

# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CONNECTION

## Brotherly Love

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— and then some  
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# Remember When...

Courtesy of Nadine Lahey-Rehm,  
widow of  
Robert Rehm



circa 1910.

Among them Mervyn "Murph" and Eddie Rehm. Ed was father of Robert (dec.) '44; grandfather of Daniel, '67 and great-granddad of Michael, '97 and Cheryl, '00. Mervyn was Ed's brother.



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BY MARK WARREN,  
PRESIDENT

A future issue of the Connection will acquaint you with our service program and with the grammar school next door -- Oak Ridge Elementary. Service to and for others is a prominent part of the education we offer here at Brothers. We work hard to provide experiences for our students that will sensitize them to the needs of others who are less fortunate than we.

We often think of this kind of activity as "other directed." It is, after all, *we* who are helping *them*. And this is a good thing. We ought to be helping them. The fact that you are reading this article is some indication that you believe that education is important. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to receive a good education should be sharing some of that good fortune by tutoring weaker students, helping disadvantaged kids, working with the poor and marginalized.

And so ... we have students who tutor poor readers at Oak Ridge next door.

We have a student, whom I will call Michael -- a fictitious name for obvious reasons. Michael wanted to be involved in the Oak Ridge Project. Fifty of our students tutor low achieving readers at Oak Ridge Elementary. This is an amazing program that pairs our 50 kids with Oak Ridge students in a one-on-one tutoring situation.

Michael wanted to be one of our tutors. Because we had more volunteers than we had places, Michael almost was not chosen as one of the fifty. He was almost eliminated from the tutor pool.

One day, Michael was heading to Oak Ridge for his early morning, before-school tutoring session. Michael had a package under his arm. One of our teachers asked what he had. Michael was reluctant to answer. If you are a veteran teacher and you ask a student "what they have in the box" and they fumble the answer, bells and whistles and red flags tend to go off.

The teacher pressed on. It seems that Michael tutors a little third grader. Michael -- the lad we almost dropped as a tutor -- found out that this little girl had a birthday ... but no party was given by her parents or classmates. No one celebrated this little girl's birthday. Michael had purchased and wrapped a Barbie doll for his tutoree. Michael would have made a clean getaway and never been caught in this act of kindness if it weren't for a nosy teacher.

How does it go, "Whatever you sow, so you shall reap"?

God Bless.

Mark J. Warren

"We work hard to provide experiences for our students that will sensitize them to the needs of others who are less fortunate than we."



**After 42 years of dedication to CB, Ron Limeberger calls it a career — and then some**

Principal Tom Rutten on Ron Limeberger:  
*“He’s a huge part of this institution. He’s a classic...When you think in terms of what people remember who’ve graduated from here over the last 40 years, one of the things they’re going to connect to is Ron Limeberger.”*



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Athletic Director Greg Meegan on Ron Limeberger: “To say that (he) has made a significant contribution to CB athletics is like saying that Abe Lincoln was once President of the United States. Ron Limeberger *is* CB athletics. For 42 years, anyone who has been privileged to play in, coach in or just watch a CB athletic contest has been influenced by Ron Limeberger. Perhaps the greatest thing any of us can say about him is that we cannot yet conceive of how we are going to fill the void when he finally retires.”

Now, Ron Limeberger on Ron Limeberger: “I’ve enjoyed my career at Brothers. I wanted to give back what the Brothers gave to me, and I think I’ve done a pretty fair job.”

A pretty fair job indeed. Since the day in 1958 when Brother Pius hired the newly minted graduate of Sacramento State College -- and before that, Christian Brothers at 21st and Broadway - Limeberger has been giving the school his all, in the classroom,

on the athletic field and with the larger CB community.

Limeberger will have completed 42 years with Christian Brothers when he retires at the end of this school year. It’s a career that has included long stints as athletic director, 31 years as a baseball coach, 11 years as a basketball coach, countless hours as a P.E. teacher -- and so many years teaching driver’s education and training that, he says, “Everybody keeps saying I taught half the guys out there” on Sacramento’s roads.

