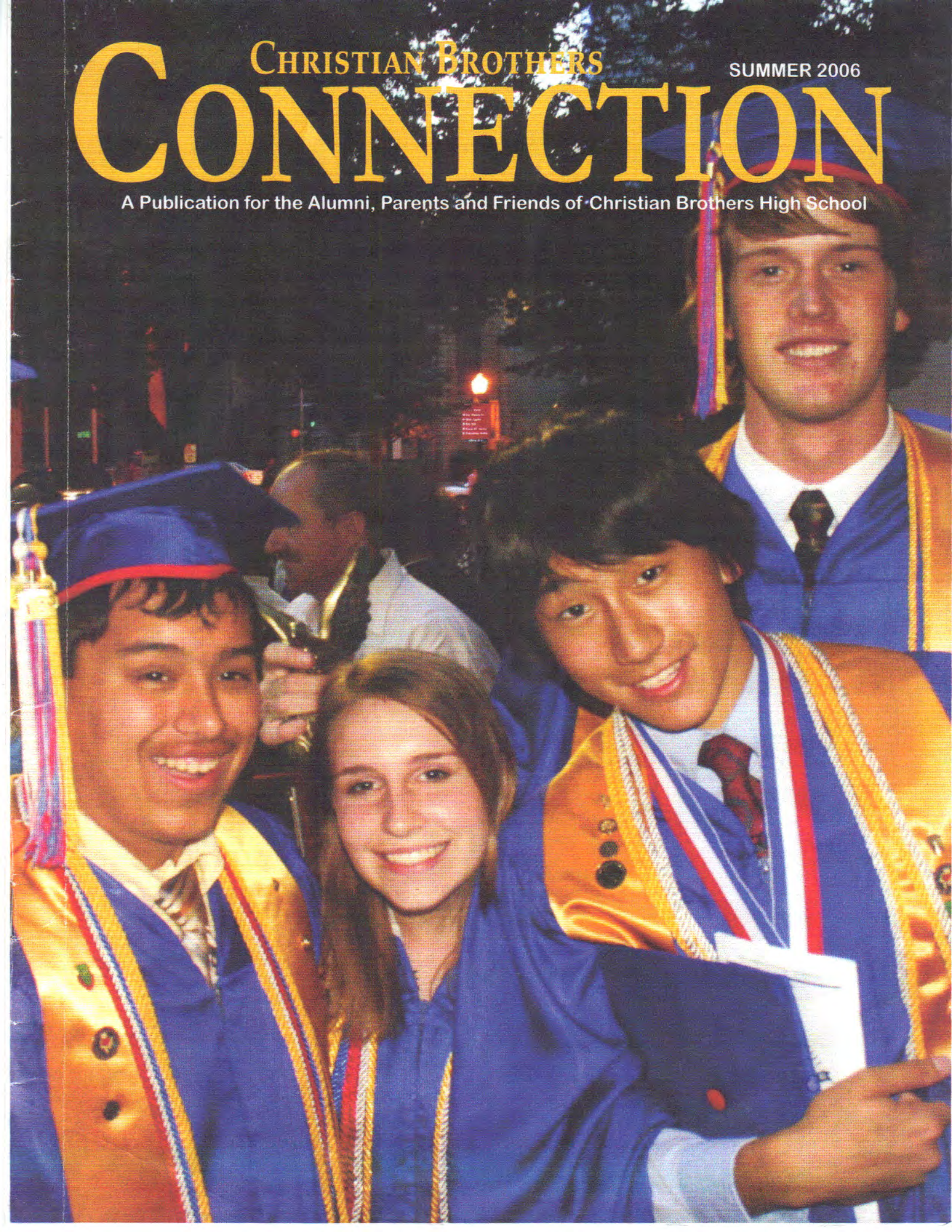
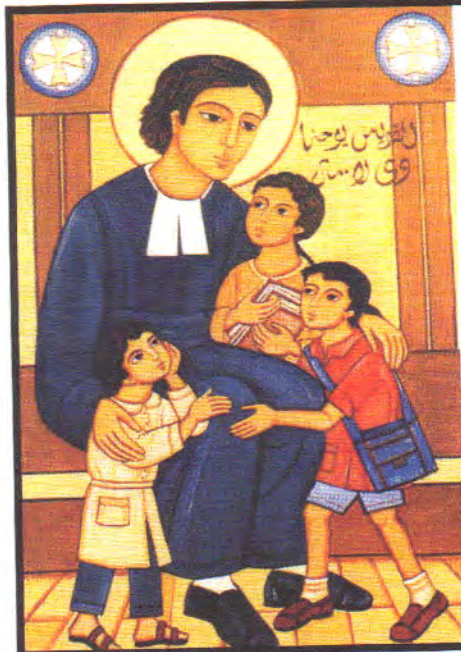


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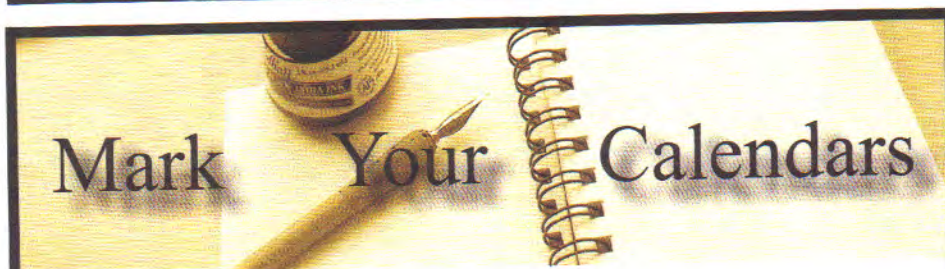
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Alumni Events

- The 19th Annual Alumni Wine Tasting Extravaganza
September 8, 2006
- The 18th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
October 23, 2006
- The 37th Annual Alumni Dinner
February 3, 2007
- Christian Brothers Auction
March 10, 2007

Class Reunions

(Details to follow from class representatives)

- Classes of 2002–05 June 23, 2006
- Class of 1995 June 24, 2006
- Class of 1956 September 16, 2006
- Class of 1976 October 28, 2006
- Class of 1986 (Manogue) Thanksgiving Weekend

Corrections: Our apologies for the following mistakes in the Fall 2005 issue of *Connection*: On page 15, the donors names should be Bruce and Jacqueline Whitlam. On Page 41, Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Alvord should have been included in the list of donors in memory of Gloria R. Gormley. On page 42, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. George E. Rader, Sr. was in memory of George W. Signorotti '42.

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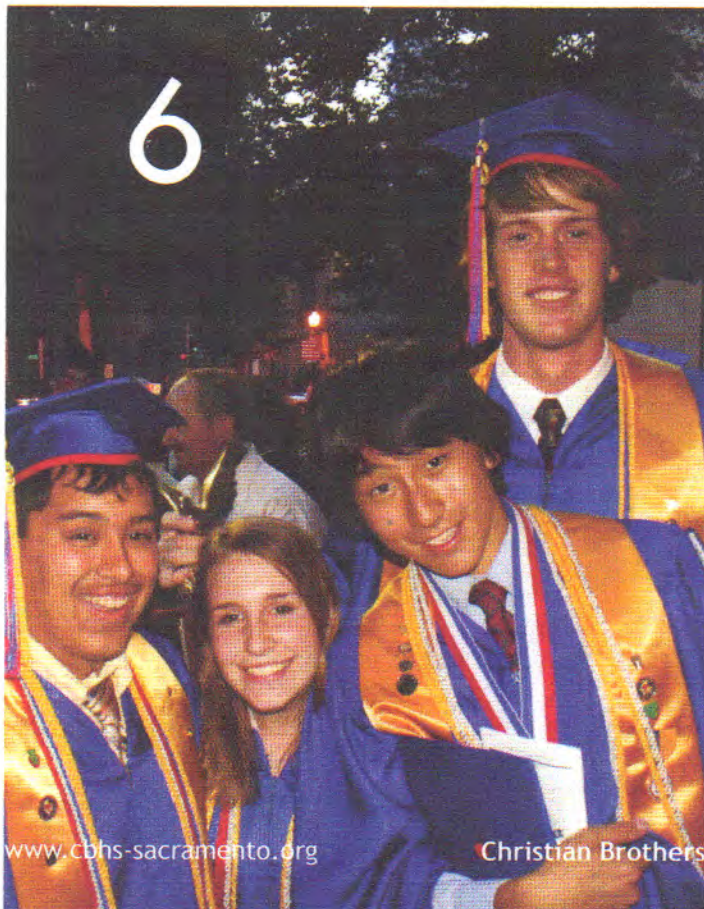
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the celebration of our 130th commencement, another school year comes to a close. But I tell all of you that our work is far from over.

Being the oldest Catholic high school in Sacramento gives us unique distinction, but such status also emphasizes our need for modernization. This summer, our Oak Park campus turns 50—a landmark date to be sure, but it is one that should be as much a marker of past success as it should be a jumping point toward future goals.

Our campus is in her golden years and much of the school looks substantially the same as it did when it opened as Bishop Armstrong High School in 1956. Our greatest improvements have only been in recent years, with the 2001 construction of the new Science, Math and Technology (SMAT) wing and the 2004 remodel of the Ron Limeberger '53 Gymnasium. It is time for more change.

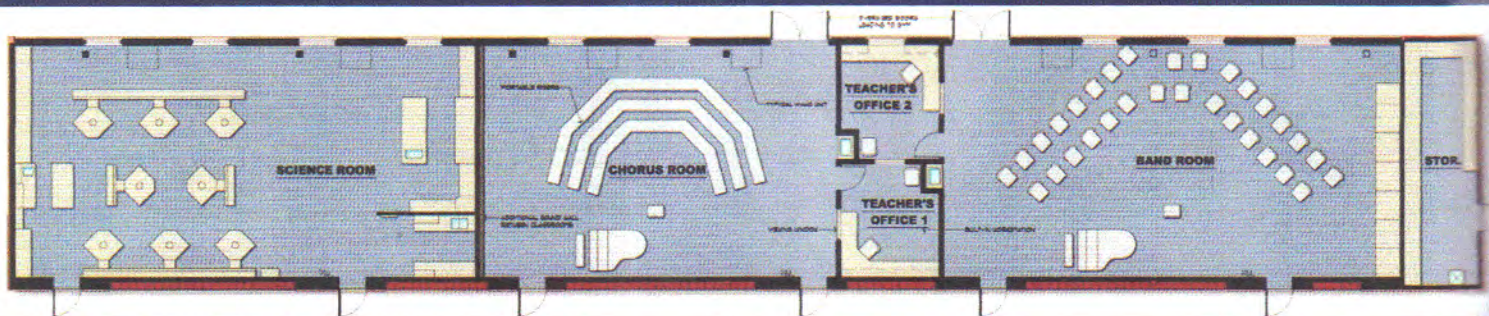
Facilities are one key ingredient essential to providing our students with the best in a Catholic, Lasallian college preparatory education.



The Project at Hand: President Barnes meets with alumni parent Randy Davies (father of Sarah '96 and Laura '99), the contractor who renovated the softball field.

This summer, we are undertaking an \$800,000 project to renovate and rejuvenate the east annex building. The structure is located across from the cafeteria and has been largely underutilized since the construction of the SMAT wing. Two of the former science classrooms located within the building have been used for storage over the past four years. A third classroom remains in operation. When construction

The East Annex Renewed...



The new east annex classrooms will meet the needs of our award-winning music program while supporting the enhancement of our science department. Converting the existing annex building into three new classrooms (two for music, one for science) will make use of a structure located near the cafeteria and main lawn, the heart of the campus. The renovation will cost more than \$800,000 when completed. To learn more on how you can support the project, please call CB's Director of Advancement Paul Rieschick at 916-733-3608.

is completed, we will have two brand new classrooms dedicated to support the growth of our award-winning music program (one room for choir, the other for instrumental music) and an improved science classroom. All three rooms will be air conditioned.

But the changes don't stop there. The baseball and softball fields were recently renovated to support our rich athletic tradition. The varsity baseball infield received a total makeover while the JV field saw minor improvements. Three years ago, our Alumni Association, in collaboration with the school administration, identified the softball fields as the beneficiary of its annual fundraising efforts. The Alumni Association provided the principle monies needed to reorient the softball field (relocating home plate closer to the track), build new dugouts and a new backstop.

The renovation of the east annex and the remodeling of the baseball and softball fields came from the generosity of our friends, our alumni. But they are early success stories in what will be a long road toward modernization. There is still much more to do, and if we are to be successful, we must work together. I



Who's on First: Christian Brothers varsity baseball players practice on their renovated baseball field.

dream of the day when I see a campus geared to meet all the needs of this new "iGeneration"—to see a CB improved, with facilities that reflect and embody the spirit and attitude already present. I hope to see a campus renewed, and a school that has lost none of the character or charisma that was there when the campus opened in 1956. I invite you to share this dream with me now, and help bring about a new chapter in the long, storied history of Christian Brothers High School.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts...forever.

Lorcan P. Barnes
President



Above, construction crews are remodeling the east annex building into new choir, music and science classrooms. Renovation began in the spring and will be completed before the start of the 2006-07 school year.



...and the tradition

(Pictured left to right) Timothy Nguyen, James Taugher, Vic Anderson, Randolph Palada, Thomas Garrett, Austin Stannis and Chad Gavino.

continues...

The Class of '06 Joins the Hallowed Alumni ranks of Christian Brothers

Another year, another distinguished class and another commencement celebration—the 130th for Christian Brothers High School. And now, 246 newly-minted graduates are off to colleges across the nation.

The graduation celebration began early Friday, May 26 with the Baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Officiated by the Most Reverend Bishop Richard J. Garcia, the liturgy is an opportunity for graduates and their families to give thanks to God and reflect on their time at CB. Many members of the Christian Brothers community chose to participate and share in the celebration of the Mass. The liturgy was a quiet, contemplative precursor to the excitement of the coming commencement ceremony later that day.

Held at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium, the commencement exercises for the Class of 2006 were bittersweet, filled with tears, laughs, hugs and smiles. Senior Class President **Rachel Franzoia** (enrolling at UCLA) served as Master of Ceremonies for the graduation celebration and was joined on stage by Salutatorian **Brendan Wright** (off to West Point) and Valedictorian **Keith Lui** (attending UC Berkeley).

In addition to conferring diplomas on the class of 2006, the administration also presented individual awards to students recognized for their talent, character and scholastic commitment.

The La Salle Scholar-Athlete Awards were presented

to **Amanda Limeberger** and **John Stewart Winslow**. This award is given to that senior who has a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 through the end of the first semester of the senior year. Both students have a solid attendance record and an excellent record of citizenship in the classroom and sportsmanship on the field of play.

The De La Salle Medal for Excellence in Religion was awarded to **Justin Perez**. The medal is awarded by the Administration and the Religious Studies Department to that student who in their judgment has attained the highest level of achievement in religious studies, and most importantly, exemplifies this Christian spirit in his or her daily life.

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Ticket to the Future: Before she leaves for the University of Southern California, Lauren Evashenk receives her diploma from Principal Raymond Burnell.



The Jack Witry Award was presented to **Rachel Franzoia** (UCLA) and **Tara Larson** (off to St. Mary's College of California). Both students exemplified Mr. Jack Witry's spirit - a spirit best defined by the combination of outstanding character, integrity, leadership, and service to Christian Brothers High School. Mr. Witry, who attended the ceremony and presented the award, has served the Catholic community and Christian Brothers for 39 years in a variety of academic, administrative, and athletic capacities.

