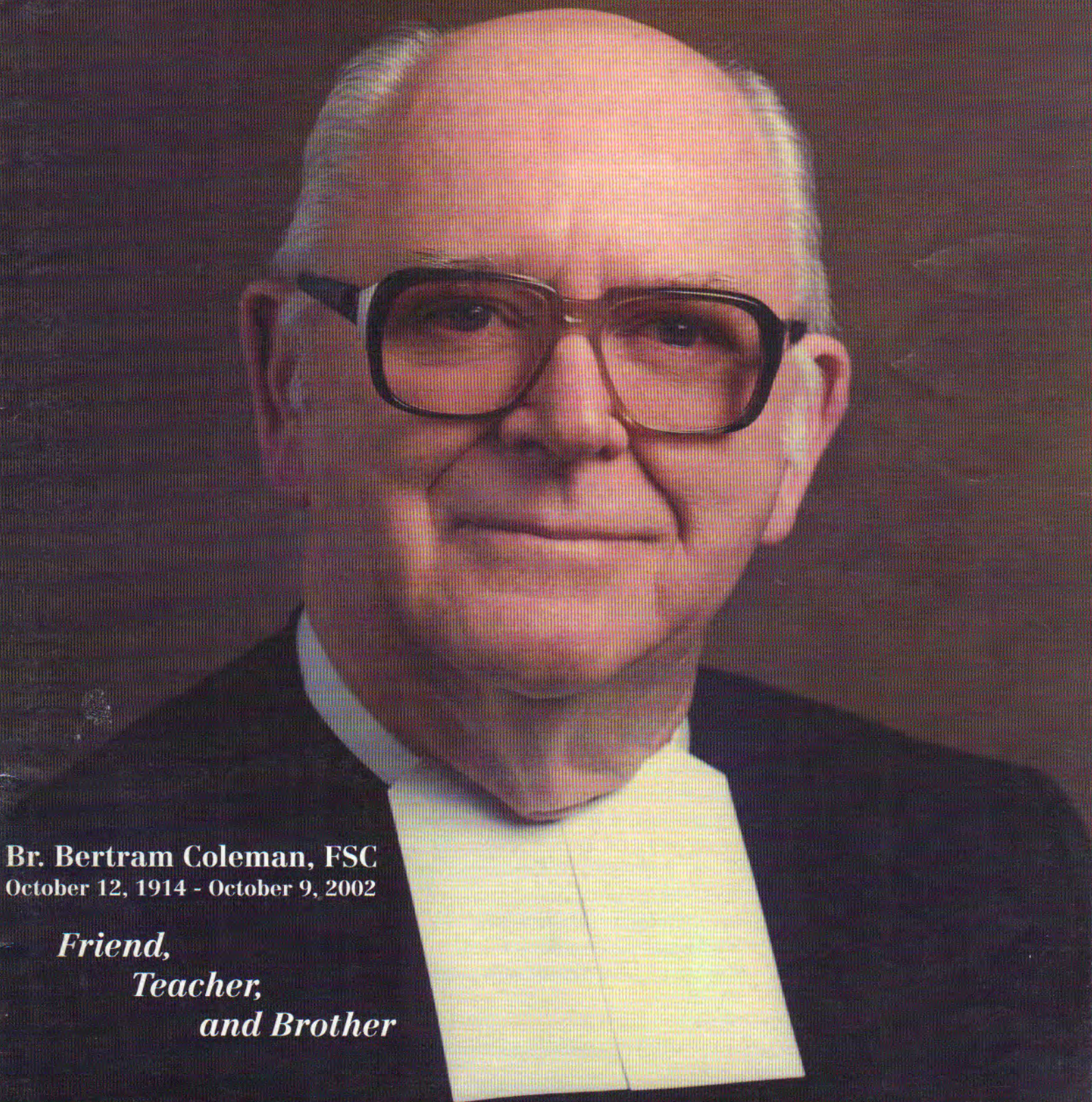


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*Friend,
Teacher,
and Brother*

Looking Back

by Stan Gilliam '41



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Labeled "A Breakthrough," the first issue of the Christian Brothers Alumni Newsletter emerged after a 30-year interment in a long-forgotten briefcase.

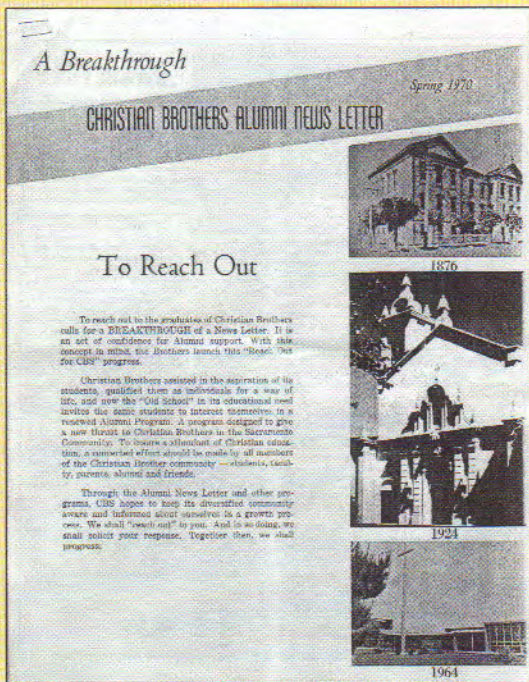
A modest four-page, rather crudely produced effort, its title page featured photos of the school as it had been in 1876 and 1924 and as it then was -- and had been -- since 1956. It was dated "Spring 1970."

Noteworthy among the details are the various numbers. For example, the entire school plant, including land was acclaimed as "close to a two-million dollar investment." Tuition in 1970 was \$400 a year for Catholics, an extra \$50 for those not of the faith. Registration and student body fees ate up another

whole \$30, so is it any wonder \$17,000 had been budgeted for the year in student body aid?

Being an active graduate didn't come cheaply either. For the first five years after graduation, Alumni Association membership cost \$1 annually; thereafter, it jumped to \$2. Those extra flush with cash could opt for a life membership at the bargain price of \$25.

Those rates weren't likely to raise much of a treasury, but a 1969 alumni dinner, attended by 491 old grads dating back to 1906, filled the gap. While it cost \$2,791.50 to cover the costs, the proceeds came to \$3,625. A treasury of \$833.50 assured financial stability in 1970. Among the



alumni news was an item concerning the candidacy of one graduate for the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. The picture shows a dark-haired young man -- a far cry from the snowy locks of 2002 -- but what really makes the candidate mysterious is the spelling of Pat Melarkey's name. It was "Melarchy" in the headline and throughout the story.

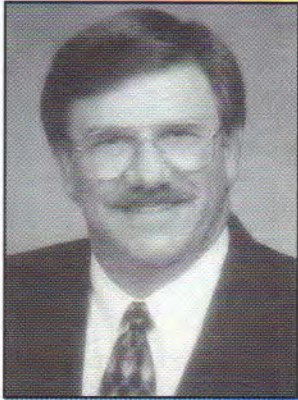
More fortunate was Brother Ambrose, whose name did come out with all the letters correct and in the proper sequence. And well they should have been, since he was then in his 40th year at the school.

Some things never do change. The Parents Guild was planning a Renaissance Ball at the Sutter Club, while the La Salle Club was about to spend \$40,000 for the reconditioning of all the school's athletic fields.

Oh, yes, and the Alumni Association was reorganizing under the chairmanship of Bob Roche, with Brother L. Edward Welch providing guidance along the way.

Looking at that rather amateurish initial issue, it's obvious that we really have come a long way. Just compare that 1970 effort with the *Connection* you're reading. ♦

Cover Photo
 Courtesy of
 John J. Ryan '43
 "Jack"



BY MARK WARREN,
PRESIDENT

Brother Bertram Coleman was my friend. I didn't know him nearly as long as many of you, and I never had him as a teacher or a principal. I did know him as a mentor, as a spiritual force, as a wise and kind man. I knew him as a Brother – as archivist at Mont LaSalle and as a man of unquestioned faith.

Sometimes, as we get older, we tend to be set in our ways. At least that's what my children tell me. Not Bert. Brother Bertram was very aware of the changes that had taken place with the Brothers of the Christian Schools over his many decades as a Brother. He saw the numbers, and he knew that the number of Brothers, like most religious groups, was declining. But Bert gave a talk at one of the many dinners we host at Christian Brothers, and he spoke of the work of the Holy Spirit in all of this enterprise we call Lasallian education. He noted that the number of Brothers worldwide was one-third today of what it was 20 years ago. Seven thousand or so Brothers today and twenty thousand or so back then. And with a smile on his face he noted that 20 years ago the world had twenty-five thousand or so total Lasallian educators and today we have over seventy thousand Lasallian educators worldwide. "This is the Holy Spirit at work," he told the gathering.

That was Bert. Always a positive spin on life, a kind word of encouragement, an expression of amazement at a school's accomplishments.

I spent some time with Bert two weeks before he died. He spoke of his former students, and their parents and the friendships he had forged, cultivated, and nurtured over his years on earth. And he expressed his gratitude at all they had done for and given him. This, too, was Bert.

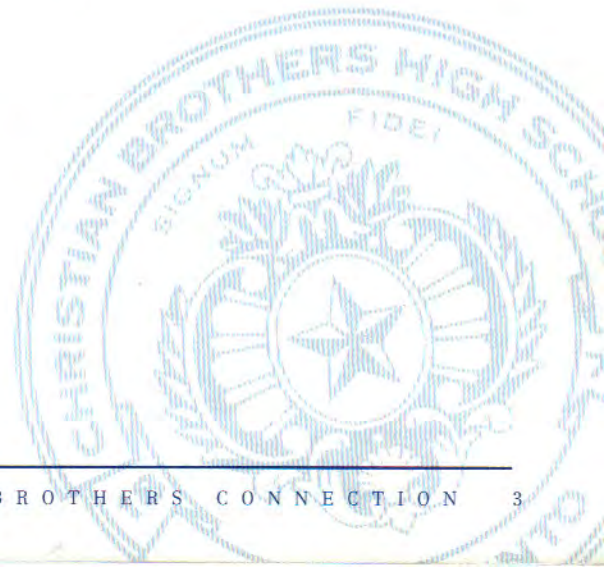
On the Mount, Jesus spoke, "Blessed are the poor in spirit; blessed are the meek; blessed are they who mourn; blessed are they that hunger and thirst for justice; blessed are the merciful; blessed are the clean of heart; blessed are the peacemakers; blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice's sake."

I think I know who Jesus had in mind. We'll miss a good friend.