That ought to be enough for any one teacher, even for a guy whom Meegan calls “a throwback to the days when the worth of a person was measured by three things: loyalty, commitment and sacrifice.” But as Meegan points out, we’ve hardly seen the last of Limeberger: “The one thing that makes his retirement tolerable is that he will remain involved with the school through his involvement in the LaSalle Club” and through his informal role as “athletic mentor” to Meegan’s department.

Limeberger is the La Salle Club’s

treasurer and, Meegan says, “its spiritual guide.” Through the club, Rutten says, Limeberger is “a tremendous connection for a lot of people to this institution. ...I can’t imagine he’s going to go away -- and I mean that in a good sense.”

For his part, Limeberger says he plans to keep serving the school he loves by teaching -- “I’ll substitute if I have to” -- and working with the LaSalle Club “as long as the LaSalle Club is going to continue at Brothers.” Beyond that, “I’m just going to relax and take it easy,” and he’s looking forward to traveling with his wife, Joan, and not having to answer to the school bell.

In his final year on the staff, Rutten says, Limeberger is “teaching (P.E. and driver’s ed) and serving as a mentor” to the Athletic Department. “That’s where the connections and the memories he has of so many things pay off. He’s a walking encyclopedia of Christian Brothers athletics -- who you work with, who you talk to, who’s going to be there to

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## FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD

by Bob Schnetz '56

**T**hanks to the leadership of Co-chairmen Julius Resendez '60 and Burrell DeVine '55, and the assistance of Jim Westlake '51, Ginny Hargrave, Teresa Gilman and Debbie Woodsford of the Development Department, the 2000 Alumni Golf Classic was a terrific success. A beautiful day combined with the natural beauty of the Twelve Bridges Golf Club to make it a special occasion for the 118 alumni and friends who played. The Twelve Bridges staff were so hospitable, we're going to return there for next year's Classic on May 11, 2001. A special thanks to all of the sponsors whose generosity enabled us to significantly increase our proceeds for the school.

As my term as Alumni Board president comes to a close, I want to thank all of the board members who have worked so diligently to make '99-'00 a very successful year for our association. They are Phil

Bokan '92, John Caselli '63, Andy Clark '85, Tony Clark '83, Marty Clark '89, Burrell DeVine '55, Jim Karver '56, Tom Kuzmich '62, Linda McAlpine '59, Bob Perry '56, Rick Pires '79, Bobbi Pires '76, Julius Resendez '60, and Jim Westlake '51. Two board members who recently completed their terms, Brian Mahaney '72 and Mike Carey '64, are greatly appreciated for their work on the Alumni Dinner and Wine Tasting events over the last few years.

At our April meeting, we elected new officers for the fiscal year '00-'01. Tom Kuzmich will be President, Marty Clark will be President-Elect, Bob Perry will be Vice President - Administration, and Bobbi Pires will be Vice President-Membership. Thanks to all of them for their commitment to share their leadership talents.

Kevin Crossland '69 joined the board at our May meeting, bringing our board membership total to 16. We have immediate openings for five new members and we welcome all inquiries, especially from women alumnae of Christian Brothers,

Bishop Manogue, Bishop Armstrong and St. Joseph Academy. We also welcome any alumni who would like to help us stage our events but aren't able or interested in committing to board membership. Please call Bobbi Pires at 361-9585, ext. 231 if you are interested in joining the board or giving us a hand.

I want to thank all of the alumni, parents and friends of CBHS who have attended and supported the Wine Tasting, Alumni Dinner, Career Day and the Golf Classic. A special THANK YOU goes to Steve Beneto '56, who very generously helped sponsor our three major events this year. God bless you, Steve and Darlene!

See you all at the Wine Tasting Extravaganza on September 8, 2000.

Bob Schnetz '56, president, '99-'00  
CB Alumni Association, Board of Directors



Pat O'Brien, Bob and Betty Hutchings

## ALUMNI FLASH

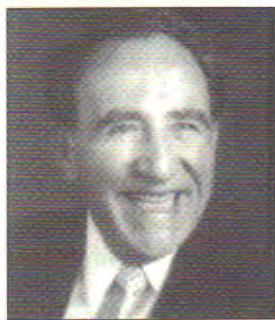
Nicole Humfeld graduated from Christian Brothers in 1996. She is attending and will graduate from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, California in June 2000. She will be graduating with a degree in Industrial Technology.