The Academic Excellence Award was awarded to



The Turn of the Tassel: Above, the class of 2006 turn the tassels on their caps signifying their commencement. Below, Brother George Van Grieken, FSC Mr. Tomas Capogreco '86, Ms. Tracy Chadbourne and Mr. Kenny Kirrene '78.

Valedictorian **Keith Lui**, who has distinguished himself with four years of outstanding scholarship reflected in his grade point average of 4.56.

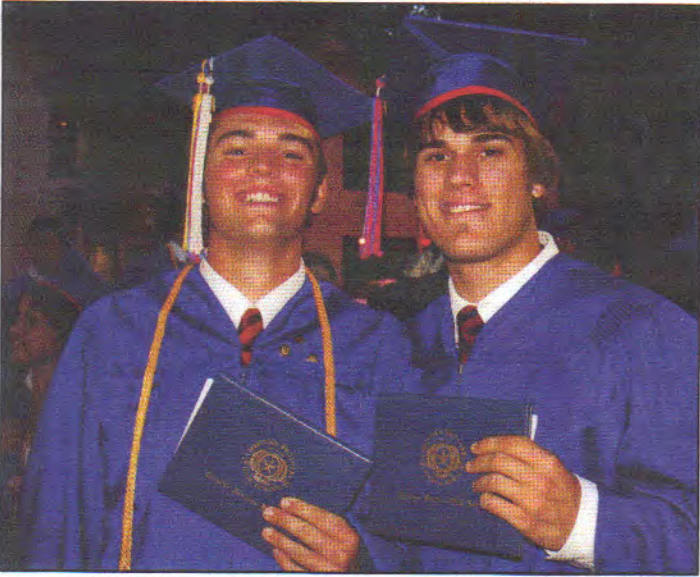
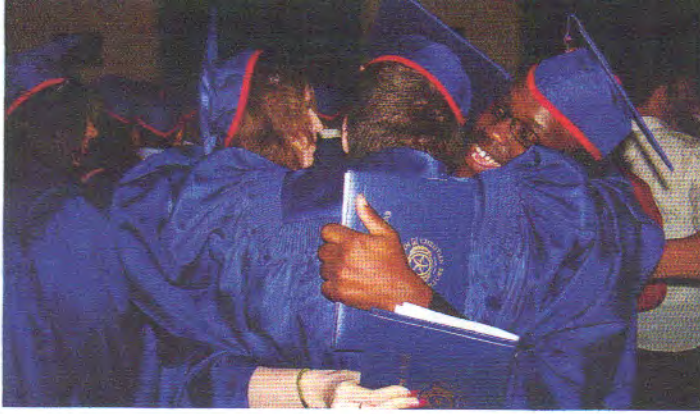
Off to College...

Out of a total of 246 students, 165 will be attending a 4-year college; 77 are attending a 2-year college; 2 are entering the military; 1 is undecided and 1 will take a gap year.

The following are some of the colleges the class of '06 were admitted to: Georgetown University, University of Southern California, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC San Francisco, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, Saint Mary's College, Boston College, San Diego State University, Loyola Marymount University, University of San Francisco,

United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, Sacramento State University, San Francisco State University, San Jose State University, California, Sonoma State University, California State University, Chico Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Gonzaga University, Lewis & Clark College, University of Portland, Cal Arts, University of Arizona, Santa Clara University, Chapman University, Macalester College, Saint Olaf College, Tulane University, University of San Diego, and Oregon Institute of Technology.

99%
of '06 grads are off to college or careers in the military.



Celebrating Their Achievement: Above, Now alumni embrace after the graduation ceremony. Below, Doug Drozd and Jacob Jablonsky show their diplomas.

The Brother Ambrose Award for Lasallian Service and Loyalty is the highest award bestowed upon a graduating senior of Christian Brothers High School. The following students were nominated for this award by the Class of 2006: **Jonathan Chaffin, Barton Firch, Maggie Fitzgerald, Rachel Franzoia, Tara Larson, Daniel Leyva, Erin McKenna, and Justin Perez.** This award honors the student whose exceptional service, loyalty, principles, and character embody the Lasallian spirit of Brother Ambrose, who served De La Salle for seventy-four years, over forty of them in Sacramento. This year, the Brother Ambrose Award was presented to **Jonathan Chaffin (off to Chapman University).**

After the ceremony, the graduates spilled out onto the sidewalk before Memorial Auditorium, making the street awash in bright blue gowns and red tassels. Families and faculty surrounded the graduates after the ceremony, embracing the young adults and wishing them the best as they head off to their new lives. Indeed, the day emulated the senior class motto: "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."

'06 Spotlight

Meet the New Alumni



Rachel Ann Franzoia

Age: 17

Parents: Janis Kukla-Franzoia and Dave Franzoia

Grade School: Sutter Middle School

Special Acknowledgements: Senior Class President, Talon Newspaper Editor, Women's Soccer, Jack Witry Award winner

Why Did You Choose

Christian Brothers: "Before coming to CB, I had heard about the rigorous academic requirements of the school, and this appealed to me. However, what sold me was the atmosphere."

Family Members who attended CB: "My grandfather and great uncles attended CB, as well as many of my dad's cousins. Two of my cousins graduated in 2003 and 2004 and I have two cousins currently attending who are both sophomores."

Future Goals: "After graduating, I hope to attend law school."

College Plans: University of California, Los Angeles

Keith Kee-Chi Lui

Age: 17

Parents: Eleanor Lui and For-Shing Lui

Grade School: Merryhill School

Special

Acknowledgements:

Lui has played English Horn for the Sacramento Youth Symphony Premier Orchestra for three years, and was named number

one high school student on the English Horn in the nation. He is also the 2006 Valedictorian, brandishing an impressive 4.56 grade point average.

Why Did You Choose Christian Brothers: "My brother (Kevin '02) came to CB and I elected to follow in his footsteps."

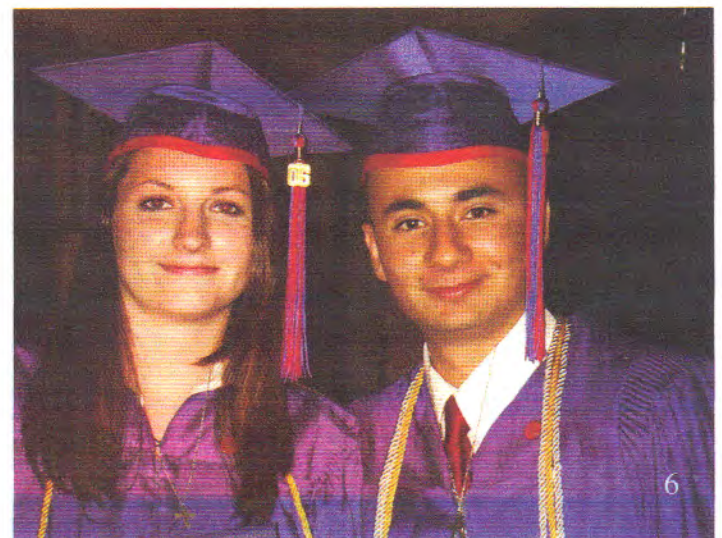
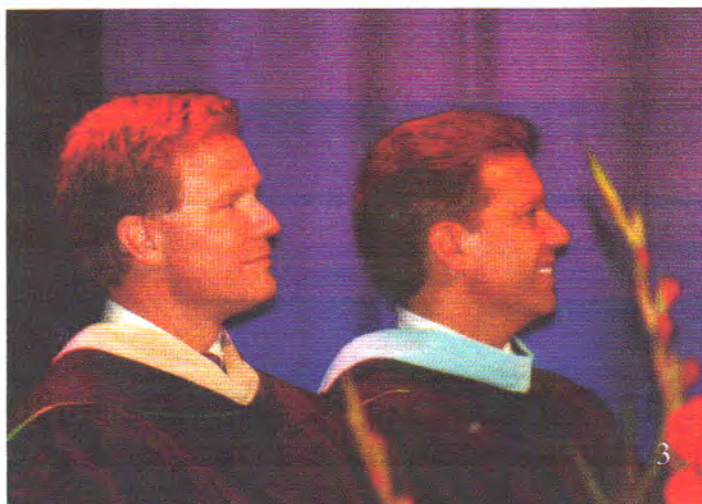
Favorite CB memory: "Last day of Freshman year, knowing I can survive high school."

Future Goals: To go to college, to be employed. Most importantly, "to be happy."

College Plans: University of California, Berkeley

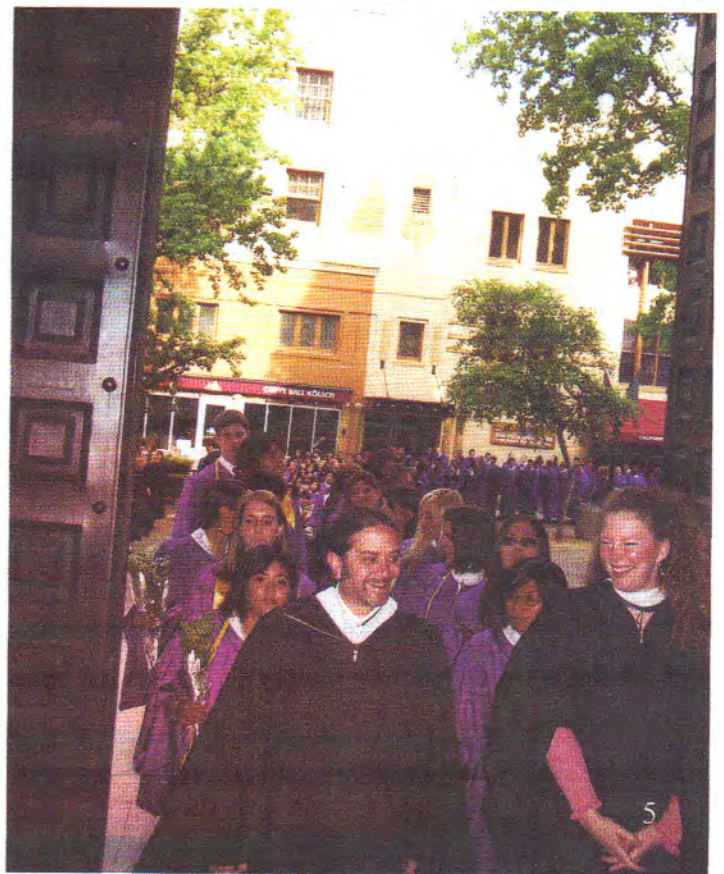
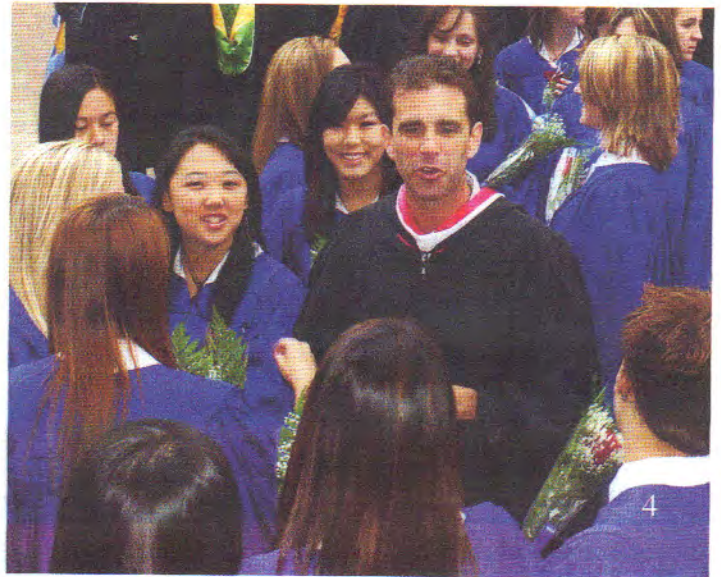


Class of 2006
Graduation



Graduation 2006: 1. Kathleen Tucker and Brittany Liverett; 2. Megan Welge; 3. President Lorcan Barnes and Principal Raymond Burnell; 4. Vic Anderson embraces a fellow graduate. 5. (l-r) Director of Advancement Paul Rieschick and Trustees Thea Stidum, Monsignor James Murphy, Patty Moore, Peter Berghuis, Rita Spillane, Trustee Board Chair Janet Ruggiero and Principal Raymond Burnell; 6. Kelli Waters and Mike Sanchez.

Graduation Class of 2006



Baccalaureate Liturgy 2006: 1. The class of 2006 and their families participate in Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament; 2. Fathers and sons pose for a picture after the liturgy; 3. Lisa Keikoan and Kent Sargent smile for a self-portrait; 4. Senior Class Moderator Kenny Kirrene '78 talks with graduates before the ceremony; 5. Teachers Tomas Capogreco '86 and Tracy Chadbourne led the class of 2006 into the Cathedral.

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Back at the Year
That Was

Photo Album of Alumni and School Events During the 2005-06 School Year





So many memories, so many good times, so many photos—the 2005-06 school year has played host to a collage of great moments, whether it be at our Annual Auction, the popular Wine Tasting Extravaganza or the Alumni Dinner. All deserve remembering and the following pages are filled with snapshots from some of Christian Brothers’ most memorable events.