God bless,

Mark J. Warren

President





Class Notes

by Vienna Cornacchioli Golsong '61

Greetings to all! By the time you receive this issue the holidays will be right around the corner. I hope this doesn't sound redundant but where did this year go? By now I'm sure the majority of you heard about Brother Bert's passing. What a loss! If ever anyone wanted to know any information about the history of the school, alumni, dates, etc., he was the person to contact. I considered Brother Bert to be the DSL line for Christian Brothers past and present. He was such a great help to me. Anytime I needed anything he was just a phone call away and his reply was similar to instant text messages only with the added feature of his soft whimsical voice. My husband Bud and I attended his funeral Mass in Napa and had the honor to be at the graveside services. What a beautiful celebration of his life! Knowing Brother Bert the way I did, he is probably organizing the Lord's affairs in high fashion. Blessed holiday greetings to you all, and may your new year be filled with good health and peace.

1952 50 years ago this class attended Christian Brothers on 21st and Broadway. Their reunion events started on September 26 and ran through the 29th. Kicking off the festivities was their 22nd annual golf tourney, followed by dinner at the Golden Tee. The class's former teacher **Roy**



Golden Tee: (l-to-r) Ed Betschart, Bill Chambers, Bob Sweeny, Chuck Hamilton, Roy Cortopassi, and John Larrea



Wine Train: Bill and Jan Chambers

Cortopassi attended all the events. The Napa Valley Wine Train served a gourmet luncheon on Friday, September 27 as it traveled through the countryside, which proved to be a pleasurable afternoon. The traditional reunion dinner climaxed the weekend. It was held at Frasinetti Winery. Traveling the most miles from

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Wine Train: Bob Sweeny (foreground) (L-to-R) Jay Waterbury, Will Sexted, Tom O'Donnell, Vic Bertolani, and Chuck DePaoli (way in back)



Frasinetti's Dinner: (L-to-R) Bob and Jo-Ann Kuhlman, Janet and Sal Vasquez, Esther and John Larrea.



Frasinetti's Dinner: (L-to-R) Chuck Hamilton, Bob and LaVonne Cardoza, Shirley and John Mayer.

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Anchorage, Alaska, was Joe Lastufka.

Most of the organizing, footwork, etc., was expended by Bob and Debra Sweeny. This class had a reunion every year for the first twenty years, and since then every five years, including two tri-high reunions with St. Francis and St. Joseph classes of '52 in 1982 and 1987.

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Wine Train: (L-to-R) Bill and Mary Lou Wexted, Lucy and Mack White.



Golf Tourney: Sal Vasquez and Roger Meyers.



Golf Tourney: Roy Cortopassi and Bill Chambers.

Class of 1941 Reunion



(Seated) Mark Perich, Joe Runge, and Manny Viera. (Standing) Bill Creeggan, Stan Gilliam, Jim Dunphy, Bill Kennedy, Jim Horgan. (Not Shown) Paul Bernardis, Jerry Keating, Mike O'Neil.

While we appreciated the offer, it is with what I hope is pardonable pride that the Class of 1941 passed up the considerable organizational talents of Vienna Cornacchioli Golsong as unneeded when it came to planning a 61-year reunion.

Having been involved in this reunion business back before Vienna even enrolled in kindergarten, we definitely had experience on our side. We were so experienced, in fact, that we handed an updated address list over to a committee of one - - Joe Runge - - and left the entire matter of arranging things in his hands.

And you know what? We had just under 50 percent of our members in attendance, which isn't too shabby after more than six decades. Of course, that's nearly half of the surviving members, you understand, too many now sharing the same address: 6700 21st Avenue, that being the location of St. Mary's Cemetery.

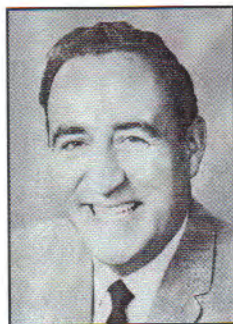
To be honest, that accounts for about two-thirds of an original group numbering around 60, but we had viable addresses for more than 20. Subtract from that those who are scattered around the globe as far as the Philippines, a couple who were not well and one who never attends anything, and we felt that getting nearly half was quite a feat.

Oh, all right, if you insist on details, there were 11 of us masticating the minestrone and putting away the pasta at Espanol, recalling old times and ignoring - - while comparing, of course - - current aches and pains.

For the first time in reunions stretching back to our first just after WWII, we had none of our former teachers with us, the few who remain not being up to traveling, but, just like the Elks, we fondly remembered "our absent brothers."

And since the group was small, there's room to list the attendees: Paul Bernardis, Bill Creeggan, Jim Dunphy, Jim Horgan, Jerry Keating, Bill Kennedy, Mike O'Neil, Mark Perich, Joe Runge, and Manny Viera. Whoops, that's just 10. Pardon the "senior moment." I forgot and left myself out!

—Stan Gilliam '41



Alumni and Friends

by Jack Stassi '40

This has been a banner year in the Stassi household. I recently celebrated a very happy and healthful 80th birthday with my family, but the greatest pleasure was when my little girl, **Gina Vanacore (Bishop Manogue '84)** presented me with a beautiful baby grandson. I am putting the administration on formal notice that a new generation of Stassis will be roaming up and down the halls at CB.

The new school year is in full swing, and there seems to be a lot going on. If you want to do something different and interesting, please take note... **Mike Mulhern '70** decided to do something unique for his 50th birthday. With his daughter **Jennifer Wiegand '01**, **Wendy Mulhern Gray (Bishop**

Armstrong), and niece **Nicole Gray** of Saint Francis, he set out to bike to Yosemite. Would you believe the 50-year-old was the only one to make it!

Tim Williams '60 was hailed for his service to the Lincoln education community and the City of Tulare at large by being named by the Volunteer Bureau as the 2002 Volunteer of the Year. Tim has worked for 34 years for the Tulare School District and is the principal of Lincoln School. Volunteer Board President **Juanita Coleman** said Tim "is such a caring person and has done such a wonderful job in the community. He is a gift to the community and epitomizes what a great volunteer is." Congratulations, Tim. You have really done your alma mater proud.

I recently had minor surgery and was prepped by **Linda Gruneisen**, wife of **Bernard Gruneisen '58**, who recently retired from his job as controller at Retail Marketing Services. To put the icing on the cake, both are fellow USF-ers.

Pat Murphy (Bishop Armstrong '63) is retiring and leaving Folsom to relocate to Sedona, Arizona, to enjoy the many mountain bike trails and vortexes to explore.

These next words are some I hoped never to have to write. We lost in October our great friend and

counselor **Brother Bertram Coleman**. I always have said that Brother Bertram was the heart and soul of the school.

No one ever touched more alumni lives than he. Bert not only knew the alumni and friends of CBS, but also knew their families. I can remember when I was a freshman at CBS, and Bertram was starting his teaching career. He had just graduated from St. Mary's College. Bert served for many years as a teacher and later became principal of the school. He was very active in the Board of Regents and served for a few years on the board. He was the first editor of the Connection and served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. In fact, his first official position with the Brothers was as the archivist. Brother Bertram - we all certainly will miss your wise counsel, and you can be sure that we will never forget you. As long as there is a CBS in Sacramento, you will always have a special place in the hearts of alumni and friends.

I am also sad to report that some of our other friends are no longer with us. We recently said good-bye to **Ernie Bertolotti '41**, who once served as a chaplain for the Elks Lodge. Ernie was a member of the LaSalle Club Hall of Fame... **George Schatz '45**, who was one of the Exalted Rulers of Elks Lodge... **Charles Addison '38**, who spent his career as an accountant in Sacramento. He was the son of the elder Charles Addison, one of the finest members of the Sacramento Police Department... We also lost **Ron Angell '58**, who was a really active member of the Dante Club.

With the holidays fast approaching, I wish all of you well. Keep me posted on what's going on out there, and don't hesitate to call me with any news. ♦



Ron Angell
'58



Bernard Gruneisen
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Tim Williams
'60

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From the Alumni Board

by Bobbie Pires '76

Dear Alumni, friends and family,

Since Brother Bertram Coleman is being honored in this edition of the Connection, I want to include my sentiments regarding him. Last year, prior to the Alumni Dinner, Brother Bertram, CBHS President Mark Warren and I gave out the honorary diplomas to the Class of 1952. Here was a man, well into his late eighties, bestowing "Golden" diplomas to men, now in their sixties that he had taught over 50 years ago. Brother Bert remembered most of them by name. I have no doubt that he could have regaled us with an anecdote or two about any one of those graduates. Later, at the dinner, as I tried to quiet the crowd to introduce him for the invocation, he whispered to me, "Don't worry, dear, I'll just start and that should get their attention."

This August when the news was presented at an Alumni Board meeting that Brother Bert's cancer had returned and that he was very ill, I mailed him a card expressing that the Alumni Board's thoughts and prayers were with him. Imagine my surprise when I received a hand written note from him from the infirmary in Napa! I would like to share a bit of it with you...

"...I am grateful for the thoughtful card from the Alumni Association...20 of my 70 years as a Christian Brother were spent in Sacramento. I have many friends among the Alumni and cherish

the years I was a part of their lives...I regret my inability to join in the CB Alumni events which have always been a pleasure for me to attend...Thank you very much and God bless you. Brother Bertram"

Well, from Brother Bert's lips to God's ears. Our 15th Annual Wine Tasting Extravaganza was our most financially successful with the largest attendance to date. Rumor has it that Joe Maloof came back to Brian Mahaney's '72 booth for chicken skewers at least 3 times! It was a fabulous night of good wine, fine foods and great music. Thanks to everyone who attended the party and supported the Alumni Association, and special kudos to Phil Bokan '92, our harried but triumphant chairman!

Make sure to mark your calendars now for the Alumni Dinner, Saturday, January 25, 2003. Class of 1953 will be honored with their Golden Diplomas. We were at near capacity for the dinner last year, so be sure to get your tickets early.

Career Day for the students will be Friday, March 28, 2003. Our goal is to provide the students with insights into all types of jobs and careers. Any alum interested in participating should

contact the Development Office and get a message to Chairwoman Linda McAlpine '59.

The annual Golf Tourney is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2003 at Rancho Murieta. Start getting your foursomes ready now, and if you don't golf (like me), consider sponsoring a hole or tee.

