sacramento. The fact is, there's no way that I or any other individual could continue to manage the daily operation and satisfy development and public relations needs at the

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to a productive future.

Connection: Why have you been appointed President of CBS at this particular time?

ing our marketing and development programs, writing a business plan, and so forth. I think these changes have helped put us on the pathway

same time. Our President-Principal structure allows each of these jobs to be addressed full-time so that neither is shortchanged. While I'm still responsible for the overall operation, my energies now are directed toward the school's development and future.

Connection: What do you regard as CBS's essential role here in Sacramento?

Br. Richard: I think the reason CBS has flourished for so long is because of its uniqueness. For example, we provide college prep programs not just for top students but for average and below-average

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AND MR. DOMENIC PUGLISI

Mr. Domenic Puglisi is both a product and minister of Christian Brothers education. A graduate of Cathedral High in Los Angeles, he served his alma mater for 13 years as teacher and administrator before coming to CBS in 1983. His assignments here have included Vice

Principal. The reception from the school community has been outstanding. The Brothers and District Administration have been especially supportive. It's almost like people have been saying, "Hey, we're aware of the job you're facing and we want to

make it easier for you." I truly appreciate how helpful and cooperative everyone's been.

Connection: What about specific groups such as faculty, students, and parents - have they had any difficulty adjusting to your new role?

Mr. Puglisi: Well, the staff

has had to get used to me as Principal, but that probably has more to do with my past role as Dean of Students than with my being a layperson. As for students and parents, I'm not aware of any adjustment problems, although I have received a couple of parent letters addressed to "Brother" Puglisi! I think our monthly newsletters and the information we sent out last summer have cleared up any confusions families may have had.

Connection: Are your duties any different from those that Brother Richard had as Principal?

Mr. Puglisi: The main role of the Principal at CBS is to be responsible for the school's daily conduct, which covers quite a few areas - students, staff, curriculum, activities, school atmosphere, and so on. That role hasn't changed. Some duties have changed, though, especially in areas such as finances and development.

Frankly, Brother Richard was involved in much more than the day-to-day running of the school. In fact, that was one of the reasons for the new structure. The way things are now, with Brother taking main responsibility for development and other things - well, that frees me to concentrate on the daily operation.

Connection: What type of interaction do you expect to have with Brother Richard in his new assignment as President?

Mr. Puglisi: We decided when we were planning our roles that good communication between the two of us would be extremely important. I've been meeting informally with Brother quite a bit just to bounce things off him and learn from his experience. Besides that, we have formal meetings twice a week for evaluating and planning. We also have a President's Council that meets every other week to make sure the different departments are coordinated and we're all working toward the same goals.

Connection: What do you consider to be CBS's most important strengths?

Mr. Puglisi: I would include things like the CB tradition, the closeness of the school community, the talent and dedication of the staff, and the presence of the Brothers themselves. The number one strength, though, is how the school treats students - its belief that the students are the mission and they come first. I think that

CBS - in fact, every Brothers' school - gives a consistent message to each student it takes in, namely, "You have a special dignity as a student; it's what you bring with you that's important; the school exists to enhance your particular talents and growth; and we will never quit on you."

Connection: Did your experience as Principal of a Diocesan elementary school change your perceptions of CBS?

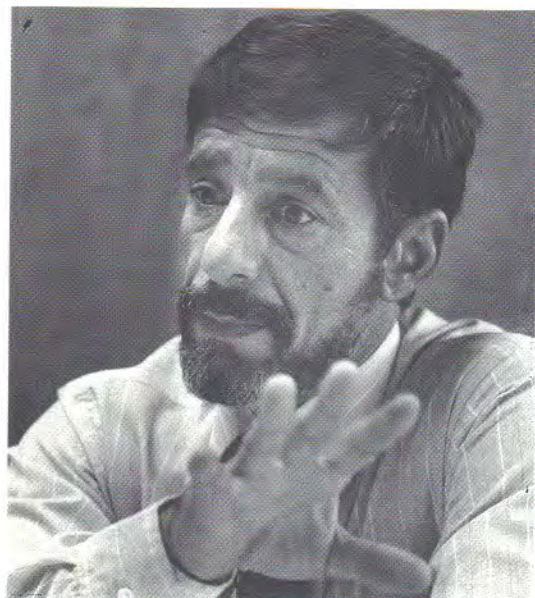
Co-education has introduced a real spark of excitement into school life...

Mr. Puglisi: It increased my appreciation of what it means for many students to be able to attend CBS. I was

surprised by how much the students at Holy Cross talked about brothers and friends who had attended CBS and then gone on to college. I guess what I learned is that for these students Christian Brothers represents academic opportunity more than anything else. They see the school as a means of going on and becoming successful in life.

Connection: The school's conversion to co-education has resulted in major increases in enrollment, staffing, programs, and activities. What implications does this growth have for your job as Principal?

Mr. Puglisi: Oh, I don't think there's any doubt the job has become more challenging. When your students and teachers increase by more than half, you're naturally going to be involved in more situations and decisions. Meeting with teachers to hear their input now takes more time. Also, the scope and complexity of some programs has expanded considerably. For example, we're now fielding teams in nine girls' sports - that means a lot more scheduling, hiring of coaches, planning, etc. Also, in a co-ed



Principal-Dean of Students and Assistant Principal. From 1988 to 1990, he was Principal of Holy Cross in West Sacramento. Mr. Puglisi is highly regarded for his positive leadership, long work day, and sense of humor. He resides in El Dorado with his wife Gilda and their four daughters.

Connection: As CBS's first lay Principal, how have you been received so far by the school community?

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Brother Richard

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students as well. I don't think there's another school around that accomplishes so much with as many different types of students as Christian Brothers. Then there's the school's commitment to serving the poor - I think that's made CB special for many families. Another distinct quality is the relationship between students and staff. Teachers here aren't afraid to get close to students. There's a real spirit of friendship; you just walk around the campus and you feel it. Probably the school's most unique quality, though, is its La Sallian philosophy of education.

Connection: What does that mean specifically?

Br. Richard: Well, I think that at CB students are exposed to a type of "curriculum of the heart" in addition to academics. It's what St. John Baptist de La Salle had in mind when he founded the Brothers - that the teachers and school would bring something very personal and meaningful into the lives of students, would meet some important need of the individual. It might be a need for company, or affection, or guidance, or example, some special type of teaching or help - whatever, the Brothers and school would try to fill it. I think this is borne out when you talk to alumni and hear their stories about the difference CB made in their lives. It's that quality more than anything else that makes this school special.

Connection: From your perspective, what's the main challenge the school faces in the years ahead?

Br. Richard: To obtain the level of support we need to continue our mission into the next century. That means maintaining the high quality of programs while also making it possible for an increasing number of students to receive a CBS education. These are challenges mainly for financial reasons, of course. We already know how to achieve **excellence** in education; what we're after now is how to keep that education within reach of the families we're committed to serving. To meet the challenge, we have to be open to change, now and in the future.

Connection: What kind of change are you referring to?