A Look Back at:

END OF SCHOOL

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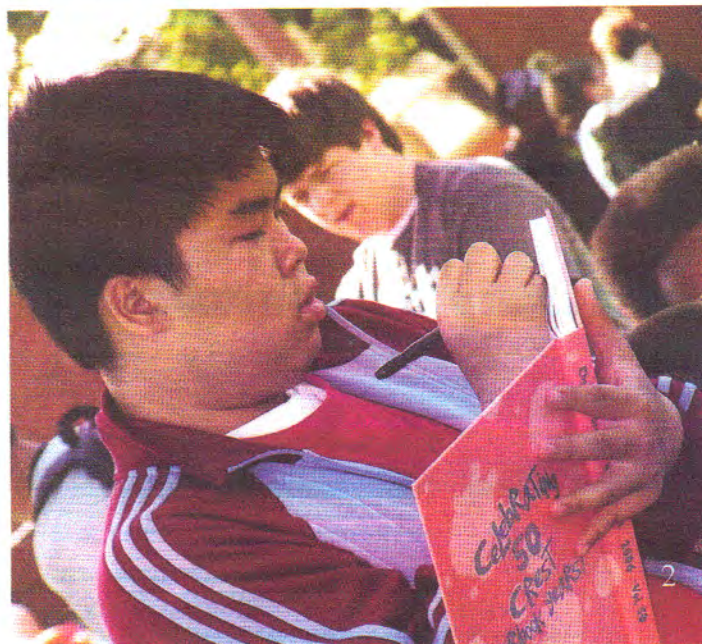
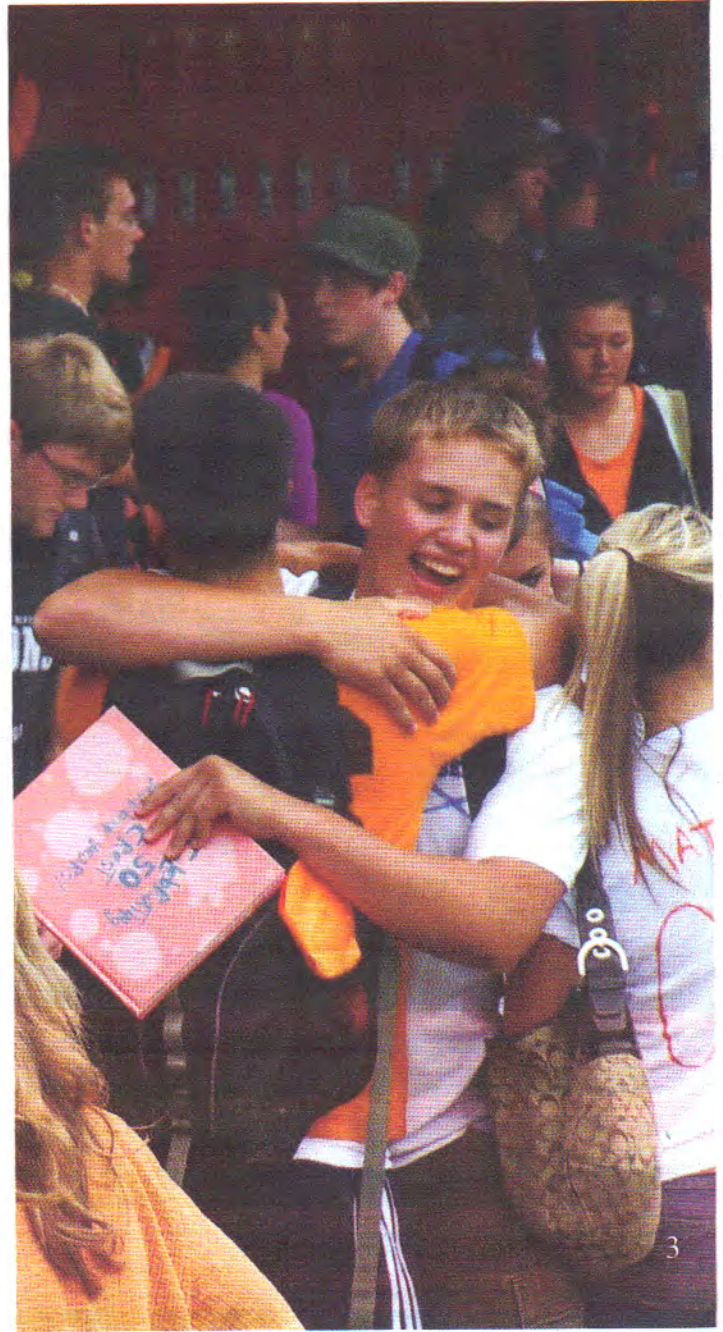
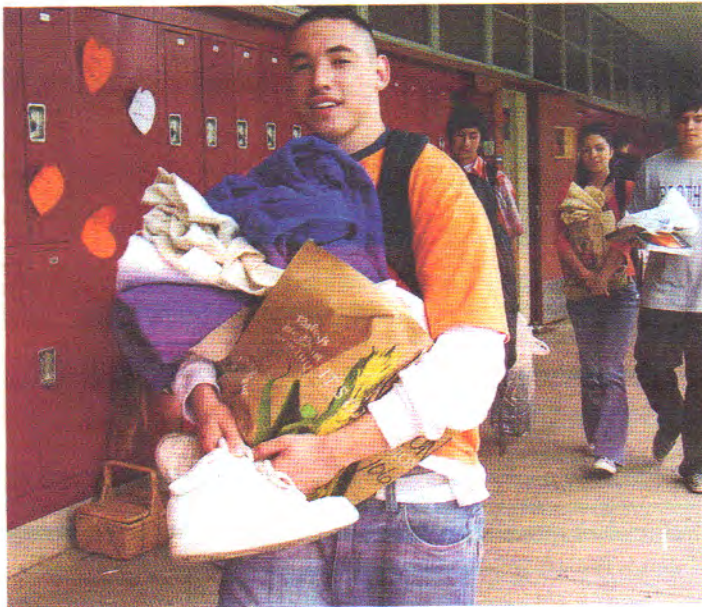
Beginning at top left (clockwise): The Senior Class mural; Bob Perry '56 with Jim Bertoni '56; Trustee Monsignor Jim Murphy and Chuck Sylva '65; Polo Adamo '07; Curtis Raulinaitis '06, Jacob Jablonsky '06 and Michael Sanchez '06. Opposite Page (top left, clockwise): Tara Cogan '06 and Laine Himmelmann '06; Mr. Kenny Kirrene '78; Tara Larson '06, Megan Gomes '06, Stevie Jablonsky '06 and Rachel Franzoia '06; and Jim McNamara '47 and Jack Witry.



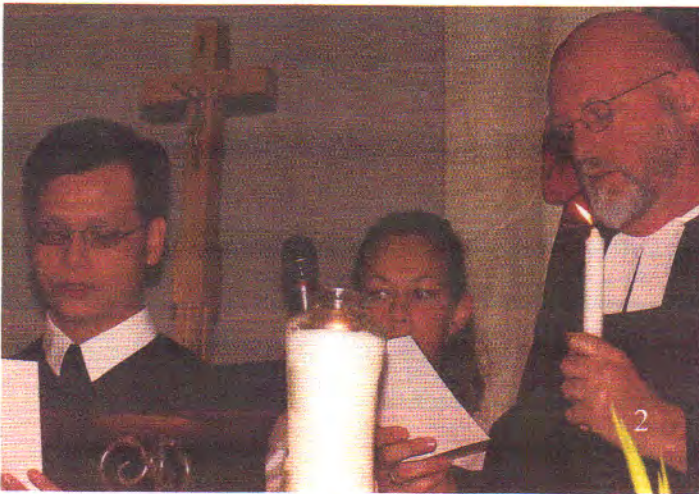
END OF SCHOOL

It began with a rustle, then clapping and then came an all-out celebration as students marked the last day of ordinary instruction. Streaming out of the classrooms like water from a broken dam, the students flooded the courtyard.

Pictured are: 1. Sam Regalado '06 carries off the contents of his locker; 2. Randolph Palada '06 signs yearbooks; 3. Jake Schuering '07 embraces a friend; 4. Alexander Polk '06, Erin McKenna '06 and Adam Price '07 show their excitement.



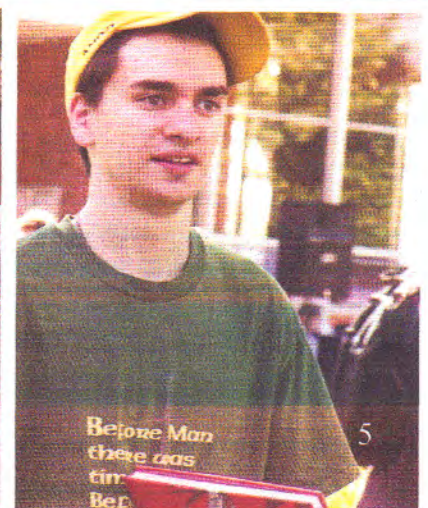
DE LA SALLE WEEK



De La Salle Week is a time when the school celebrates the core Lasallian principles that sustain our educational community. Held May 8-12, highlights included a clothing drive for children at Oakridge Elementary School; an Oak Park street cleanup; a special liturgy that emphasized gospel elements of school life; a ceremony where the Brothers renewed their vows; and the annual school community fun day—a time when students can sign yearbooks, talk with faculty and enjoy a special barbeque.

De La Salle Week also saw the annual presentation of the Lasallian Educator of the Year Award. This year, Athletic Director Jill Bennett was honored with the distinction, singled out for her commitment to the Lasallian education principles of Christian Brothers.

Pictured below are: 1. Bishop Richard Garcia presides over the La Salle liturgy; 2. Brother George Van Gricken, FSC and Brother Thomas Phan, FSC renew their vows; 3. Lasallian Educator of the Year Mrs. Jill Bennett; 4. Gabrielle Grow '06 attempts to dunk Assistant Principal Mr. Tom English; 5. Matthew Conners '07.



Assistant Principal Mr. Tom English Drops in for a Swim



A Look Back:

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

It is from the efforts of alumni and parent volunteers that special engagements like the Annual Alumni Dinner and the Wine Tasting Extravaganza are so successful. To honor the many alumni, parents and friends who volunteer, Christian Brothers hosted a special Volunteer Celebration on Tuesday, May 16.

Receiving special honors were outgoing officers Kevin Crossland '69, President of the Alumni Association; Don Fitzgerald, Booster Club President; and Shauna Pompei, Lasallian Parent Connection President. Each received a "director's chair" for their work in leading their respective organizations. Also recognized at the event were the parents of graduating seniors.



Beginning at top: 1. The attendees at the volunteer celebration; 2. Alumni Association president Kevin Crossland '69, Booster Club President Don Fitzgerald, and Lasallian Parent Connection President Shauna Pompei; 3. Don Fitzgerald with Parent Group Coordinator Donna Adam; 4. Principal Ray Burnell presents parent volunteer awards.



A Look Back:

BASEBALL HALL OF FAME DINNER

The Christian Brothers Baseball Hall of Fame dinner is a very special night hosted by the La Salle Club. Held April 21, the event is an opportunity to honor a number of alumni and local citizens who have made great contributions to America's favorite pastime. More than 300 people attended the dinner. Pictured are: 1. Jim McNamara '47 addresses attendees with Chado Vasquez '52; 2. Event chef Brian Mahaney '72 with his student assistants.

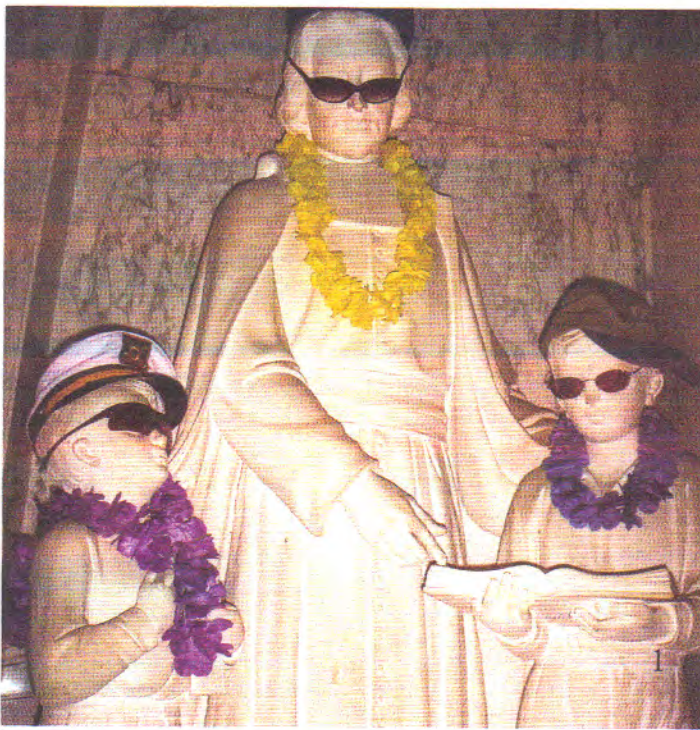


CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AUCTION

Raising approximately \$100,000, the 2006 CB Auction was an evening filled with fun and fundraising, drawing a crowd of 350 people.

The 2006 Auction "cruise" brought guests to Hawaii. Attendants were treated to authentic Hawaiian food and beautiful leis.

In addition to the many wonderful items (wine tastings, dinners, CB wear and appliances) up for bid, a grand prize raffle was also held for a \$3,000 travel voucher, generously donated by Genovese, Forman & Burford and Susan Nunan of Galaxsea Cruises.



Beginning at top left: 1. Even our Founder got into the Hawaiian theme; 2. Kathy Fitzgerald, Brother George Van Grieken, FSC, Mike Shamrock '60, Cindy Shamrock, and CB Booster Club President Don Fitzgerald; 3. Helen Pierson, live auction chair, with daughter Sandy Pierson (in Falcon costume); 4. Dr. Steve Howell after purchasing the preferred student parking spot; 5. Auction Co-Chairs Mary Anderson and Mary Ann Burford; 6. Auction bartenders Mark Perry '71 and Rhea Harris.

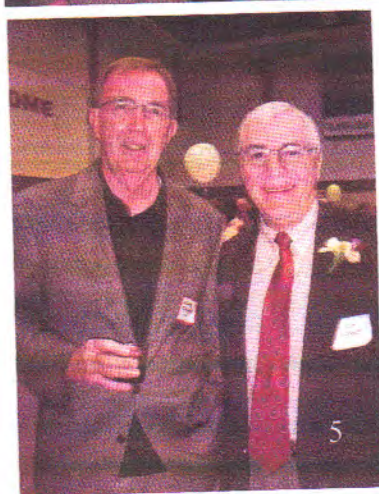
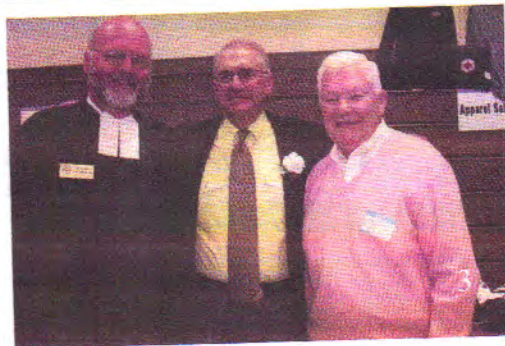
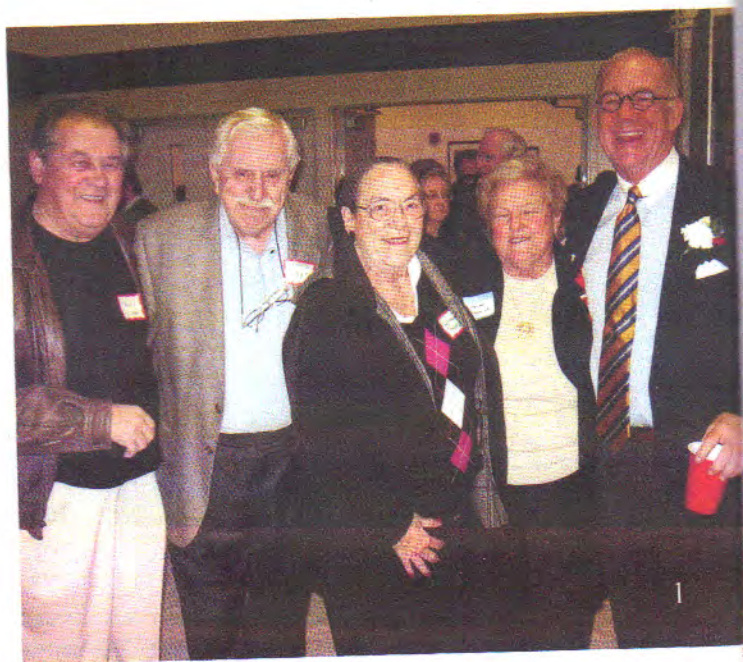
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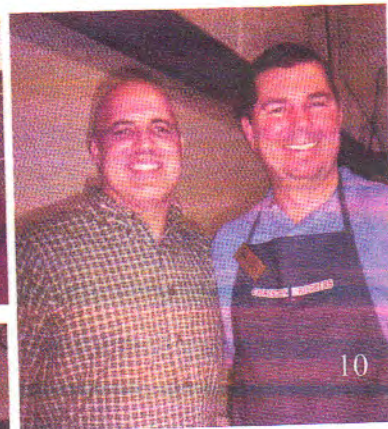
Time may pass, but the Christian Brothers family remains close. This dedication and commitment to CB is never more apparent than at the Annual Alumni dinner.