Remember, every dollar the Alumni Association makes through appeals and the events it sponsors goes directly back into Christian Brothers High School by way of defraying operating costs, funding the Alumni Scholarship fund and purchasing special "wish list" items that just don't fit in to the regular school budget. The Alumni of Christian Brothers, Bishop Armstrong and Bishop Manogue that support these events by way of attendance at functions, sponsorship and dona-



The crowd waits patiently for admission at the 15th Annual Wine Tasting Extravaganza

tions are enhancing the lives of students at Christian Brothers today. Thank you for continuing the legacy. Until next time, St. John Baptist de La Salle...Pray for us. *Live Jesus in our hearts...forever!* ♦

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BY RUDOLF SCHULZE,
PRINCIPAL



I've been hearing a lot of voices lately. I'm deep in my 40's and I suppose this is to be expected. My listening, however, doesn't always agree with what I am hearing. In the past I have usually driven to and from school with the radio off. Since I've moved to Sacramento, the radio's been on for some reason. I get a kick out of the outrageous "Armstrong and Getty Show" for the 15-20 minutes it takes me to get to work. In the afternoon I usually catch Michael Savage. At odd times during the day, on the way to a meeting, for example, I'll listen to Dr. Laura. I pride myself on rarely agreeing with any of these people. But I need the *counterpoint*, if you know what I mean. It helps my listening.



A very large part of my job at Christian Brothers is listening. I often described my former role as an assistant principal as "cleaning up after the elephants." Now that I am a principal, I prefer to think of myself as a "listener" rather than as an "elephant."

This summer, I began my principalship by meeting with every teacher. I asked them to reflect on a number of questions, among them: *Why do you stay at Christian Brothers? What is best about Christian*

Brothers? What areas or programs in the school need the principal's attention? These were very enlightening moments for me. So, what did I learn?

WHY DO YOU STAY AT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL?

Overwhelmingly, the teachers came to Christian Brothers because they needed a job. They stay because they found a mission. They describe the mission as having everything to do with a human and Christian environment and a shared vision. The context for the mission is students and the school's holistic approach to education. Remarkably, our student body looks like the "real world." Our teachers like the fact that we have room here for all kinds of kids—from the most advanced and capable "scholar" to the "SAGES" student who needs a little extra attention to the many students who find themselves in the midst of a demanding seven-period college preparatory curriculum. The faculty community describes itself as genuinely caring, big-hearted, dedicated, and supportive. I have found this and more in my short time here.

WHAT IS BEST ABOUT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL?

The community, students, teachers, school, Brothers, and the aca-

ademic life and student life. Our teachers didn't leave out very much! They commented on a sense of collegiality and camaraderie and find here a loving, nurturing, fun, honest, and compassionate environment for teachers and students. One faculty member said: "I see the face of God in my students." Another, "The students like being here." The environment challenges our teachers to work hard: "I want to do a better job," said a younger teacher. "These are some of the best teachers I've ever worked with," said another teacher with experience in several Lasallian schools. A veteran teacher said, "I am able to learn from veteran teachers!" The faculty is proud to be associated with the Brothers' long and storied commitment to the students of Sacramento: "Their commitment to the poor is our task, too." As for the academic life and student life of our school, teachers praised our academic diversity, the SAGES Program, the Scholars Program, the counselors, moderators, and coaches. Pointing to our academic diversity, a teacher stated: "Another way to look at our *tracking* is to see us as an academic powerhouse! They are not 'levels,' they are kids!" In true partisanship spirit, there was someone in every single department who said their department was what was *best* about Christian Brothers.

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BY Lon Burford '73,
CHAIRMAN
OF THE BOARD

The Christian Brothers High School Board of Trustees is made up of ten individuals with strong ties to CBS and the community. Each person brings their own special wisdom to the board and collectively we set the business policies of the school. **Sister Kathleen Horgan** is a Sister of Mercy with a decades-long history in Sacramento as a teacher and also as a very successful administrator within Sacramento's Mercy Healthcare. **Mr. Michael Ingoglia '65**, is an alumnus, the parent of three alumni, and recently retired from running his family's well known local business, Tony's. **Mr. Robert Jordan** is an alumnus of the Christian Brothers high school in Concord, De La Salle High School, and currently works for the Brothers' District of San Francisco as the Associate Coordinator of La Sallian School Programs. **Monsignor Al O'Connor** has served the Diocese of Sacramento in many capacities over many years. He is currently the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Elk Grove and also sits on many diocesan boards including the Finance Council and the Investment Committee. **Mrs. Janet Ruggiero** is the parent of two recent CB graduates and is currently the Community Development Director for the City of Citrus Heights. **Rita Spillane** is the

parent of both an alumnus and a current student. She spends her days as a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Sacramento. **Ms. Thea Stidum** is a life long educator and recently retired after years as the Principal of Sacramento High School. **Brother George Van Grieken, FSC**, is a Christian Brother, a member of the faculty, and the Director of the Brothers' community in Sacramento. An accomplished theologian and scholar, Brother George has written extensively on the teachings and life of St. John Baptist de La Salle, including his recently published book, "Touching the Hearts of Students". **Mr. Jim Westlake, '51**, is an alumnus of CBS, a member of the CBS Alumni Association for many years (including the office of President), a member of the La Salle Club, and was named Christian Brothers High School Alumnus of the Year in 2000. Jim retired as an owner / partner of Valley Utility Services. Finally, I am a graduate of CB and the proud parent of an alumna as well.

Understanding our board and its role first includes understanding what we do *not* do. We do not involve ourselves in the day to day operations of the school. That is left to our very capable principal, Mr. Rudy Schulze. We do not involve ourselves in personnel matters except with respect to the school's CEO, Mark Warren.

We *do* involve ourselves in a large way in the mission and the business of the school, which are inextricably intertwined.

Our business is high school education, and we charge nearly \$7,000 per year for that education. While we fervently believe that the cost of our product is worth every penny we must charge (our tuition does not even cover the full cost of educating a student), we also understand completely that today's parents have other choices to consider, and we must remain not only competitive, but must be the best high school choice in Sacramento. As a result, it is our Board's view that we must:

■ Offer our students an absolute

first-rate academic environment. Regardless of the student's abilities, we must challenge and stretch each student to achieve what he or she is capable of in the classroom. Not only must we offer the strongest programs in math, science, English, history, literature and foreign languages, we must also teach our students to think critically, evaluate and solve problem situations, and to master effective written and oral communications skills.

■ Staff our classrooms with an engaged faculty who are masters of their subject matter, motivators of students, and who care deeply about each and every student who attends CBS.

■ In addition to delivering uncompromised academic excellence, we must also awaken in each student an awareness of their place in a sometimes difficult world and inspire in them a passion to give of themselves to help others less fortunate.

■ Deliver high quality extracurricular programs to enhance our classroom experiences. Whether a student is an athlete, an actor, a vocalist, a gifted writer, a blooming scientist, an artist, or has some other love, we must develop and deliver superior extracurricular programs led by quality staff.

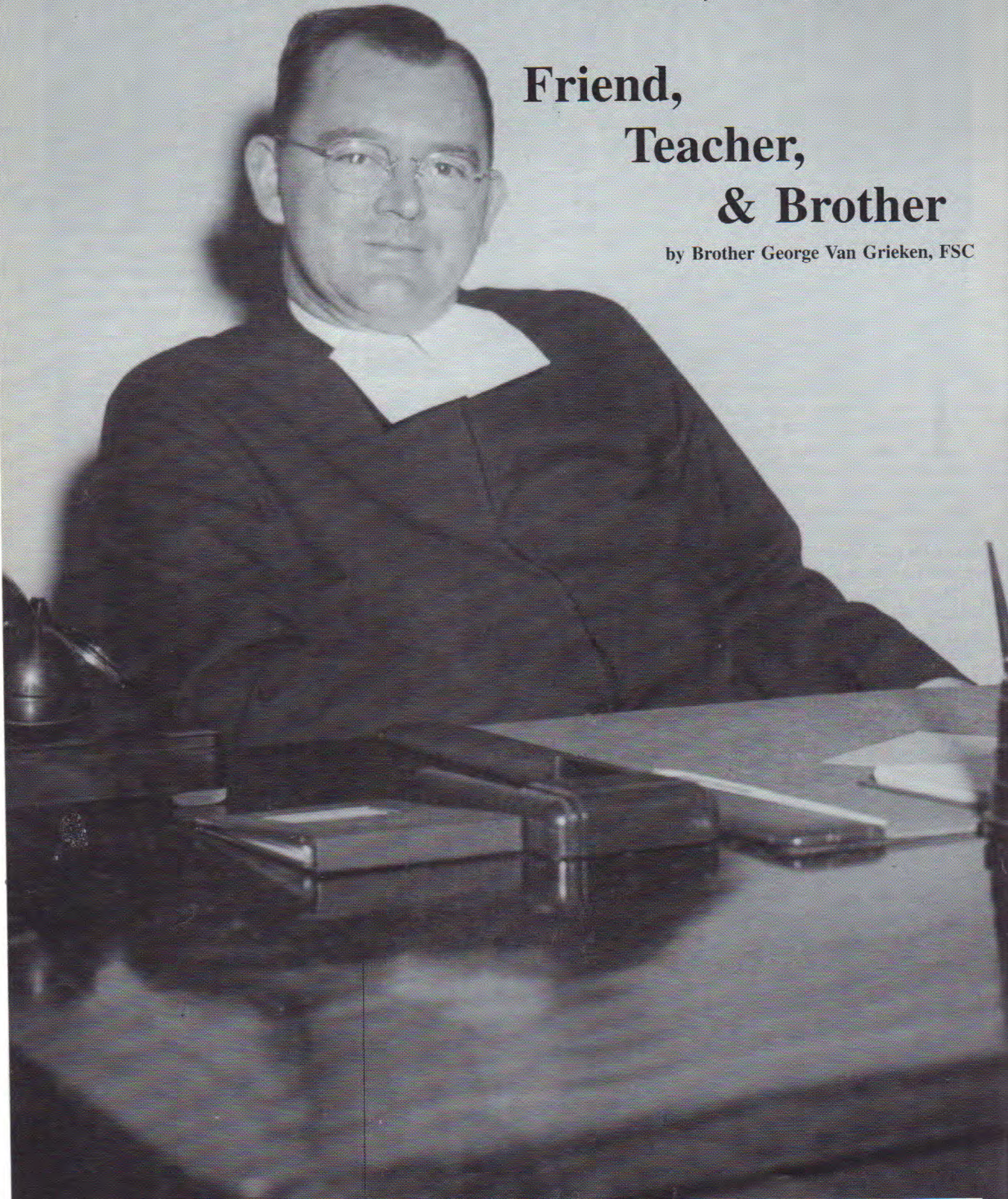
In order for Christian Brothers High School to remain successful, we must make good on our promises to our students and their parents, all the while working hard to ensure the financial stability of the school. Both current and past Board members devote enormous time, energy and resources to making CBHS the best it can be, the most tangible evidence of which is the new 35,000-square-foot Science, Math and Technology wing that opened in the spring. It is absolutely second to none in the Sacramento area: university-quality laboratories, a computer center, a television studio, new math classrooms, and more make a real statement about the path we have cho-

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Br. Bertram Coleman, FSC –

**Friend,
Teacher,
& Brother**

by Brother George Van Grieken, FSC





Br. Bertram Coleman, FSC was born as Raymond Coleman in San Francisco on October 12, 1914, the second of four children. His parents were both native San Franciscans. His father worked as a printer for the San Francisco News. His nephew, Mark Murphy, joined the Brothers also and is presently working in India, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan.