During the summer of 1999 she interned at Boeing in Canoga Park, where she earned an award from them. The award was the Boeing Operations Level of Excellence, an award that had never been awarded to a student at Cal Poly. Nicole has accepted a position with Teradyne in Agoura Hills, California. She will begin with them in August of this year.



Alan Cordano, Mary Lynn Cordano, Sally Sylva, Chuck Sylva, Julius Resendez, and Burrell DeVine





# Alumni and Friends

by Jack Stassi '40

Guess, you're not going to believe this, but after 15 years of accurate reporting, I finally made a boo-boo. In my last column, I reported that **Tom Sartome '74** is now in the banking business at Moore's Lake, Washington. And, to top it off, we showed a photo of Tom that, of course, wasn't him at all! I think we finally have the correct message out ...

We've got some alums on the move in the political arena. **James Ellis '74** directs the Washington, D.C.-based political action committee for Majority Ways and Means Chairman Ray Blaun, R-Missouri, and Tom DeLay, R-Texas. If the Republicans retain control of the House after the upcoming November elections, Rep. DeLay will appoint Jim to coordinate the House Ways and Means team. Jim sure is playing with the big boys ... **Oscar Villegas '84** is running for a seat on the West Sacramento City Council. I've known Oscar well since his days at CBS. I can't think of a finer leader for the growing area and encourage everyone to lend him your support.

In sports news ... **Jeff Tisdale '74**, former football coach at CBS, Sacramento City College and University of Nevada at Reno, has just been named head coach at



Tom Sartome '74

Sierra College. Jeff was Coach of the Year in 1996 and won the Vegas Bowl in 1996 and 1997 ... Congratulations to the new inductees for the La Salle Club Hall of Fame: **Don Saner, Sr., Nino Spatafore, Sam Vartanian, Frank McNamara, Norm Greenslate, Frank Rios, Chris Christin, Pete Gonzales, Clyde Perry, Jack Pickard, Stan Priebe, and Ray Sisler.** Keeping it all in the family -- **Nick Ciani '75** played baseball with **Dick Reisinger '75.** A generation later, Nick's son, **Bobbie Ciani '00**, is the current shortstop and Dick's son, **Andy Reisinger '00**, is the starting catcher.

Happy to report that our tireless leader, **Brother Bertram**, is in great shape after battling some colon trouble ... **Archie Crossland '39** also is improving day by day.

Broke bread recently at the Over the Hill Gang gathering with **Pete Ruzio '35.** He's in retirement from the Southern Pacific Railroad and is enjoying every minute of it ... Gotta tell you about one of the alums who was a guest speaker for the Over the Hill Gang and really "wowed the crowd." **Ronny King '46** has spent his entire life in baseball and just recently retired. Ronny was a bit reluctant to speak, but his old pal Bert Bonomi assured him that he would knock 'em dead and called upon Ron to, "Tag up!"

Now for the bad news. There are a lot of guys we're going to miss, including **Tom Scully**, a great friend of CBS. Tom played football for Saint Mary's College in Moraga. He and his wife, Alice, also raised some great CBers -- **Dennis Scully '85, Pat Scully '80, Mike Scully '73,** and the late **Steve Scully '66** ... We'll miss former CBS coach **Lilio Marcucci. Bill Golsong '30** also recently passed away. Goldie was the chairman of our 100th anniversary dinner at the Sacramento Convention Center. ... We also lost **Jim Lahey '47**, who was a lobbyist for the Cemetery Association of California.

