



WELCOME TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
AMBASSADORS' CLUB DINNER
AND
FIELD HOUSE GRAND OPENING

THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND EIGHT

PROGRAM

6:00 PM.....Cocktails

6:45 PM.....Invocation
Ray Burnell, Principal

Welcome and State of the School
Lorcan Barnes, President

DINNER

7:45 PM.....Vocal Jazz Performance

8:00 PM.....Ambassador of the Year Award
Al '39 & Denise Franzoia

8:15 PM.....*Building on the Tradition – Phase II* report

8:45 PM.....Closing Remarks

CB CITY RHYTHM

HOLLY SLABBINCK, CHORAL DIRECTOR

SENIORS: MORGAN DAHL, RACHEL MALINOWSKI,
SPENCER TIERNEY, AMANDA TURPIN
JUNIORS: GABBY LUERA, EVAN LIAN, CECILIA ROSS
SOPHOMORES: CHRISTOPHER CAPRON, MIGUEL FRANCISCO,
AUSTIN WHITTED, HANNAH WILSON

November 25, 2008

Dear Ambassadors and Friends of Christian Brothers:

Welcome to our 24th annual Ambassadors' Club Dinner. Traditionally, this event is held off campus to add elegance and ambiance to the evening. However, this is a historic night and we are excited to host you here in our beautiful new Field House.

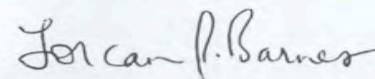
This much-needed practice gym is our largest project since the *Building on the Tradition Campaign Phase – I* brought us the Science Math and Technology wing in 2002. The field house is the first component of the *Building on the Tradition Campaign – Phase II*. Tonight we will share with you the success we have enjoyed during the quiet phase of the campaign and we will kickoff the public phase of this critical endeavor.

And of course, the highlight of the annual Ambassadors' Club Dinner is honoring our Ambassadors of the Year. Models of loyalty and generosity, Al '39 and Denise Franzoia have been active in the Christian Brothers High School community for more than three quarters of a century. How fitting it is that we honor them on this historic night.

Thank you all for your presence this evening and for all that you do to support us in our ministry of Catholic, Lasallian education. As members of the Ambassadors Club, you are changing the world ... one student at a time.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts.

God Bless,



Lorcan P. Barnes
President

2008 AMBASSADORS OF THE YEAR



~~ALBERT~~ '39 AND DENISE FRANZOIA Alfred

When looking back at the rich, long history of Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento, few people can look back further than Al Franzoia '39. Al began attending Christian Brothers School 78 years ago, in 1930, as a fifth-grader. "We lived at 16th and B streets, and the boys would stop by the house to pick up my brothers (Andrew '35 and Joseph '37) and me and we'd all walk together," says Al.

The "boys" as he calls them, included the likes of CB legends Adon Panattoni '35, Bob Fouts '39, Archie Crossland '39, Wally Westlake '39, and Ray Cordano '39 just to name a few. "I walked home every day for lunch and after school the boys would stop by and my mom would give us all a snack. I was the mascot for the baseball team, which actually meant that I got to shag the balls that were hit into the cemetery and I played on the school's B-team in basketball. We had a lot of fun in those days."

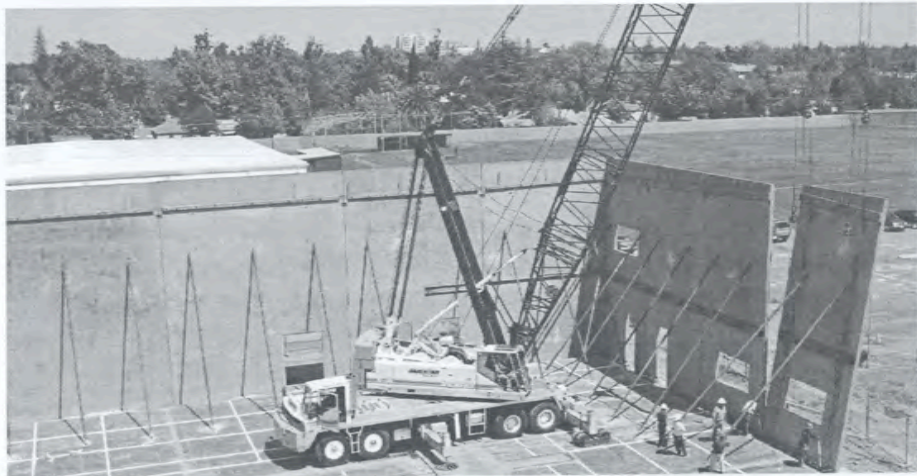
In 1949, ten years after graduation, Al met Denise Desmond (St. Francis High School Class of '47) at the YMI Easter Monday Ball thanks to good friends, Maxine and Paul Knezovich, who set them up on a blind date. Two years later they were married and together they lovingly raised four sons and two daughters -- Al Jr. '70, Tom '71, Michael '72, Mark '74, Linda (St. Francis '77 and CB cheerleader) and Suzie (St. Francis '78).

