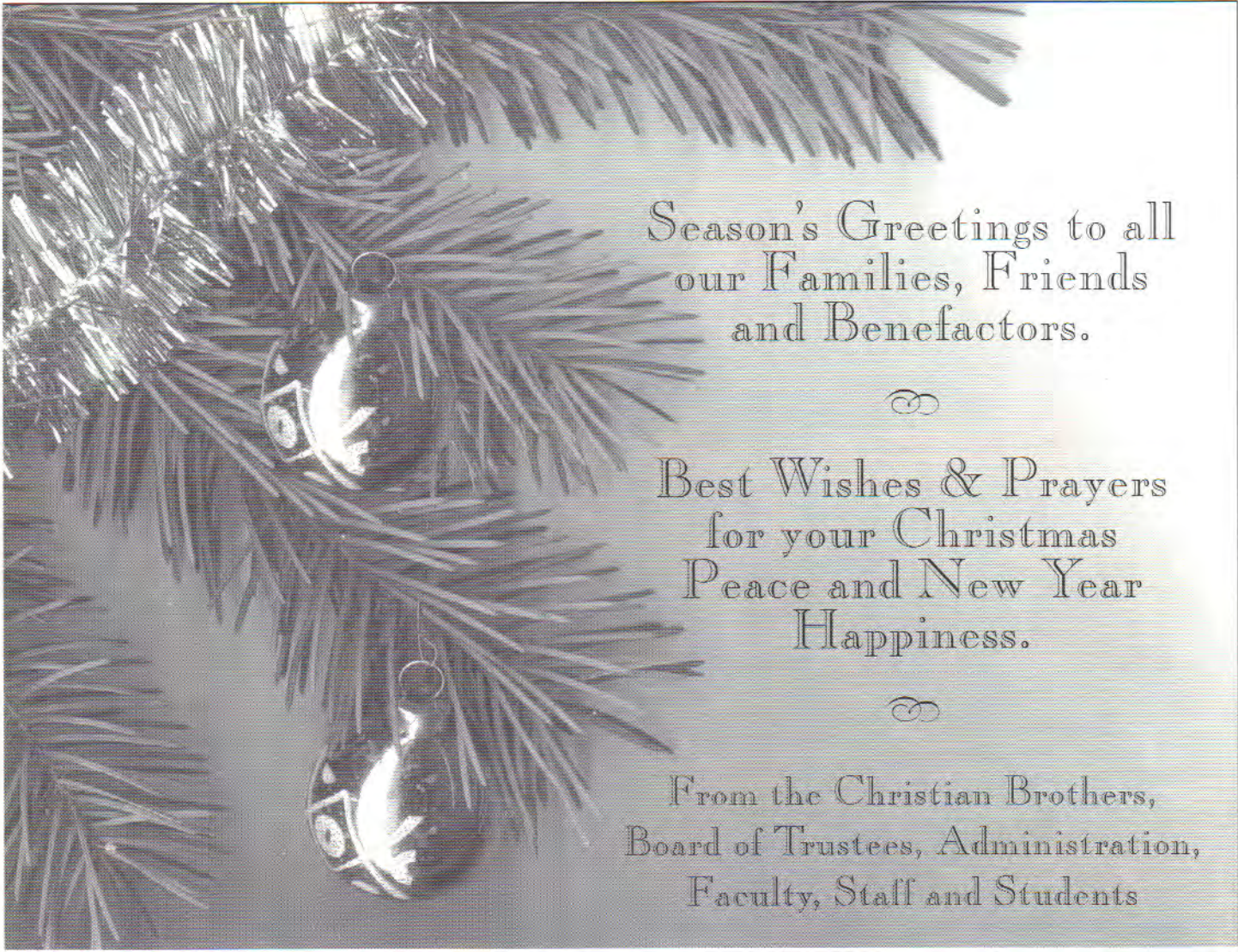




# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CONNECTION



Season's Greetings to all  
our Families, Friends  
and Benefactors.



Best Wishes & Prayers  
for your Christmas  
Peace and New Year  
Happiness.



From the Christian Brothers,  
Board of Trustees, Administration,  
Faculty, Staff and Students

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LETTER  
FROM  
PRESIDENT  
GILLOTT

## Remembering Joe Marty

Tuesday, August 1, 1995, is a day which I shall always remember with fond memories. On that day, my friend Bill Conlin asked me to be his luncheon guest at El Chico (formerly Joe Marty's grill). This was my first visit to the 15th and Broadway establishment but certainly not my last. Because of that invitation, I now have many new-found friends. Most of these friends would be classified as senior citizens; however, they are as young in spirit as anyone I know. These wonderful people are strong

## RON LIMEBERGER DOUBLE HONORS FOR THE COACH

By Pat O'Brien

**W**hen Ron Limeberger was a student at CBS, he considered becoming a Brother. No need. Ron became a lay teacher (now called a "Lasallian Associate" of the Brothers) and in the process has outlasted nine principals he served under. Not bad for the fiery but playful coach, gym teacher and driver ed expert who first attended CB in the second grade!

For his exemplary modeling of

their consuming toil.

Although those who know the playful Ron would say he has never viewed himself as "exemplary," Ron has passionately embraced the traditions and values of La Salle, and the award recognizes that fervor in his long-time service. All this is expressed through a true affection for his students and commitment toward their growth, attitudes he learned from Brothers who taught



The Limebergers: Mike '76, Joan, Ron, Mark '76 and Jill '81.

friend of mine as our families lived next door to each other in San Francisco where our dads followed the same profession, firemen.

Like many other students, Ron began to realize the quality of these men as he reflected in his maturing years, both in high school and thereafter. This was the foundation of his desire to "give back" to kids as an educa-

High School and all are loyal to the memory of Joe Marty.

While a student at Christian Brothers, Joe Marty excelled in sports with his real love being baseball. He is the only native-born Sacramentan to hit a home run in the World Series, accomplishing that singular feat with the Chicago Cubs in 1938. Joe played with the Cubs over a five year period, from 1937 through 1941, at which time he joined the United States Army. A confirmed cynic in many ways, Joe Marty was sentimental about his Christian Brothers High School alma mater and St. Mary's, the college he attended. Signed by

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Lasallian values over these many years since he was hired in 1958, Ron was nominated by his peers and the administration of CBHS as the "Distinguished Lasallian Educator of the Year." In a unique addition to the honor, Ron was currently selected as the winner from all the West Coast Brothers schools. The award was bestowed in November in Chicago during the national meeting of Lasallian educators. In the past this honor has gone to those in the limelight, administrators and counselors, those in more high profile positions. Honoring Ron shows an appreciation for those who work in the trenches, those who are serving but sometimes overlooked in

mini, brothers like Ambrose, Maris and Gilbert.