Raymond's first exposure to the Brothers was at St. Peter's Parochial grammar and high school in the Mission District of

San Francisco, where the Brothers taught the higher grades. Br. Bertram credits much of his vocation to his 8th & 9th grade teacher, Br. Ambrose, who was also the moderator of the Altar Society. Ray was president of his freshman high school class. At the beginning of his sophomore year in August of 1930, he entered the Junior Novitiate in Martinez. Ray participated in the move to the new property at Mont La Salle in Napa in April of 1932. As with the others at the Juniorate, he squeezed four years of high school into three years of study. After ending his two years at the

Juniorate as Student Body President, Raymond began his novitiate year with the reception of the robe in August of 1932.

Taking his first vows at the end of his novitiate year, Raymond – now called Br. Bertram – commenced his studies at Saint Mary's College where he was also the driver for the Provincial (who did not drive) and for Brother Z. Leo, a popular professor and lecturer in the Bay Area.

After two years of study at the college and eager to get involved in the apostolate, the 21-year-old Br. Bertram was assigned to Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento, in 1936 to teach in the 6th and 7th grades. While there, he and another Brother organized a parochial school league in athletics to provide competition and to generate interest in the high school. From 1937 to 1939, he taught at the Juniorate in Napa, returning in 1939 to his "first love" of Sacramento where he became a teacher, prefect, head football and basketball coach, and Athletic Director. At the same time he worked to organize a Guidance Department and oversee the YCS (Youth Christian Students) group on campus, organizing a national YCS convention at Saint Mary's College. In 1944 Br. Bertram was moved to Saint Mary's College where he was appointed Sub-Director of Scholastics. He took the opportunity to finish up his studies there while also coaching a group of college students in basketball – known as the "Moraga Wolves." Six months later he went to Saint Mary's College High School in Berkeley

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as a teacher, only to return to the college at the end of the year when he was appointed the Director of Scholastics and introduced innovations such as washing machines and a community car.

After three years as Director of Scholastics, in 1948 Br. Bertram was appointed Director/Principal of Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento. For the next four-and-a-half years he developed lifelong close ties with the students, attending all sports, dances, picnics, and social activities, teaching religion to the seniors, and learning each student's first name. With the Sister principals of the other Catholic high schools in Sacramento, the Interschool Council was established for student officers to plan common activities in drama, publications, ski trips, picnics, Masses, and the like.

In 1952 Br. Bertram became Director/Principal of Cathedral High School in Los Angeles, where, in his own words, he "grew to love a people I never really knew before." The fine vocational arts program at Cathedral that he inherited came to be supplemented with a sophisticated business curriculum along with liberal arts courses for the college prep students. He also initiated the prestigious Circle C Service Club which is still in existence.

From 1958 to 1968, Brother Bertram worked as a teacher, a Vocation Director, a Community Director, and a Director of Education for the District of San Francisco, moving from Pasadena to Sacramento to Rheum Valley. As Director of Education, he began

the practice of organizing regular meetings among the Principals and Directors of the District's schools. In 1968, on the heels of Vatican II, he was the first Provincial (or "Visitor") of the District nominated and elected as the preferred appointment as Visitor by Br. Charles Henry, Superior General. "My attention as Visitor was to steer the District through the winds of change with some stability and sense of security...to develop within the District the feeling that what we were doing in schools with the young people was needed and necessary." For the next five years, Br. Bertram led the District, making the difficult decisions of closing some schools and withdrawing the Brothers from others, moving the District administration to more modest accommodations, and challenging the Brothers in their apostolic, communal, and spiritual endeavors.

When he left office as Visitor, Br. Bertram went to Justin-Siena High School in Napa to work as Dean of Boys and then as Vice-Principal with Sister Jeremy Carmody as Principal, a unique arrangement between the Brothers and the Dominican Sisters at that time. He continued to teach and became involved in the school's financial administration, including fund raising. In 1979 Br. Bertram was asked to return to Sacramento in order to take over the Development Office at Christian Brothers High School. Happy to renew old acquaintances and connect with alumni with whom he

had kept in contact over the years, Br. Bertram committed himself to development, attending conferences, seminars, and workshops while working with the Board of Regents, alumni and the many activities of an active development office.

After seven years in Sacramento, in 1986 Br. Bertram returned to Mont La Salle in Napa. "I really thought that I wanted to retire and have more time to read and pray. Brother Norman Cook, Visitor, said, 'Bertram, you are not going to retire!' He was right also." Brother Bertram continued to work as a Director, an administrator, and a member of the Novitiate staff, becoming District archivist in 1989. In that role, he developed sophisticated computerized resources, streamlined the processing of the District's historical resources, and facilitated regular communication through a liaison at each of the District schools. On July 1, 2002, at the age of 87, Brother Bertram officially retired. ♦

Brother Bertram Coleman, FSC
(Raymond Joseph Coleman)

Born: 12 October 1914
Received the Habit: 14 August 1932
Final Vows: 24 July 1939
Died: 9 October 2002

BA Saint Mary's College of California
MA (Education) Immaculate Heart
College, Los Angeles 1960

Visitor/Provincial of the District of San
Francisco 1968-1974



EULOGY AT BROTHER BERTRAM'S FUNERAL MASS

Brother Norman Cook

(Brother Norman Cook delivered the following eulogy on October 12, 2002, at the conclusion of the funeral Mass for Brother Bertram Coleman. Ed.)

As Christian Brothers and as a Lasallian people, we respect, love, and honor our Founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, because he founded teachers committed to making the school a place of human and Christian education. For this extraordinary accomplishment, Pope Pius XII, in 1950, declared John Baptist de La Salle Patron Saint of all teachers!

The teacher person is special, and the art of teaching is, indeed, a most honorable profession! And so it is most fitting that we acknowledge and celebrate the person and the life of Brother Bertram Coleman, a Lasallian teacher and educator who taught his classes and instructed his students according to the way and in the manner best exemplified by the Lasallian tradition. Brother Bertram gave himself away in

service to his students and to his fellow Brothers simply because he loved young people and he loved the Brothers! Bertram did this for more than sixty-five years with a deep and trusting Faith and a most ardent and generous Zeal, qualities and virtues which Saint John Baptist de La Salle most admired in his teachers.

Always and at all times, Brother Bertram sought to touch the hearts of young people by his words and by his example. And so he became not only teacher but also friend and counselor to his many students! Each September of the school year, as Principal of Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento, and when he was Principal of Cathedral High School, Los Angeles, he made it his focus, his passion, to learn the first name of every student throughout the student-body from the most humble Freshman to the most self-exalted of Senior students. Under his watch as headmaster, the Principal's office became for him the school yard during class-break times, the cafeteria during the lunch period, the athletic arena during interscholastic sports events, the auditorium during school dances, and sundry geographic locations on the occasion of school club excursions. Brother Bertram would go anywhere at anytime with anybody for whatever reason under any circumstances to be with students! Truly, he enfolded in his heart Saint La Salle's exhortation to the Brothers to be with their students from morning till night!

Students loved Brother Bertram because they knew he respected and loved them and was always, always there for them! Older alumni from our Lasallian schools so very often affectionately refer to themselves

as "Brothers' Boys", a self-appointed title which they esteem and cherish and proclaim with much pride and poise. The meaning and significance of this title finds a most worthy expression in the life, the times, and the person of Brother Bertram Coleman. Being a Brother to so many of his students for so many years really made his life of Vows and his dedication and commitment to the dream of Saint John Baptist de La Salle all worth while for Bertram over both the short haul and the long haul!

"Precious in the sight of the Lord God are those men and women who choose to serve Him from the earliest days of their youth." Brother Bertram entered the Brothers in 1930 while still in high school and he made final vows nine years later, when he was informed that his high school sweetheart, Helen Smith, was getting married! Helen knew Bertram better than he knew himself! When, as a high school sophomore, he told Helen that he was going away to study to be a Christian Brother and join them for awhile but she was not to worry, because he would come back to marry her, she said, "Oh no you won't!" And she was right!

Bertram served the District of San Francisco as teacher, high school prefect of resident students, vice principal, athletic director and coach, director of student Brothers at Saint Mary's College, Principal of CBS and Cathedral High schools, District vocation director, Director of Education for the District's schools, Provincial, Director of High School Development programs, alumni director, Director General of Mont La Salle, and most recently, District Archivist.

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In a very real sense we can say of Bertram as a Christian Brother, "he has seen that, been there, done that!"

His availability and adaptability to the Will of God in taking upon himself these many and varied assignments made most real for him his Vow of Obedience. In his position as Brother Visitor of the S.F. District, he had a way of challenging the Brothers to be the best that they could be—by way of the assignments he gave them to do. I'll never forget a telephone conversation I had with Brother Bertram, Visitor, while on retreat at Saint Helena, June 1973. He wanted me to be Principal of Saint Mary's High in Berkeley. At that time, known to Bertram but unbeknown to me, De La Salle Hall, the main three-story classroom building on the Berkeley campus, was being demolished because it was a high seismic risk. As we conversed on the phone, and I eloquently protested the possibility of my going to Saint Mary's High, Bertram interrupted my train of thought by instructing me to go to the retreat chapel and pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and enlightenment. "It is not a question of what you want, Norman, but what God wants!" He went on to say that he was also going to the Provincialate chapel to seek guidance regarding this matter. I hung up the telephone, and in a spirit of "Bertram obedience" headed for the chapel to converse with the Holy Spirit. I got about ten steps from the phone when it suddenly rang. I retraced my steps and answered it. Bertram was on the other end of the line. He said, "I just had a very nice conversation with the

Holy Spirit in our chapel here, and He said to me that you, Norman, are going to Saint Mary's High as Principal!" And then he hung up! And I wept! Though reluctant and skeptical at first, my five years as Principal of Saint Mary's were some of the most adventuresome and joyful for me as a Brother. Truly, Bertram and his "Buddy", the Holy Spirit, knew much more than I did!