My old buddy, **Paul Bernardis '41**, has been having a pretty tough time of it lately. He has a fractured vertebrae, which makes walking very painful. But the thing you're not going to believe is that he has lost his appetite! Can you imagine Paul



Steve Scully '66



Mike Scully '73



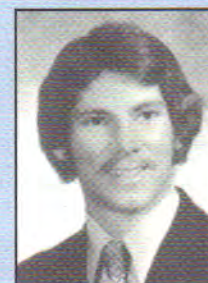
Pat Scully '80



Dennis Scully '85



Nick Ciani '75



Dick Reisinger '75

without his huge appetite?! (Stasia, look at all the money you're saving.)

The Classes of '38, '39, '40, '41, and '42 had a joint reunion. Joe Farrington '39 was the event chairman ... The Class of '80 is having its 20-year-bash on Saturday, September 30, at the Hilton on Arden Way. **Eric Luchini** is taking care of the details. If you need further information, call Eric at 381-1610 or contact the school ... Ginny Hargrave is trying to update the old CBS yearbooks, but I'm sorry to say that my class didn't have a yearbook ... Too bad, as we had some really good lookin' guys.

That's it for now, my friends. Remember, the information I report comes from you, so be sure to give me a call or drop me a note so that I know what's going on out there. ♦

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## Class Notes

by Vienna Cornacchioli Golsong '61

*Congratulations are in order for the class of 2000! Does it seem remotely possible? There is so much excitement in the air. Please pay particular attention to the section in my column for the upcoming reunions and those that are in the planning stages.*

*I would like to wish you all a very relaxing summer; remember to try to enjoy life, live it to the fullest, one day at a time. I have e-mail now so use whatever means convenient to contact me.*

**1930.** On a sad note, my father-in-law, William B. Golsong, better known as "Goldie," passed away on February 11. He certainly was blessed with a full life; although his physical loss is hard to accept, the mere thought of his being in eternal rest eases the sorrow of his passing.

I read a very endearing note in an article written by Stan Gilliam '41 about Dad and his life-long friend, Jim Flynn '30. To quote, "When longtime cigar devotee Bill Golsong, businessman, sportsman, bon vivant, and all-around good guy died last month at 87, his wife, Rose, confided to friend Alyce Flynn that she thought it might be appropriate to send him to his final repose with a panatela in his pocket. Alyce, widow of beloved educator and coach Jim Flynn, who died last July, agreed with the appropriateness of the idea but added, "Why don't you put two in the pocket? You know, so Bill can offer Jim one when they meet in the hereafter."

And so it was done, and it's nice to envision those two 1930 high school classmates and lifelong friends once again enjoying a companionable cheroot. Let's just hope there are none of those "No Smoking" signs posted on the Pearly Gates.

Thank you, Stan, for the tribute and I'm sure they are enjoying each other's company.

**1958.** On another sad note, Loretta

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Garcia, wife of Jim McCormack '56, passed away on December 29. My sincere condolences to you, Jim, and your family.

**1959.** The most important item for this class is that in the last issue there was a confusing note about the class's 40th reunion. **Just for the record, there was no 40th reunion.** Maureen had written to me inquiring about the reunion and whether there was going to be one and my comment was, "unfortunately no one came forth." I have received some calls in regard to the article so all of you who are interested hopefully can plan for your 45th. Two or three of you could co-chair the event in case you don't want to endeavor this on your own.

Retirement is on the horizon for JoAnn Anglin, who will be retiring from the State of California after 32 years of service. The last 15 years were as a public information officer. Her retirement plans include painting, poetry, part-time work and

occasional political protest. She was the featured poet on April 21 at La Raza Galeria Posada and on June 28 at Natomas Branch Library, both in Sacramento.

**1960.** Clair Follett Alway called me in regard to her reunion. I asked her to send me some information about the wonderful work she and a fellow registered nurse are doing. Northern California Compression Therapy Center, Inc., has been in business since 1992. Their mission is to evaluate each patient and their respective healthcare needs, and develop an individualized plan of care based on medical records and a physician's direction. Clair said that in February they started a mobile wound care management program, in conjunction with the patient's physician.