Br. Richard: For one thing, we have to explore new sources of funding. We try hard to keep tuition affordable and not turn away students for economic reasons. It's an uphill battle, though, especially in light of the reductions in subsidies the school has traditionally received. So we're looking more and more to areas such as endowment, major gifts, and educational grants to make up the difference. Another key factor will be expansion and growth.

Connection: What level of growth do you anticipate for Christian Brothers?

Br. Richard: Well, I believe Brothers should continue to grow with Sacramento. We've experienced a major increase in enrollment in the last two years. In part that's because of our conversion to co-education, but it's also because the area is growing and more families are becoming interested in private education, particularly in "tried and tested" Catholic schools like CB. This is why our Board of Regents and the Brothers' District are exploring the possibility of relocating Christian Brothers.

Connection: Why is relocation necessary? Can't the school grow at its present site?

Br. Richard: I don't look at relocation from the point of view of necessity. It's more a matter of how we can be most effective in serving the community in the future, which, after all, is why we exist. Given that we've almost maximized the potential of the current campus and facilities, the question we're asking ourselves is, Will we be able to say "Yes" to the students who apply to us five, ten, or twenty years from now? We're also aware of the specific growth pattern of Sacramento, including the new growth areas that are being projected. If we're going to serve these families in the future, we'll need to be accessible to them as well as to our traditional feeder schools and parishes. In short, we need a more regional location - something convenient both to Central Sacramento and the outlying communities.

Connection: How will the school garner the support needed for such an enormous undertaking?

Br. Richard: How else - through prayer! Actually, the Regents and District Administration have been studying the issues involved in relocation for quite a while now. Some matters still have to be resolved, but basically we're looking at three major areas of support: donation of land for the new site, sale of the present campus and facilities, and a major capital campaign.

Connection: How optimistic are you that a new Christian Brothers can actually be achieved?

Br. Richard: Well, I think I have a healthy appreciation of the size of the task. Based on what I've seen so far, though - yes, I'm optimistic. For one thing, I know first-hand the level of commitment the Brothers themselves have to CBS and Sacramento. The Brothers have been here for 116 years (at three different sites, I might add); we plan on being around for many more! Another thing is, I've been tremendously impressed with the support of our Regents and other support groups. I don't think a school could ask for more generous, committed supporters than CB has. Our Regents have a great deal of expertise; they've been studying the prospect of relocation for some time and are firmly behind the project. I also know there's considerable alumni and parent support for a new CBS. What's more - and this has been very encouraging - I'm finding that as I

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JOHN MONTGOMERY:

A Modern Vocation

CBS Alumnus Professes Final Vows as a Christian Brother

So...how does a vocation to the Christian Brothers happen in this day and age?

Family and friends of CBS alumnus John Montgomery received at least a partial answer to this question on September 15 when they gathered in St. Mary's College Chapel to witness John pronounce his final vows as a Christian Brother. Among those in attendance were members of the Montgomery clan, various friends and neighbors, comrades from John's youth and the Class of '83, and more than 70 Brothers from the District of California. All had come to be with John in his special moment—to support him in his lifelong decision and join in celebration.

Quite possibly, as they sat observing the beautiful Liturgy of Perpetual Profession, John's family and friends were visited by memories of a more youthful John...

...serving as altarboy at Holy Spirit Church in Sacramento; joining the local CYO, becoming its President; running his own neighborhood landscaping route; working with disadvantaged kids; sweeping down the slopes of the Sierras with the Tioga Ski Patrol; burning up the academic track at CBS with high marks...

Equally possible is that in the minds of a few (perhaps of many) something more disquieting was present: a sense of mystery over what was transpiring on the altar, what John was committing himself to this day...

Why is he doing this? Does he realize what he's getting himself into? What's brought him to this point, this final decision to be a Brother?

On one level, John Montgomery's decision to take final vows may be viewed simply as the logical destination of a road he has been traveling since high school. Following graduation from CBS in 1983, John entered St. Mary's College to begin work on his BA and to live in community with other young candidates to the Christian Brothers. At the end of the year, he was accepted into the Brothers' novitiate at Mont La Salle in Napa. There he received his robe and entered into a year-long program of intense theological and spiritual training, culminating in his profession of first vows (one-year vows).

Returning from Mont La Salle to St. Mary's, John devoted the next three years to earning his history degree and teaching credential. During this period he lived in community with other student Brothers, each year renewing his temporary vows.

After graduation from the College in 1988 (and a brief stint as summer school teacher at CBS), John reported to St. Mary's High



Br. John with parents Helen and Norm Montgomery and Br. Mark Murphy, Provincial Superior of the West Coast Province.

in Berkeley for his first formal assignment. He remained at the Berkeley campus until June of 1991, teaching history and religion, serving as Dean of Admissions, and studying for an advanced degree in history.

Since leaving Berkeley, John has been working full-time on his MA at Pepperdine University. Upon completion of his graduate studies in January, 1992, he has been assigned as teacher and Dean of Admissions to San Joaquin Memorial High in Fresno.

Thus, for over eight years John has been participating in formation programs, immersing himself in study, performing teaching and other assignments, living in community—in short, learning what it means to be a Brother. With this background, it was probably just a matter of time before he took his final vows.

But probability is not inevitability...

Why's he going through with this? He's not under contract—he can still change his mind. Has he fully considered other possibilities? What's so vital about being a Brother?

Perhaps the answer has something to do with John's love of learning and the role that scholarship and instruction play in the life of a Christian Brother.

John did not merely graduate from CBS: he was named class valedictorian, presented the De La Salle Award for Excellence in Religious Studies, and awarded the President's Scholarship by St. Mary's College. His achievements at St. Mary's were even more impressive — graduating *Magna Cum Laude*, walking away with the Henry George Award for Excellence in History, the Pope John XXIII Award for Religious Studies, and (most prestigious of all the College's honors) the De La Salle Award for Academic Excellence. His current MA work in history at Pepperdine is being sponsored by a Keck Fellowship in American Studies, an interdisciplinary program of American history, literature, economics, and political science.

**"I vow
to share,
love, and
serve.
Forever."**

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Brother John

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As a teaching order, the Christian Brothers naturally revere learning and the ability to cause learning in others. In a very real way, to become a Brother is to become a student and teacher for life. Given John's clear talents in both areas, such a lifestyle may strike him as irresistible—the ideal career opportunity.



St. John Baptist de la Salle.

Sill, the universities are filled with scholars and teachers who are not Christian Brothers...

Why John and not someone else? If John is answering a call, who is the caller? Is this destiny? Is John simply meant to be a Christian Brother?

Why limit himself like this? With his brains and talent, John has all kinds of options. Why choose a life of poverty and celibacy? What about personal relationships? What about family?

Ironically, John's own family has had a great deal to do with his vocation. In responding to his father's praise at the reception following the Liturgy, Brother John emotionally thanked his parents, brothers, and sisters for their

special love and inspiration.

As everyone familiar with them knows, the Montgomerys are an outgoing, caring family with strong ties to the Church and the Christian Brothers. John's parents, Helen and Norman Montgomery, have been active supporters of CB for some time. Helen is a member of the La Salle League and a frequent volunteer at support group events. Norman sits on the CB Board of Regents and is almost a fixture at the school. In addition to the significant material assistance he provides, Norman maintains a close personal relationship with the

Brothers (so much so that the CB community have taken to calling him "Brother Extern").