When Brother Bertram was seventy-two years of age (some fifteen years ago), he told me that he wanted to retire to Mont La Salle to prepare for his next career in eternity, whatever that was supposed to mean! My response to him, "Bert, you are not going to retire! You are too lively, you have too many things to do! Besides, knowing you as I do and you knowing yourself as you do and God knowing you as He does, you know and I know and God knows retirement is an impossibility for you, an unacceptable option!" And so, Bertram became District Archivist, eight hours a day, six days a week for the next fifteen years! Prepare for eternity? His whole life prepared him for God and eternity!

Brother Bertram holds the distinctive honor of being the first Brother Visitor in the history of the San Francisco Province to be nominated by a District Chapter and elected by the Brothers District-wide. As Brother Visitor, Bertram held to the conviction that the schools were our chief instrument for carrying out the Lasallian mission and witnessing our Lasallian vocation! And so Bertram fought to maintain this position, this stance, at the National Visitors' Conference for the USA major superiors! Many religious orders of men and

women were, at this period of time of the sixties and seventies, pulling out of schools in favor of other types of social services. Brother Bertram, representing the Pacific Coast District at these national assemblies, "stuck to his guns" when questioned and challenged by the delegates from the other National Districts regarding his stance! With a sly smile on his lips and a "little-boy mischievous glint in his eye," he responded, "We came to the first Regional Chapter as babes in the woods from California to listen to you 'wise men (guys)' from the East, but like little Red Riding Hood, we found that it was not Grandma in the bed."

Bertram exercised strong and decisive leadership tempered by humor to maintain the San Francisco District's conservative position despite more radical movements in the rest of the country! He always believed that the school is and will always continue to be the best way for the Brothers and their lay associates to be with kids and to touch their hearts and their minds!

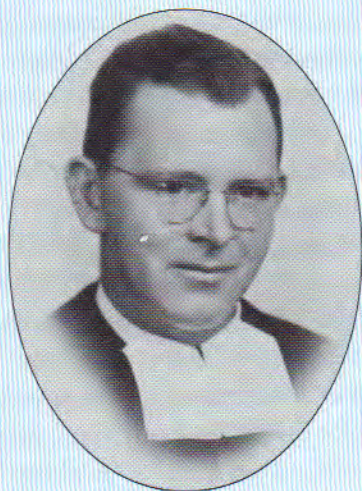
Richard Little, a friend and protégé of Sir Thomas More, desired a prestigious career where he would find fame, glory, and recognition. Sir Thomas More's response, "If you become a teacher, Richard, you will be noticed by nobody but God and your students. Not a bad audience, Richard!" For over sixty-five years of service as teacher and educator, Brother Bertram was most certainly noticed by God and by his students! Not a bad audience, Brother Bertram! Not a bad audience! ♦



The following pages are remembrances from a few of the many peoples' lives that Brother Bertram touched throughout the years.

BERT THE BARBER

by Stan Gilliam '41



Just to have known Brother Bertram Coleman was blessing enough in itself, but to have done so on three different levels was a matter of truly incomparable good fortune. I'm happy to say that I was that lucky.

Here's how it happened.

Back in the 1930's, when hiring lay teachers was an expense the Brothers couldn't afford to bear, many of the young monks had their college studies interrupted and were sent to try out untested skills as educators. Young Brother Bertram was one of them.

Thus it was that when I enrolled as a freshman at Christian Brothers in 1937, he was already in his second year of teaching. Because it was a small school, we got to know each other quite soon even though I'm not sure I ever was a student in any of his classes.

For most of my four years in high school, Brother Bertram was on the faculty, and that was the

first level on which I knew him, that of teacher and student.

By the time I was a junior at Saint Mary's College in 1943, those Brothers who had been pulled from the scholasticate and sent out to teach were returning to complete work on their degrees. Among them was Brother Bertram, so now we were associated on a second level, as equals in a student-to-student relationship.

That put us together in the classroom, but now as colleagues. We sweated equally, too, over those weekly philosophy papers from Professor Jim Hagerty.

But I mentioned three levels, didn't I? If you've read this far, you must be wondering just what the third one could be. It takes a little explanation.

It was the custom at that time to select a young novice who displayed an aptitude to serve as the community barber through the subsequent years of college. Brother Bertram was the choice among those in his group.

When he returned to Saint Mary's in the mid-1940's, there was a barber chair -- usually unmanned -- in the dormitory. Haircuts, meanwhile, at the professional tonsorial parlors had risen to an astronomical 50 or even 75 cents.

As a usually impecunious student, it galled me to lay out such exorbitant sums on haircuts, and having heard of Brother Bertram's skills with clipper and shears, I put the question to him. And he not only agreed, but with a vow of poverty, there was no charge.

So that's how Brother Bertram became, for me, plain Bert the Barber and how I came to know him on that third, ultimate level. How lucky can a guy get? ♦



My father (shown above) introduced me to Brother Bertram when I was attending Immaculate Conception grammar school. Bert and Father Jim Mulligan, my football coach at IC, and Bishop Francis Quinn were to become my religious heroes. All had great concern for the welfare of others and truly lived holy lives.

As my principal at CBS, he had occasion to call me into his office for disciplinary purposes. I screwed up and was scared. Bert informed me that more Keatings had graduated from this school than any other family. He added that more Keatings had been *kicked out* of CBS than any other family! I survived that one. Sure glad Bert and my father were good friends.

Bert and I became close pals over the years and became involved in fund raising at about the same time. At a fund raising conference, I learned of a very successful method of developing bequests from alumni groups and passed the idea on to Bert. I proposed a "Brother Bertram Society" for our school. He said, "No." I told him that no other teacher in this school's history was held in such high esteem. Refusing to allow the use of his name would result in serious sin. He relented. The Society today has many members, thanks to this great man.

"Live Jesus in our hearts, forever."

-Jim Keating '55

I am honored to have been given this opportunity to reflect on my association with Brother Bertram Coleman. I first met Brother Bertram when I was asked to serve as President of Christian Brothers High School in 1993. I had just retired from California State University, Sacramento, and, because of other obligations, was forced to limit my commitment to serve as President of Christian Brothers High School to one year. However, after one year as President, I found the position to be so attractive and the associations so rewarding that I rearranged my outside obligations to permit me to continue as President for a total of three years.

Among the many wonderful friendships established within the Christian Brothers community, my relationship with Brother Bertram was special. The manner in which he welcomed Betty and me into the Christian Brothers family made my short affiliation an important part of my overall career. I am so pleased to have been involved in the establishment of the Brother Bertam Society and the naming of Bertram Hall. Although my official association with Christian Brothers High School was a total of three years, I consider that affiliation to be a very significant part of my career in education.

Brother Bertram's name is synonymous with the education of our youth. He devoted nearly sixty years to that profession and played a major role in the education of many successful graduates. Common among these former students is their dedication to caring and service to others, a reflection of Brother Bertram's personality. The November 1994 issue of the "Connection" contained an article which introduced the sixteen founding

members of the Brother Bertram Society. In that article we included a sketch of this special person with the caption "Brother Bert...In our hearts forever." How fitting an expression, because, he certainly will be in our hearts forever.

—Dr. Donald H. Gillott

"Brother Bertram - My Boss, My Friend!"

It was 1950 when I first heard of Brother Bertram. I was a senior at St. Joseph Academy, and he was Principal at Christian Brothers High School, then located at 21st and Broadway. My husband, Dan, was a senior at CB and had a great deal of respect and admiration for Brother Bert.

Much later when my sons, Mike and Steve, attended CB, I became very involved in the Brothers' "Family." I served on the Parents Service Organization Board for many years and later was hired by Brother Richard Camara to assist Brother Bert who was the Director of Development. I worked with Brother Bert from June 1982 until he left CB to become District Archivist in Napa.

Brother Bertram had an amazing work ethic. He often worked six days a week. His lunch breaks were short and quick. He was a man of few words during work hours. He was a great boss. He never said a bad word about anyone, and I never heard a bad word about him from anyone. He would listen (and I mean listen) to people with great concern. After he left Sacramento, he never failed to drive to Sacramento to attend a funeral, a party, a wedding, a meeting, or a celebration at the school. He was always there.

CB alumni loved Brother Bert.

They often praised him and many gave financial support, donated items or volunteered hours to help CB, largely because of him. His complete loyalty, his religious example and guidance, his friendliness, his compassion, as well as his being able to enjoy a party, a good joke, and a social gathering all made up one beautiful person. I am thankful to God that I knew him for as many years as I did. I once said "he does everything right" and he did. In my view, Brother Bertram is an ideal Brother. I will never forget him. He was so well thought of that a building on the campus at Christian Brothers High School was named "Bertram Hall." A couple of weeks before he died, I was fortunate to visit with him for about an hour. In our conversation he said, "I have no regrets, I have no regrets." And I believe him.

—Jean Lahey

"My Impressions of Brother Bertram Coleman"

I first met Brother Bertram in 1948 while attending Holy Angels grammar school.

Brother was at the school recruiting students for Christian Brothers High School. At that time I had my heart set on attending Sacramento High. Brother suggested I give Christian Brothers some thought.

After much consideration I decided to attend Christian Brothers. It was the best decision I have ever made because the experiences I had at Christian Brothers were some of the best of my life.

Brother Bertram influenced my life like no other person ever has. In his eyes every student was equal and that's the way he treated them.

Brother had a gift for communicating with people and always remembered their names—parents as well as the students. He made you feel as though your relationship with him was a special one. He also had the ability to hire outstanding people for the teaching positions at Christian Brothers.

Brother Bertram would have excelled at any profession he had chosen. We are most fortunate he aspired to become a Christian Brother.

Brother Bertram and I remained close personal friends for over 50 years; I feel honored to have been his student and friend.

—Sal “Chado” Vasquez
Class of '52

It was August of 1935 when I was blessed to have Brother Bert as my 7th grade teacher at old Christian Brothers School, 21st and Y Street. Our class was the first class he taught.

Coming from a public school, I didn't know what to expect. (I had heard that the Brothers could be pretty tough.) When he walked into class that first day, he looked too young. He was 21 although we didn't know it. The class found out very soon that he was well prepared and ready to teach. We knew he was in charge. Years later, I realized just how difficult the first few weeks must have been.

He also taught me in high school and was my counselor at Saint Mary's College. As the years went on, he became very close to our family, vacationing with us and celebrating family occasions. During the last few months of his illness, I called him or he called me.

On September 15 my wife Stasia, two of our sons, and I

visited him in Napa. He was pale and weak, but his mind was sharp. We reminisced about old times. He said he was praying for the last three months that our Lord would take him. We said our goodbyes and kissed each other. I knew that would be the last time I would see my old 7th grade teacher who was the most important part of my spiritual and scholastic life for sixty-seven years.

—Paul Bernardis
Class of '41

How can a few words describe what Brother Bertram meant to so many? He was a true friend, a confidant and an honorary member of many families. Brother Bert was always there - from baptisms, first communions, confirmations, graduations, weddings, even divorces, to funerals. Brother would be there, never to judge or condemn, just to listen and give support.