Held Saturday, January 21, 2006, 400 CB alumni and their families returned home to reconnect with classmates, recall old memories and relive their high school days. The event raised \$8,000 to support CB.

The dinner also honored the golden reunion of the Class of '56. Each returning graduate received a golden diploma.



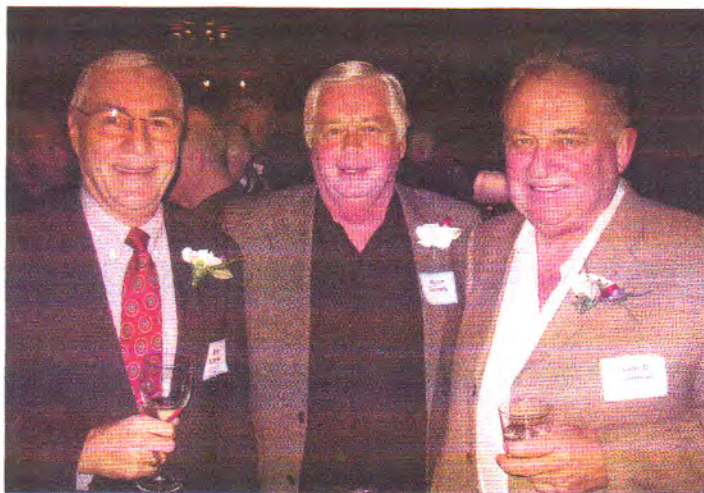
Beginning at top right: 1. Jack Clara '50, Alfred Franzoia '39, Denise (Desmond) Franzoia, Maxine Kanzovich, and Kevin Crossland '69; 2. James Reel '68, Karen Weddle, and Tim Johnston '68; 3. Brother George Van Grieken, FSC, Steven Beneto '56, and Burrell DeVine '55; 4. Mary Alice Bennett '99 laughs with friends; 5. Cousins Earl Schnetz '59 and Bob Schnetz '56; 6. Donald Pesavento '56; 7. President Lorcan Barnes, and Pat McCormick '58; 8. Kevin Haag '87 and Kevin McGovern '74; 9. Honorary alumnus Roy Gallagher looks over the alumni dinner program; 10. Paul Havey '81 and Troy Bird '82; 11. John Lane '56 with a friend.





The End of an Era: The Class of '56 was the last class to graduate from CB when the school was located at the 21st and Broadway campus.

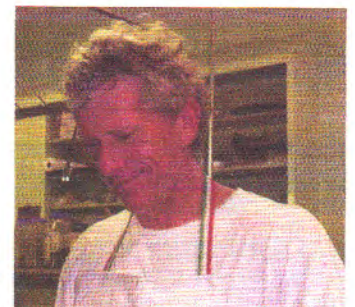
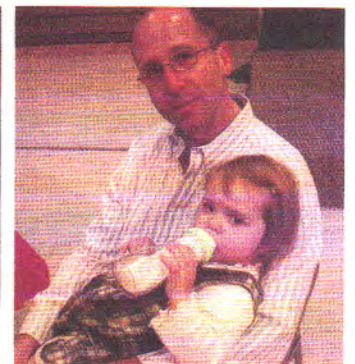
Alumni Award Recipients



Times May Change: Class of '56 graduates Robert "Bob" Schnetz (left) with his cousin Byron Schnetz (center) and Garret Lemmon (right) catch up at the alumni dinner. Years may have passed, but their friendship is as strong as it was when they were students at CB (below).



Alumni Award Recipients: (top left) Marcia La Rosa (pictured with husband Frank '62 and former Alumni Director Larry Cline) received the Honorary Alumna award; (top right) Chris Curtis (with daughter) became an honorary member of the Class of '79; (right) Brian Mahaney '72 (serving as chef for the alumni dinner) was honored with the Alumni Service Award.



CLASS OF '56 REUNION
September 16, 2006
(Details to come from class representatives)

A Look Back:

AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER

The annual Ambassadors' Club Dinner, held October 12, 2005, gathered 214 of CB's most generous donors and friends. Br. Ron Gallagher, FSC, President of St. Mary's College, was the featured speaker at the event and the CB Jazz Choir and Jazz Band performed contemporary numbers.

Thea Stidum, member of the Christian Brothers Board of Trustees, was named the 2005 Ambassador of the Year. The first female principal of Sacramento High School, Ms. Stidum has dedicated her life and energy to the education of young people and for most of the past 15 years, she has been a loyal and generous CB trustee and benefactress.

St. John Baptist de La Salle told his followers: "You are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ." Truly, Thea Stidum lives that mission.

Interested in the Ambassadors' Club? Call Paul Rieschick at 916-733-3608.



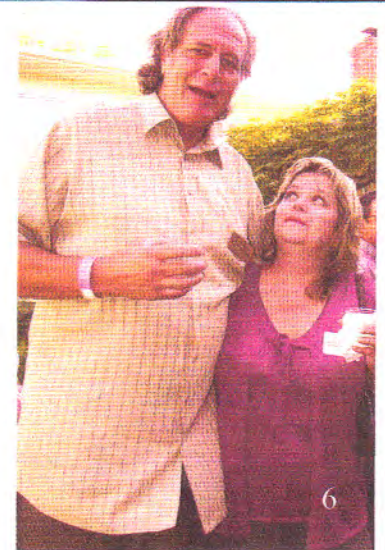
Beginning at top left: 1. Director of Advancement Paul Rieschick and John Reilly; 2. Robert '95 and Kelly Vellanoweth; 3. Thea Stidum and Br. Richard Camara, FSC; 4. Jean Lahey and Monsignor Jim Murphy, Trustee; 5. CB Trustee Patty Moore and Sue Olson; 6. Todd Bird '78 and Susannah Nelson, CB Campus Minister.

A Look Back:

THE 18TH ANNUAL WINE TASTING EXTRAVAGANZA

One of the largest social events in Sacramento, the Christian Brothers Annual Wine Tasting Extravaganza draws approximately 1,000 guests every year. Held September 9, 2005 at Christian Brothers, the Alumni Association event was chaired by Phil Bokan '92 and Mindy Potter '98.

Guests were treated to samples from 80 wineries, 25 local restaurants, and scores of Sacramento breweries. Along with all the fun to be had, the event raised \$38,000 to support CB.



Beginning at top left: 1. Melinda and Trustee David '65 Rasul and Art Camacho '63; 2. Burrell '55 and Michele DeVine and Suzie (Franzoia) Rozewski; 3. Connie and Richard Koppes and Ken Bennett '74; 4. Gail Soto '96 and a friend; 5. Kendra Galenti '99 and Patrick Harbison '98; 6. Trustee Peter and Carole Berghuis; 7. Fr. Edward Pepka and Jack Witry.

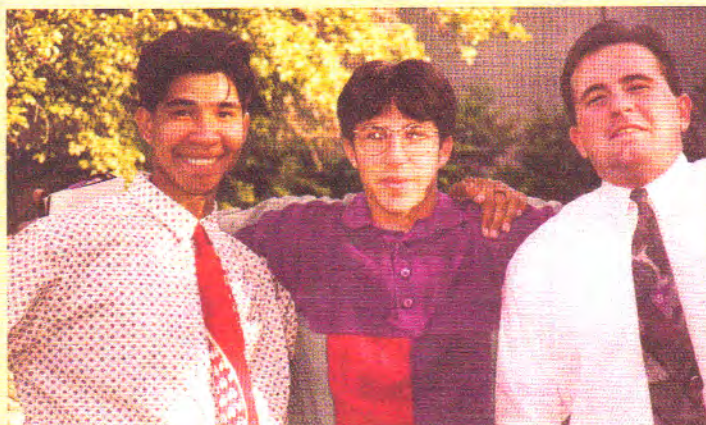
CB, in My Own Words...

By Armando Diaz, Class of '94

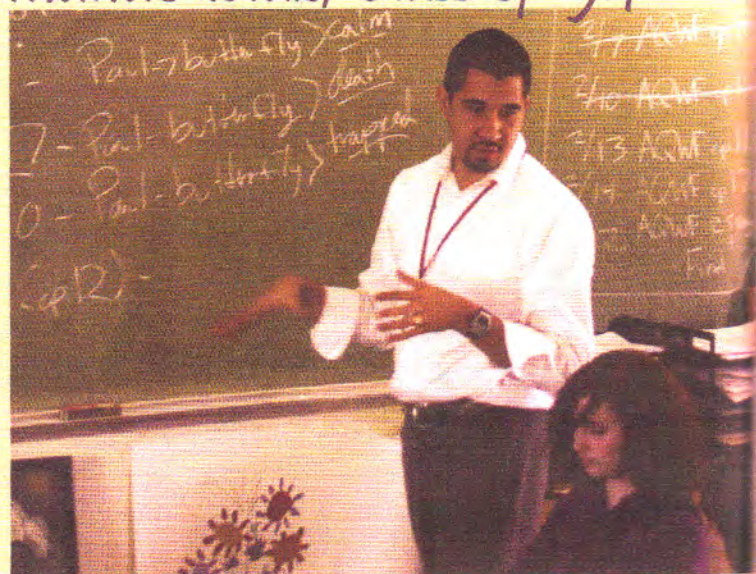
Driving home from Christian Brothers one day, having just finished another semester and still reeling from the piles of essay grading, I took a few moments to reflect on my life as a Lasallian educator. Earlier that day, we had the Fall Sports Rally and I invited my brother Javier '93 to see the campus and chat with his "old" teachers. The students were in the middle of some class competition involving a soccer ball and a baseball bat when my brother turned to me with a grin on his face and remarked, "You guys...the way you look at these kids...it's like they're your own kids. It's almost maternal."

That got me thinking: what is it about this place called Christian Brothers? This opened up a whole range of questions that intrigued me. What does it mean to say I work under the mission of Saint John Baptist de La Salle? What unites this staff to come to this school everyday? There are essays with too many grammar mistakes, lab reports that never seem to follow the right format, and detentions given out for pants that are too low and tops that are too tight. What are we as educators really giving to our students, and as a former student and current teacher, what unique perspective do I have to offer to the culture of this school?

I began to contemplate how De La Salle gave to us educators a guidebook for operating a school based on the life and teachings of Christ. He had high expectations of his teachers and students whom he wanted to emulate the principles of love and charity. This would result in a school culture that worked to carry out gospel values. As a student, I learned that the "dog-eat-dog" mentality does not lead to happiness. The one who dies with the most toys does not win. The strong are not the only ones who survive. I graduated in 1994 a strong believer in this world-view, and in addition to the Lasallian call to service, my faith became alive in a very profound and loving way.



The Good Ol' Days: (l-r) Armando Diaz '94, Chris LaSalla '95 and Peter Breech '95.



Head of the Class: Armando Diaz '94 teaching an English class at Christian Brothers High School.

Now as a Lasallian educator, I feel compelled to return that message Christ taught us about how the poor must not be ignored, for the face of God is reflected in their struggles. I hope to guide and teach my students, as I was taught, that the strong have a moral obligation to help the weak, and in the end, we will be judged on how well we loved those who are defenseless and in need. But more importantly, I hope to impart the message that the fullness of life opens up to us when we see that God's graces are given to all of us, the rich and the poor, and the more we give to others, the more these graces seem to grow. We as Lasallian educators try to model this in the way we interact with the students, and eventually, a culture that embodies De La Salle's mission comes alive. We give these gifts to our students, and they in turn bring this message to the world. As the decades pass, the Lasallian tradition lives on.

I am reminded of the words of Pope Benedict XVI who said in his inaugural papal address, "God, who became a lamb, tells us that the world is saved by the Crucified One, not by those who crucified him." I think Lasallian educators all over the world smiled upon hearing those words because they knew that this is the message being taught to their students everyday. Love for Jesus Christ is the spark that lights the fire of youth and we Lasallian educators play a part in building that relationship. We are called to play a part in that relationship. Perhaps it is this closeness that led my brother to see this "maternal" connection to our students because in a way, we give so much of ourselves to our students and they give so much of themselves back to us. Maybe even like a parent to a child.

Armando Diaz received his B.A. from UC Davis in 1998 and his teaching credential from St. Mary's College in 1999. He and his wife, Rachel Rizzo Diaz, are the proud parents of new baby Graciela Maria.

Alumni News & Notes

C. Stanley Gilliam '41

A columnist for the Senior Spectrum Newspaper, Stan lives in Sacramento with his wife Joan. He holds a B.A. from St. Mary's College and a M.A. from CSU Sacramento. Stan says his sons, John "Tony" '69 and Stuart '76, are also partners in a mall being built in the Franklin area of Elk Grove. The development will be constructed on family land.

Manuel J. Viera, Jr. '41

A retired volunteer residing in Sacramento, Mannie lives with his wife Alice and enjoys golfing, old movies, good oldies music, and his association with the "Brother Hoods." In regards to his time at CBS, Mannie remembers "the camaraderie, the real good teachers...the handball games, graduation, and my Valedictorian speech."

Peter G. Grassi '42

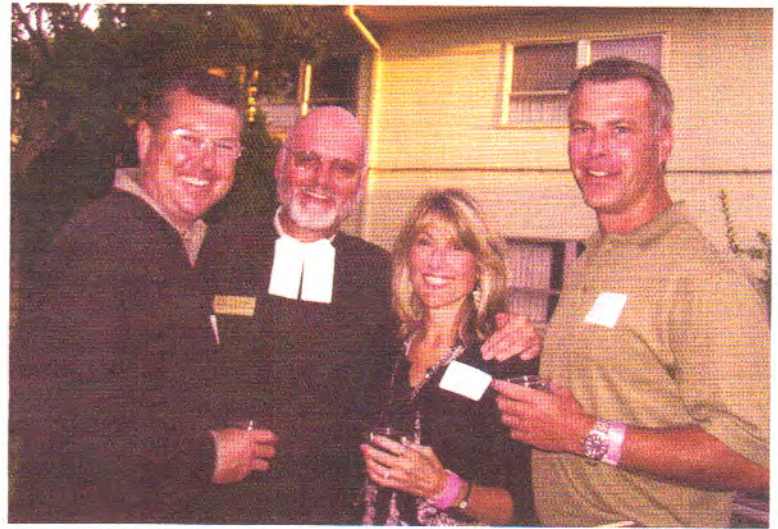
Retired and residing in Sacramento, Peter lives with his wife Jean, also retired. Peter holds an A.A. from Sacramento City College and he and Jean have four children: Gregory, Peter, Susan and Linda.

Don McKenzie '43

A retired teacher, Don and his wife Bebe (also a retired teacher) live in Sacramento. Don and Bebe have two children, Meredith Ryan and Patrick McKenzie.

Stephen J. Rooney '43

Living in Sacramento with his wife Lorraine, Stephen is enjoying the benefits of retirement. Stephen and Lorraine have one son, Michael. Stephen's favorite memories of CBS: "The endless opportunities to be involved in student activities."



Wine Tasting Chat: Todd Bird '78, Brother George Van Grieken, FSC. Cynthia Bird, Dave Jablonsky '82 at the 18th Annual Wine Tasting Extravaganza.

Robert "Bob" E. Roche '44

A Sacramento resident, Bob is living comfortably as a retiree. With his wife Jackie, now deceased, Bob had five children: Brian, Dennis, Tim, John, and Maureen. Bob holds a B.S. from St. Mary's College and enjoys coaching in his free time. The first president of the alumni association, Bob says he remembers "everything" about his time at CBS.