According to John, his family has always been supportive of his decision to become a Christian Brother, including his deliberate choice to be a Brother rather than a priest. (Dad Norm put it in typical tongue-in-cheek fashion: "There was complete happiness and unanimity in the family's decision to let John become a Brother!") In the case of the Montgomerys, one gets the feeling that the concepts of family and Brothers have merged, coming together under the larger concept of the La Sallian Family.

Nevertheless, there in the College chapel, it wasn't John's family who were taking final vows but John himself...

Why this personal choice? Is there some special need John has that only the Brothers can fill? What can he do as a Brother that he couldn't do just as well on his own? Why this lifelong commitment? Why these vows?

Perhaps the answer is implicit in the vows themselves. John pledged the following on September 15: "...I, Brother John Montgomery, promise to unite myself and to remain in society with the Brothers of the Christian Schools...I promise to go wherever I may be sent and to do whatever I may be assigned by the body of the Society or its superiors. Wherefore, I promise and vow chastity, poverty, obedience, association for the service of the poor through education, and stability in the Institute..."

Whatever else they signify, John's vows reveal his commitment to a life of service. It is a commitment both extreme and rare - extreme because it is unqualified, rare because it suggests a spirit of selflessness not readily found today. Clearly, John has decided that he must take "the road less traveled." Explaining his profession of vows to family and friends, John said, "In our North American culture, possessions, passion, and power often obscure genuine human endeavors. My

profession this afternoon is to seek the opposite. I vow to share, love, and serve. Forever."

So...how does a vocation to the Christian Brothers happen in this day and age?

Background, training, education, family, talents, personal interests, values—all have played major roles in John Montgomery's decision to become a Christian Brother. Sill, the mystery of his vocation lingers...

Why John and not someone else? If John is answering a call, who is the caller? Is this destiny? Is John simply meant to be a Christian Brother?

The sense of mystery surrounding John's vocation—indeed, the vocation of every religious—was a major theme of the reflection given during Mass by Brother Richard Camara, President of Christian Brothers and Principal during John's high school years. Among the many significant thoughts Brother Richard shared was a quotation from the great Dag Hammarskjöld: "I don't know who—or what—put the question; I don't know when it was put. I don't even remember answering. But at some moment I did answer 'Yes' to someone—or something—and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that therefore, my life, in self-surrender, had a goal."

Following his public profession of vows, Brother John, in observance of tradition, formally signed the Document of Profession, entering his name permanently into the ledger of avowed Christian Brothers. He then stood before the main altar of the chapel to receive the "accolades" (fraternal greetings) of his fellow Brothers. One by one they processed by, each pausing to embrace him and welcome him as a permanent member of their community.

Whatever the influences, divine or human, that shaped Brother John's vocation, one thing was clear to all who observed this ritual: John Montgomery had come home to the Brothers, and he was happy to be there. ❖

CBS Board of Regents

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear CBS Alumni and Friends,

As President of the Board of Regents, I would like to welcome everyone to the 1991-92 Christian Brothers High School year.

The Alumni Association has started off this year's fundraising activities with two very successful events, a wine tasting at the school and a golf tournament at Silverado Country Club in Napa. Other recent fundraisers have been the Boosters Club crab feed, PSO dinner/dance, and a riverboat cruise sponsored by our newly formed La Salle League. If you missed these enjoyable activities, don't worry—we have a variety of others planned this year which you will learn about in upcoming *Connection* articles, student newsletters, and direct mailers.

I would also like to introduce the officers and committee chairpersons of the Christian Brothers Board of Regents. These individuals serve the school through responsible leadership, working cooperatively with Board members of diverse points of view in collectively establishing goals and objectives for CBS.

The CBS Board of Regents was created in 1976 and operates under established bylaws. The Board's main purpose is to serve as an advisory and recommending body to the Brother President of the school. Specific areas of responsibility or interest include oversight of the school's development program, budgetary planning and implementation, capital and property acquisition, financial policies, public relations, and annual fundraising.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board may contact any Board member for details. As President, I will be happy to respond to questions or comments you may have about our Board. Please direct your letters to P.O. Box 19422, Sacramento, CA 95819.

Regards,

Samuel D. Tarpin
President

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS



Sam Tarpin, President

A member of the Board of Regents since 1987, Sam Tarpin has been instrumental in the success of the CB SPIRIT Auction, the school's premier fundraising event. Sam has two sons who have attended CBS—Alex, a 1990 graduate, and Ben, currently a senior. Sam is owner of Samuel D. Tarpin Company, a real estate investment and development firm in Sacramento.



Laura Yanes, First Vice President

Laura Yanes has served as a Regent since 1987. For several years she was chairperson of the Regents Marketing Committee, providing expert assistance in areas such as student/parent information programs, school publications, and marketing and public relations strategies. She is President of Laura Yanez Public Relations in El Dorado Hills.



Bob Massa, Second Vice President

Bob Massa joined the Board of Regents in 1990. Prior to that, he served as a major volunteer for the Parent Service Organization's annual "Night at the Races" event. His son Mark graduated from CBS in 1978. Bob himself was named an Honorary Alumnus of CBS in 1989. Bob has recently retired from Teichert Construction Company of Sacramento.

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Mr. Puglisi

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situation, you really have to be aware of how you parcel out your time so that you give balanced attention to both sexes. Every day I check my calendar to make sure I'm not overlooking some team or group or distributing my time unfairly.

Connection: It sounds a bit overwhelming.

Mr. Puglisi: No, I don't find it overwhelming - just challenging. The thing is, I have a great team of administrators and staff working with me, plus Brother Richard's assistance whenever I need it, so I'm always confident of getting the job done. Besides, co-education has introduced a real spark of excitement into school life and programs. I believe the presence of females is allowing for more positive molding of our students. There's definitely a growing sense of the educational possibilities here in our midst and a desire to make the most of them.

Connection: How would you characterize your general approach to school administration?

Mr. Puglisi: Whenever appropriate, I tend to emphasize collaboration and shared decision-making. I think there are certain things that the faculty or students know more about than I do, so I really gain by their participation in decisions. More importantly, collaboration leads to ownership, ownership leads to success, and success leads to more success. I would say this also: if the system is really working, you should actually be able to see the success in the attitude and behavior of the students; the results should be visible.

Connection: Have there been "visible results" in the school so far this year?

Mr. Puglisi: Well, I think so. We're seeing more purpose and participation from the student body. For example, we invited the Student Council to help plan and run orientation week this year. They accepted the responsibility, and the orientations turned out great. Rallies are becoming more creative and spirited, I believe, and students are being more productive in homeroom. I've also been hearing from teachers that the students seem calmer in class - more tuned in to the lessons.

Connection: In June, when you look back at the school year, what criteria will you use to judge your own performance as Principal?

Mr. Puglisi: I'll be looking for two major things, I think. One will be whether our journey this year has proven to be a positive experience in terms of uniting the students and staff and building morale and involvement in the school community. Number two will be how well we maintained excellence in classes and programs throughout the year. This, I think, is

where my job as Principal and Brother Richard's as President ultimately come together. Brother's main work now is to gain the community support CBS needs to continue its tradition of excellence into the years ahead; mine is to insure the school's daily excellence in the here and now of this school year. In a very real way, the success of either one of us will depend on the success of the other.