Ron first encountered the Christian Brothers in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades when he was taught by the Brothers at their old elementary school, an annex to the high school, at 21st and Broadway. It was during this time that he met the legendary Brother Ambrose, the Brother who is still honored by our school's graduation award presented each year to the graduate whose quiet devotion is shown through service to others. Ron also was deeply impressed by Brother Maris Spillaine, a young brother at that time, who loved sports and kids, a big man of gentleness and dedication. Ironically, Maris was a good

Ron entered CBS as a freshman in 1949, was selected Student Body President his senior year, graduating in 1953. A two-sport baseball and basketball star, Ron learned his no-nonsense approach to work and play from two differing sources, the first of which was obviously the Brothers. He recalls the gentle but influential Brother Gilbert Cotter as a man who had a profound effect upon him. Unfortunately, Brother died in the Philippines during the summer, but I am sure he is smiling from heaven, probably saying something like, "I

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## JUSTIFIED AND HAPPY

By David Keast, CB Parent

**M**y eye was drawn to the San Francisco Chronicle headline, "Benefits of Catholic Education Studied." As a "two-time" CBS parent I am always on the lookout for facts supporting the huge outlay of capital I have contributed to CBS. I therefore read with great interest this article that set forth the conclusions of numerous social science studies of Catholic high schools.

First of all, it has been clearly established the Catholic secondary schools outperform public schools. Based on statistics from the 1980's, 97% of all Catholic high school students graduated compared to only about 80% of public school students. Of students who actually graduated, approximately 55% of students

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**St. HOPE & CBS are good neighbors**

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## CONNECTING

by Richard David Archley '74

**I**f you've ever stood at the first tee with your fingers tightly wrapped around the texture grip of your 5-iron while watching the flight of your perfectly struck golf shot, than you have a good idea of what those of us connected with Christian Brothers' golf program are feeling like right now. There is breathless anticipation for the 1996 links campaign and there are good reasons to be optimistic as we wait for our dimpled white globe to land softly and safely on the green.

**Kevin Sutherland '82** just earned a highly-coveted spot on the 1996 PGA Tour by placing fourth (two strokes back) in the six-round qualifying tournament at the Jack Nicklaus-designed Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach, Florida, Dec. 4. He had an outstanding prep career at Brothers and followed that with a winning NCAA effort at Fresno State. Kevin has won at every previous level—Nor Cal Prep, Sacramento County Men's, PCAA Low

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# ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF CBS

by Jack Stassi '40  
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Things are a-buzzin' around the school, the kids are back for the Fall semester, the LaSalle Club has been re-organized and has lots of new enthusiastic members. If you're interested in joining give the school a call 733-3600. Let's see what's going on with alums and friends . . .

Got a call from the wife of **Daniel Healy '58**, and she informed me that Dan recently retired from the California State Police and, to celebrate the occasion, was treated to a wonderful weekend by his brother **Flurry Healy '56** owner of the Albion River Inn in Mendocino . . . Also heard from **Richard Foster '83**, who graduated from Cal Poly as an aeronautical engineer and is now president and CEO of Sierra Expressway, Sacramento to Oakland . . . **Richard Iniguez '66** also called to let me know that after being with the State of California for 20 years as a Section Chief with the Department of Health Services, has moved to the

**Brother Joe Neary**, our first Director of Development, passed away . . . One of my classmates, **Howard McKenzie '40**, passed away. Howard was a genuine war hero in World War II; he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery in the battle. . . another alum who will be missed is **Reggie Wahl**, who was City Manager of the City of Auburn.

The late **Jimmy Fuller**, local developer in Sacramento and Lake Tahoe and former Sacramento City Councilman, went to grammar school at the old CBS. His family, sister Pat and brother-in-law **Fred Anderson**, have always been big boosters of the school . . . The **Puliz** family turned out in force for the LaSalle Club meeting that paid tribute to Uncle **Cy Puliz**, who was one of the founding fathers of the LaSalle Club. In fact, the first meeting was held in his basement on 24th and U Streets. In attendance was Cy's wife **Zorka** and her daughter, granddaughter and nephew, **Mike Puliz '40** . . . Got to give a special nod to a great friend and benefactor **Norm Montgomery**.

**Norm** moved the classrooms and the old development office. **Norm** will move your house or office, but be sure he drops it at the right address . . . Sure must be nice to be a gentleman farmer like **Marvin Neves '50**. He can afford to be a gentleman farmer like his son, **Stuart Neves '80**, as his right hand man. That

tioned at and flying out of McClellan AFB.

In the "proud of your kids" department, we have old **Arch "Hot Dog" Crossland '39**. Daughter **Colleen Crossland-Quinlan** graduated from Manogue in '71 and was the class valedictorian, then went on to UC Berkeley and graduated in 1975 as class valedictorian. She entered Hastings Law School, where she got her law degree and is now a lobbyist for PacTel. Arch's son **Kevin '69**, also graduated from Berkeley and is now with Cronos Company, which is into container leasing. His wife, **Greta Ryan**, is a Municipal Court Judge. Arch, you did okay for a guy whose main claim to fame was valedictorian of the CB Jug . . . **Alan Cordano '61** was very proud of his uncle, **Father Virgil Cordano**, who celebrated his 50th anniversary as a Franciscan priest. The family had a big bash for his honor at St. Mary's Church and Hall. **Steve Morgan '36** was the Master of Ceremonies . . . **Jim Dunphy '41** retired from State of California but still is quite busy with his real estate rentals.

Caught up with the **Mikacich** clan. **Jerry '48**, has the sports Rental Center on Howe Avenue. They're real big on ski and winter equipment but also have a full line of summer equipment. So if you're going to field a company baseball team, Jerry has hats and balls. **Pete '56** is busy running Andiamo! restaurant and his

great basketballer **Jerry Hickey**. I noticed that neither came back with a sun tan. I wonder where they spent most of their time?

