The Christian Brothers



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Board of Regents formed

During the planning of the Christian Brothers Centennial more than 18 months ago, the idea of a Board of Regents for the

school was presented.

Roger Slakey, Vincent Caselli and Walter Christensen formed a three-man board to begin the organization. Purpose is to advise the principal in fiscal matters, operations, programs, policy, public and community relations and the development of financial resources in support of operating budgets and capital improvements. All of these are to be accom-

plished within the policy and philosophical guidelines promulgated by the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

Edward Lammerding, president of the Capitol Bank of Commerce, is president of the Board of Regents, which includes Mesdames Betty Downey, Mae Belle Pendergast, Donna Parsons, Jean Runyon; Judge Leighton Hatch, Dr. Joseph Farrington, Father Leo McAllister, Messrs. William Gormley, Dwight (Dinty) Moore, George Cook Sr., Yubi Separovich, David Murphy, Alan Cordano, Ralph Vitiello,

Robert Young, Jack Stassi, Daniel Sullivan, Ronald Carissimi, Joseph Genshlea, Peter Perich, James Mulhern, William Golsong, Albert Westlake Sr., Dan Petrocchi, Michael Donovan and Dick Cable.

Brother Ronald is an ex-officio member of the board.

The board is divided into three committees—foundation, finance and public relations. Each group has been meeting to formulate plans that best meet the goals of the Christian Brothers.

A Report: Evaluation and revisions

By

BROTHER RONALD ROGGENBACK, FSC Principal, Dean of Studies

It is necessary to thank the new Board of Regents, and especially the public relations committee, for supplying this means of communication with the Alumni and friends of Christian Brothers. We hope

Brother Ronald

that this publication will keep you factually informed about Christian Brothers High School, as the school and the Brothers enter their second century of service to the area. We also hope this communication will bring you a feeling of closeness, and therefore, bring you closer to your alma mater magister.

Since the opportunity has not been present before, I want to thank all who assisted us in the Centennial celebrations last year—especially those who helped in the organization.

There were many firsts for the school, besides the Centennial itself—the massive turnout of alumni and friends at the civic liturgy and dinner; the memorial stone laying ceremony on the feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle not only was outstanding, but represented what was probably the first Masonic ceremony associated, with a liturgy in 300 years. Fantastic!

"SOCIETIES, LIKE INDIVIDUALS, grow old and die once the habits inherited from the past outweight the will to renewal. It is not easy to balance fidelity to the intuitions that sparked our origins and the requirements of life today.

The school must . . . change . . . in its objectives, by imparting to the students more than mere book knowledge,

and by emphasizing instead the development of the powers of observation, imagination, reasoning and discrimination... in its methodolgy, by highlighting research and creativity rather than rote memorization... in this same vein the school today stresses training in sensitivity, the ability to form judgements and the development of a critical mind."

The above quote came from "The Brothers of the Christian Schools in the World Today: A Declaration," the central document for the Brothers, written by the General Chapter of 1967. Christian Brothers High School has been involved in intense self-evaluation since then to discover how best to serve the needs of our students now and in the future, and, at the same time, how to preserve what has been good in the past; how to remain faithful to the call and mission of the Christian Brothers; and how best to implement the challenge of the Gospel. This evaluation and work has resulted in the curriculum revisions of the last three years.

THE NEW CURRICULUM, in seeking to better prepare our students for life, is emphasizing a stronger academic prep-

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This is the first of what is planned as a quarterly publication, produced by the Board of Regents, in an effort to spread the word of Christian Brothers, to keep you up to date with the school, its alumni, parents and interested persons. We solicit your interest and ideas. Contact the Regents' public relations committee, Donna Parsons (422-8842), chairperson. This issue is brought to you through the courtesy of the Capitol Bank of Commerce, 525 Downtown Plaza, and The Sacramento Union, 301 Capitol Mall.

Alumni organizing.

All alumni are invited to participate in an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. May 3 in the school cafeteria, when a charter for the group will be prepared and officers selected. Refreshments will be served.

Part of the future plans include a May trip to the Padres-Giants baseball game to honor Johnny McNamara.

The Alumni . . . what they're doing

By JACK STASSI

This may be the start of a journalistic effort in which I may end up becoming Sacramento's "Poor Man's" Kirt Mac-Bride. But with your help, I'll ultimately try to keep you informed of the alumni happenings.