**1961.** Well, guess what...2001 will be the year for our 40th class reunion! We need to form commit-

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## REUNIONS

CLASS	DATE	PLACE	INFORMATION
1955	SEPT. 16	CBHS	DON TERRA, 916 484-7684
1960	JUNE 16	SACTO HILTON	JULIUS RESENDEZ, 916 455-2030
1965	SEPT. 30	CBHS	DOUG CARSON, 916 455-9971
1970	OCTOBER	TBA	JOHN CASELLI, 916 456-1253
1980	SEPT. 30	HILTON	ERIC LUCHINI, 916 321-1440



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Jack and Ramona Witry  
Geoff Zimmerman



## Limeberger Article

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support the school in athletics. He's a very valuable resource."

"Both as a coach and the current athletic director, my job has been made infinitely easier because of Ron's unselfish help," says Meegan. "He is always there for me, as he is for everyone associated with CB athletics."

"I heard someone once say that Ron knows where all the bodies are buried at CB. Well, he not only knows where they are buried, but he taught them all when they were students!"

The first chapter of Encyclopedia Limeberger was written a half-century ago when he attended grammar school run by the Christian Brothers. He switched to Immaculate Conception to finish his elementary years, then returned to CB for high school.

After graduating from Sac State and taking the CB teaching job in September 1958, Limeberger soon became athletic director. When the Bishop Armstrong campus opened in 1962, he moved there and served as athletic director at Bishop Armstrong and CB until 1989. He also coached basketball and baseball during those years.

His baseball coaching career ended on a memorable note in 1989 with a championship-winning team that included Andy Fox, who signed with the New York Yankees and is now a utility outfielder for the Arizona Diamondbacks, and Bo Dodson, who signed with the Milwaukee Brewers and now manages the Solano (formerly Sacramento) Steelheads in Vacaville. Limeberger was named baseball coach of the year on The Sacramento Bee's All-Metro League team.

"I said, that's a good time to go out," says Limeberger. "Thirty-one years coaching baseball -- that's an accomplishment, isn't it? We had a lot of fun. I really enjoyed it."

Recalling the years when CB's baseball team had to use William Land Park because the school lacked ballfields -- "I remember plowing those fields out there (at the current campus) and getting them all ready for diamonds" -- Limeberger points

proudly to the growth of CB athletics.

"People don't realize that we have about 900 kids (in the student body), and I'll bet there are a total of almost 300 playing sports. That's quite an athletic program that people have put together, and I think we do a good job, we do an 'above' job."

He's also proud of the home-front support he received during his long years of coaching from his wife, Joan, daughter Jill, '79 Manogue graduate, and sons, Mike and Mark, both '76 CB

graduates. "Joan was always behind me. A coach is gone all the time, and she was always there at the games, as much as she could be with the kids. Pretty soon, the kids were my ball boys. Mike was my scorekeeper for baseball, and Joanie made every game out there -- so you can imagine, there's 700 or 800 baseball games she's been to, and probably just as many basketball. It's very rewarding that my family has always stuck behind me."

From his earliest years in CB athletics, Limeberger has worked tirelessly with the larger school family, including alumni and support groups like the LaSalle Club, and he's legendary for maintaining relationships -- and knowing whom to call when outside help is needed.

"The community is a very important part of the school," he says. "I can still call people who will help me when I'm stuck. My dad told me, 'Always keep some irons in the fire for when you need them.'"

"His connection to the LaSalle Club, his connection to alumni -- he's had such a significant impact on a lot of people," says Rutten. "He's a tremendous connection for a lot of people to this institution."

"For any one institution to be blessed with the loyal service of a man like Ron Limeberger is truly something special," Meegan agrees. "But for that

blessing to continue through three generations of CB Falcons is unheard of. As a teacher, coach, mentor and friend, Ron Limeberger is unmatched."

For all the games, for all the alumni dinners, the core of Limeberger's career remains his years in the classroom. "A good teacher is a good coach, a good coach is a good teacher," he says, summing up his philosophy.

"Once you learn to teach, it just sort of flows with you. Each kid is individual -- I figured up the other day I had about 16,000 students over the last 42 years. It's not only the ones you've touched but the ones who've touched you. ..."