In the last *Connection*, I mentioned that I was going to feature some of the women who played a big part in our school's history. **Mae Belle Pendergast** has had close ties to the school for many years. Her deceased husband **Barney** was a great athlete at CB and was one of the founders of the LaSalle Club. **Mae Belle** started in the newspaper business in 1937. She was the Women's Editor and the Associate Editor of the Sacramento Union. She was a member of the first Board of Regents, and was very instrumental in starting the *Connection* and our memorial program. We used to have our Public Relations committee meetings in her office at noon at the Sacramento Union, and she always supplied the committee with a nice lunch. **Mae Belle**, we certainly appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

And lastly, I'd like to file a disclaimer. It seems that **Harvey's Casino and Resort/Lake Tahoe** sent out a promotional letter to lots of folks in the area inviting people to come to their resort to have fun and win a few dollars. They listed four big winners in the area, and one was **Jack Stassi of California - \$45,000** winner. That's another Jack, not this one, so save your congratulations. Oh well, easy come, easy go! . . . And remem-

Planning and Education with Catholic Hospitals.

Some of the alums are going to miss **Ned Sheehan '38**. Ned was one of the best high school baseball players in the valley and a member of the LaSalle Club Hall of Fame. He received a 4-year scholarship to the University of Santa Clara that was paid for by the New York Yankees. Ned passed away in Boise, Idaho. **Brother Bertram** informed me that

work! . . . The Lahey clan had a great 75th birthday party for brother **Harold "Red" Lahey '38** with all the clan, **Dan '50, Jim '47** and lovely sister **Nadine Rehm . . . Jim Schenk '60** was the legal eagle for the O.J. Simpson trial on one of our local radio stations. **Mike Van Voorhees '84** received his commission and wings as a flying officer with the U.S. Coast Guard at Pensacola, Florida; he is now sta-

the name to "The Big Tomato Card Room," and ex-Notre Damer **Jim '58** is still practicing law . . . **Rick Gormley '74** of W.F. Gormley and Sons has two great assistants working for him, **Billy Carmazzi '77** and **Joe Ostoja '38 . . . John Stassi, Jr. '80** is the Commercial Account Manager for Commonwealth Title Company. That's-a-my boy! **Jim Keating '55** took a Caribbean cruise with lovely wife, **Muff**, and USF

what's going on out there.

## VINCENT F. STANICH

by Bill Conlin

**V**incent F. Stanich, who died October 24 at age 88, was a hail fellow of many facets—federal employee, restaurateur, beverage general manager, thrift bank director, auto dealer, sales manager and baseball historian.

But the object of his greatest enthusiasm, and his only nonprofessional activity other than his deep involvement with the church, was his enthusiasm for the LaSalle Club of Christian Brothers High School.

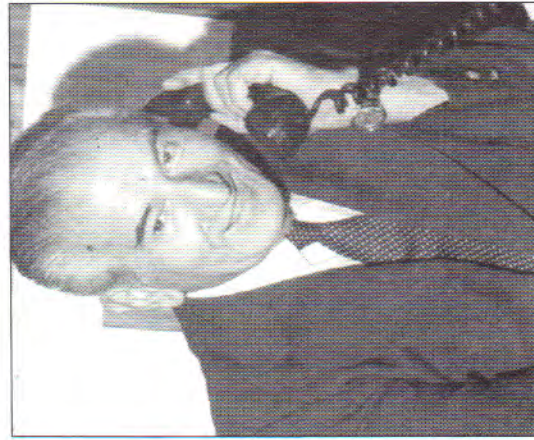
Vincent was the dominant force in organizing and perpetuating the LaSalle Club Baseball Hall of Fame. This was truly a labor of love. It brought recognition—and elation—to 10 individuals each year and now includes more than 100 honorees who have been selected on their contribution to sports, either amateur or professional.

As we say, Vince's enthusiasm for the Hall of Fame knew no bounds. As soon as one class had been instilled at an annual banquet in the CBS gymnasium, the perennial chairman started planning for the next year.

This planning took the form of regular breakfast sessions in Marty's El Chico bar and grill. Vince presided and in similar solemnity secretary **Bill Swilich** wrote down and transcribed the minutes.

It is a concern to all of us what will happen to the Hall of Fame. The LaSalle Club itself, thanks to **Don Gillott** and **Brother Stephen**, is on firmer footing than ever before. But the Hall of Fame?

The electric light, to be sure, survived **Thomas Edison** and so, perhaps, will the CBS Hall of Fame continue after its founder's focus, but it



won't be the same. **Vincent F. Stanich** literally invented this highly-publicized adjunct of the school, and who is there with the dedication and enthusiasm to keep it going?

Assuredly, and as we've previously noted, our friend of almost 60 years will be missed. Vince leaves a huge void.

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knew he could do it; too bad he's not getting the honor in my native Boston."

The second source is professional baseball, where Ron worked as batboy/clubhouse boy for the Sacramento Solons of the old Pacific Coast League. This experience was not only a dream come true for Ron but a reality check in terms of handling responsibilities. I know for I had the same position, but in San Francisco.

Ron attended Sac State and returned to CB in 1958 to coach and teach. When CB moved to the Bishop Armstrong campus in Oak Park in 1965, Ron came too. He coached varsity baseball for over 20 years, and is still going strong as a "strict" gym instructor. Along the way he also served a term as P.E. Department Chair, Athletic Director and LaSalle Club Moderator and also persists with the intricacies of behind-the-wheel driving, protecting parents of 16 year-olds from the obligation of teaching their own kids to drive, making the streets of our River City safe for Sacramentans. We don't exactly know how many, but Ron has worn out a number of cars in thirty years of driver training. Ron still has a grin on his face with the September arrival of a new car provided to continue this important training.

Students continue to get a kick out of Ron's unique language, a lot like that of Casey Stengel, the legendary Yankee manager who coined



**Ron Limeberger**



**RONALD JOHN LIMEBERGER**

Among our most popular students, Ron has served as our Student Body president for the second semester... Interschool council, 2 years... Class president, Junior and Senior years... Marian Society... YCS... Bee... Football, 2 years... Varsity CB...



SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, JAN. 23, 1953

**New Administration**



Shown planning for the next semester are the newly-elected student body officers, left to right, Bob Ferry, treasurer; Ron Limeberger, president; Jerry Kirk, secretary. Ralph Livingstone is not pictured.

**Limeberger, Kirrene Receive Popular Vote Win Student Election**

Ray Alves and Ed Berry were turned down in their bid for election, being defeated by Ron Limeberger and Jerry Kirrene in the presidential and vice-presidential contests. Limeberger headed the race for president carrying the school with 221 votes, followed by Alves who polled 162. Jack Colbert, third man in the race racked up 33 counters.