If anyone loved people, Brother Bertram did. He would travel miles to attend class reunions or family parties.

His faith made us all stronger, not by preaching but by the way he lived it. Even in Brother Bert's last few weeks here on earth, he comforted us in his preparation and excitement for his new journey. In his own words he was “finally going to meet my boss,” something he was preparing for his whole life.

There have been four generations of our family touched by his love and Godly influence. The emptiness in our hearts will be there until we meet again.

—The Jack Ryan Family
Class of '43

I am told this is not to be a eulogy but rather a reminiscence of some events that involved Brother Bertram. There are many events that occur to me — from a time in our junior year when he learned that a group of us had had too much to drink and how he handled it, to the time when the last remaining three pupils in the Latin class so frustrated Father Connor that he threw down his book and exited with the immortal comment word “Bastardi” and how he handled that, to many other events. The truth is that there is no single event that capsulizes what Brother Bertram did for us or what he meant to us. My class was fortunate enough to have him with us from the freshman year until we graduated. The simple fact is that he was there for us from the first day that we entered the freshman class until the day he died. And that is the way I shall forever remember him, a friend who was there for me and for every student who was fortunate enough to know him.

—Jim & Joanne Winchell
Class of '51

A Special Memory of Brother Bertram Coleman, FSC

Last fall we had the privilege of sitting next to Brother Bertram at Cathedral High School's Annual Scholarship Banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, where our son, Br. John Montgomery is Principal.

It was a well-attended event and Brother Bertram was honored as a past Director/Principal of Cathedral and for his continued presence and interest in the school and its programs.



Br. Bertram's Memorial Service at Sacred Heart Church, November 17, 2002.

For over 20 years we have had a wonderful relationship with Br. Bert, who has been a mentor to our son, Br. John Montgomery.

—Helen & Norman Montgomery

Brother Bertram has had a huge impact on my life. We first met in September of 1936 as teacher/student. He came to CBS from St. Mary's College while still a student. I was a freshman, and he was my English teacher. Then in December of 1943, we graduated

together from St. Mary's. In September of 1948, he hired me to teach at CBS thereby launching me on a 35-year career as an educator — the first seven years at CBS. So he was my teacher, my fellow graduate and my employer, but more than that HE WAS MY DEAR FRIEND! Now he's gone, and I shall miss him tremendously, but I will never forget him. In the language of my ancestors, Bert — va con dio, mio amico!

—Roy U. Cortopassi '40

I have had the good fortune and pleasure of having known Brother Bertram for more than 60 years. I not only knew him through his tenure as a De La Salle Christian Brother but as a mentor, friend, patient and as a fellow member of the Brother "Hoods." His smile and presence was often with me during my times of joy and in my times of need. His talents and ability as a teacher, counselor and administrator is to be honored. His remarkable aptitude for not only remembering the names of his alumni and their vocation's but remembering their spouses and children's names as well, was admirable. Brother Bertram assisted many of us in finding our objectives. He was truly a caring person and friend to each of us. May God hold him in the palm of his hand. He will be missed by all.

—Dr. Joseph E. Farrington '39

It is one of life's wonders that a person who touches our life only tangentially can affect us far beyond the few moments of shared experience. I first met Brother Bertram on his birthday, October 12, 1997. The event was the annual Br. Bertram Society dinner. It was an appreciation dinner of Christian Brothers High School for members of the Brother Bertram Society. On this evening I was being formally inducted and received a framed certificate which hangs today in my study. For five years I was privileged to attend Br. Bertram's birthday celebrations. I have come to grow in appreciation of the Lasallian tradition of service through education and in wonder at the man who celebrated his birthday by recognizing others. Each dinner was enlivened with reflections of warmth, hilarity, and

dedication by Br. Bertram and his former students. As a teacher myself, I know that the real joy of teaching lies in interaction with students. I also know the amount of preparation, meetings, and administrative tasks that go into the recipe. Br. Bertram performed more than his share of these tasks, but he maintained an obvious joy in the individuality of his students. Br. Bertram combined the best of Mary and Martha in his teaching career. He is an inspiration to me.

—Jerry Ann Marinovich '60
Bishop Armstrong High School

If there were anyone who truly represented the epitome of the Lasallian cause, it was Brother Bertram. He truly believed in fostering young men's and women's characters and abilities.

He was a fine teacher, educator, administrator, and dear friend. Even in his "retirement" he drew us back to the ideals of the Christian Brothers and their institutions.

We shall miss him but never forget him.

—John M. Babich, M.D.

So many people knew and respected him. He was quite a guy! I knew him for over half a century. In 1947, my sophomore year, Brother Bertram came to CB as principal. He took more than an average interest in his students, and he made it a point to remember all of his students' names as well as their background, personal likes, dislikes, actually anything special about you. In my case, Brother Bertram knew I was raised by a single parent and had a

history of boarding and military schools.

My first year out of school, Brother Bertram and I had a conversation about my future. I couldn't afford to go to St. Mary's so I enrolled in City College. I had an opportunity to go into the grocery business. Brother Bertram was a lifelong guide and counselor and during our conversation, he was against my entering the grocery business. Stating that you may have to work on Sundays and what about church? I felt his concern but had listened to my gut feeling. As time passed, I was promoted and became the youngest store manager and ultimately a district manager for over 20 years, therefore earning my Sundays off after all.

50 years later, I took him out to lunch to a very nice restaurant. We spent about three hours reminiscing together looking at my family photos. At the end of the lunch, I asked him what he was doing and he told me he made Dean of Archives at Mount La Salle. He personally invited me to look at his work and a few months later I went to Mount La Salle. I am still amazed at his being 85 years of age and not in the best of health but still took the time to share his passion for the Archives at Mount La Salle. He spent all day showing me photos, books, memorabilia, and told me endless stories of all the Brothers. Toward the end, Brother Bertram stopped and said, "Parker do you know what you've done to me today?" Jokingly in the Brother Bertram sense of humor, he said, "You made me miss my nap."

He always made you feel as if you weren't just another kid... you were special.

—Lea James Parker '50

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The History of the La Salle Club

by Jim Westlake '51

One of the vital forces behind the athletic program at Christian Brothers High School is the La Salle Club. This organization, started in 1939, was the brainchild of Brother Eugene Ward, former principal, teacher, and coach. With the approval of Brother Cyril, then principal, and Brother Bertram, vice-principal, the La Salle Club became an active fund-raising organization for athletics. Its early fund-raisers included the Annual Duck Stew, Boxers' Night, Soccer Night, Baseball Night and the La Salle Club Frolic.

Several years ago the Club

became inactive when it was decided that its function should be replaced by other support groups. The La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner was the only event that continued on, and it has run for 50 consecutive years.

In 1995 Ray Clemons, former head football coach and athletic director at CBS (1948-1956), recognized the need to revitalize the organization. Through his leadership and with the assistance of Ron Limeberger, Chado Vasquez, Mike Clemons and others, the La Salle Club reorganized and again became a force, funding special projects such as a new state-of-the-art weight room, renovation of the junior varsity girls softball diamond, two electronic scoreboards, a portable outdoor scoreboard, wrestling mats, a scorer's table, and baseball field improvement, to name a few.

Our present membership, approximately 200, is composed of

men and women from the community who contribute their time and resources to assist in achieving the goals of the athletic program. Our funds are raised through memberships, the Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner, the Coaches and Officials Hall of Fame Dinner and donations.

Current club officers are: Chado Vasquez, President; Jim Westlake, Vice President; Ron Limeberger, Treasurer; Anna-Lea Caudwell, Secretary; Gene Lynch, Membership Chairman; Jim McNamara, Baseball Hall of Fame Dinner chairman; and Jack Witry, Moderator.

Anyone who is interested in supporting excellence in the Christian Brothers High School athletic programs is urged to join. Please call Chado Vasquez at 392-5446, Ron Limeberger at 391-5708 or Gene Lynch at 421-4549 for membership applications. ♦

Can You Hear Me Now?

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WHAT AREAS OR PROGRAMS IN THE SCHOOL NEED THE PRINCIPAL'S ATTENTION?

You can imagine the kind of laundry list I was given for areas that need my attention. I suspect that most of the list can be summarized in a few words: listen, communicate, develop relationships, express gratitude, and support teachers. Is that not what all of us want and expect in our working environments?

I have visited each of our classrooms on several occasions during the first quarter. I have visited a lot of classes in my career as a supervisor, department chair, and even as part of an accrediting team. I watch the kids mostly during those lessons. Professor Lynn M. Hoffman in a recent edition of *Education Week* writes: "What are adolescents seeking to accomplish in high school? My research tells me that they are primarily engaged in the work of growing up. They value experiences that encourage and support their

efforts to be involved, to get along with everyone, and to develop independence." When I visit classes now, I leave with two questions to answer: "What did we learn today?" and "How did we learn it?" That's all part of my listening.

Which brings me to some prickly questions for all of us about *listening*: Are we *listening* to our kids or are we just "hearing" what they have to say? Do we love them enough to listen to them—their thoughts, hopes, fears, and desires? Do we love them enough to risk offering counterpoints to what they have to say? Do we love them enough to set reasonable expectations, limits, and consequences? Do we love them enough to talk frankly about drugs, alcohol, sexuality, and sexual activity? Do we love them enough to insist by our word, deed, and example that we are their parents and teachers? Do we love them enough to say "no" to them?

Take a look at their music. Take a look at the media. Take a look at their relationships. Look at how they dress, speak, and act. Somebody's got their attention. ♦

Chairman of the Board

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sen for our students. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the alumni, parents and friends who pledged the \$7.5 million raised to build the new building. However, stay tuned, the best is still to come!

We expect to announce by the end of this school year the beginning of a feasibility study to fund our next project. While the details are still being finalized, under consideration are a new gym/athletics complex, a theater and an expanded cafeteria. We will need you all as we complete the transformation of our campus and update our facilities to new first class levels.