"When a student comes back later in life and says, 'Hey, thanks,' then I've done my job. ... I guess a teacher likes to make friends -- you don't want to make enemies -- but you want to get a certain thing done in a certain way so that you teach the kids what the world out there is going to be like. It's not all peaches and cream, as they say.

"You've got to push some kids a little more than others, and you've got to lead them differently. That's the difference between a good teacher and a mediocre one -- you know how much you can push, then you lay off, then you come on to them again. The next day, you push a little more. ... If a kid doesn't want to do it, he's not going to do it. But if you can show a kid that he can do it, and then he does it, that's great."

That old-fashioned directness is the Limeberger touch. "He never wavers in his support when you are in the right, and he never shrinks from his duty to admonish when you are in the wrong," says Meegan. "What you see is what you get with Ron Limeberger. He only has one face,

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**BROTHER BEDE VAN DUREN, FSC**



Brother Bede Van Duren, who served on the faculty of Christian Brothers High School from 1978 to 1987, died on March 11, 2000, at Mont La Salle, Napa, California.

Brother Bede was director of the Brothers' community during his nine years in Sacramento. He also served as vice-principal from 1985 to 1987.

Alumni remember him as an enthusiastic sports fan as he walked the field during football games, keeping the players within the guidelines when not playing on the field.

Having earned master's degrees in both history and theology, he continued to teach in the classroom even as an administrator.

In 1966 he was the founding principal of Justin High School in Napa. When the school became coed in 1971, he continued on as principal until he was assigned as vice principal at La Salle High School in Pasadena.

From 1988 to 1995 he taught at Cathedral High School in Los Angeles and was director of the Brothers' community.

Having been diagnosed with cancer early in 1999, he was finally confined to the brothers' infirmary at Mont La Salle when his cancer became terminal.

Because of his popularity with students and parents at Napa, Sacramento and Los Angeles, his funeral was held at the parish church in Napa rather than the smaller chapel at Mont La Salle. ♦



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## A personal note from Greg Meegan

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**W**ell, here we are in the thick of our spring sports seasons and once again the Christian Brothers Falcons are heading for post-season action. In almost every sport we are at the top of the Metro League and looking forward to competing for some section titles. Most notable is our baseball team, now ranked number one in the league and among the top three in the section. Congratulations to Joe Gill and his assistants for assembling such a quality program. Bad news for our new league next year: Our best pitcher, Marshall Hendon, is just a junior. Joe Soto's softball team is currently in second place, and he too has a chance to go deep into the section playoffs. Guess what, Sierra Valley Conference, Joe's best pitcher, Nicole Carter, is just a

sophomore!

In boys' tennis, track and field, girls' soccer, swimming and diving, and boys' golf we are on track for some equally fine performances. Since we have not ended our season at this writing, we will publish all our team and individual accomplishments for spring sports in the next issue of the Connection. But until then keep your eye on Albert Hollis II, as he tries to win a state 100-meter track and field championship before he heads off to the University of Georgia to play football.

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## LOCAL STUDENT ACHIEVES HIGH SCORE ON NATIONAL GERMAN EXAM

Evan Nussbaum, a student at Christian Brother High School in Sacramento, has recently demonstrated his proficiency in the German language by scoring at the 96th percentile on the national German examination. Gabriele Truhitte is his German teacher.

Evan was one of almost 25,000 students nationwide who registered in this year's testing program, administered by the American Association of Teachers of German, a national organization with 6,500 members. The German examination is administered on levels, 2, 3, and 4. Topics include listening comprehension, reading skills, applied grammar, and idioms in context. Each year a new version of these German examinations is created. Through this program, students may also compete for a four-week study trip to Germany in the summer.