Connection: How is your family coping with your new job?

Puglisi: They've been really supportive, especially my wife Gilda. We naturally talked a lot when I took the assignment about the impact it might have on my time at home, so I think they've been prepared to see less of me. My family also knows that they are my first priority and I'll never let them down when they need me. I have gotten some teasing from Gilda about being at school so much. She'll say things like, "I see you're wearing your Brothers' robe again today, Dom."

Connection: And what do you respond?

Mr. Puglisi: "How do I look, dear?" ❖



Brother Richard

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take the school's case to the community, there's a deep appreciation out there for what CBS represents and a desire to assist in our mission. Finally - and this is a rather personal belief - I feel that God in His wisdom is calling Christian Brothers to this new agenda. I know He is calling *me personally* to it. That's why I'm no longer Principal and have accepted the assignment of President. It's my own personal commitment to the future of CBS.

Connection: Are you comfortable with your new role, or do you miss being Principal?

Br. Richard: That's a rather "onery" question, but I'll answer it anyway. Yes, I miss being Principal - I miss the special relationship with the students and staff that only the Principal can have. At the same time, I'm excited about my new role and working toward the vision of making Christian Brothers the best school it can possibly be. The bottom line is that this leadership structure is in the best interests of CBS. I do think that being able to turn over the operation to someone as capable and dedicated as Dom Puglisi has made my own transition much easier. I have confidence in Dom's ability to maintain and build on the CBS tradition. That confidence, I believe, will allow me to tell Christian Brothers' story very effectively in the community and obtain the support we need as we move into the 21st century. ❖

ENROLLMENT AT ALL-TIME HIGH

Christian Brothers opened its doors this fall with a record enrollment of 837 students, including the largest freshman class ever of 256 students.

Two new programs were initiated for this year's entering class. First, in an effort to address the difficulties freshmen often experience in adjusting to the academic demands of high school, all 9th graders participated in a four-day study skills program. Second, a new SCHOLAR PROGRAM was begun. This program is designed for students with the highest academic motivation and potential. Participants take a combination of accelerated and advanced courses in their freshman and sophomore years, followed by Honors and Advanced Placement courses in the upper division. Thirty freshmen met the stiff admissions requirements to the program, which include a letter of application from the student, a GPA of 3.5 or higher, standardized test scores above the 85th percentile, and letters of recommendation.

As the date of this year's Placement Examination approaches (February 1), contacts from parents regarding admission to CBS for 1992-93 have increased sharply. The Dean of Studies Office anticipates that the freshman class will fill early.

General information about admissions (brochures, applications, etc.) may be obtained by dropping by the main office or calling 452-2876. Requests for campus visits, tours, or interviews should be directed to the Admissions Coordinator, Mr. Jim Hughes; queries about the SCHOLAR PROGRAM can be directed to the Dean of Studies, Mr. Jeff Corrigan. ❖

**Placement Test
February 1, 1992**

**For further information
call:
Mr. Jim Hughes
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CBS STUDENTS RECEIVE 'SPIRIT OF YOUTH AWARDS'

A pair of Christian Brothers seniors, Tamara Battle and Jarrett Mason, have been named recipients of KXTV-Channel 10's prestigious "Spirit of Youth Awards." The annual awards are intended to recognize youth, ages 13 to 18, who have rendered exceptional volunteer service to the community.

Of the 58 semi-finalists for this year's awards, ten were judged outstanding by community leaders from Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Solano Counties. Tamara was recognized for her many hours of service to Wellspring, the Sacramento center that provides food, shelter, counseling, and other services for women and children. Jarrett was honored for his active role in Students Reaching Out, an anti-drug and alcohol program involving presentations and on-site role modeling for elementary school students.

Tamara and Jarrett were the only award winners from the entire Sacramento area and the only two recipients from the same school. In addition to receiving scholarships, both were honored at a formal reception and dinner at the Radisson Hotel. The event was the subject of an hour-long presentation televised by Channel 10 in December.

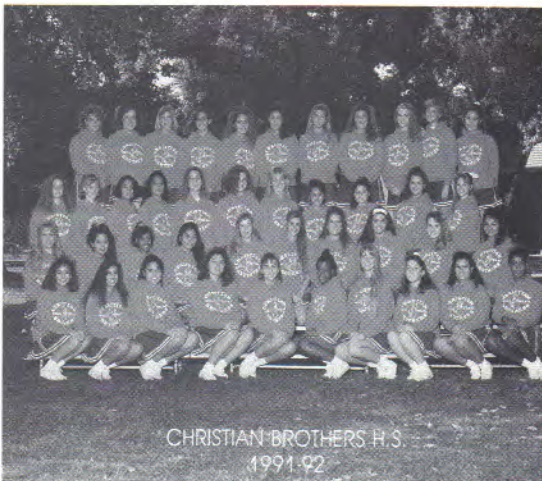
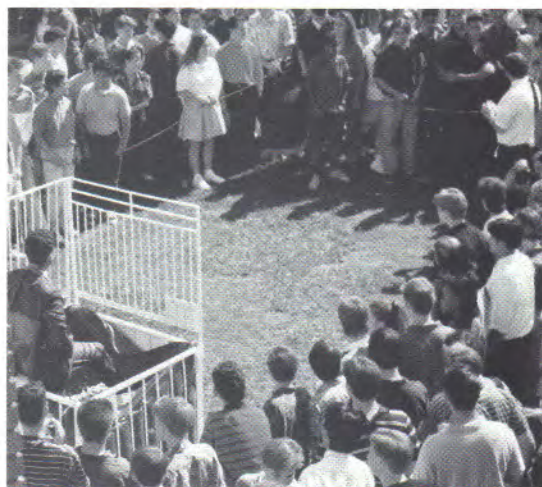
CBS is extremely proud of these two students. Congratulations, Tamara and Jarrett!

DRILL TEAM OUTDRILLS COMPETITION

Christian Brothers' superb drill team once again distinguished itself over the summer by garnering an assortment of prestigious awards.

At the Chico State Drill Team Competitions, CBS won 25 drill down (command response) ribbons, 63 superior ribbons, and 15 excellent ribbons. The team qualified for the national drill team competition in Orlando, Florida. Individual team member Katie Collins placed third in the entire camp of over 500 girls in the drill down competition.

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Top: Students enjoy campus on sunny autumn day by dunking Vice Principal Dean of Students, Danny Delgado.

Center: "Spirit of Youth" Award winners Jarrett Mason and Tamara Battle.

Bottom: Members of championship Drill Team.

Campus News

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The drill team continued its success at the University of California at Santa Cruz camp, winning 10 drill down ribbons, 10 superior ribbons, 6 excellent ribbons, 1 outstanding ribbon, and several other awards for individual skills. Karen Lara captured first place in the entire camp in the drill down competition, and Robin Tokuno took the Super Sensational award, qualifying her for a chance to win a trip to England. Tamara Battle and Laura Anglada were picked to attend Universal Dance Camp to be instructors.