"Zeke" Del Curto, CBS host, trailed Kirrene by 55 votes. Berry picked up 93 markers. Kirrene followed his roommate Limeberger to victory snatching the "veep" spot.

Treasurer was taken by Ed Ferry in a decided victory over Pat Willard with a wide count of 280-75.

In a close secretarial contest, Dick Kirk squeezed out a very close vote over Gomez Delgado and Kirren, being on the short end of the counting when Kirk 162, Delgado 155, Kirren 93.

Another close race was seen in the Sergeant-at-Arms contest. Ralph Livingstone, although unable to give a campaign speech, took the post, slipping through a 194-187 vote over Terry Daisey. The third man in the field was Richard Hammarford who trailed Livingstone and Daisey with 29 tallies.

Limeberger was president of the senior class before stepping up to the student body position. Kirrene picked up his experience by serving as secretary of the senior class in the Limeberg

From Steve Wiegand's Sacramento Bee column—  
*For those actually keeping score, Limeberger has been at Brothers as a student/coach/teacher for a total of 42 years, which is about one-third of the time the school has been around. That makes him an educator for the ages . . .*

**Gaels Drop Two In A Row; Stand With 8 Wins, 3 Losses**

Our once galloping Gaels appear to have slowed down to a snail's pace. CBS now stands with eight victories against the last two setbacks handed out by towering Grant team, 37-34. Colbert out in the field in the fall.

expressions heavy with truth despite their inherent contradictions. It's interesting that Ron observed the sage Casey while working in the Sacramento ballpark which Casey visited regularly during his pre-Yankee days as skipper of the Oakland Oaks, also called the Acorns.

Of course, Casey never said that prayer to "Jesus, Mary and Joseph", an invocation that frequently falls from Ron's lips, most of the time a prayer, sometimes a call for help or expression of amazement, but always delivered with passion.

An indication of the respect that his teaching peers hold for Ron happened a couple of years ago when he was out of school with heart problems. Former CB teacher and present Valley football coach, Dave Hoskins told Ron not to worry about a thing, that he would take care of all after-school driver training — gratis. That's typical of how grads and teaching buddies regard the honoree.

It was appropriate that Joan, Ron's wife, was with him to receive the award in Chicago since without her support he could not have survived his demanding but rewarding career. Only those who have served, coached, taught and moderated at CB can understand the impact of this service on mates and family . . . And the appreciation that they deserve.

Ron's sons, Mike and Mark, also attended CB. His daughter Jill, attended high school at 21st and Broadway at Manogue. Ron's granddaughter Melissa is continuing the tradition as a proud member of our Junior class. Congratulations, Ron, for bringing such pride to Christian Brothers.

## COACH LIMEBERGER

By Adam Nichols, Student

When thinking of Ron Limeberger, better known as Coach, the first image that comes to mind is his No. 1 Grandpa hat, which he frequently wears when taking a panicked student for a driver training lesson. Superficially, this might be humorous, but there is a reason why Mr. Limeberger was given that hat. His grandchildren cherish him and believe that Mr. Limeberger is, indeed, "No. 1."

Not coincidentally, Limeberger is also held in high esteem among the students. Whether he is teaching physical education or driver training, Coach has had a meaningful affect on his students—every day of his career.

"I think he was the best P.E. coach a kid could ask for. He manages to keep everybody in line and doesn't take a lot of messing around. Oh, he's great . . . and the best thing about him is his sense of humor," said Brian Judy.

While physical education class is an opportunity to experience the camaraderie of Coach's classes, such affability is not to be found again until driver training lessons begin.

"The driver training experience was . . . different. I learned to come to respect Charley (the brake) and Betsy (the car) and I even learned how to drive," said Matt Calvillo.

For the most of Coach Limeberger's novices, the driver train-

Basketball, 2 years... Ambition; teacher... Destiny; the fat man.

contested with... contest will act as a... These contestants w... sent their recitations to... body, during the acti... od, in the first week o... ary.

For those interested poetry contest a few of popular poems open tion are: "The Cremat... McGee." "The Fight... "Father..."



**STUDENT BODY OFFICERS**  
Seated: Ron Limeberger, President, Standing: Ralph Livingston, Sergeant-at-arms, Jerry Kirrene, Vice President, Dick Kirk, Secretary, Absent: Bob Ferry, Treasurer.

TOO TALL... had and facing men... victory against Sac. The end... start as slowly but surely... dropped behind. High point... for the evening. Latino with... Kirrene 8, Limeburger 1.

### LUCK

Against Grant, Lady Luck seemed to desert the blue and white colors. The affair with the gun bark saw the way, but a short end by the slim mar... of 3 points. Another with... tag, it could have gone with... ay. Limeberger, with 8 mark... led the scoring, with 8 mark... s Terra and Higgins aided by... the team fated no better... to big brothers as the... to juniors also ran... us good for 7 and Bal... added another win to... at our expense, 58... Zuniga 10, Lynch 8,

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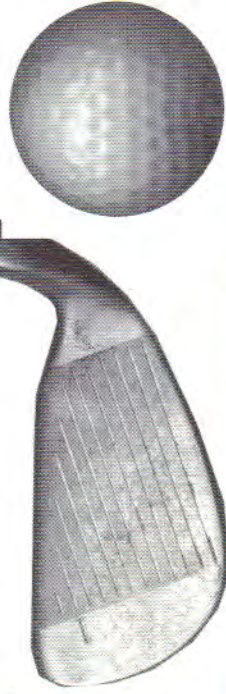
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# GOLF MARATHON

**T**rustee Jon Snyder has accepted the chairmanship of Christian Brothers' first Golf Marathon, which will be held in June 1996. They are similar to walk-a-thons and substantially different than Golf Tournaments. Only three years old, golf marathons have raised anywhere from \$25,000 to \$225,000 per event.

Golfers, good and not-so-good, commit to play 100 holes of golf in one day. Friends and associates are asked to pledge contributions for their effort. The experience is so positive that over 75% of the golfers volunteer to participate again the following year. Anyone interested in participating should contact President Don Gillott at 733-3603.

Assisting Snyder as "captains" are Gillott, Danny Delgado and Wally Engel. Those volunteering to put together "threesomes" for this event include Peter Carmazzi, Tim Comstock, Robert Deering, Dennis Gillor, Judge Jim Long, Greg Pantages, Guy Stowe and Eric Westmark.