Christian Brothers is a *very* special place. For over 125 years it has flourished in Sacramento because it is so special. Generation after generation of this city's families send their sons, and now daughters, to our school because it is different than the others. It is an intangible. It is a spirit. It is a tradition. It is getting better every day. Stay close, we need you. ♦

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December 3:	Christmas Choral Concert, 7 p.m. – Cafeteria
December 4:	Alumni Meeting, 7 p.m. – Bertram Hall Boardroom
December 7:	Jazz Singers Choral Festival
December 9:	Instrumental Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. – Cafeteria
December 12:	Advent Prayer Service
Dec. 21- Jan. 6:	Christmas Break
January 8:	Alumni Meeting, 7 p.m. – Bertram Hall Boardroom
Jan. 24-26, 31- Feb. 1-2:	A Night of One Acts, presented by the Drama Department, 7:30 p.m.
January 25:	Alumni Dinner
February 5:	Alumni Meeting, 7 p.m. – Bertram Hall Boardroom
February 18:	Ambassador Club Dinner
March 5:	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service
March 5:	Alumni Meeting, 7 p.m. – Bertram Hall Boardroom
March 8:	CB Women's Choir performing at CSUS Choral Festival
March 8:	Sheriffs Crab Feed
March 14:	Blood Drive
March 15:	Jazz Dessert Concert, 7 p.m. – Cafeteria
March 28:	Career Day, sponsored by the Alumni Association <i>Alumni Career Day Speakers are needed.</i> <i>Contact: Sally Cebreros, (916) 733-3647.</i>
March 31:	Multi-Cultural Prayer Service

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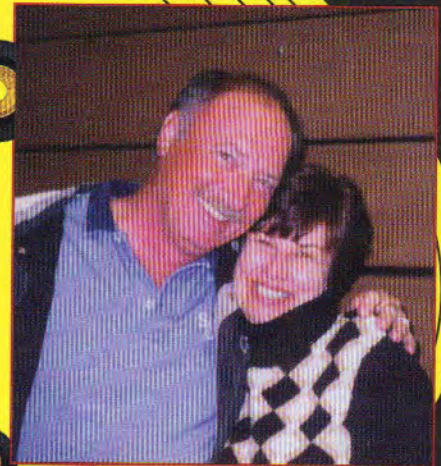
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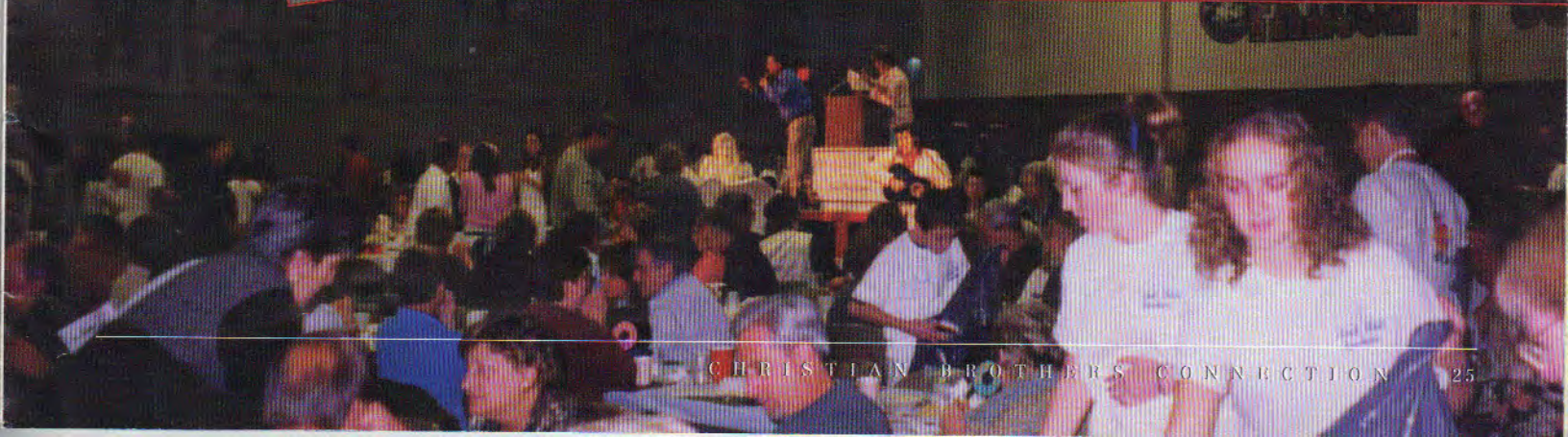
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WINE TASTING EXTRAVAGANZA 2002



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During the first Friday of each September, the Alumni Association presents our most entertaining social function for your enjoyment. The Wine Tasting Extravaganza has grown each year in attendance and revenue while benefiting the school in different means. We hope that when you attend, you leave the party both satisfied and eager to return the following year. We also are proud to offer an exponential benefit to our supporters, both parents and friends alike, which happens to be a really good time.

Once again our annual event was a roaring success, netting over \$39,000 for the school and hosting nearly 1,500 guests in our courtyard. The normal life expectancy of a successful fund-raising event

spans 10 years on average. With our 15th annual in passing, we must shake our heads in wonder at its continual momentum and strive to be that much more in the coming year.

Aside from the obvious thanks to all who attended, the Wine Tasting Extravaganza would never leave the ground without the financial and technical help from a few supporters of our Lasallian efforts. Without your generous support we would not be able to have such a wonderful event, I commend you all.

The Alumni Association would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors: Steve and Darlene Beneto '56; Edward C. Brodie Insurance Brokers, Ind., Steve Brodie '61; Duke and Linda McAlpine '59; Laissez-Faire Co., Tom Kuzmich, '62; Brian Mahaney

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Special thanks are also in order to those who were such a big help from behind the scenes. The "old-timers" Mike Carey '64 and Art Camacho '63, and coordinators John Caselli '70, Kevin Crossland '69, Patrick Donnelly '87, Jim Karver '56, Brian Mahaney '72, Linda McAlpine '59, John McCarthy '63, Mike Mooney '83, Bobbie Pires '76, Ron Tomaiuolo '64, Jim Westlake '51, Ed Revak '77, Paul Havey '81, Bob Girasek and Jim Sutton.

A final and very personal thank you goes out to the support staff in the Development Office: Debbie Woodsford, Donna Adam and Sally Cebrenos '83. Everyone mentioned above really proves that it is never the façade which makes the clock tick or the engine run, but all pieces of the puzzle are what make an effort whole.

In closing, we are constantly looking for new alumni members to help out in the planning and preparation for this and each event we undertake. Fresh ideas and new faces are always welcome; please contact the Development Office, (916) 733-3647, to inquire about offering your time and talents toward our efforts.

Philip G. Bokan '92
Wine Tasting Extravaganza Chair



Blues Control Band

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Carol Pennington and JoAnne Payan pass out wine glasses.



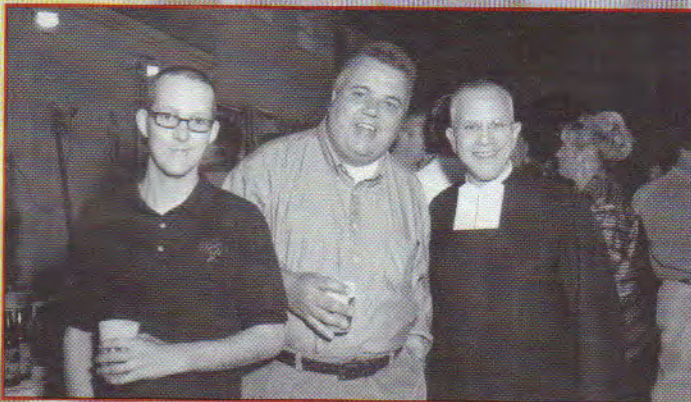
Laretta Wong, Paul Medina and Barbara Hart.



Lisa and Nick Sheedy, Dan Muzzi, and Rina Dion.



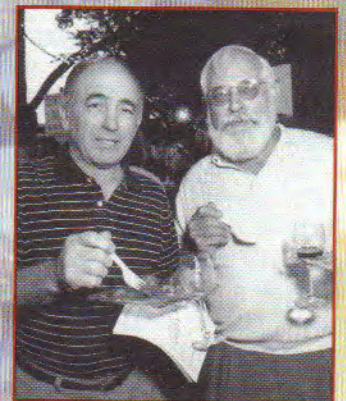
(Back) Eric Broockey '89, (Front L to R) Norman '89 and Audrey Leong with friends Shelly and Christopher.



Brother Kenneth Curley, FSC and Buca di Beppo employees.



Lenny Bruckman pouring Chateau St. Michelle wine.



Two guests enjoying the food and wine.

Director of Athletics, Rob Cooper

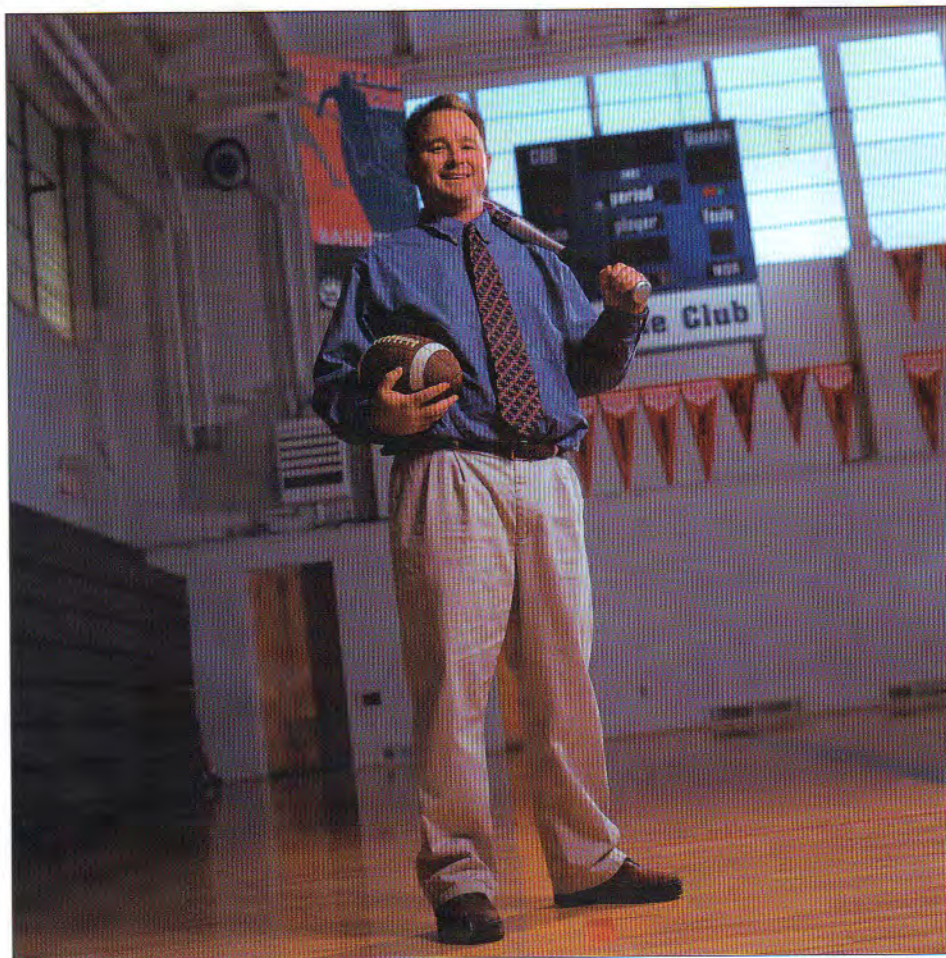


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On July 1, Christian Brothers High School hired Rob Cooper as its new Director of Athletics. Cooper replaces Bobby Fresques, the former Sacramento State standout, who will now focus solely on teaching and coaching football at CBHS.