Alumni Director Cline Resigns, Panattoni '95 Takes Over



Director of Alumni Relations Larry Cline (pictured with Alumni Association President Kevin Crossland '69) resigned in January 2006. Larry gave nearly two years to the school and did a good job working with the Alumni Association Board of Directors and on special events such as the Alumni Wine Tasting, the Alumni Dinner, and the Alumni Golf Tournament. He also helped implement the inaugural Alumni Membership Drive last year. Above all, Larry was a good friend to CB and its alumni. We wish Larry the best in his future endeavors.

Taking over the role of Alumni Director is Marisa (Oliver) Panattoni '95 (pictured right). A graduate of Santa Clara University, Marisa holds a B.A. in Communications and spent the past five years in the pharmaceutical and medical device sales industry. "I am excited to work with the Alumni Association to foster a stronger relationship with the thousands of alumni who have passed through the doors of Christian Brother High School," she says. "I would also like to keep the recent graduates involved in the school and help them to develop a real pride for their alma mater."





If You Can't Stand the Heat: Alumni Board members help prepare the 2006 Alumni Dinner. The cooks are (l-r) Tim Johnston '68, Bill Schaedler '68, Ron Bird '76, Mark Madsen '89, John McCarthy '63, James Reel '68, John Caselli '70 and Bob Perry '56.

John "Jack" F. Wakefield '47

Resting in retirement, Jack and his wife Joyce are living in Sacramento. The couple have four children: David, Teri, Gregory '81, and Gayle. Of his memories at CBS, Jack says he strongly remembers the old campus at 21st Street and Broadway.

Ron Rader '50

A current resident of Woodbridge, California, Ron lives with his wife Carolyn. They are retirees, Ron, a former advertising manager, and Carolyn, a former teacher for the Cupertino School District. Ron says his favorite memories of CB are of "the great old facility at 21st and Broadway and Brothers Bertram, Raymond, Linus, Ozmien, and Eugene."

Robert "Bob" L. Krauss '55

Now living in Las Vegas, Bob is a retired engineer, having worked more than 30 years with the U.S. Navy and the California Department of Corrections. Of the lessons he learned at CB, Bob says the most memorable was "to not talk back to the Brothers."

Leo R. Grunucci '55

Living in Nevada City with his wife Gayle, Leo is retired with two grown children: Kenneth and Laurel. He spends his time these days playing golf, tennis, and served on two boards for non-profit organizations. Leo says he cherishes his memories of the great friendships he made at CB.

Bill Keenan '57

A physician at St. Louis University Medical Center, Bill lives in Webster Grove, Missouri with his wife, Deborah. The father of seven children, Bill uses his free time pursuing his interest in causes related to international child health. Bill was a CB student during a transitional period for Christian Brothers, when the school moved from its campus at 21st and Broadway to its new home in Oak Park. Bill says he remembers the switch of the mascot from Gaels to Falcons.

Barbara Wisenewski Smith '58

Very active in her retired life, Barbara and her husband Rodger live in Fair Oaks and have three grown children, Angela, Lisa, and Bryan. Barbara and Rodger, a retired Catholic school teacher and

The Brother Hoods by Stephen Morgan '36

Morgan writes in response to an article by Bill Chamberlain '52 appearing in the Fall 2005 edition of *Connection*. The story, titled "The Neverending Reunion," refers to the great closeness of the Class of '52 as being "arguably unmatched in the annals of Christian Brothers High School classes. Mr. Morgan has another view.

Try the following on for size Mr. Chamberlain: Retired Marine Colonel Dave Simmons '36, returning to Sacramento, met Judge John Sapunor '36 for lunch in the year 1972. Soon, most of the Class of '36 attended monthly lunches. Thirty-three years of monthly gatherings is unique. Spouses are invited twice a year for the BBQ and Christmas events.

The Brother Hoods have enjoyed numerous social gatherings at Mont La Salle, the CBS yard and gold country. Camaraderie and monetary contributions are the most important targets over many years. Brother Bertram attended many lunches and most social functions—he was a good friend.

As years passed, some fifteen Hoods passed to another World. Nine new Hoods from later graduating classes have filled the void. To this day, the Hoods continue the "unmatched monthly gathering." Thirty-three years is a good number, and a challenge for any class.

retired attorney, respectively, spend much of their time traveling and "trying to do all the things we want to accomplish." Barbara graduated from Holy Names University in 1962 and is now a member of their alumni board. Even with her busy schedule, Barbara still has time to reflect fondly on her high school years. "I remember the fun and the friendships. I remember the excitement of creating a new school and being 'the first of everything'—i.e. newspaper, yearbook, class officers."

Joseph Vicuna '59

Retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1985 with a rank of Master Sergeant, Joseph is currently living in Suisun City and is the holder of an 18-wheeler license. He is now working in Benicia.

William Hines '60

A resident of Carlsbad these days, Bill lives with his wife Frances. Both are retired. A graduate of St. Mary's College, Bill received his BA in 1964. He spends his free time volunteering at the Brother Benno Center, serving the homeless and working poor. More than 40 years later, Bill still remembers "the Christian Brothers' dedication to teaching everyone—a total commitment to education."

Jeannette McFerren Nardinelli '61

Residing in Sacramento and having recently retired from the Sacramento County Office of Education after teaching hospital occupations for over 25 years, Jeannette is taking a breather with her husband Richard, a radiologist for the UC Davis Medical Center. Jeannette and Richard have three grown children, Michael, Christine, and Douglas, and one grandchild, Austin, 2. Still very active in the medical community, Jeannette also enjoys gardening, reading, spending time with her close friends and taking trips to Hawaii. In high school, Jeannette worked in the office and was part of the yearbook staff. "[Bishop Armstrong High School] was my extended family," she says. "The support and acceptance from the nuns, Brothers, and lay staff gave me a path to success."

Bernie Church '62

Coming from a family filled with Christian Brothers' alumni, Bernie was not lonely during his years at Christian Brothers. Now retired after 36 years as a teacher and coach at C.K. McClatchy High School, Bernie lives with his wife Jody in Sacramento. The couple have two grown children: Jill and Matt. In his retired life, Bernie enjoys playing golf, participating in senior softball, traveling, and spending time with his grandchildren. Bernie's fondest memories of high school: "The making of life long friends. We had great athletic teams and great dances too. I was lucky enough to be on the state championship baseball team of 1962."

John Patrick McCarthy '63

An attorney at the law firm that bears his name, John has stayed busy since high school. Living in Sacramento with his wife Marilyn, John received his B.S. in Finance from CSU Sacramento and a J.D. from Lincoln Law School. John and Marilyn have two children, Amy and Brady '04. When not in the courtroom, John spends his time playing golf, talking politics and traveling. He is also a CB Alumni Board member. His favorite memory of high school was the "camaraderie and pride of being a member of two awesome athletic teams, including the 1962 state champion baseball team."

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Christian Brothers

Memories from Alex Wright '81

Building confidence, building friendships, and Coach O'Brien are a few of my Christian Brothers memories. The boys to men stories of CBS have instilled pride and a strong brotherhood that most high school institutions foster in students. Being a Christian Brothers student, I was able to hold my head high because of the school's reputation and tradition in athletic excellence.

In the early 80's, I was one of a few Afro-Americans privileged to attend this Catholic school. I had a core group of friends all very different, yet we got along famously. We were like the Four International Musketeers: Mark Casias '83 (Latino), Stan Kimura '83 (Japanese), Steve Moore '83 (White) and me, Eugene Alex Wright '83 (Black). Our friendship for the past 20 years still stands like the iron gate protecting the Brothers in black robes.

Behind all of these strong men were three ladies running the show: Mrs. Nancy Carter, Mrs. Claire Mathews and Mrs. Janis Hoffart. These strong women were instrumental in advising the instructors and telling students what to do.

My experience at Christian Brothers High School has shaped my life. The principles and discipline continue to direct me toward the desire to be the best at whatever I am involved in, personally and professionally.

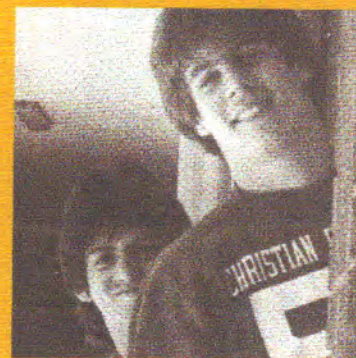
A resident of Sacramento, Alex received a degree in Biology from UC Santa Cruz in 1988. He works now as a health education/personal trainer for the Red Bamboo Wellness Center.

Richard Peter '64

Residing now in Elk Grove, Richard lives with his wife JoAnn. A retired civil engineer with Caltrans, he keeps busy working as a part time consultant for his former employer. Richard and JoAnn have two children: Kevin and Stephanie. The couple spends their time these days traveling and taking college classes. He holds a B.S. from CSU Sacramento and a M.S. from Stanford University. Of his favorite high school memories, Richard says "Most of all, I remember the fascinating collection of faculty who helped prepare me for the rest of my life and the students who I still enjoy seeing every five years at our reunions."

Who is This?

Do you know these guys? Email their names to rose@cbhs-sacramento.org or call 916-733-3696 to win a CB prize. The first five with the correct answer wins win.



Doug Carson '65

Living in Sacramento with his wife Melinda, Doug is a promotional products distributor for the Carson Integrated Marketing company. Doug has two children, **Mark '87** and **Mathew '91**, and Mathew and his wife Amy have a baby girl, Peyton. When not spending time with his granddaughter, Doug spends his free time playing golf and he enjoys gourmet cooking. Of his favorite high school memories, Doug says he recalls "the discipline, the controlled environment, the camaraderie and the traditional environment."

Ona Nelson Flores '68

A resident of Santa Rosa, Ona is a property manager for Las Flores Enterprises. She received her B.A. from Sacramento State in 1974 and is married to Richard Flores, a fundraiser for the American Red Cross. She has one child, Carlos. In her free time, Ona enjoys cooking, wine tasting, racquetball, and traveling. In regards to her time in high school, she says she remembers "the great education, the great friendships, the fun times, and the salmon-colored lockers."

Gustavo Barcena '69

An attorney at the Law Offices of Barcena, Gustavo lives in Santa Anna with his wife Norma. His daughter Noreen, 18, is attending the Pitzer College and his son, Gustavo, 15, attended the People to People summer program at UCLA.

Kevin Crossland '69

The 2005-06 president of the Christian Brothers Alumni Association, Kevin lives in Sacramento and has two grown children, Emily and **Ryan '04**. He is also a partner with Crossland Smelich Wealth Management. Kevin says "CB was a great experience—I met friends that I still have over 30 years later. The great thing about the school is the people."

Eric Boemer '70

Graduating from CSU Humboldt in 1975, Eric is now the owner of Hapsco, a local heating equipment and service specialist firm. Entering the venture with his wife Marsha and 4 other partners, Eric purchased the 44-year-old business in 2005. Eric has one son,

18-year-old Ryan. Of his high school years, Eric says "I remember the fun in classes, sports, and dances with other schools."

Kathy (Welsch) Johnson '70

Working as a school nurse for the San Juan Unified School District, Kathy lives in Carmichael with her husband David Johnson, an administrative law judge for the Office of Unemployment Appeals Board. Kathy has two children: Chris, 18, a graduating senior at Jesuit High School and **Emily '08**, 15, a sophomore at Christian Brothers. In addition to her work as a nurse and a mother, Kathy enjoys golf, camping and reading. In regards to her time in high school, she says, "I remember the dances and basketball games at CB's gym. I'm glad the gym was renovated with air conditioning."

Mark E. Perry '71

An area sales manager for Labor Ready, Mark lives with his wife Susan, a loan analyst, in Sacramento. Mark holds a B.S. degree from CSU Chico and enjoys playing golf in his free time. Keeping the CB tradition in the family, Mark's daughter **Erin '08**, 15, is a junior at Christian Brothers.

Barbara Pavao '71

A college counselor for Solano Community College, Barbara lives with her husband, Byron Lockhart, in Vacaville. Barbara has two grown children, Sarah and Daniel.

Ed Bellinger '74

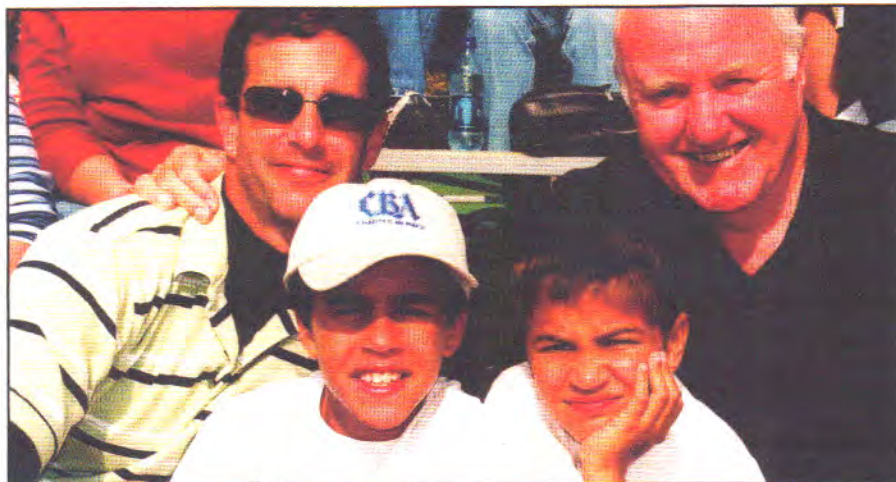
Living in El Portal, Ed is a welder for Yosemite National Park. Ed says teacher/coach Jack Witry made a very memorable impression on him.

Paul E. Jacobs '77

Busy with family and work, Paul is living in Rancho Cordova with his wife Karen, a science teacher. Paul and Karen have two children, **Daniel '04** and **Jackie '06**. A graduate of UC Berkeley and UOP's McGeorge Law School, Paul is an environmental law enforcement chief with the California Environmental Protection Agency. Paul spends his down time playing sports, working on environmental and social justice issues, talking politics and spending time with friends and family. Paul looks back at CB fondly, remembering his relationships with Brothers George, James, Tom, and Ronald and coaches Jack Witry and **Ron Limeberger '53**. Most of all, Paul remembers the "strong solid education that has served me well."

Jeff Lusich '78

Living in Elk Grove with his wife Shonda, Jeff is an attorney for Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer, & Jensen. Jeff and Shonda have two children, Christopher, 11, and Mackenzie, 7. The managing partner for the Stockton law offices of Hanna Brophy, Jeff is representing employees' interests throughout California. In his free time, he enjoys golf, baseball and hunting. Jeff's favorite memories of CB are of the baseball games, the Humanities Program, running "up-downs," and Coach Hoskins.



Generations of a Christian Brothers Family: Kenny Kirrene '78 with father Jerry '53 and sons Kaalen and Jerett.

David Heppell, Class of '78

Residing in Los Angeles, David lives with wife Catherine, his children Christopher 13, Laura, 11, and John, 4. David received his B.A. degree from University of San Diego in 1983 and is now working as a controller for Carrand Companies, Inc. David spends his free time coaching young people in sports and going to the beach with the family. His favorite memory of CB was winning the basketball championship "with a great team."

Ken Berberich '79

A resident of Citrus Heights, Ken is a bartender and owns a small business: Kendy Machine Vending. Ken attended the College for Recording Arts in San Francisco and graduated in 1989. When not working, Ken spends his time recording original music and riding his motorcycle. Although his wealth of memories from CB are too many to list, Ken says, "it was the best four years of schooling to be had."