The drill team deserves congratulations for its outstanding achievements, which are the result of enormous commitment and hard work on the part of individual team members and their talented coach, Lois Curtis, who dedicates innumerable hours of her time to these talented girls. ❖

FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Christian Brothers fielded nine teams this fall in five different sports: volleyball (varsity and JV), tennis, soccer (varsity and JV), football (varsity, JV, and frosh), and cross country.

In just their second year at CBS, the girls' volleyball and tennis teams showed admirable progress. Playing a very demanding schedule, the varsity volleyball team managed 6 victories in 19 games, with the JV squad faring even better at 9-9.

"It's really an achievement," said Assistant Athletic Director Jill Bennett. "When you consider how young the program is and the quality of competition faced, you have to be enormously pleased with the outcome. We were able to hold our own against almost everyone we played, including some major area powerhouses who happen to be in our league. I'd say we definitely became competitive this year."

In view of the increased number of girls going out for volleyball and tennis, particularly from the lower division, Bennett is optimistic about the future. "There's a lot of talent in our student body that's starting to emerge. Our first year we were pretty sparse in some areas—tennis, for example. This year we had enough good players to make legitimate contests out of the matches. The best thing in both tennis and volleyball was seeing the younger players improve so much over the season. They really hung in there. Frankly, I like our chances next year."

Due largely to Coach George Smith's "never-say-die" attitude, CBS's varsity football squad proved more than competitive this year. Despite losing their first three games, the Falcons rebounded to take second place in the Metro League. Moving on to the play-offs, CBS lost a hardhitting contest to top-ranked Elk Grove, 48-28. Nineteen Falcons received league honors, including four players named to the First Team. Junior standout Kevin McKechnie not only made All-Metro First Team but was honored as All-City quarterback by both the Sacramento Bee and the Sacramento Union. The JV and frosh football squads finished 6-4 and 2-6 respectively.

Under new coach Vince Juarez, the varsity soccer squad took second place in the Metro League, compiling an overall record of 10-4-4. A first-round loss in the Tournament of Champions ended what was a fine season for the young team. Ten players received Metro League honors, four making First Team. The JV squad completed their year with a 7-5-2 record.

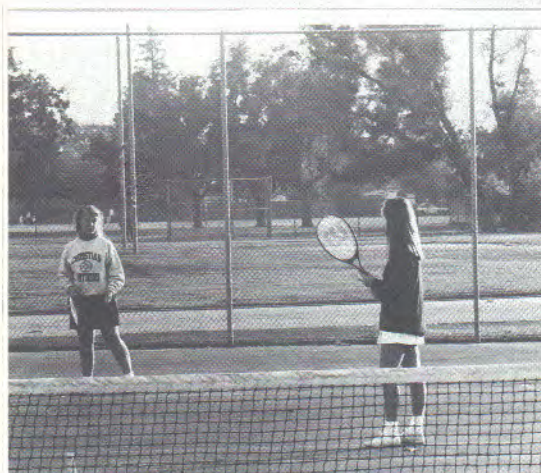
Probably the most pleasant surprise this fall was the outstanding performance of the cross country team, led by first-year coach Dan Delgado. The long-distance runners not only won the Mariner Cross Country Classic in Hayward but also captured the Sub-section and Sac-Joaquin Section Division IV Junior Championships. Given that the entire team consisted of underclassmen (five juniors and three frosh), who knows what achievements are in store for next year!

Congratulations to all the players and coaches, and thanks to the parents and alumni who supported them. ❖

LA SALLE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

The Forty-first Annual La Salle Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner will be held at CBS on Friday, April 10, 1992. Ten area old-timers will be inducted into the La Salle Hall of Fame on that evening.

The social hour will begin at 6:00 P.M., with dinner served at 7:00 P.M. The costs will be \$9.00 per person. Proceeds will benefit the physical education and athletic programs. Advance reservations are recommended and may be made through the Development Office. Event co-chair is Jim McNamara, assisted by Jay Riley, Boosters liaison.



Top: Kevin McKechnie celebrates touchdown pass against Johnson H.S.

Center: JV soccer against Johnson High.

Bottom: Tracy Donnalley & and Melanie Lane during tennis practice.

The Man Behind the Lens

CHANCES ARE, IF YOU'VE BEEN AT ANY OF THE CBS FUNDRAISING activities the past year, Thomas Bass pointed his camera your way. The Christian Brothers High alumnus has snapped a great number of photographic frames since graduating in 1982, many of them as a school volunteer.

Tom consistently documents the school's fundraising events like the CB2000 SPIRIT Auction, Ambassadors' Dinner, and Alumni Wine Tasting. He also shoots for *The Connection*, the Regents' news publication, often supplying the magazine's cover shots. (The portraits of Brother Richard and Domenic Puglisi on this issue's cover are Tom's work.)

Not bad for one who graduated from high school less than a decade ago.

Tom was introduced to photography in his sophomore year when he joined the yearbook staff and volunteered to be the photo editor. At the time he hardly knew the difference between an f stop and a stop sign. Under the advice of yearbook moderator Brother Daniel, he took a course in photography at Sacramento City College and began studying the fine art. He kept his photo editor position through his junior and senior seasons.

Upon graduation, Tom attended City College, where he immersed himself in the study of photography. Meanwhile, he was employed full time by Coronet Studios, working up to 60 hours per week. In 1987 he decided to go into business for himself. As an

independent contractor, Tom occasionally was hired to shoot CBS activities. Eventually he became a familiar face at school events and an active volunteer.



Today, Tom specializes in advertising and industrial photography. His clients include the electronic companies Intel and Avantek of Folsom, Connolly Development Inc., and SMUD. Thomas Bass Photography is completing its fifth year in business and developing a reputation locally as an up-and-coming photographic firm.

It strikes Tom as humorous how often people underestimate the time and planning needed to do his job well. Says Tom, "Most people think an hour is more than enough time in which to take a picture. They don't realize the amount of research and set-up required to capture a single good shot."

Tom relishes the challenge of making each picture look creative yet natural. As a member and supporter of the local chapter of the Association for Sacramento Advertising Photographers, he understands the type of professionalism needed to achieve photographic excellence. The fact is, though, much of the work performed by Tom and

his peers goes unrecognized in the general community.

"We're the ones who make the products you see every day in the newspapers and magazines pleasing to look at."

When reading future issues of *The Connection*, however, we won't forget Thomas Bass—the man behind the lens. ❖

Campus News

RETURN OF THE TALON

The Talon is back! Aptly entitled the *New Talon*, the tabloid-size newspaper made its debut in December in an 8-page issue packed with campus news items, student profiles, sports run-downs, movie reviews, humorous articles, and stories and essays contributed by CB students.

Responsible for resurrecting the popular student newspaper are senior editors Jimmy Wil-

liams, Nevin Cheung, and Fernando Lavana. States Williams, "Our reasons for wanting to produce the newspaper came from our pride and spirit in our school. We also hoped that our readers might be better able to

get to know activities and events, and, most importantly, to associate and relate to other students on the campus, thus contributing to a closer bond between students and giving us all a better understanding of what it means to be at Christian Brothers."