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Medal Champion and most recently on the Nike Tour. He admits: "This is a bigger jump (to the professional level) than I ever anticipated. Unlike other sports, people can be competitive in golf into their late 40's. The biggest difference from college is mental."

All of us who have ever dreamed of playing pro golf can be happy that Kevin had the good fortune to earn his "fully exempt" PGA tour card this time around. He gives a great deal of credit for his success to his dad (Bill) and mom (Janice) for always being supportive. It should come as no surprise that David Sutherland '84, Kevin's younger brother, has also enjoyed a storied golf career. David's smooth golf swing and consistent putting stroke have become

# TRIVIA



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undergoing 6 months of therapy, David had a super year in '95 and appears on his way back . . . a tip of the hat to the entire Sutherland Family!

**Kevin Mc Govern '74** had the pleasure of coaching both Kevin and David in the 80's when CB enjoyed a trifecta of Metro Titles '81-83. Coach Kev, CB's Art Department Director, adds a bit of nostalgic golf artistry: "It was my ultimate thrill to see Kevin Sutherland and Christian Brothers High School on the 18th green scoreboard at Pebble beach during the 1982 State Championships."

**Greg Pantages**, the Falcons current golf coach, took over last year and enjoyed a 14-2 season. Again the 1995 turf club made the sub-sections and senior **Garrett Lovell** and **Michael Holbrook** will lead this year's linksters. The Pantages clan has two other CB connections-**Summer '96** and **Stacy '99**. Tryouts for the 1996 team, which include Varsity and JV for both boys and girls, will be held in early February.

Duffers and history buffs alike may remember the following chip shots from CB golf lore. Since the first divots flew in 1926 at William Land Park, there have been seventy golf seasons for the former Gaels. **Max Baer, Jr.** (Jethro from the Beverly Hillbillies) was a member of the 1953-55 golf team. The 1961 Falcons were City Golf Champions . . . that terrific team included **Charles Shaffer, Irv Jenkins, Tony Scalora, Jerry Yuke, Chuck Zeller, Pete Ferris, Doug Mengali** and **John Brunstetter**. Brother **Justin Meyer** of Silver Oaks Cellars fame, coached the 1964 golf team and **Kevin Carissimi '87** is still playing golf on the European Tour.

Please take a deep breath, because that's not all folks!.....Next June promises to be a special month for Christian Brothers. The First Annual Golf Marathon is set to tee off at CB. This unique, fun-filled fund-raiser offers lots of golf for participants and a significant opportunity to raise more than \$50,000 for our sports programs. Golfers and their caddies will secure sponsors for a 100-hole marathon effort. Players will be pampered with food and drink while playing and rewarded with prime rib and prizes upon completion. If you're interested in playing, sponsoring, caddying or have other golf-related gimmies that you want recorded on our CB scorecard, please write me at Post Office Box 191196, Sacramento, California 95819. ☛

### **SPIRIT AUCTION/CAR DRAWING SCHEDULED**

Our major Spring fundraiser, the Spirit Auction/Car Drawing, has been calendared for Sunday, May 5, 1996. Last year's event raised better than \$100,000 for Christian Brothers. This event takes place in the Courtyard on the school campus. Tickets are \$200 per couple and provide you an opportunity to win a new car or one of four \$1,000 cash prizes. A live and silent auction also take place during the program beginning at 2:00 P.M. An excellent array of food and beverages are available for the attendees. The cost of the ticket counts toward Ambassador qualification.



**Congratulations to our two winners of the CBS Trivia Game, John Sullivan and William Morebeck.**

This is a reunion of the class of 1928. There were 28 in the class. 15 are pictured.

**A:** Marvin Fratis **B:** Patrick Bennett **C:** Peter Perich **D:** Patrick Wamsley **E:** Tom Kelly **F:** John Sullivan **G:** Lenard Hooper **H:** Nick DeNapoli **I:** George Wetterau **J:** Angelo Lagomarisimo **K:** William Morebeck **L:** Bill Messner **M:** Brother Conrad **N:** Rev. Richard Dwyer **O:** Brother Bertram **P:** Wayne Smythe **Q:** Dr. James Keating **R:** Joe Noonan ☛

## **ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AMBASSADOR YET?**

**T**hursday, February 1, 1996 is the date set for the Annual Ambassador Dinner to be held at the Sutter Club to honor alumni, parents and friends of Christian Brothers that contributed \$1,000 or more for the 1995 calendar year. It is NOT TOO LATE to be a Christian Brothers Ambassador. A combination of contributions throughout 1995 totaling \$1,000 or more will qualify you as an Ambassador. Some categories are listed on the enclosed Appeal envelop. But there are others that qualify for Ambassador membership (car drawing tickets, memorial donations, etc.). Please phone Jean Lahey, 733-3662, regarding any information you may wish regarding Ambassadors. ☛

# St. HOPE & CBS are good neighbors

by Mike Fallon

If Gemar Childress, 5-foot-8 and a Christian Brothers High School sophomore, doesn't make it as a professional basketball player, he intends to become a lawyer.

While weighing these career choices, Gemar has distinctions to include on any job resume. Approaching his 16th birthday, he has been named Big Brother of the Year by the St. Hope Academy, and he is the recipient of an annual scholarship funded jointly by CBS and St. Hope.

St. Hope (Help Our People Excel) is a nonprofit youth organization that National Basketball Association All-Star Kevin Johnson (6-foot-1) founded in 1989 in the Oak Park neighborhood where he grew up. It serves about 50 youngsters daily and 100 on an intermittent basis--chiefly for tutoring, counseling and mentoring--in a four-year-old center kitty-corner across Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from CBS.

Rick Jennings, St. Hope's executive director, glancing toward CBS from his office, says: "That's not a building across the street--that's an institution. And that's what St. Hope Academy wants to be."

"We have common goals," says Jennings, a CBS parent. "One is educational excellence. At St. Hope, we look at ourselves as educational even though we're not a school. We, too, are



Gemar Childress with Kevin "KJ" Johnson

ting me ready for college. They push college in the school."

At his junior high school, Gemar says, "On the first day of school both years, there were fights. At Christian Brothers, I haven't seen any fights. Arguments, but no fights."

Gemar regards CBS history teacher Michael Desmond as the instructor who was most helpful to him in his freshman year--and Desmond returns the compliment.