Michelle (De Mers) Wallner '81

A teacher residing in Elk Grove, Michelle lives with her husband Karl and their children Amanda '06, Nolan, 14, and Devin, 12. Michelle is a graduate of Cal State Long Beach, receiving a B.A. degree in History in 1988.

David A. Sutherland '84

A professional golfer, David Sutherland lives in Sacramento with his wife Molly and their two children, Matthew, 5, and Andrew, 3. David graduated from Fresno State with a degree in History in 1989. When he is not on the golf course, David's outside interests include history, gardening, hiking, writing and reading.

Cynthia Cates '89

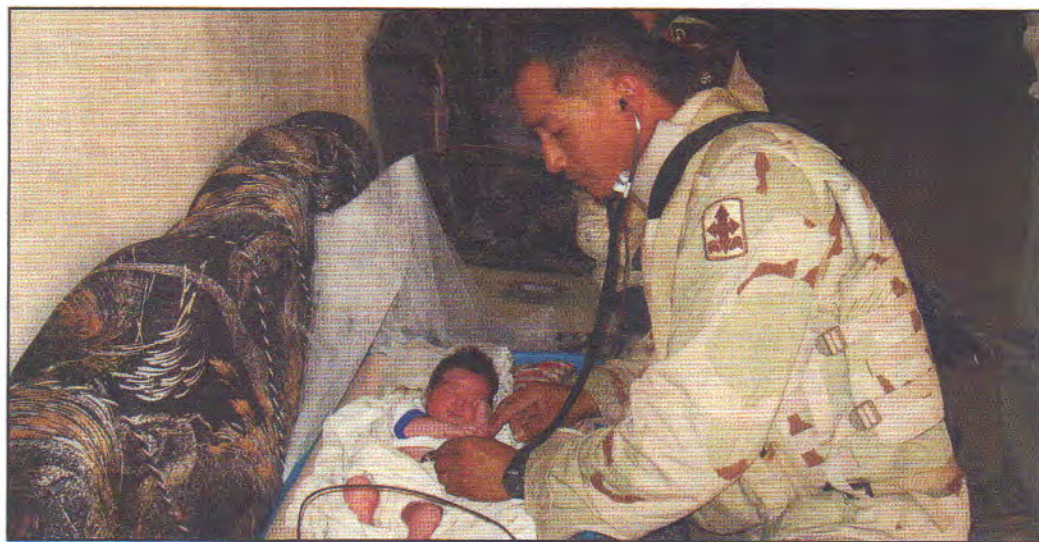
A resident of Sacramento, Cynthia is a research nurse coordinator for HIV clinical trials working for Kaiser Permanente. A graduate of Sacramento State, Cynthia received her B.S. degree in nursing in 2002.

Aldolfo R. Mercado '92

Living in Sacramento, Aldolfo works as a director for Summerbridge, a college preparatory program for middle-school students attending low-income schools. In his free time, Aldolfo enjoys traveling, church activities, researching California history and ethnic studies. Aldolfo holds a B.A. from UC Santa Cruz, graduating in 1998. Of his time at CB, Aldolfo remembers "the great friends, exploring in the blue wonder, dedicated teachers."

Kristina Valdez '95

Completing her B.A. degree from the University of Phoenix in Business Administration, Kristina lives in Sacramento and is a tax technician for the State of California. Kristina's favorite memories of CB are of "the Brothers and the Sisters of Mercy—they were the best people to be around and they made my career at CB memorable."



A Doctor at Home, A Hero Abroad: Lt. Colonel Ernesto Quinto '80 (above) has returned safely from a tour of duty as a military doctor in Iraq. He has since resumed his private practice in Sacramento.

Yusef Freeman '96

Living in Washington D.C., Yusef is a senior research analyst for The Social Compact, Inc., a coalition of business leaders promoting successful business investment in lower-income communities. Yusef holds a B.A. from UC Berkeley, graduating in 2000. Yusef's favorite CB memory: "Mr. [Joe] Gill '63 teaching me how to write."

Lindsey Clark '97

Living in Astoria, New York, Lindsey is a materials specialist for Material Connexion, designing dishes and glassware for the Sierra Club. Lindsey currently holds a B.A. in industrial design from Parsons School of Design and in her free time she enjoys skiing, traveling, and ceramics. Learn more about her online at www.lindseyclark.com. Lindsey has a brother who is a current student, Eric Lichtenberger '08.

Alexander T. Taylor '97

Working for Union Bank of California, Alexander lives in Sacramento. Alexander graduated from Sacramento State in 2002 and holds a Masters in Social Work. What he remembers about CB: "Unity, feeling of belonging, positive atmosphere, great friends, and a wonderful faculty."

Brian Connelly '03

A very recent graduate of CB, Brian is living in Sacramento and has joined the Christian Brothers Alumni Membership program. Of the things he remembers about CB, Brian says he recalls the "discipline, structure and brotherhood."

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Courage, honor, faith and zeal—these six men embodied these qualities and gave so much of themselves to Christian Brothers. We honor them here:



Roy Cortopassi '40, A graduate of CB and St. Mary's College, Roy (pictured left) always valued the human, Lasallian education offered by the Christian Brothers. He will remain a well-known teacher and a beloved coach.

Ray Clemons,

A football coach, a teacher, a good friend—that's Ray Clemons (pictured right). Adopted by the class of '51 as an honorary classmate, Ray was a favorite among Christian Brothers graduates, endeared to the hearts of many students and a powerful influence on a generation of Gaels. Ray was a mentor and a dedicated servant to youth and Church.



Lewis Kassis, A well-known Sacramento businessman and philanthropist, Lewis (pictured at left) was a generous donor with strong family ties to Christian Brothers, sending his son Greg '65 to CB. Lewis

always said, "Work hard, play hard, and make a difference in someone's life." Indeed, by supporting CB's tuition assistance program, Lewis made a difference in many lives.

Bud Graham, A longtime cafeteria employee at Christian Brothers, Bud (pictured right) always said that working at Christian Brothers was the "greatest job I ever had."



Edward L. Lammerding '47, A prominent Sacramento business and civic leader, Edward (pictured left) was



very involved in his church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Malta, a Roman Catholic fraternal group based in the Vatican. He faithfully served the church and many Sacramento Catholic schools.

John "Jack" Kipp '36, Serving as the mayor of Folsom

for 21 years, Jack (right) was a pioneer of Folsom's growth and is revered as a community founder and leader. He was also a loyal member of Christian Brothers' alumni and a well-known fan of local history and baseball.



Remebering our Departed Alumni

John W. Sullivan '28

Thomas A. Gillons '52

Donald Ricci '29

Vernon E. Gerwer '53

W. Bernie Scollan '32

Timothy N. Leahy '56

Louis P. Corsiglia '35

Joan M. Soto '58

Fred A. Lindner '39

Gene F. Bastain '59

Eugene S. Chorn '40

Paul Groza, Jr. '65

William J. Civitello '47

Charlis McKay '68

Albert G. Anicich '49

Thomas Repace '70

Earl M. Gabrielli '49

Michael J. Carvalho '70

John C. Lysaght '49

Mike Kettmann '78

John E. Brereton '50

Charles Brodie '87

Albert A. Marty, Jr. '50

Those who passed since August 2007



Farewell to Jack Stassi

The Christian Brothers' community mourns the loss of Jack Stassi '40, a dedicated volunteer and supporter of CB. Jack passed away May 13.

Known as "Smilin' Jack" by friends and family, Jack's commitment to CB was never-ending. After graduating, Jack spent the next 60 years of his life supporting the Christian Brothers mission and collecting alumni updates for *Connection* magazine. Published below is Jack's final column, an ode to those old memories he was so fond of sharing.

Jack was a fiercely loyal friend, a devoted husband and a loving father. He will always be remembered for his deep commitment to Christian Brothers. And he will be sorely missed.



Goodbye, Good Friend: Jack Stassi '40 (above and below with his trademark smile) passed peacefully on May 13 surrounded by loved ones.

When asked to provide some memories about the "good ol' days" at Christian Brothers, so much came to mind. I tried to think about something people may not already know. Much has been written about so many of CB's superior athletes.

Also worth mentioning are some of the early footballers who made their name playing *against* CB back in "the day."

Sacramento High School (as it then was called) had, for example, a stellar quarterback named Mel Cuckovich, whose sons, Steven '99 and Melvin '02, later played for CB. They also had the Kuwabara brothers, George and Paul, on the line. Lyle, Bob and Glen Wilson always gave us a hard time. Lyle went to play at Saint Mary's. George Relles and Pete Borson coached Sac High back then.

McClatchy High School always was tough competition, but running back Fred Wristen made

things even harder. McClatchy also had Ernie and Wes Bush. Ernie played for USC in the Rose Bowl. Wes played for Saint Mary's in the Sugar Bowl.

Grant Union would always show up at Hughes Stadium with its fleet of new buses, while we showed up in our putt-putt. Grant had some real stars in the Quint Brothers, Louie and Harry. Frank Alestesia and George Becan were the McClatchy coaches. The Alestesia family had a fine basque restaurant in Stockton, and Frank played for Stanford in college.

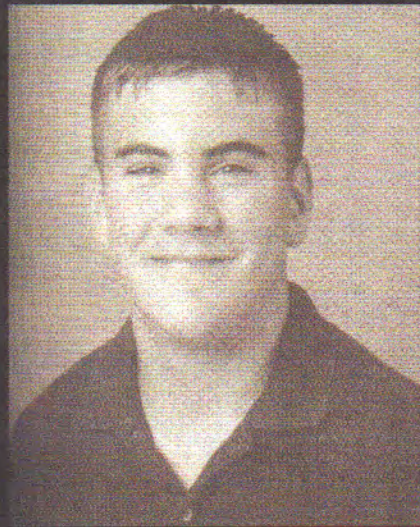
Despite the stiff competition, CB's team often went undefeated. We were coached by Jim Flynn. Whenever an All-Star team was mentioned, our own Pete Archeda '39 was honored for his contributions in both football and basketball. Not long after Jim Flynn beat Sac High, they stole him from us. Boy, did they end up with a great coach!



Always Families Turn Sorrow

The Murray Family Makes a Gift from the Heart

Had everything gone as planned, Kevin Murray would be 19. He would have graduated from Christian Brothers in 2005 and his parents, Robert and JoLee, would have likely thrown him a party before he headed off to college. The youngest child in the Murray household, Kevin would have joined



Kevin Murray '05

the storied alumni of Christian Brothers, had everything gone to plan—if only.

But like many of the plans we make in life, this one unraveled—tragically. During the summer of 2002, Kevin Murray died in a car accident on his way home to Dixon. His mother also perished in the crash. Still a very young man, Kevin

had only finished his freshman year at CB.

Kevin was well-liked, a natural athlete. Friends remember his humor, his good nature—they remember his big heart. Kevin Murray left behind a lot of friends that day, but unbeknownst to his father and siblings, the ties he had formed at CB went much deeper—Kevin was part of the CB family, and the school deeply mourned the loss.

It's hard for Kevin's father, Robert, to talk of the day he lost his wife and son, but the support he received from Christian Brothers has helped him heal. At the funeral, Robert recalls a host of CB students attending the ceremony—all dressed in their finest clothes and all respectful, remorseful for the Murrays' loss.

"They all looked so good and they looked like adults and we were proud," Robert remembers. "I just felt so incredibly proud to see them and to have them there that day."

In response to that commitment, and to honor the memory of his wife and Kevin, Robert and his children, Patrick and Mary, decided to make a gift to Christian Brothers High School. The family has established an endowed scholarship, giving others the educational opportunity that Kevin was unable to finish.

"My son was always very nice, very talented—he was very athletic, just a talented boy, but he also looked out for others, looked out for people on the fringe. I think that's what we are doing now—helping the kids that are on the fringe so that they can make it into Christian Brothers," Robert says. "My wife and son were always generous people and we just want to give back."

The funds, which total more than \$200,000, will go to serve the tuition assistance needs of students for many years to come. Robert says the donation has helped to heal his family's sorrow.

"We aren't looking to be generous or for recognition, we just feel that this was something we should do," he says. "It's hard to imagine, but this [donation] is helping us too."

Christian Brothers President Lorcan Barnes was deeply touched by the offer, honored to keep Kevin's memory alive in this special gift to CB.

"The Murrays have lost so much and we are inspired by how they can still give," Barnes says. "Their strength, courage and generosity serve as a model for us all."

With Us: into Inspiration

Through His Father, Michael Cunningham '67 Blesses CB

Whether young or old, the loss of a child is always a difficult burden to bear. It's a weight felt by George Cunningham '40. George's son Michael Cunningham '67 died peacefully at home last summer. A local travel agent, Michael was 56.

A guitar player who grew up in the hippie age, the son was different from his father—men of different generations. Whereas George settled down and raised a family, Michael roamed—working odd jobs, picking up gigs as a local reporter and then ultimately becoming a

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its mission"*

-- George Cunningham '40

travel agent. Yet their closeness was never in question. Most weekends, George would spend the time visiting Michael—it would be during one of these visits that George would find his son deceased.

Yet in the midst of his grief, George found the need to make a gift to Christian Brothers in his son's name—supporting the school which he and his son had held so dear.

"We both had a strong feeling about Christian Brothers. In my mind, high school is a valuable time for young people, when they are developing their personalities and morals," George says. "I think it is so important to leave something to things you truly believe in."

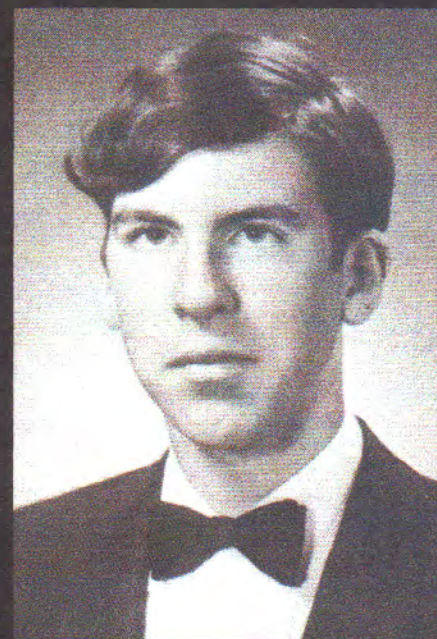
And give he did. George, the heir of Michael's estate, has

plans to give CB the proceeds from the sale of Michael's two properties. The unrestricted gift, estimated to be approximately \$500,000, will go to improve and remodel the east annex building across from the cafeteria.

President Lorcan Barnes says: "We have a tremendous need to provide updated facilities for our students and this gift was right on time. I only wish I could look Michael in the eye and say 'thank you' on behalf of our students."

George says the decision to donate the funds was a given.

"I'm sure Michael would have enjoyed this—I know I'm going to enjoy this," George says of the donation. "I'm the type of person who doesn't want any big to-do for this; it's just that I thoroughly believe in Christian Brothers and its mission."



Michael Cunningham '67

BUILDING ON THE TRADITION

A LETTER FROM PAUL RIESCHICK

Compared to the likes of Bunny Crites '35, Steve Morgan '36, and Al Franzoia '39, my eleven month association with Christian Brothers certainly puts me in the CB rookie category. However I believe my 29 years in the fields of alumni relations and development puts me in the unique position to appropriately judge the feelings that the alumni, parents and friends share for a school. I assure you that the overall spirit, enthusiasm and genuine good will for CB are unsurpassed at the schools with which I have previously been associated.