Cooper comes to Christian Brothers after spending four years as an assistant baseball coach at Sacramento City College, where he was the recruiting coordinator and infield coach. Prior to returning to SCC, he spent two seasons as the hitting instructor at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Tulane broke nearly all of the school's offensive records during Cooper's tenure. He also made coaching stops at Wake Forest University and the University of Miami. While at the University of Miami, he helped guide the Hurricanes to two NCAA College World

Series appearances.

Rob Cooper is a Sacramento native, having graduated from El Camino High School in 1989. He then received his A.A. degree from Sacramento City College, where he was a co-captain infielder in 1992 before traveling to the University of Miami. He played one year for the Hurricanes before taking on the role as an undergraduate assistant coach. Cooper received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Miami in Sports Management. Additionally, he is on track to completing his second master's degree in Business Management from National University.

Born Robert Joseph Cooper III on November 29, 1970 in Colorado Springs, CO (United States Air Force Academy), he and his wife, Maureen, have one child, Tyson, 1 1/2. ♦

FALCON FACT

BASEBALL: SVC All League: Mel Cuckovich - MVP, Will Blucher, Tom Sarti, Kevin Magill 1st team. In addition to being SVC MVP, Mel Cuckovich was also named "All City."

SOFTBALL: Nicole Carter, Mary Jane D'Arcy and Carly Stoffle, All League.

The fall sports season has been a very busy and successful one. Our varsity boys soccer team is currently undefeated and ranked #2 in the city. We are expecting our soccer team to host the first round of the play-offs in November and strive to win their third consecutive section championship. Anthony Chinakwe and Greg Curry, who were recently featured in *The Sacramento Bee*, are leading the team. Goalkeeper Cameron Whelan-Miille has recorded 13 shut-outs this season and was recognized as *The Sacramento Bee's* Prep of the week recently.

Other sports have received attention and accolades as well. Our varsity cheerleading squad was selected to perform at halftime of the NFL Pro Bowl this February. In girls golf Ali Kubochi and Lindsey Franzoia qualified for subsectionals and represented Christian Brothers in a competitive manner. Our cross-country team has been led by Kyle Zarzana and Brian Henrikson. Our football program is getting stronger as the season continues and our freshman squad is looking to capture the conference title. Girls tennis and volleyball are playing hard and holding their own in the tough Sierra Valley Conference.

Winter sports are right around the corner, and we are very excited about wrestling, girls basketball, and boys basketball. We expect great things from these programs. ♦



(L to R) Julie Tucker, Sara Headd, George Petrissans, Ron Slabbinck, Lori Frias, Leah Newton, Sean O'Brien, Elizabeth Coyner.

CBHS Faculty Profile

by Dave Jablonsky '82

Get out your scorecards; here are the changes for this year's faculty and staff. In the front office, **Gloria Bauer** joins the admissions team assisting the Director of Admissions and **Rona Gordon** has filled the Administrative Assistant to the

Principal's position. **Debbie McVay** is the new Human Resource manager in Brother Bertram Hall; she joined the staff this past spring. Filling the open slots in the math department are **Elizabeth Coyner** (yes that makes a husband and wife combination on the math team) and **Lori Frias**. On the social studies side, **George Petrissans** is covering both sides of the plate, teaching

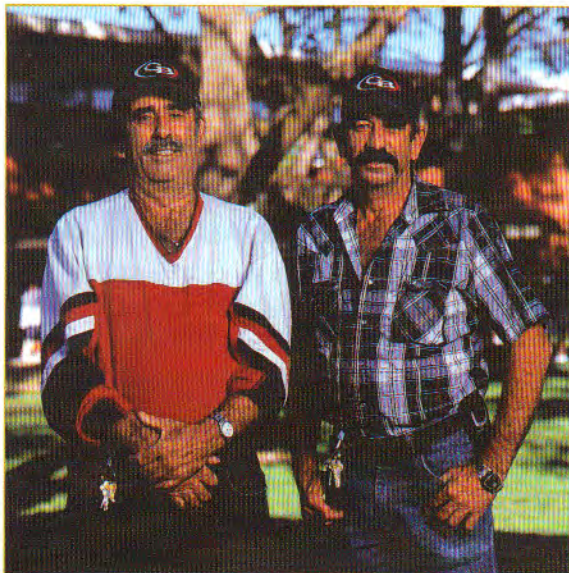
world history and physical education in addition to assisting the varsity football staff. Also 'pulling' multiple duties is **Diane Heine**. Diane is secretary to **Rob Cooper**, the new Athletic Director, as well as to the counseling department in Brother Edward Hall. **Sara Headd** returns to us as a "seasoned pro"

Jose Laureano and John Ferreira, new members of the buildings and grounds crew.



(L to R) Rona Gordon, Diane Heine, Debbie McVay, Gloria Bauer.

having finished her student teaching assignment this past year. **Sean O'Brien** joins the English department staff, continuing a legacy of O'Briens at CB (wife Moira worked in the Admissions office and son Brendan is a junior this year). **Julie Tucker** and **Leah Newton** join the religious studies program with Julie teaching freshman and senior religion and Leah as Director of Christian Service Learning in addition to her teaching duties. And last, but not least, **Ron Slabbinck** joins the music department as choir director. ♦



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1957 This class is the pioneer for Bishop Armstrong High School, being the first class of girls on male dominated territory. They forged their way and made their mark in the history of Christian Brothers. Even though I hear a lot of the ladies lamenting over a forgotten era, please remember how important you are. McClellan's Garden Pavilion Convention Center's-Terrace Room was the locale for their 45-year reunion, on November 9th. **Rosemary Glass Bollinger** gave me this information, and I would like to know how the reunion went.

1959 There are those graduates who while in school were quite the "life of the party" and one never knows the path they will follow. Well it seems two of these gentlemen ended up in the prison system, namely Mule Creek State Prison. One happens to be my husband, **Bud Golsong** and the other **Mike Stinson**. They met recently and renewed their friendship. Fortunately they were not inmates; employment was the reason for their visitation. Mike works for the State of California and has been working there for some time. On the other hand, Bud has been working at Folsom Prison and currently Mule Creek. He usually works with Level One inmates and sometimes Level Four. Our dinner conversations are very interesting and exciting to say the least.

1961 Lorraine Valine, loving mother of **Carol Zarek '61**, **Rosemary Wood '60**, **Roger Valine '67**

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Class of 1962 Reunion



Del Paso Country Club was the locale for their 40th reunion. Besides the elegant surroundings, delicious food and dancing, the highlight of the evening was a screening of a "Remember When" video by **Frank La Rosa**. The event was co-shared by **Pete Laurendeau** and **Dorothy McCormack Redmon**. I would love to hear more about the video.



Larry Marietti and Jim Murphy.



Tom Young, Tim and Betty Taormina.

Class of 1982 Reunion



The 20-year reunion for the class of 1982 was held on campus. There were sixty-two in attendance and all enjoyed a sit-down dinner, music and the weather was exceptional as part of the evening festivities were held in the courtyard. **Br. Roch** took the entire group on a tour of the new

Science, Math and Technology wing. The committee members consisted of **Keith Cherry**, **Eric Edelmayer**, **Paul Harrington**, **Rich Westerfeld**, **Troy Bird** and one of our illustrious Connection committee members, **Dave Jablonsky**. The **Clark boys** were the volunteer bartenders.

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and **Kevin Valine '73** passed away on June 4, 2002. She was a member of the Brother Bertram Society. My late condolences to the family.

1967 Christian Brothers and St. Francis High School celebrated their 35-year reunion at the Sutter Club. **Roger Valine** was one of the committee members and said that everyone enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to getting together again. Eighty people were in attendance.

1972 The 30-year reunion for the class of 1972 consisted of Christian Brothers, Bishop Manogue, and St. Francis High Schools. It took place on October 5. The event was held at Socal's Tavern which is owned by **William Farrell**, Class of 1972. Another one of the "party boys" from the class of 1959 was a former owner of the tavern, **Larry Socal**. In attendance were 60 classmates, consisting of about 20 per school, according to

REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1973

Christian Brothers and Bishop Manogue Reunion

Please call Dan Martin at (916) 685-4299 if you are interested in having a reunion next year.

Class of 1983

Christian Brothers and Bishop Manogue Reunion

Saturday, July 12, 2003
Sutter Club

Contact Sally Cebreros at (916) 733-3647 for more information.

Class of 1989

Christian Brothers and Bishop Manogue Reunion

Please contact Cindy Cates at (916) 973-6808 or e-mail her at clcates44@yahoo.com for more information.

We are missing addresses for many Bishop Manogue alumnae. Please call Sally Cebreros '83 at the CB Development Office at (916) 733-3647 or e-mail her at scebreros@cbhs-sacramento.org to update your information or a friend's information.



Just a handful of students from Bishop Manogue Class of 1971

Bruce Jaramillo one of the committee members. **Brother Thomas** from Oregon attended the event and the consensus was that everyone enjoyed themselves and

they are considering have another reunion next year.

That's all for now, keep in touch. I will look forward to hearing from you. ♦

Alumni, So what's new?

Alumni, we want to keep in touch with you and keep your fellow alumni updated on what has been happening in your life. Your news will be included in Jack Stassi's "Alumni and Friends" article in the upcoming *Connection*. We will also print your photos, space allowing.

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Occupation _____

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Here's what I've been up to: _____

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CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
HIGH SCHOOL

33rd ANNUAL

Alumni Dinner

Christian Brothers, Bishop Manogue, Bishop Armstrong and St. Joseph's Academy alumni are invited to attend the Christian Brothers High School Alumni Association's Annual Alumni Dinner

Saturday, January 25, 2003

4315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.,
Sacramento (in the school gymnasium)

Social begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18.00 per person in advance, \$30.00 at the door. For advance tickets and table reservations, please send your check made payable to CBHS Alumni Dinner at 4315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95820 or call (916) 733-3600 to charge on a MasterCard or VISA. Proceeds benefit Christian Brothers High School Alumni Scholarship Fund and the students' academic, athletic and co-curricular programs.

Please call Sally Cebreros at
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