Assisting the *New Talon* staff with their first issue were Mr. David Holper, moderator, and Mr. Tom Davis. According to the editors, though, responsibility for writing, publishing, and funding the *New Talon* will fall to the students themselves. "We must show that there is a positive response from the students and that there are students out there who are willing to carry on the tradition... We'll do our best to keep each issue entertaining and have a full 8 pages of quality work."

The Connection salutes its new student counterpart, the *New Talon*! ❖

The New
TALON

CLASS NOTES



Vienna Golsong '61

Hello! Well, this issue of the Connection will find all of us recovering from the holiday season. I don't know about you, but I am asking myself, Where did 1991 go? It seems as though as much as we try to slow down the pace, time keeps marching on all too fast. We all must try to keep in mind that the holiday season, as hectic as it is, should be a time of giving thanks for all our wonderful gifts.

36 *William L. Stewart* is retired and living at Park Folsom Retirement Home. Bill says he enjoys retirement. He is widowed and has three boys. [Send me a note, Bill, and let me know what your boys are doing.]

58 *David Aguilar* is working for the Sacramento Municipal Court and says he is saving up his vacation time to tour England in 1992. [Good luck to you, Dave, and hope you have a wonderful trip.]

61 I would like to share with you about our 30th reunion, which was held at the Dante Club on September 28, 1991. We were enjoying ourselves so much that the manager had to tell us it was time to leave. I don't know if we "ripen" with age, but I can say that this was one of the most gratifying reunions I have attended. We asked everyone to fill out a questionnaire about themselves, so I have a lot of information to share and will include a few items each issue.

Coming from Texas and Florida were the *Carwile* twins. *Cindy Carwile Seidensticker* came from League City, Texas. She is married, a school nurse, and has three children and two grandchildren. If anyone happens to be in Houston, Cindy would love to have you come visit... Cindy's sister, *Connie Wyckoff*, lives in Jupiter, Florida, and is a retired housewife. (I like to call us domestic engineers!) She and husband Pete travel three months out of a year, and the rest of the time

are golfing and boating. [Sounds like a great life to me, Connie.]... If you are in Costa Mesa and happen to be speeding, be careful. *Mike Fassnacht* has been a highway patrolman for twenty-five years. He is married and has two children... *Steve Lawrence* is an electrical engineer living in Turlock. He has one daughter.

62 *Charley Foulk* is living in Coeur de'Alene, Idaho, although he plans on relocating to Kenai, Alaska, in the springtime. Charley was awarded the country's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, in the Vietnam War. [Congratulations, Charley!] He sends his regards to all his classmates and teachers...

Mary Jean Brackmann Hunt is living in Layton, Utah. She is married and is a computer systems analyst for the U.S.D.A. Forest Service.

63 *Patrick Murphy* is Southern Region Supervisor for the California Department of Parks and Recreation. He is married and lives in San Diego. Pat is a Vietnam veteran with the Marine Corps...*Terry Mulligan* is self-employed and living in Hood, California, with his wife Elizabeth and their three children. [By the way, Terry, I'm sure you know this: Your wonderful mother-in-law, Jean, used to create a memorable event at Halloween as the illustrious "witch" loved by all the kids and parents.]

66 *Joe Strahl* is the Public Works Director in charge of the Jackson County road system. Jackson County is located just north of the California line. (Medford is the county seat.) Joe moved to Jackson County from Alamosa, Colorado, in 1984; before that he lived in Maryland. He reflects, "It was a long trek across America to get back to the West Coast, but I've enjoyed seeing the country

and making good friends in all the places I've lived."

72 *Chris Borovansky* accepted his position as Fairgrounds and Exposition Park Director of Jackson County, Oregon, in 1988. He has had extensive experience in fairgrounds management throughout California since 1978. Chris says, "Good fishing and good wine are the things I learned to love in California, but Oregon offers those as well as a great quality of life." [Chris, I must say that my husband Bud would wholeheartedly agree with you.] Both Chris and Joe Strahl ('66) report that they have fond memories of Christian Brothers and would love to hear from some of their old friends.

75 *Ted Thompson* is a newly licensed chiropractor. A graduate from Western States Chiropractic College in Portland, Oregon, Ted is married and lives and works in Fair Oaks.

76 *Leonard Avila* is the manager of a Big O Tire Store in Sacramento. He is married and has two children.

80 *John A. Stassi, Jr.* (the son of *Jack Stassi* '40, who wrote this column for years and always did a beautiful job...) was married in Maui, Hawaii, on May 21, 1991. John says that he met his wife as a result of their both working in the insurance industry. [Congratulations to you both!]... *Matthew Enjalran* is a post graduate student at San Francisco State University.

81 *Jeffrey McTygue* is married and living in Woodland. He works for the State of California.

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When contacted, please give generously to the Annual Fund.



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CBHS Annual Giving Program

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Where: CBS Gymnasium

Price: \$5.00 per person (cheap!)

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CLASS NOTES

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82 *Glenn A. Cunningham* is a U.S. Navy helicopter pilot and is living in San Diego.

83 *Michael Schrader* writes that he is the proud father of a new baby girl, **Emily Lyn**. He and his wife are living in Galt, where Mike works as a U.P.S. driver... If you want to know anything about fishing and hunting in the Half Moon Bay area, contact *Brian Arnold*. He is a warden for the California Department of Fish and Game... *George Scordakis* has completed the navigator program at Mather A.F.B. and is now an officer. He will be moving to Wichita, Kansas, this month, and will finally be to-

gether with his new wife, Elaine... *Michael Forster* graduated in June, 1990, from Cal Poly with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He is currently Manager of Engineering, Reliability, and Planning for American Eagle Airlines. Michael is married and has two children. They live in San Luis Obispo... *Christopher Enjalran*, brother of Matthew '80, has completed six-and-a-half years in the Navy. He will be traveling cross-country.

85 *Jon Miranda* is currently pursuing a career in auto racing throughout the U.S. and Canada with the Toyota Atlantic Racing Series. To continue his career, Jon is in need of any information that could lead him to a potential sponsor. Call (916) 348-7590...*Scott Waterbury* has joined Cafe Montreal as

new chef of the French Canadian midtown eatery located at 2326 K Street.

86 *Howard Glenn P. Cabalfin*, an honor student of Christian Brothers, has been chosen from among thousands of applicants for Japan's Exchange Graduate Program, which is sponsored by the U.S.A. and Japanese governments. He recently graduated from UCLA with a Bachelor's degree in East Asian Studies with Japanese emphasis. John, whose parents reside in South Sacramento, is one of the exemplary Filipino-American students in the area.

88 *Michael T. Farrell* is married, and he and his wife are expecting their first child in February. They presently live in Cleveland, Ohio, where he works for the third largest collection firm in the

United States.

89 *John M. Puente* will be traveling to Oxford to study abroad for a year. He plans to graduate from St. Mary's College in 1993. He is currently working for Wells Fargo Bank in Oakland. ❖

That is all the news I have for now. Thank you for all your responses. I sincerely hope that each one of you had a very happy and spirit-filled holiday season.

Remember to fill out the Alumni Census in *The Connection*. Drop me a line or call me.