"I think he's a tremendous kid, very bright, very creative," Desmond says. "He soaks up all this knowledge and wants to be better. That's what's great about this tie-up with St. Hope. We can grab kids intellectually."

The 7,000 square-foot St. Hope facility includes several classrooms, a computer center, library, game room, counseling room, study hall and dining area. Boys and girls between the ages of 8-13 go to the center each day after school for an hour and a half of one-on-one tutoring, dinner and an evening workshop or club activity. "The grade-point average among the children as a whole has risen from 1.69 to 2.72," Jennings says.

An additional group of youngsters between the ages of 14-18 relies on the Academy for school guidance, Scholastic Aptitude Test preparation, counseling and employment placement.

## ANNUAL APPEAL DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT

You should have recently received the 1995-96 CB Annual Appeal mailing. This year's appeal is special and very important to the success of Christian Brothers High School. It is special in that you are being asked to help fund a new state-of-the-art library as well as our normal tuition assistance and curriculum needs.

Over nine hundred students are enrolled in our college prep program. The attitude here is not one of competition but rather helping each other to succeed. It is working! Over 90% enter college after graduation each year. Christian Brothers recently was reaccredited for six years, the maximum period given. We have included another APPEAL RETURN ENVELOPE in this issue of the Connection in the event you have lost or misplaced the one that was included with the mailing.

**LAST YEAR OUR LARGEST ANNUAL APPEAL CONTRIBUTION WAS \$5,000. HOWEVER WE ALSO RECEIVED MANY \$5, \$10 AND \$25 DONATIONS AS WELL. THOSE DONORS, MANY RECENT GRADUATES, ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT TO CHRISTIAN BROTHERS. PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN.**

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"What's missing in the home and community is picked up here."

Jeffery Knezovich, CBS vice president and finance director, sees St. Hope functioning "as sort of a surrogate parent, in making young people see that they can achieve--yes, there's something out there in the streets, but you don't have to be part of it.

"I think the mission of this school is very compatible with the St. Hope Academy," Knezovich says. "I think that's why we're such a good blend."

Both places have made a deep impression on Gemar Childress.

Of St. Hope, he says: "they taught me how to grow up, deal with peer pressure, be a strong black man."

And of CBS: "It's just a good education. They've taught me better. They're preparing me for college, get-

are required to "give back" to the Academy by serving as role models and tutors.

Gemat, who was himself helped in elementary school by a Christian Brothers students tutor, serves now as a tutor at St. Hope to boys and girls below sixth grade.

He is not alone as a CBS tutor. CBS is providing about 15 students tutors this semester for St. Hope and another 20 for our other neighbor, Oak Ridge Elementary.

"It's not something we do just to make us look good," says CB's Jeff Knezovich.

"Our kids tutoring at Oak Ridge and St. Hope get a lot out of that. They get hooked on it... find it personally rewarding. We've developed a close relationship."

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the San Francisco Seals, he became part of a famed outfield which included Manager Lefty O'Doul in left, Joe Marty in center and Joe DiMaggio in right. It was reported that Manager O'Doul stated that Marty had more natural ability than DiMaggio. This Sacramento man could overthrow and outrun DiMaggio, he could field better and hit along with DiMaggio in distance and frequency.

Joe Marty came home to play for the Sacramento Solons in 1946 even though he continued to possess major league talent. He was ready to marry his beautiful girlfriend from Chicago and to settle in Sacramento. It was known that Joe Marty always was reluctant to maximize his great abilities. He wanted to return home

after his four-year tour in the Army. Joe Marty and Bill Limeberger (the father of Christian Brothers' LaSallian Educator for 1995-96, Ron Limeberger) were lifetime friends. They formed a business partnership and, according to Bill Conlin, these two gentlemen loved to engage in arguments, but would never permit outsiders to take sides; they were the ultimate partners. Bill Conlin reports that Joe Marty's baseball skills included a powerful arm, which he utilized as a fielder, and his perfected standup slide. Bill states that Joe had one other distinction: he enjoyed and consumed more limburger cheese than any other ball player, then and now. Joe Marty Jr. is with a travel agency on the San Francisco Peninsula. The El Chico gang agree that Joe Jr. is a worthy offspring of Joe and Eleanor. Accord-

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## ARATA BROS. TRUST GIFT OF \$50,000 TARGETED FOR A "MULTIMEDIA" LECTURE AND RECITAL HALL

Native Sacramentans will tell you that the building that now houses Father Dan Madigan's Food Bank in Oak Park used to be the very popular Arata Bros. Market. The original store was located at 12th & J streets. In 1918 our school was called Christian Brothers College and its student publication The College Times. Friends of the school, like the Arata Brothers, would advertise in this publication (see above).

The store is gone but the Arata's philanthropy lives on. CBS recently received a \$50,000 grant that will be used to restyle the existing speech arts facility next to the library into a multimedia lecture and recital hall. It will carry the Arata family name. The Arata Trust had previously provided \$10,000 for this facility, making the total commitment \$60,000.

ing to these admirers: "Joe Jr. is a chip off the old block".

At the luncheon on August 1, I learned that the baseball field at Christian Brothers High School had been dedicated to the memory of Joe Marty. Because there are no physical signs which denote this fact, many friends, alumni, and current students are not aware that our baseball field is actually the "Joe Marty Baseball Field." In addition to briefing me on the history of the field and

of Joe, these friends presented me with a check in the amount of \$5,000 to be applied toward the construction of dugouts for the baseball field. In accepting the gift, I made a commitment that we not only will construct the dugouts but will upgrade the entire facility and install new bleachers. After the upgrading is completed, it is planned to have a second dedication ceremony and to install an appropriate sign denoting our facility as the "Joe Marty Baseball Field."



## Brother Bertram Society

*Planning to put Christian Brothers in your will?  
Already included CBS in your will? If the answer is "yes" to either of  
these questions, you already qualify for membership in the  
Brother Bertram Society. For information call Jean Lahey at 733-3662.*

### MEMBERS

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Terry Dorsey	Daniel Lorenz	Lorraine Valine
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M&M Stan Gilliam	M&M Norm Montgomery	Anonymous (1)
M&M Donald Gillott	Margaret Nunamaker	

## BEQUEST SOCIETY CELEBRATES BROTHER BERTRAM'S 81<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY

The Brother Bertram Society, made up of those who have included, or intend to include, Christian Brothers High School in their will, held their second annual dinner October 12, the day of his 81st birthday. Membership now stands at twenty-three individuals and couples



Bert is pictured in Europe on a "some name" ship

## OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS by Jim McLaughlin

No matter where our paths have led through talents, fate and goals, the caring ways of Saint La Salle kept burning in our souls and in our fondest memories are Brother-Saints we've known who touched our lives in varied ways to strengthen how we've grown.