Feeding snacks to the CB kids was a tradition that continued in Al and Denise's home home. "The neighborhood kids would meet and ride over to CB together in the family station wagon. The car fit nine, we'd fill it up and be on our way," explains Denise. After school, the kids would come home, do their homework and I'd give them all a snack. We'd feed them after football games too. We'd get 12 dozen rolls, salami, potato salad, macaroni salad and just send them all down to the basement to raise hell."

During Al Jr., Tom, Michael and Mark's time at the school, they devoted countless hours of time volunteering and helping organize parent socials and special events. Denise served on the CB Board of Regents. Today, Al is an active member of the Brother Hoods and five of their 14 grandchildren attend or have graduated from CB. Several more hope to be Falcons in the future.

"We just like the whole concept of CB," explains Denise. "The people, the campus, the good, Catholic education are all wonderful."

While both Al and Denise are modest about their contributions to the school, CB President Lorcan Barnes has high praise for the couple, saying "Al and Denise are two of the most loyal, consistent supporters of Christian Brothers that I have had the pleasure to meet and get to know. I was thrilled when they agreed to allow us to honor them this year. Their generosity to the school and deep, steadfast support of the Brothers and our mission has truly earned them the distinction of *Ambassadors of the Year*."



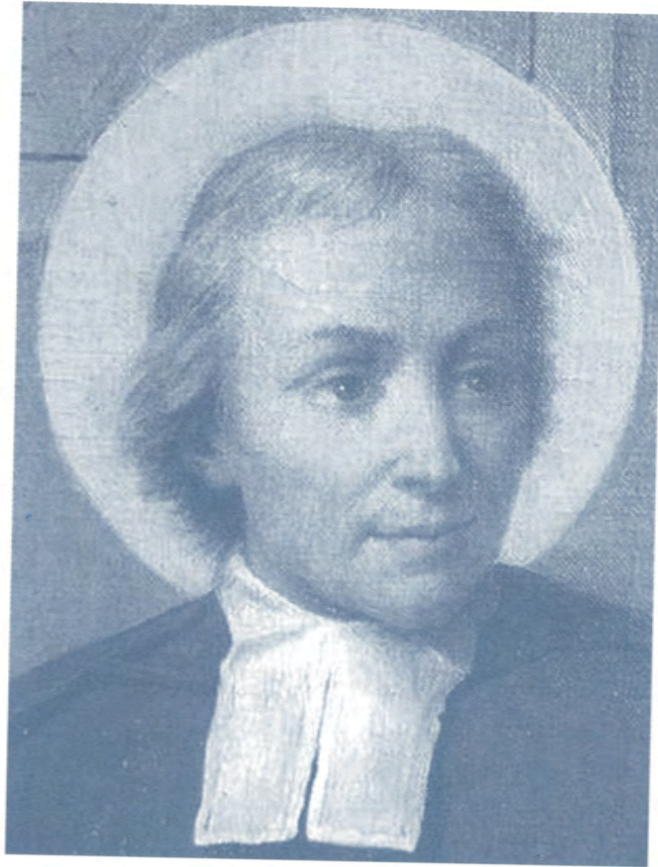
Building on the Tradition Campaign – Phase II

Tonight, Christian Brothers High School celebrates the grand opening of its newest campus addition – the 18,000 square-foot field house. This muchneeded facility is a direct result of the generosity of our Ambassadors, alumni, faculty and staff, parents and friends who share a vision for the future that provides students with the expanded and improved facilities essential to fostering their talents and gifts.

Christian Brothers is proud to announce the continuation of our Building on the Tradition Campaign, which brought us the Science, Math and Technology Wing in 2002 Building on the Tradition – Phase II includes the field house, a performing arts/student activities center, building the tuition assistance endowment and a residence for our Christian Brothers. With your help, this vision for the future will become a reality for generations of students to come.

AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

- 1988 Richard Carlson '47 †
- 1989 John Jackson, Jr. '68
Leo Schuering, Jr. '60
Charles Sylva '65
- 1990 Ron Carissimi '51
Msgr. Richard Dwyer '32 †
James Mulhern
Manuel Perry, Jr.
Frank Ramos
- 1991 Br. Bertram Coleman, FSC †
Jean Lahey
Norm Montgomery †
Dwight "Dinty" Moore † (posthumously)
Robert Roche '44
Steve Scully '66 †
- 1992 James Dunphy, Jr. '41
- 1993 Robert Massa
- 1994 Kassis Brothers (Frank, Lewis †, Edward, Walter,
Dr. John)
- 1995 Msgr. Edward Kavanagh
- 1996 Dr. Donald Gillott
- 1997 Frank '71 & Carrie Vellutini
- 1998 John and Claudine † Jackson
- 1999 Bob '48 & Mercedes Slakey
- 2000 Sisters of Mercy, Auburn Regional Community
- 2001 Bishop Weigand, D.D.
- 2002 The Brothers of the Christian Schools
- 2003 C. Stanley Gilliam '41
- 2004 Sal "Chado" Vasquez '52
- 2005 Thea Stidum
- 2006 Lon '73 and Mary Ann Burford
- 2007 Bill '68 and Elaine '68 Schaedler
- 2008 Al '39 and Denise Franzoia



"You are Ambassadors and Ministers of Jesus Christ."

- St. John Baptist de La Salle