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Wine Tasting Extravaganza

The emphasis was on "extravaganza" in the Alumni Association's fourth annual Wine Tasting Extravaganza, held in the CBS courtyard the evening of September 6th.

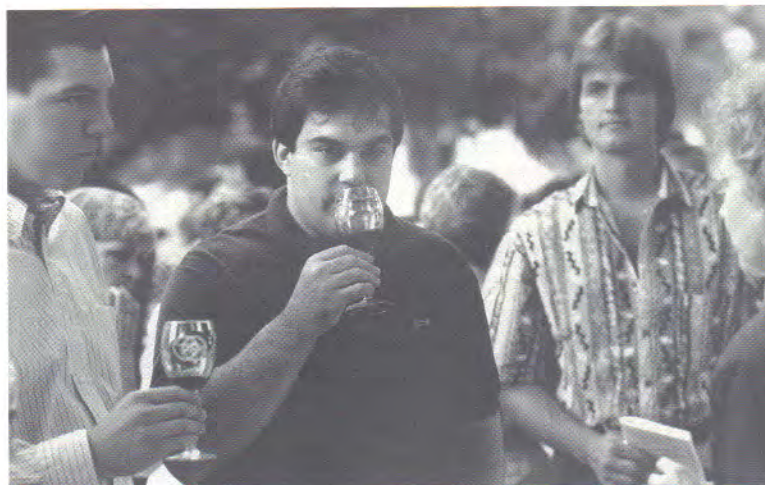
Always an enjoyable, well attended fundraiser, this year's event incorporated innovations that made it especially memorable. Sixteen local restaurants and caterers joined with seventeen wineries to present food and wine pairings to the crowd. Gastronomical delights ranged from pizza to ceviche (raw white fish with lime juice) to delectable sauteed prawns. Four local breweries also were on hand to offer samplings to beer connoisseurs.

Event chairperson Dan Delgado estimated that over 800 patrons attended the fundraiser, which netted approximately \$5,000 for CBS. "We were extremely pleased by both the crowd and the event itself," stated Delgado. "Everything seemed to cooperate. The weather was perfect, and people obviously were enjoying themselves. I think the idea of including the restaurants and breweries was a real winner. I'm pretty certain we'll want to retain this format in the future—perhaps even expand on it."

The message for next year's Wine Tasting Extravaganza would seem to be, Come thirsty and come hungry!

Upper Rt: Wine connoisseurs in action at this year's Extravaganza

Lower Rt: Greg Hutchings foursome at the 1991 Golf Classic.



Success On The Links

Under clear skies and near-perfect conditions, participants in the Third Annual Christian Brothers Golf Classic teed off at noon on September 20th. With the beautiful Silverado Country Club as its setting, the Golf Classic turned out to be an extremely successful event.

Hosted by the Alumni Association under the direction of chairman Kevin Valine, the event made a profit of approximately \$15,000, providing help for financially needy students at CBS.

This year's Classic was co-sponsored by First Commercial Bank and Cellular One. Other major sponsors included Pickett-Rothholz & Murphy and Caltronics Business Systems.

Golfers received a valuable tee prize package—a custom embroidered polo shirt, a sweater, and head covers—and played 18 holes of scramble golf on the scenic course. A hosted cocktail party and barbecue dinner followed the round of golf.

The winning team this year, shooting 11 under par, consisted of Ross Relles, John Ball, Jim De Vard, and Jim Boras. Steve Yates won the Longest Drive competition, and John Cronick prevailed in the Closest to the Pin contest.

Next year's Classic promises to be another spectacular event, so mark your calendars now for September 24, 1992, at the Silverado Country Club.



Christian Brothers Ambassadors

"...you are ambassadors of Jesus Christ in the work you do as educators...."

(St. John Baptist de La Salle to his first Brothers)



Br. Richard Camara (left) and Br. Mark Murphy flank 1990 Ambassador of the Year award recipients (l to r) Manuel Perry, Frank Ramos, Jim Mulhern and Ron Carissimi.

More than three centuries ago, the founder of the Christian Brothers, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, proclaimed the mission of the Brothers. His vision was to provide a Christian education for young people who might otherwise never have such an opportunity. Today, 300 years after their founding, the Christian Brothers still revere this vision, striving to adapt it to the circumstances of a complex and changing world.

Here in Sacramento, Christian Brothers High School has adhered to La Sallian traditions since its founding in 1876. For 116 years the Brothers have dedicated themselves to bringing academic excellence and Christian values into the lives of the youth of Sacramento. Christian Brothers is the oldest Catholic high school in the diocese, with alumni numbering over 8,000; it also is the city's only Catholic co-educational high school.

Today the economic challenges confronting the Christian Brothers are greater than ever. The Brothers remain faithful to their philosophy that no deserving young man or woman should be denied the opportunity of an education because of a family's inability to pay tuition. Every student at CBS receives a subsidy in the form of a tuition rate substantially lower than the true cost of education. In addition, nearly one out of five students

and the school's rising operational expenses. Inspired by the same sense of commitment that St. John Baptist de La Salle asked of the

needs special financial assistance. Keeping the door of Christian Brothers open to students such as these is one of the Brothers' highest priorities. However, it is a priority that has become increasingly hard for the Brothers to maintain.

Several years ago the Board of Regents formed the AMBASSADORS CLUB in order to address the disparity between tuition of St. John Baptist de La Salle asked of the first Brothers, the AMBASSADORS CLUB is both an appeal and an opportunity for CBS alumni, parents, and friends to identify with the Brothers and their mission - in effect, to become their "ambassadors."

Your participation as an AMBASSADOR will help insure that young men and women continue to receive quality Christian education in the splendid tradition of the Brothers.

All members of the AMBASSADORS CLUB are acknowledged on a special plaque displayed in the entrance of the school. In appreciation and recognition of donors, the Christian Brothers host a formal dinner in their honor. This year's AMBASSADOR DINNER is scheduled for February 6, 1992, at the Sutter Club in Sacramento. The annual AMBASSADOR DINNER is the most prestigious event of the school year (as well it should be), and also one of the most enjoyable. Come join us by becoming an AMBASSADOR of the Christian Brothers and true partner in their mission.

For further information about becoming an AMBASSADOR, please call Bob Massa (447-2769) or Jean Lahey in the Development Office (733-3601).

**The Christian Brothers
AMBASSADORS CLUB
has four levels of membership.
Memberships are awarded in the
following categories for
contributions made during the
calendar year:**

**Brothers Ambassador
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La Salle League Sails Without Leaving Dock



CBS crowd gathers at dockside for La Salle League riverboat cruise.

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BOTH LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY, the night of October 3rd represented a maiden voyage for the Christian Brothers La Salle League, the school's recently formed women's support group. The League held its first-ever fundraiser that evening — a riverboat cruise and dinner/dance aboard the paddle-wheeler "Spirit of Sacramento."

As things turned out, there was bad news and good news about the voyage. The bad news was that, due to mechanical failures, the ship never left the dock. The good news was that the CBS crowd adjusted to the situation and made the most of the evening.