Our alumni, parents and friends conscientiously rally around the school they love and appreciate. Members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors put long, hard hours of work into this fall's wine-tasting event and January's Alumni Dinner. There was spirited work on the part of the parents' Booster Club at this fall's sporting events, and that same dedicated effort was carried over to the sterling preparation for the annual auction. We need, and sincerely appreciate, this help.

A goal of any school's advancement efforts should be to offer each alumnus/a, parent or friend the opportunity to get involved in the school. Involvement can take many forms. Attending our events is one avenue. Keeping us up-to-date on your whereabouts and life changes is another. Promoting Christian Brothers High School with fellow alumni/ae, friends, acquaintances, prospective students and their parents is yet another. Volunteering to aid in the school's efforts is a critically important one for us. And contributing to the school on an annual basis is also extremely important. It is the latter two that I would like to address at this time.

Christian Brothers High School has an incredibly loyal and hard-working group of alumni and parent volunteers. But we do not have enough volunteers. I urge the alumni and parents of CB who currently are not involved or helping out in one way or another to consider giving some of that very precious commodity, time, for the benefit of the school. Please consider donating two, five or even ten or more hours a year to Christian Brothers. Like the Church, we too are seeking your time and talent.

We are also in need of your treasure. The days of the large payouts from the Christian Brothers Winery are long gone. The Diocese no longer sends an annual contribution. And we no longer have Brothers making up a majority of our faculty as we did in years gone by. To make up for these economic changes, we need additional generous support from our loyal alumni, parents and friends on an annual basis.



Director of Advancement: Mr. Paul Rieschick

Support of the Alumni Membership Campaign, the Parents Annual Giving Program, or the Christian Brothers General Fund is needed to balance our budget. This annual support impacts why we exist as a school: to provide an excellent Catholic, Lasallian, college preparatory education to our students. Supporting the operating budget touches on the very fabric of everyday life at CB. It provides tuition assistance to needy and deserving students; it enhances academic activities; it supports the visual and performing arts and athletic programs; it helps bolster faculty salaries and professional development so we can attract and retain the finest teachers; it supports student growth in campus ministry and community service; and it helps maintain and improve our facilities.

To our alumni, please respond generously to the Alumni Membership Campaign. To our parents of current students and parents of alumni, please respond generously to the Annual Giving Program appeal. To our friends, please respond generously to the appeal for the Christian Brothers General Fund. All donations received before June 30th will be included in the upcoming Annual Report of Gifts.

I also have one final plea for anyone receiving the *Connection*. Please keep the Christian Brothers High School family, and especially its students, in your prayers.

St. John Baptist de La Salle ... Pray for us.

Live, Jesus, in Our Hearts ... Forever.

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Trustees Envision CB of the Future

More than eighty people gathered September 19, 2005 at the invitation of the Christian Brothers High School Board of Trustees to participate in a visioning workshop. The participants were faculty, administration, parents (current, past and prospective), alumni (spanning 70 years), current students, and representatives from our broader Lasallian, Catholic, educational, and secular communities. The turnout was beyond expectations—truly a sign of affection for Christian Brothers.

Participants were asked: What should Christian Brothers High School look like in the future? Many ideas were delivered, including building modifications, expanding academic programs, and the need for tuition assistance.

The Board is using this input to guide its deliberations as it looks to ensuring CB's mission thrives for future generations.



Plotting a New Course, Charting the Future: Athletic Director Jill Bennett joins alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of Christian Brothers in envisioning the school's future.

CB's Brothers Take On New Roles



When CB received the sad news that Principal Rudy Schulze had passed away in October 2004, Brother Daniel Morgan, FSC (pictured left) interrupted his sabbatical and returned to the school where he started his teaching career, serving as Interim Principal for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year. Brother Dan also served as a temporary

replacement for Assistant Principal Mrs. Cecilia Powers while she was on maternity leave in the first semester of 2005-06. Leaving CB in January 2006 to resume his sabbatical, Brother Dan was instrumental in implementing PowerSchool, our new student information database and opening the Parent Portal to assist parents in tracking the academic progress of their students.

Also experiencing some new opportunities, Brother George Van Grieken, FSC (pictured right) was asked to serve the



District of San Francisco as Director of Vocations, effective July 1, 2006. Brother George will continue to live at CB though he will be traveling a great deal.

"I ask for your prayers (really!) both for my work ahead and for the Spirit's guidance in our common Lasallian future," Brother George says.

Brother George has been in residence at Christian Brothers for 7 years. A teacher at CB from 1975-78, Brother George taught yearbook, religion, science and math. He even drove the school's bus.

Brother James Riordan, FSC (above) will be leaving CB this summer to serve as Director of the Brothers' community at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep in San Francisco. Brother James has served our school community for the past three years in the areas of Admissions, accreditation leadership, Oak Park liaison, as well as wearing several other hats.





The Student Becomes the Teacher

An Interview with Danny Delgado, Class of '79

Danny Delgado was always sure to listen to his parents—most notably a few words from his mother: “Everything works out for the best.”

Indeed, it has for Delgado.

Born in 1961, Delgado was raised in Sacramento with 7 other siblings—he was the oldest son, the second child. His father, Jumisindo “Gomez” Delgado, was a graduate of Christian Brothers in 1955 and a strong proponent of Catholic education. And when it came time for Danny to choose a high school, the choice was clear.

“We could have gone to Jesuit [High School] if we wanted to, but there was just no way,” he says. “I have absolutely nothing against Jesuit. What can I say—my blood is just red and blue.”

Delgado remembers the CB of the late 70’s as a brotherhood similar to a fraternity.

“You made friends here easily, plus I knew a lot of other students from other schools,” he recalls. “The community was welcoming, very embracing.”

Delgado played football all four years of his high school career, also running track and cross country his last three years. He achieved academically, finding a passion for science and models for his future role as a teacher in Mr. David Griffith and Mr. Jack Pappan.

“They both had real world experience, but more than anything it was the way they both attended to us as students,” Delgado said. “They made the subject tangible, having a lot of activities. And of course, they had great personalities.”

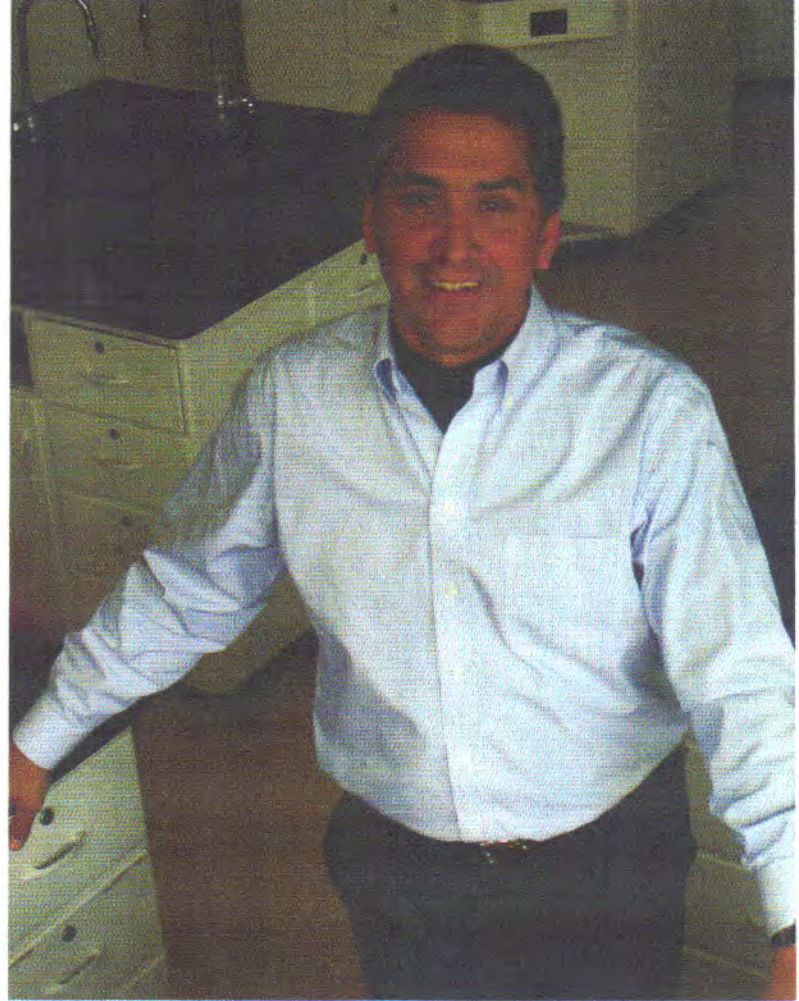
Graduating from CB in 1979, Delgado matriculated to UC Irvine. His goal: to go into medicine. However, plans changed as he found himself pulled more towards psychology. No longer following his plan of becoming a doctor, Delgado found himself thinking of his mother’s wisdom, praying everything would work out for the best. She was right.

Delgado graduated from UC Irvine and went to work at private hospitals attending to the psychological needs of teens—great training for high school.



As it happened, CB was in need of a long term substitute teacher and Delgado was nearby. He had returned to Sacramento with his wife Dorothy, whom he married in 1984, to get his Master’s Degree. It was 1986, and Delgado had come full circle—he was back home at CB.

Delgado ultimately took a full time position and later served as the Dean of Students and then the Athletic Director. As Athletic



Coming Full Circle: Danny Delgado ‘79 now (above, opposite page) and then (below left).

Director, he helped integrate the school as it became co-ed.

Leaving CB in 1996, Delgado took the time off for professional and personal growth—all the while hearing his mother’s words. He took courses, taught at other schools, and thought about the future.

Then came 2002—his son Matthew was ready for high school. As it was with the elder Delgado, Matthew enrolled in Christian Brothers—a third generation. And after a teaching offer, Delgado came back too.

Now teaching the science classes he loved so much when he was at CB, Delgado has found his passion. Delgado is always busy—whether that be teaching, hosting “Delgado Café” (as the students call his classroom) during lunch, coaching the cross country team, or helping students talk out their problems. He’s busy, but he loves it.

“The hallmark of what I do and who I am is to be in contact with the students,” he says. “No day in this school is the same, doesn’t matter. I wake in the morning and I’m excited. And as long as I have that attitude, I am okay with doing what I’m doing.”

With his son a senior and his daughter Elise a sophomore, Delgado says he will remain at CB for at least as long as his children are here. But wherever his life may lead him, Danny Delgado has no worries. He knows everything will work out for the best.

School Updates

Student Achievements

KBFT Wins National Recognition Again:

Among the 300 schools entered, CB, under the instruction of **Brendan Hogan '95**, has once again received the honor of 1st Place in the category of High School News Broadcast at the Student Television Network Awards in Anaheim.

Students **Katie Nunez '06** and **Colin Lygren '07** also received 1st Place

individual recognition and **Dave Anderson '07** received an Honorable Mention. Check out the link to KBFT on CB's website and watch recent and archived broadcasts. Pictured above are students Nunez, **Chris DuCray '07**, and Anderson. In recognition of their award, KBFT cast and crew co-hosted a seminar at the Student Television Network's convention at Disneyland.



Brendan Hogan '95

CB's One-Act Plays are a Hit: The One-Act Play series was a huge success this year with sold-out shows in the month of February. Under the supervision of Mrs. Loretta Kenney, the plays were either student directed or written with all the production done by students. **Becky Hernandez '06** and **James Taugher '06** took their performances to the Lenaea Festival at CSUS.

Scholars Achieve National Recognition: The class of 2006 boasts 5 students with National Merit Commended status, and one student who achieved National Merit Semi-Finalist status. The commended students are: **Katherine Bedrosian**, **Claire Gilbert**, **Samuel Hyde**, **William Johnston** and **Jeremy Nevis**. Our National Merit Semi-Finalist, who represents the top 1% of high school students in America, is 18-year-old **Anastasia Hesser**. She is attending Fordham University in the fall.



Anastasia Hesser '06

CB Students, Alumni Band Perform in 2006

JAMMIES: The CB student band Running Riot played to a huge crowd at the "JAMMIES Night of Contemporary

Music" at the Crest Theatre on February 11th. This was the band's second appearance at the JAMMIES and they have recently released a demo CD recorded at



CB's own DLS Recording Studios. The band consists of current CB students and recent graduates. Pictured above are the CB members of Running Riot, **Cody Howle '05** (far left), **Vinnie Guidera '07** (middle right) and **Kevin Hayes '05** (far right).

Vocal Jazz Band Also Featured at JAMMIES:

The Christian Brothers Vocal Jazz Ensemble (pictured below) mesmerized the Mondavi Center for the second year in

a row at the "JAMMIES Night of Classical Music" on February 18th. Under the direction of Mr. Ronald Slabbinck, the choir performed four numbers.

Sponsored by the *Sacramento News and Review*, the JAMMIES highlight the very best in high school performing arts in the Sacramento region.



Nationally Ranked Musicians: The National Association for Music Education has ranked two students from Christian Brothers, **Randolph Palada '06** and **Keith Lui '06**, number one in the United States on their respective musical instruments. Palada was ranked number one clarinetist and Lui was number one on the English Horn. Palada also plays clarinet for the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra and is a member of the California All-State High School Honor Band. Lui (featured on page 9) has performed with the most prestigious local and regional symphonies. Both students were selected for the Hershey's All-USA High School Band, created to honor the best high school band students from across the nation. Palada and Lui were featured prominently in the Sidetracks section of the December 16, 2005 *Sacramento Bee*.

School Updates

CB's Visual & Performing Arts



A message from Kevin Haag '87:



Since the mid 90's, we have seen the Visual and Performing Arts program at Christian Brothers grow from a couple of visual art offerings and a band practicing under the handball courts, to a huge award-winning program. Now we have five choirs, six instrumental groups, a drama class, digital media

courses in recording and film making, and nine different studio offerings in the visual arts. There are three major theatre productions and "Open Mic Night" performances for all students. At any given time, we have well over sixty percent of the student population enrolled in a visual or performing art class.

As a former player and football coach, I understand the importance of athletics in a students' life. They learn discipline, teamwork and strength of character that will help them to be successful in all that they do. This

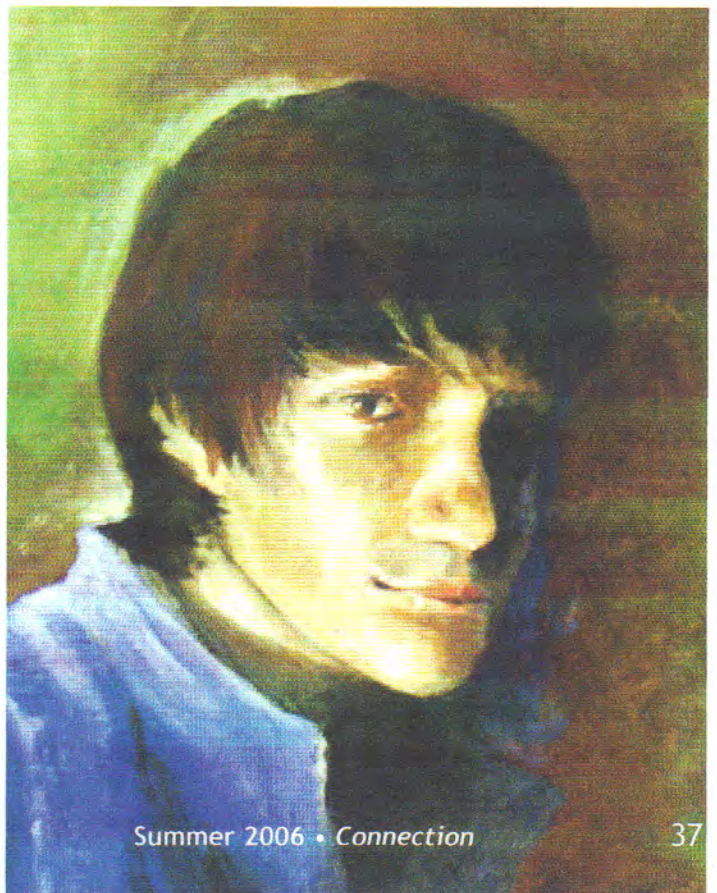
Self Portrait: Unique self-portraits from Bryan Caselli '07 (above) and Matt Braly '06 (right). Both pieces were featured at Sacramento's prominent 20th Street Art Gallery.

same edict is true of the visual and performing arts, and many of our students are enriched by both programs.