We thank You, God,  
dear Saint La Salle,  
Brothers gone and here today  
for happy years at Mont La Salle  
to learn dear Jesus' way.

*This poem was written by a former Brother. It was read at a special Mass in September at Mont La Salle attended by over 100 former Brothers, their families and friends. I find this beautiful prayer just as appropriate this Christmas Season for those Christian Brothers alanni and friends who wish to remember their favorite teachers who have passed on.*  
- Editor.

those who knew him are welcome. Jim Westlake, president of the class, stated, "In our formative years, his teaching, example, and guidance contributed to the development of our spiritual and moral guidance. Brothe Gilbert was a true friend and an invaluable mentor."



## BROTHER BONIFACE JOSEPH NEARY (1912-1995)



"Bon Joe" once described himself as follows, "My style is well established: independent, sometimes noisy, always well organized, occasionally given to overacting and exaggeration, fair, combative and persistent at times, demanding." Speaking at his funeral, Brother Michael McKenery stated, "You didn't ask Joe for an opinion if you were looking for someone to 'yes'"

**Brother David Brennan  
Leads Province**



Brother David Brennan, FSC, is now the new Provincial of the Christian Brothers San Francisco District, succeeding Brother Mark Murphy, who is on sabbatical after serving two four-year terms.

As provincial, Brother David serves as religious superior for 140 Brothers in 16 communities in California. He comes to the post after eight years as Treasurer CFO for De La Salle Institute, the corporate arm of the Brothers on the West Coast. From 1982-89, Brother David was chairman, president and CEO of Mont La Salle Vineyards. He has also served as teacher and administrator at two high schools.

**BRUSATO NAMED  
SECRETARY TO BISHOP WEIGAND**

Father Martin Brusato '76 was recently appointed Secretary to Bishop Weigand in March. Following graduation from CBS, Marty entered the Oblates of St. Joseph seminary in Berkeley. He returned to Sacramento to teach in the Catholic school system for three years. He then entered St. Patrick's seminary in Menlo Park and was ordained in 1989. Marty served at Presentation and St. Joseph's (Elk Grove) prior to his recent appointment.

Marty's parents are Carol and Ron Brusato '56. Ron taught law at Christian Brothers High School for many years.

**A FOOTBALL RARITY . . . Free kick option proves costly for Jesuit! CB Freshman claim victory!**

With little time left on the clock and the CB Freshman football team leading Jesuit 12-10 a situation developed that few people had ever seen. Brothers, deep in their own territory, were forced to punt. The Jesuit receiver signaled a fair catch, caught the ball, and was tackled by a CB player

resulting in a penalty. The infraction was for unsportsmanlike conduct and called for an automatic 15 yard penalty and a choice given to the receiving team to (a) take a first down, or (b) elect a free kick for a field goal. Jesuit, now on CB's 22 yard line with 13 seconds to play and no timeouts

elected the "free kick" option. Danny Delgado stated that in all his years associated with football he had never seen this option elected.

An "officials time out" followed. Almost seven minutes passed as the rule was reviewed and discussed with the coaches. The Jesuit kicker waited,

and waited, and waited.

The kicker finally "kicked" the ball...and it sailed wide to the left! CB took over with seven seconds to go. The Freshmen Falcons won the game...and everybody, on our side, lived happily ever after.



**BROTHER GILBERT  
COTTER  
(1916-1995)**

Brother Gilbert was from Boston and it was obvious. He finished his studies at Boston University in 1941. Later he pursued graduate studies under the sponsorship of the U.S. Army. It was a combination of Irish Catholicity, New England vigor and military training that gave Mont La Salle a challenge in 1946 when William Cotter entered the novitiate at thirty years of age. Less than two years later, Brother Gilbert was sent to his first community assignment in Sacramento where he taught for three years. Except for a seven-year period in the 80's, Gilbert spent the rest of his time (37 years) in the Philippines.

The Christian Brothers High School Class of 1951 has established the Brother Gilbert Memorial Fund in his honor. Contributions from

you. Joe's style was always, frank, direct and right to the heart of the matter. Like Saint George, he fought many a dragon and usually won."

Brother Joseph was a talented teacher and administrator, an excellent fund raiser, and was selected to be the founding President of Bethlehem University in the Holy Land. Many Sacramentans got to know him during his three assignments here in the 70's and 80's.

Joe spent his last years in his home District at the Christian Brothers Center in Narragansett, Rhode Island. It is a magnificent facility that Joe himself built. It was one of his enduring gifts to the Brothers. In the 50's he spearheaded the campaign to open the Center debt free. He was the perfect host when his Sacramento friends would visit; feeding and housing them as if they were royalty. The "FINIS" of his own autobiography reads as follows, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you alone during the darkest hour of need. When you only see one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you in My arms."



## Class Notes

by Vienna Cornacchioli  
Golsong '61  
916 972-8199

I thought my column was short last issue, but I believe this one sets a record! I realize it takes time to contact me although, without your input, it makes it hard to do my job. Please write or call. I cannot believe that I am wishing you a very Happy and Holy Holiday season. Where has the year gone?

**1956** Two of the most popular members of this class, **Gary Guild** and **Lou Procopio**, died recently. Lou was very active in the performing arts and can be remembered as both an actor and dance instructor in the Music Circus. Gary, an accordionist and piano player, entertained us on weekends the last few years at Lou LaBonte's.

**1957 Ernie Cervantes Jr.** retires this month from the California Youth Authority after 28 years of service. He has been Supervisor of Academic Education of the O. H. Close School in Stockton.

**1974 Lt. Col. Jay Vittori** is stationed at Langley AFB in Virginia. The Vittoris have two children.

**1977 Dwayne Smith** received

Kevin is attending the University of Alaska in pursuit of a degree in Applied Business and is a candidate for local office in his community.

**1980 Eric Luchini** is a retail advertising account manager for the Sacramento Bee handling the restaurant and entertainment areas.