Evan and the other high-scoring students from Northern California have been honored this spring at a reception in Castro Valley, where they were awarded certificates, books, medals and other prizes. ♦

the price of gasoline comes down before next fall, as we have some challenging road trips to schools like Galt, Ponderosa, El Dorado, and Oak Ridge. God bless all of you and have a great summer. ♦

## P A R E N T   S E R V I C E   O R G A N I Z A T I O N

### Spirit Sweepstakes Update

The Spirit Sweepstakes Car Drawing began 1982 with a dedicated group of volunteers and staff. Since 1982, this annual event has developed into multiple drawings including a car, cash, and a Hawaii trip. In the last several years, the ticket sales have not been consistent and the attendance at the spring event has declined. Special event fundraisers experience changes in interest and income over a number of years. These changes have occurred with the Spirit

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### SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS NAMES

SEPTEMBER  
Eugene & Ann  
Breznock

OCTOBER  
Cathedral of  
The Blessed  
Sacrament

NOVEMBER  
Susan Davidson

DECEMBER  
Betty Downey

JANUARY  
Loloi Talini

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**1963.** Doesn't directing dance and opera productions sound interesting? This is exactly what Victor Melnikoff is doing these days. In 1988 he left his law practice to become the president, producer and director-general of Le Gala des Etoiles (The Gala of Stars), which is the world's largest touring production of international dance stars, founded in 1986 by Victor. They tour the world (much like the Grand Prix and professional tennis tours) and hopefully will be staging several productions in the Bay Area in 2001.

Victor was reading the February issue of the Connection and the 1999 alumni directory and it conjured up some fine memories for him. He got nostalgic about his few years in Sacramento. Victor returned to Montreal, Canada, enrolled at McGill University, received a BA (1967) and law degree in 1970. He specialized in entertainment law, performing arts, festivals, film and television. He met his wife, Nathalie, in 1982 when she came from France to dance as a guest artist with the Montreal Ballet. They have a son, Mikhael, who is now 8. If you are interested in his website the address is [www.galadesetoiles.com](http://www.galadesetoiles.com).

Lawrence Chin started teaching accounting courses for Laney College, a two-year community college in Oakland, in January. He said that the chair of the Business Department is a graduate of Saint Mary's College and Saint Mary's High School in Berkeley. Being a former Christian Brothers' student helped him in the process of being hired, to say nothing of the fact that he is a CPA and has an MBA. Larry has retired from the Marine Corps with over 33 years of service.

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STUDENT COUNCIL

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## Limeberger Article

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"The kids always think I'm so harsh," Limeberger says. "I'm a piece of cake when you come right down to it. I may bellow off, but I don't bellow off in such a way that I stay off. You can't lose your cool. I know I'm a good teacher because I stay one step ahead of the students all the time -- you have to. ... Kids will tend to respect you as much as you respect them. ... Kids are smarter than you think they are, and they know when you're telling the truth."

Complementing that teaching philosophy has been Limeberger's lifelong pride in Christian Brothers. "There's an old saying, 'Once a Brothers boy, always a Brothers boy.' You can always tell them apart. ... There's nothing wrong with the public schools -- they do an excellent job -- but I think we do just a little better job. There's that special attention that each individual teacher gives each individual kid. We're very sincere, and I think the kids know it.

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as just a little part of the whole mechanism. The Brothers started it, then the laymen came along, and now the laymen have more of it. I remember when there were 26 brothers on the staff and only five or six of us. That's changed, but the school hasn't changed -- that's the big thing. If we all believe in the same thing, then the school won't change."

Limeberger's dedication is the moral of Meegan's favorite story about him, about the time last year when Limeberger had gallbladder surgery. "I called him on the phone after football practice to see how he was doing, and through a heavily medicated fog (he was just out of recovery and in his hospital room), he wanted to know if I needed anything.

"Well, I continued to try to tell him I was just calling to see how he was doing, and he insisted that he could get out of bed and be at school within half an hour to help us. I assured him that all was OK at CB, but he wasn't buying it. It took some strong negotiations with his wife and son to convince him to stay in bed.

"You see, even then he knew what no one of us is willing to admit. It is going to be very difficult to get along without Coach Limeberger." ♦

I received a complimentary note from Paul Groza, who commented on how nice it is to get good news once in a while. I saw a fellow classmate of Paul's, Chris Brown, at the alumni dinner, who was asking about my brother, Frank

Cornacchioli, and I didn't have the opportunity to ask him what he has been doing. So I have an assignment for the both of you: please e-mail me, call, whatever, and give me the latest scoop. ♦



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