In Memoriam: Kathleen A. Cull Cavello

The second-ever Combined Class Reunion Celebration included the classes of '57, '62, '67, '77, '82, '87, '92, & '97. See pictures of the event’s program placed throughout the sections of this edition from the various Friday night class reunion gatherings to the results of their Class Gift fundraising efforts.

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Wow! Our Alumni News is filled with hundreds of biographical updates in our “Notes” section, and is especially loaded with great updates and stories sent in by those alumni in the reunion classes. Mix in stories of the great academic, philanthropic, and business achievements (to name just a few categories) and feel the pride grow inside you!

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In our Development section you’ll learn about the inspiring personal story of Walt Plank and his journey into the St. Charles pantheon of outstanding alumni. You can also read the special feature alumnus Richard L. Ferris’ ’63 prepared about charitable Legacy planning and get a life-time giving report on the school’s graduation classes.

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True Dedication!
The devotion and commitment of the Cardinal Community—especially that of a 1941 St. Charles graduate—was celebrated at the Ribbon-Cutting ceremony on September 14 - which christened Walt Plank Field.
In Loving Memory -- Mrs. Kathleen Cavello

The St. Charles family is deeply saddened at the loss of its first lady, Kathleen A. (nee Cull) Cavello, who died of complications from a brain tumor on October 10. Mrs. Cavello, 58, was the wife and constant companion of principal Dominic J. Cavello ’64, mother of two St. Charles graduates Christopher ’91, Dominick A. ’93, and a daughter, Kate Cavello. She was also a tireless worker and supporter for St. Charles.

For 19 years Mrs. Cavello was a lead organizer of the annual St. Charles Mother’s Club Silent Auction and Dinner. Under her direction, it has blossomed to become a joyful social event of the Christmas Season that grows annually. Over the years it has attracted thousands of parents, alumni, and new friends to St. Charles, and raised funds for St. Charles students and school facilities.

A joy to work with, Kathleen served the school like no other St. Charles mom. In 2004 she organized the Mothers of Alumni Tea, which quickly became a favorite annual event. It was her hope that St. Charles mothers of alumni would continue their bond long after their sons had graduated from St. Charles.

In August, several weeks before the diagnosis of her glioblastoma, Kathleen and Dominic traveled to Alaska for a well-deserved vacation with their friends and fellow parents of St. Charles alumni, George and Terri Lewandowski, Dan and Susan Dent, and Bernie and Sarah Mazur.

Mrs. Cavello was a graduate of Immaculate Conception grade school, a 1967 graduate of Bishop Watterson High School and 1971 graduate of Ohio State University. In addition to her 22 years as the school’s first lady, Kathleen was a highly sought after seamstress of window dressings and interior decorating. Many of her works can be found in the homes of St. Charles families as well as the St. Charles main academic building.

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Photo contributors

On the Cover—
Walt Plank Field was officially dedicated prior to the Cardinal football team’s Homecoming victory against Marion Harding on Friday, September 14, 2007. Recognized at the ceremony were the parents, alumni, contractors, and other members of the Cardinal community whose tireless efforts made the new synthetic field project – and a host of other “stadium” amenities – a reality.

Prepared to cut the official 28-ft long red ribbon at the stadium’s entrance are, from the left- Chris Schneider (back to ticket booth, facing camera) Kevin Quinn, Mark (partially hidden) and Laurie Palmer, Sarah and Ed Kistner, (Andy Dejaco and Michael Ryan ’08 in back row) Rick Ey ’94, Hank Sherowski and his grandson, Jack Knox, Ray Benjamin ’91, Bob Horner ’79, Tom O’Leary ’64, Mary Plank Underwood, Dominic J. Cavello ’64, Tommy Plank, Carol Plank, Liz Plank (Mrs. Walter H. Plank), Julie Plank, Carol Plank Jackson, Tim Plank (in front of Carol), John Plank ’82, Jane Plank Varga, Matthew Plank (in front of Jane), Don ’47 and Nancy Kelley, John Varga and his father, Kurt (behind Don), Tim Kelley ’76 (partially hidden), Heidi Plank with daughter, Jenna, Pat Kelley ’78, Joe Scharfe ’47, Monsignor Thomas Bennett, Byron Burwell (standing behind Msgr. Bennett), Ed Carlson (face hidden) Jim Dew, Craig Storch, Laurie Palmer (fully hidden behind Craig) Doug and Beth Byorth (standing next to Laurie and near the ticket booth), Annie Storch, Ralph Polletta ’79, and Bruce Wasserstrom. Photo by Ed Winters’79 of Tri-Village Studio.