Athletics have long been an integral part of our heritage here at Christian Brothers High School. The Arts are now paving a similar trail as well. Recent graduates are attending prestigious art colleges and conservatories, and many are enjoying successful careers in the arts and entertainment industry. They often come back to our concerts, exhibits and shows. Some, like Bobby Podesta '93 (a Pixar animator), come back annually to talk to the students about career choices and give demonstrations.

Unfortunately, many alumni from my class and previous years have no idea how far the visual and performing arts have come at CB. Let me take this opportunity to let you know what you have been missing and invite you to some of our upcoming events. I assure you that our talented young men and women will continue to make you proud to be a Falcon.

Kevin Haag '87 is the former director of CB's Visual and Performing Arts. For more information on supporting the arts programs, call (916) 733-3600.





Home Advantage

Some people call it Christian Brothers' own "field of dreams." Others attribute the success of the 2005 football season to the excitement of home field advantage. Regardless, it was an amazing season for our varsity Falcon football team. The student athletes went 7-2-1, including a 5-0 record at home and a tie with Jesuit at the Holy Bowl. The Falcons knocked four teams out of the top ten and advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 1998.

It was a victory for all—the team, the student body

and our alumni. And all of it happened on our own field.

Truly a "first down" at Christian Brothers High School, CB held its first home football game on campus since the school relocated to Oak Park in 1956. Amid much fanfare, the school ushered in a new era of Christian Brothers football on September 17, 2005. CB hosted the McClatchy Lions, and defeated the team 49 to 14. The win over McClatchy would become the first of many victories during the 2005 football season.



Field

Outrage

The sheer will and determination for victory was visible from the beginning—whether that was from Quarterback Curtis Raulinaitis '06 on the field or Coach Andre Johansen on the sidelines. The thrill of playing home games only added to the excitement.

“It almost makes me want to cry—I feel a tremendous amount of pride,” says Jill Bennett, CBHS athletic director. “Seeing the goalposts go up, seeing the scoreboard go up, you just feel the energy go up and up

and up. It’s great to come out and light it up—there just aren’t many feelings that rival that.”

Of course, the enthusiasm wasn’t lost on the Christian Brothers football players. After the first home game and their first victory, Raulinaitis had high hopes for his team.

“We got our first victory and we’re going to start

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Gridiron Will: Above, the Falcons exit the field after the 2005 Holy Bowl; below left, Athletic Director Jill Bennett stands with Principal Raymond Burnell at the inaugural football game; below right, Falcon fans cheer on CB.

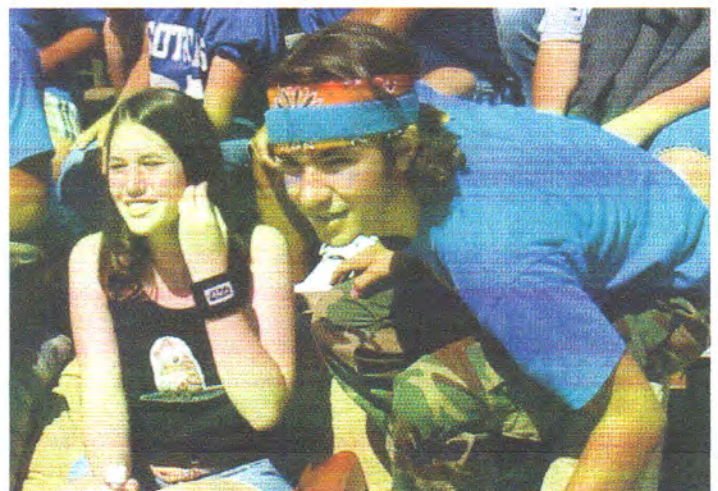
off a new era of Christian Brothers football,” exclaimed Curtis Raulinaitis. “It’s going to be great.”

Raulinaitis was right: CB remained undefeated at home, stemmed Jesuit’s victory streak in the Holy Bowl, and made it to the playoffs.

“It has been an honor for me to coach these young men. It is my goal to bring back the great winning tradition that has been associated with CB football,” says Coach Johansen. “I would like to thank the seniors for their efforts in getting this program back to its historical winning past. I would also like to thank the student body, alumni, faculty and staff for their support and encouragement this year.”

In addition to the support from students, staff, and faculty, the football season received much needed resources from alumni. The Bird Brothers (Ron ’76, Todd ’78 and Troy ’82) donated the new \$8,000 goal posts positioned at either end of the field and Frank Vellutini ’71, along with his company, Royal Electric, and his electrical contractors association, donated and installed the new \$25,000 scoreboard.

“This season was the product of hard work from so many people,” says Christian Brothers President Lorcan Barnes. “CB has had a long history of athletic achievement, and we are proud to continue that legacy.”



Fall Sports *Wrap Up*

Fall Programs Reach Playoffs

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: The team had an incredible run. They won the SJS Division IV Section title, defeating Golden Sierra and that victory automatically qualified them for NorCals as the #3 seed. After defeating Justin Napa in the 1st round, the girls lost to Sacred Heart Central (San Francisco) in the semi-final match, ending their quest for the State Championship. At season's end, Nicole Link '07 and Cara Crowder '07 were both selected to the All-League with Honorable Mention going to Amanda Berger '06 and Brittany Woodard '08.

They were a fiercely competitive team with a strong work ethic. Whether it was at practice or game time. They also knew how to have fun and genuinely liked each other," says Varsity Coach Diane Heine '71 (Manogue). "They truly understood the concept and were very supportive of each other." Says one of her team's favorite moments came during the finals of section play. "After losing the first 2 games (out of 5 games is a match), the Falcons had to listen to the gym yelling 'UC Davis' [the location of the final for the section championship], which galvanized the team into winning the next 3 games for the match," "That bus ride home was pure joy!"

MEN'S GOLF: Our Lady Falcons golf team had a great year going 6 - 6 in league and 6 - 8 overall. Our top three golfers qualify and compete in subsections; Grant '07, Jessica Bryant '07 and Bianca Gayton. Our top golfer improved greatly throughout the season. The coaches look forward to next year with all returning players. Kelly Ahrendt '06 and Nadia DeAla '06.



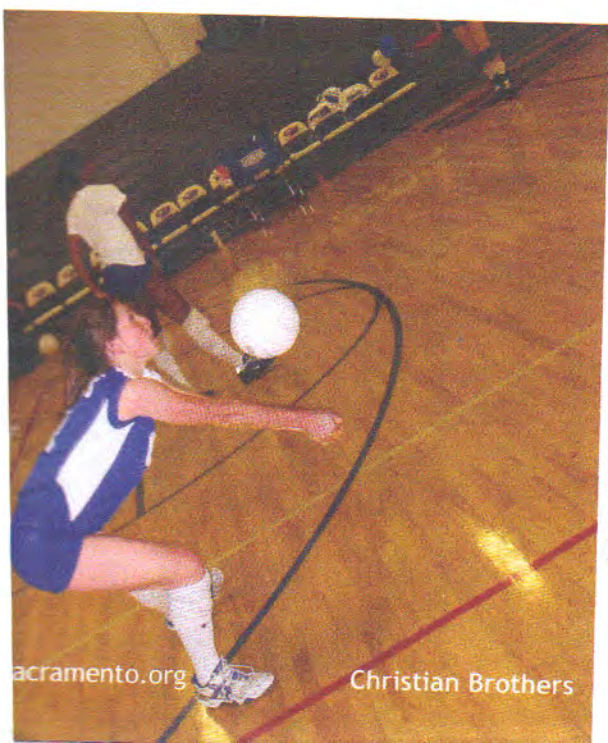
Queens of the Court: Above, Varsity volleyball players Kayla Neto '09 and (below) Nicole Link '07.

CROSS COUNTRY: It was an incredible season with many high points. Matt Delgado '07, Matt Smolich '06, Jason Howard '09 and Mike Sanchez '06 all did well at the Sub-Section meet. George Cook-Cantu '08 qualified for CIF State Finals as an individual where he ran 3.1 miles in 17 minutes and 45 seconds on a very difficult course. Johnny Soto '08 and Eric Liddle '08 also ran excellent races.

MEN'S SOCCER: Our men's soccer program worked very hard all season. The varsity team finished in third place in the league (8-3-3); and the JV team claimed first place in the league with a 12-1-1 record. League and team awards were presented at the soccer dinner on November 15. Varsity team awards went to Bo Henning '06, Offensive Player; Colin O'Brien '06, Defensive Player; and Eric Fornalski '07, Most Improved Player.

WATER POLO: The Lady Falcons water polo team finished the season with satisfaction. This year's team MVP was Hannah Murphy '07. The men's team had a season marked with great accomplishments, starting the season by placing 13th at the Sierra tournament as well as having good games against Del Oro and Oakmont. In the years to come, both teams will be a force to be reckoned with.

WOMEN'S TENNIS: Although the CB Women's Tennis Team finished 5th overall in the recently concluded SVC tennis conference, the Falcon tennis squad showed tough competition throughout the season. Head Coach Jun Magno said, "Everyone gave their best, win or lose and I'm just so proud of this team." CB's number one player, Sidney Scheideman '07 who advanced to the sections (losing a tough first round match) was named in the SVC's roster of the All-League players.



Winter Sports *Wrap Up*

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Our Lady Falcons varsity basketball team performed marvelously this year, reached the playoffs and had many exciting games. "This team is young, but they have been so strong," says CB Athletic Director Jill Bennett. "Being such a young team, many players will return next year and we are planning for a phenomenal future." Standout players included co-captains Amanda Limeberger '06 and Brittney Woodard '08.



MEN'S BASKETBALL: It was an incredible season for Varsity men's basketball, with the team defying all expectations—the team charged towards league playoffs. "We did as well as we did because of our teamwork," says Coach Rich Henning '78. "I think we beat some teams that no one thought we would—those

victories are a testament to how hard our kids worked." Standout players were Joe Lewis '07, Andrew Johnston



The Tradition of Excellence Alive at CB: Above, The CB Rugby Team takes the field. At left, distinguished varsity basketball player Bo Henning '07. Below, Cheerleaders (front row, l-r) Miranda Baham '09, Raquel Perez, Madison Clark '08, Kristen Miller '08, Erica Vaca '09, Maize Sleppy-Bird '09; (back row, l-r) Caitlynn Kreis '07, Maile Bauer '06, Nicole Ortega '07, Khazei Bauer '06 and Lora Walton '07.

'06, Jeff Delgadillo '07, and Bo Henning '07, who was prominently featured in the Sacramento Bee.

RUGBY: After an extremely successful first year, this club sport has returned to CB for another year of excitement. Coach Rich Boyer says the games are action packed and quick paced and he welcomes the CB community to come out and watch the team. Although an unofficial sport, rugby has turned into a popular activity for CB students, with many eagerly signing up. The club has already produced many star players, including Robert Kwoka '06, Michael Macaluso '06, Joe Perez '06, Joe Malm '06, and Nathan Bollinger '06.

WRESTLING: The Christian Brothers wrestling program was very strong, with Albert Tapia '06 taking second place in the section championships. The wrestling team finished league play with an impressive win over Rosemont High School. Many members of this young team are expected to return next year. "Wrestling is one of the most difficult sports on campus," Bennett says. "The team may be few in number, but boy are they tough."

CHEERLEADING: With new Cheer Coach Crystal Green bringing talent, experience, enthusiasm, and many new ideas, the CB Cheerleaders mastered many new stunts. Cheer camp was also a great experience, with CB taking many superior ribbons, Chayla McDavid '07 and Priscilla Murphy '08 making the all-star team, and Ashley Black '06 invited to try out for the USA Cheer Team. "As a cheer parent last year and assistant coach to Crystal this year, I can see a big difference in the girls' attitudes and the way they all get along," says Gloria Bauer.





SOFTBALL: Despite inclement weather, the Lady Falcons softball team has worked tirelessly, and has already surpassed last year's win total. Junior Ashley Aguirre has been magnificent on the mound with three shutouts. Providing "clutch" hitting has been Stevie Jablonsky '06, Lyndzi Larue '07, Geneva Perrine '07, Ashley Aurich '07, Amanda McDonald '08 and Sam Moser '08 along with freshman sensations Lisette Esparza '09 and Becca Bosbarger '09.

TRACK and FIELD: The season was wet and cold, but the track and field team was successful nonetheless, with many players advancing to the playoffs. The team was anchored by Matt Smolich '06 in the 800m and mile races and Greg Woods '06 excelling in the triple jump and discus. Up and coming stars are Asa Jackson '08, Larry Morla '08, Aaron Dennings '08, and Chris McKinnon '08, each running on the varsity level. For the women, Mallory Tokunaga '06 led the team in shot put and discus points, Viviana Becerra '09 in long/triple jump, Kelly McEnerney '08 in the distance races.

BASEBALL: Top hitters for the team included Curtis Raulinaitis '06 (6 RBI and 15 stolen bases), Cory Valine '06 (7 RBI), and Doug Drozd '06 (7 RBI). Brendan Wright '06 and Drozd provided an exciting finish on our home field as each of them produced a base hit to score the winning run in the bottom of the 7th: Wright against Galt, and Drozd, with two



Spring Sports Fly High : Above, the Falcon Track and Field team practices during one of the few dry days of the season; below Varsity baseball coach Joe Gill '63 talks with players on the newly renovated baseball field.

outs, against Cordova. The team has seen solid fielding by infielders Anthony Molina '06, Valine, Raulinaitis, Richard King '07, and Drozd. Outfielders, Pat Gormley '07, Chris Bollinger '06, and Eric Fornalski '07, also provided some great defensive maneuvers to the delight of fans.

MEN'S GOLF: The Varsity Men's Golf Team has accomplished two of the goals they set for this season in defeating Jesuit on the Marauders' home course and by winning the team championship at the Wolfpack Invitational in Redding. The team also went to sectionals. The individual leaders on the team include Cameron '08 and Grant Rappleye '08, Scott Hackney '08, Conner Penfold '09 and Mike Jimenez '06.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: They had one goal in mind: winning. And win they did. Christian Brothers took the Sierra Valley Conference title with a victory over Benicia High School. Stand-out performances came from Dara Karnofsky '08, Tara Larson '06, Nicole Link '07 and Laura Ramiez '06. In addition to the victories the Lady Falcons brought home to CB, the team also received special distinction in an article featured in the *Sacramento Bee*.





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