Congratulations to Jack Kearns, '51, who has been named the new Sacramento Chief of Police, succeeding Chief Bill Kinney. Jack, who also was graduated from Sacramento State University with a master's degree in social science, served three years in the Marine Corps during the Korean War and was a fleet boxing champion. He takes over as chief on May

Ed Conway, '25, founder of the Saints and Sinners golf tournament, still going strong and always looking for an extra foursome. Leo Bennett, '37, now living in Reno and with the Federal Housing Administration... the Zanze Brothers are back in the dough again, and after having their bakery burned to the ground, have moved into bigger quarters on Florin-Perkins Road—stop by and say hello to

Bill, '47, John, '55, Randy, '68, and Roger, '70.

Emilio Varanini, '59, is doing a great job as one of Governor Brown's appointees... Cliff Russell, '37, enjoying his new suite of offices in the North area... and speaking of lawyers, Richard Desmond, '47, and Louis Desmond, '43, were seen looking out of the window of their office in the Old California Fruit Building, waiting for the new hotel to start construction next door.

Jim Burich, '43, really has assembled a great committee for the annual Christian Brothers golf tournament on May 6.... Joe Puliz, '41, is doing his best to keep the North area residents entertained in his new cocktail lounge, "The Velvet Hammer"..... Jack Gallagher, '39, CPA, is not looking forward to this month's tax deadline (It's April 15, in case you've forgotten).... Bill Blanas, '39, the city police department's "official" chef for the Pig Bowl, is the latest answer to Chef Boyardee... speaking of the Pig Bowl, one of our old grads, Lou Fratur, '41, alias

George Blanda, still is the oldest participant—and no one—that's NO ONE—is going to touch his record.

Joe Gulterrez, '70, now is covering the Vacaville-Dixon area for Crown Zellerbach . . . Rick Raimondi, '70, formerly with D.O. Milles in Old Town, now with A.J. Bump in Freeport . . . Michael Franzola, '72, is a chip off the old block, running the family rendering business in Nevada.

Claude Albers, now with the Santa Rosa police department, would like to see some of his old classmates, socially, that is . . . two classmates now sharing office space in the Campus Commons area are Dr. Mike Flynn, '60, and Dr. Harry Viani,'60 . . . Kevin McGovern, '74, is Tom LoPresti's starter at Land Park Golf Club, and he sure knows how to keep 'em teed up and moving.

Please drop me a card or note, or give me a call if you have any news on our alumnae—you know, marriage, promotion, transer or just plain old gossip. Ali will be welcome.

Fall report from the Winery

At the annual Wine Harvest luncheon, hosted by the Christian Brothers, the following remarks are taken from a text read by Brother Timothy, cellarmaster of the Mont La Salle Vineyards:

"Bicentennial year curiosity caused me to check the pages of quotations compiled by the Wine Institute and learned that 36 Americans, including Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Maynard Amerine have said many nice things about wine.

"While prohibition and the depression were giving a "one-two" punch to our country in 1930, we Christian Brothers selected our new home and werefew of these grapes went to home winemakers or into wine for the prescription counter.

"Times have changed, for the better.
"Vineyards have changed from prohibition style grapes, such as Alicante Bouschet, to renowned wine varieties like

Cabernet Sauvignon. Wineries have changed as improved grape varieties, new wine technology and the competitive urge to produce better wines have spurred 178 Napa Valley enologists to challenge old ideas and practices and test every new technique that might lead to better wines.

"The high quality of Napa Valley grapes and wines has caused new wineries to sprout like mushrooms. Great wines and international acclaim have crowned the Napa Valley with glory. Attracted by the excitement, two wineries of French background now are in business in the Napa Valley. We are delighted and flattered that our grapes and wines have given them reason to join us in the production of fine Napa Valley wines."

Finally, in a Bicentinial tribute, Brother Tim recalled that Benjamin Franklin, once said:

"We hear of the conversion of water

into wine at the marriage, in Cana, as a miracle. But this conversion is, through the goodness of God, made every day before our eyes. Behold the rain, which descends from Heaven upon our vine-yards, and which enters into the vine-roots to be changed into wine; a constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy. The miracle in question was performed to hasten the operation, under circumstances of necessity, which required it."