Claire Ferguson, co-chairperson of the event, offered this perspective: "All of us were upset and disappointed, of course, when we heard the crew announce that the ship was experiencing difficulty and wouldn't be able to leave port. Thanks to the upbeat attitude of the guests, though, the night wasn't a failure. Everyone seemed understanding—went on visiting with one another and chatting and laughing during dinner. I think people just made up their minds they weren't going to let the ship ruin their night."

Over 110 guests attended the fundraiser for the Christian Brothers Scholarship Fund. Said co-chair Mary Jane Perry, "The La Salle League really appreciates the support we received from the sponsors and ticket-buyers. These people care about the scholarship program; they weren't about 'to abandon ship.' That says something about the school community."

Apparently, whatever the problems with the "Spirit of Sacramento," the spirit of the CB La Salle League continues in good working order. ❖

CBS RECEIVES GRANT FROM ARATA BROTHERS TRUST

Christian Brothers has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 by the Arata Brothers Trust here in Sacramento. The amount will be used to erect security fencing on the north end of campus.

Arata Brothers Trust has assisted CBS in designated projects for over a decade. Previous grants have included areas such as upkeep of buildings and grounds, lighting and other security measures, relocation and renovation of Edward Hall (counseling center), computers and software, and physical education equipment.

States CBS President Brother Richard Camara, "We're extremely grateful for the generous support we've received from the Arata Brothers Trust over the years. The current grant will allow us to proceed immediately with fencing the north side area near the portable classrooms. It's a campus security need we've been hoping to address for some time. Thanks to Arata Brothers Trust, we can address it now."

Mark Your Calendar

PSO Crab Feed

Saturday, February 1, 1992

6:30—No Host Bar 7:30—Dinner

Dancing 'til Midnight

CBS Gymnasium

\$17.50 per person

Pre-Sale Tickets only

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or Monte Endicott (451-3826) in the evening.

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BROTHER JOSEPH ENRIGHT: A REMEMBRANCE

Christian Brothers lost a valued teacher and beloved friend with the passing of Brother Joseph Enright on November 2, 1991. Brother Joseph died at Mont La Salle in Napa. He was a young 67 years of age.

Brother Joseph spent the last ten years of his life at Christian Brothers, teaching math part-time and assisting in the Business Office. The assignment was actually

his third in Sacramento. Back in the 1940s he spent three years at the school at 21st and Broadway, and during the 1960s (when CB was known as Bishop Armstrong) he served seven more.

Brother Joseph was always a serious student, excelling in math and science, subjects he loved and taught all his life. So great was his fervor, after completing his M.A.T.M. degree at the University of Chicago in 1959, he took on a double assignment, teaching full-time at CBS and traveling daily to Galt to teach math and science at St. Pius X Seminary.

One of Brother Joseph's most interesting assignments - and probably most demanding - was the nine years (1949-58) he spent at St. Mary's College High School in Berkeley, an institution comprising grades 3 through 12. Brother Joseph was in charge of the 3rd-6th grade resident students, which meant that in addition to teaching full time he was expected to get the youngsters ready for class every morning, prefect their mealtimes, put them to bed each night, and generally see to their supervision during the day. Class preparation and correction of papers were somehow to be done

"in between." Since there were usually some boarders who did not go home and a substitute was not always available, Brother Joseph was lucky even to get Sundays off!

In spite of the serious health problems that beset him in recent years, Brother Joseph elected to remain at Christian Brothers as long as possible. It was only in April of 1991, when special care became absolutely necessary, that he allowed himself to be moved to Mont La Salle.

The full chapel at Mont La Salle on the night of his burial testified to the place that Brother Joseph held in the hearts of the Brothers and his many close friends. He was a person who drew others to him by his open, generous spirit and lively brand of Irish humor. Not above injecting a bit of wit into a serious discussion when the spirit moved him, he will be remembered for the cheerful atmosphere he created wherever he went.

Brother Bede Van Duren, who was Brother's Joseph's Community Director during most of his last assignment in Sacramento, offered this parting reflection at the Mass of Christian Burial: "Whether Joe was prefecting elementary school students at St. Mary's in Berkeley, doing advanced studies in Chicago, moderating senior classes, or engaging in his first love-teaching mathematics in the classroom—he completed each of these tasks and many more with a spirit of joy, enthusiasm, purpose, and love. Brother Joseph faithfully served the Sacramento community."

Brother Joseph's impact on the personal lives of others perhaps was described best by co-teacher Mike Costello: "Brother Joe was a very close and personal friend. His sense of humor and inner peace with God were strong reasons for me to stay with Christian Brothers for the last 12 years. He will be missed by myself and my family for the rest of our lives. I hope that he has found the peace he so richly deserves."

And so say we all, those of us who were privileged to know him as a Brother and friend.

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As you can see, *The Connection* has undergone various changes of focus and format. Our purpose in making these changes is simply to do a better job of "telling the CB story." It is, I feel, a story worth telling, for it reminds us that success and excellence are truly possible if people are willing to commit themselves.

We see this lesson in the achievements of students like "Spirit of Youth" award winners Tamara Battle and Jarrett Mason; All-City quarterback and Honor Student Kevin McKecknie; the members of CB's outstanding Drill Team; the enterprising staff of the school newspaper...

We also see it in the dedication of the faculty and staff - of school leaders like Brother Richard and Domenic Puglisi; of teachers such as Brother Joseph Enright, who devoted his life to students, and Brother John Montgomery, who has pledged to do the same...

Finally, we see it in the generous support of the larger school community - the caring and guidance of the CB Regents; the fundraising efforts of the Alumni Association, Boosters Club, Parent Service Organization, and La Salle League; the gifts and donations of the school's many friends...

The "CB story" is in fact a collection of numerous individual tales involving achievement, dedication, and generosity. As you read some of these tales, I hope you'll be moved to add one of your own. Whether it's serving as a CB Regent, becoming a Christian Brothers Ambassador, donating to the Memorial/Scholarship Program, participating in support group fundraising, providing in-kind services, making a major gift, or filling some special immediate need of the school (See below) - there's an important role you can play in the Christian Brothers story.

Again, I think you'll find it's a story worth telling.

Sincerely,

Tom Davis
Director of Development

P.S. Christian Brothers has an urgent need for the following items/services. Can you help?

- Macintosh computer with color monitor to reduce publication costs by doing desktop publishing in-house. Equipment needs include a Mac II with 80 megabyte hard drive, at least 4 megabytes of RAM, and a 13" high-resolution color monitor.
- Materials and labor needed for completion of softball diamond: hydro seeding, trenching, rototilling/grading, decomposed granite mix.
- Wiring labor and hub to connect Edward Hall (counseling center) to a Novell Network in the main school office.
- Two 386/IBM compatibles and a network card for the counseling center.
- Six locking storage cabinets to secure Math Department equipment.
- IBM 286 and modem for the library.

Alumni - Send us your news!

The Connection welcomes contributions to the alumni notes section. Please use this form to mail in your personal and professional news items. Photos, news clippings etc. are also welcome, as well as tips about fellow alums who might make good feature story subjects. Also, use this form for changes or to let us know of duplicate copies at one address. Thanks for keeping us in touch!

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- Please send me additional information about:
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