**1980 Tony Tobia** recently joined Packard Bell as an accountant.

**1982 Oscar Fuentes'** marriage proposal to Amy Nichols was accepted; they now have their first child, Tabitha Jasmine, born in October.

**1982 Christopher Douglass** is living in Vancouver, Washington. He is married with one daughter and is working as a foreman with a construction firm. He was recently elected to his parish council. Congratulations!

**St. Francis High School** is having its annual Alumnae Reunion on Thursday, December 29. This is always a fun-filled evening for all graduates. Call me for details.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about a very special teacher. He formerly taught at Christian Brothers and anyone who knows him can tell you what a considerate and caring person he is. **Jerry Poole** is the eighth grade teacher at Presentation School. He has received the recognition of *Who's Who in America* for teachers. I feel that in itself says a lot.



# AN

## EXTRAVAGANZA

### IT WAS!

The Christian Brothers High School Alumni Association's 8th Annual Wine Tasting Extravaganza,

held in September, was the greatest social success that anyone on campus can remember. Honorary Chair Jan Scully, Sacramento's district attorney, welcomed a record crowd estimated to be in excess of 1,200. World famous winemaker Brother Timothy joined the celebration. A record 55 wineries participated thanks primarily to the efforts of Mike Carey '64. New food vendors included Andiamo and Paragay's. Corti Brothers booth was manned

He also coached the girls varsity team last year.

Why don't you send me a Christmas card and include a note telling me what's new with you.

Here's wishing you a New Year filled with the peace and hope of Christ.

his DVA at Sac State and his Master's at Chico State. He is now coaching basketball at Kings River Community College in Reedley.

1980 The Kevin McGehees celebrated their first anniversary by moving into a new home in North Pole, Alaska (near Fairbanks).

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from Catholic schools went on to college, whereas only one-third of public school students continued on.

Obviously, what is intriguing is to explain this huge difference. With all the current concern about public education's problems, scholars have focused a great deal of attention on these interesting results. A recent comprehensive study produced facts that warmed my heart, because they discovered some of the very factors that led to my selection of CBS.

They bear emphasis:

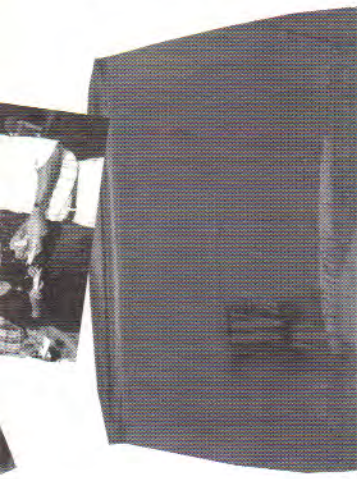
- 1) the schools are relatively small and autonomous.
- 2) they focus on academics and
- 3) they are imbued with a sense of community.

There is no doubt that all three of these are found at Christian Brothers. It is interesting to note that the very significant success factor, namely Christian values, is not mentioned in this secular social science study.

What is even more remarkable is that other studies specifically fac-

tored out variables such as family income, parental education, race and religion. These studies also concluded significant measurable benefits to Catholic education. In fact, the greatest benefit was found for inner-city kids. This conclusion should be very gratifying for CBS, which intentionally does not skim the academic cream for admissions. In my opinion, this policy offers the benefit of creating a much more exciting diverse atmosphere for all students.

While these results are a return of sorts for financially vested parents, they do not capture all that has impressed me personally about CBS. After all, many of the above factors are found at other Catholic schools. The factor that is not always emphasized or specifically appreciated is the extremely high quality of our teachers. It is obvious that they are the heart of the school but often are not sufficiently lauded. As a parent I am continuously impressed at back-to-school night by their intelligence,



## CLEMONS HEADS LASALLE CLUB

Ray Clemons, one of Christian Brothers most highly regarded football coaches and a popular coach at Sacramento City College and Sacramento State University, was unanimously elected President of the reestablished LaSalle Club. Other elected officers were John Stremple as membership chairperson, Claire Matthews as secretary and Ron Limeberger as treasurer.

The LaSalle Club has selected the creation of a more substantial weight room as its first major project. Athletic Director Danny Delgado is soliciting input from his staff, including all coaches, to insure that the new weight room meets the long-term needs of our school.

A major fund-raiser for the Club is Christian Brothers' first golf marathon, scheduled for early June 1996. The golf marathon is described in a separate Connection article.

Membership chairperson John Stremple is currently contacting representatives from many graduating classes to assist in a major recruiting drive. Presently, the LaSalle Club is enjoying a membership of 125 enthusiastic supporters who agree with chair Stremple that the LaSalle Club serves a much broader scope than athletics. The membership has no restrictions and is open to anyone who wants to have fun while supporting the needs of Christian Brothers High School as it moves into the 21st century.

competence and dedication to the education of my sons. I don't need to look at a national study or analyze statistics. I experience results first hand—not only with respect

to college success but in the sense of values my sons have acquired.

In summary, it is always nice to know one's brilliant choices actually have some basis in fact.

# TICKET

## JANUARY 27TH ALUMNI DINNER SELLOUT EXPECTED

### CALL FOR RESERVATIONS

Alumni president Troy Bird '82 announced that a dinner for \$10 awaits those that attend the Annual Alumni Dinner Saturday, January 27, 1996. The dinner will once again be prepared by the Carson, Cima and Bianchini families, who always donate their fee to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. The event, chaired by Mike Lahey, Mike Cook and Jay Riley, has been moved from the traditional Friday evening to better accommodate out of town attendees. Ron Limeberger '53 will be presented the Alumnus of the Year award by last year's recipient, Nick Moore '59. Brother Bertram and President Gillott will present 50-year diplomas to members of the Class of 1946. The Class of 1971 (25 years) will also be honored.

The social hour will commence at 5:30 P.M. with dinner at 7:00 P.M. Contact your classmates and then call the Development Office at 733-3600 to make your reservations. You may also obtain your tickets by mail; send your check and ticket request to the attention of Alumni Dinner at the address listed below. Tickets will be issued on a first-come basis.

## LA SALLE CLUB BASEBALL HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES PERPETUAL TROPHY HONORING VINCE STANICH

The La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Committee, at their November meeting, voted unanimously to establish a perpetual trophy honoring Vince Stanich. It will be given annually to CB's "Most Inspirational" varsity baseball player. Friends of Vince and Hall of Famers are welcome to participate with contributions for the purchase of this trophy.



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