Remember, it is through your purchase of the Christian Brothers wines and brandies that Christian Brothers High School is supported. Encourage your family and friends to try Christian Brothers—they'll be glad they did, and so will the Christian Brothers.

² More from Brother Ronald

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aration, especially in the areas of written and verbal communication and in the area of science and mathematics.

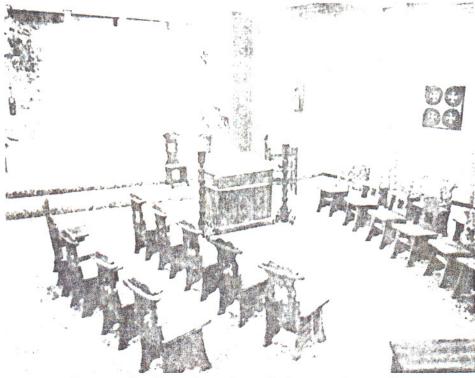
Every student who follows the four year program at CBS follows an intensive writing curriculum, at least his first three years, emphasizing clear writing, vocabulary development and grammar; every student studies literature at least three years; and every student is required to take a course in public speaking.

Our requirements in the area of mathematics and science now include a minimum of three years of mathematics and two years of laboratory science.

AS OUR DECLARATION HAS SAID, our goal is not mere book knowledge, but understanding and an ability to use and apply that understanding. For this reason, the curriculum emphasizes methodologies that show whether or not the student has understood and can apply his knowledge. The curriculum also emphasizes integration of disciplines so the student can more clearly begin to see their interrelationship.

In the lower division, all students take humanities, which is an integration of religious studies, English studies and social students; and integrated science, along with their math, which is an integration of life and physical sciences.

In the junior year, students study U.S. history, U.S. literature and civics as an integrated whole. In addition in the upper division, we encourage the students to begin college courses and skill training



Christian Brothers chapel, ready for regular services.

through ROP as a means of preparing them for their post secondary career.

OUR THIRD, and most important goal, has been the integration of religious studies into all aspects of the school life. This is being achieved though the integration of religious studies into the lower division humanities, the use of the chapel for prayer and liturgical services, besides the daily use of prayer in classes, and the electives that every division student must take every semester in attendance. It is this goal that we see as most important

and which CBS gives CBS its reason for being.

To reach these goals it has been necessary to revise the kind of daily schedule that has been traditional into longer blocks of time. These longer periods allow for the practicums that are necessary to cause a balance between the intellectual and operational aspects of the courses.

I invite all of you to become aware of the work and events here at CBS and to participate to the extent that you are able.

La Salle golf

Here's your chance to show how good you are—on the golf course.

Reservations are being taken for the La Salle Club golf tournament May 6 at Haggin Oaks.

A \$25 donation includes green fees, a steak dinner, cocktails and prizes, with reservations being taken by Jim Burich (441-0336), John Ceccarelli (428-6762) or Dave Treiber (487-2117).

Tuition rises

How much did it cost to send you to Christian Brothers High School?

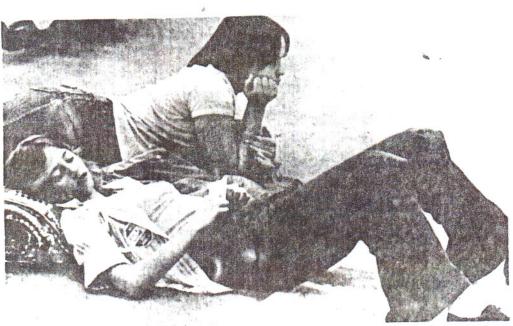
Was it \$10 a month, \$100 a year?

Well, times have changed, and although Christian Brothers has managed to hold the line as much as possible, due to the increase in costs in operation and on the advice of the Parents CB Guild and the administrative board, tuition for 1977-78 will be increased \$50 per year. The new tuition will be \$675 per year.



The chapel, filled with students, as it is used as a classroom.

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And just resting . . . Diane Wood and Theresa Stone.



FAST

Sponsored by the sophomores at Christian Brothers, 122 high school students took part in a 30-hour fast to raise funds for CROP, a self-help program to help the hungry of the world. The event was in the CBS gym, with the students raising \$4,094 by obtaining sponsors. et



Passing the time during the fast, David Aguero and Jeff Alves played basketball.

Plenty of reading material available for fasters—including Victor Saldivar.