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Welcome to this issue of the Cardinal magazine. St. Charles principal, Dominic J. Cavello, has asked me to share a few remarks about the beginning of this school year, which in typical St. Charles fashion holds great promise.

Our enrollment this year is full, with a little over 600 boys enrolled. Nearly 20 percent of these students are attending St. Charles on some form of scholarship assistance—most of them need-based. Earlier this quarter, I was fortunate enough to attend a Mass for our In the Know team offered by our own Monsignor Thomas M. Bennett. Monsignor delivered a homily with which all St. Charles alumni over the past 30 are most familiar. To put it simply, he challenged us toward a humble appreciation of our God-given talents and capabilities. He also emphasized the point that the only real value of our talents is derived from how we employ them in the service of our fellow man.

On the evening of September 14, the Cardinal Community celebrated the life of Christian service of the late Walter H. Plank ’41 by dedicating the beautiful new athletic fields that now bear his name. Walt Plank Field is an appropriate way to honor a committed servant and model alumnus, as it is the result of considerable sacrifices made by a new generation of benefactors and friends, who have joined hands with the generation of alumni and parents who helped our school through the rebuilding years of the early 1970s. St. Charles is deeply grateful to those who helped with the transformation of the field and stadium gateway.

Many of our Cardinal teams have started the year by establishing or continuing winning traditions. Recently we learned that 10 of our young scholars have been named National Merit Semi-Finalists and 20 more were recognized as Commended Scholars. These achievements are a credit to the hard work of our students, the faculty, and our parents. As all new parents entering St. Charles are reminded, these three entities, which Principal Cavello refers to as the three-legged stool, are the essential elements for accepting the challenge at St. Charles. Incidentally, this year’s Open House date is Sunday, November 4, which is also the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo our namesake and patron. Please encourage the families of 8th grade boys in your community to attend.

As you will see from the features and pictures that follow, the spirit of Christian service is alive and well at St. Charles. As you read about the exceptional achievements of our students (and alumni), I suspect you will also share my confidence in the school’s future, which we lovingly entrust to these fine young men.

Robert W. Horner III is the chairman of the St. Charles Advisory Board. He is a 1979 graduate of St. Charles and is father of a current sophomore, Robert Horner IV.
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St. Charles dedicates Walt Plank Field

This year’s Homecoming football game September 14 took on historic importance as alumni, parents, and friends of St. Charles gathered for the dedication of the newly completed Walt Plank Field. The ceremony was capped by a Cardinal victory over long-time football opponent Marion Harding.

The state-of-the-art facility is named in honor of the late Walt Plank, a 1941 graduate of St. Charles who starred for the Cardinals and later became recognized as one of Columbus’s great sportsmen. He died in 1993, but his legacy of service to his fellow man and strong devotion to his alma mater lives on in others. It was at his Plank’s Café at Sycamore and Parsons, where Walt held court from the steam table behind the bar. There, in the middle of the hustle-bustle of his restaurant, he loved to engage all in spirited conversation.

The ceremony attracted many members of the Plank Family. Also in attendance were field contractors, architects, and leaders of the Parents Fund Committee that helped make the project reality. They joined to open “officially” the renovated facility by cutting a huge red ribbon on Sean P. Reed Plaza, just outside the new brick entrance to the stadium.

Principal Dominic J. Cavello ’64, assistant principal Jim Lower, and the school’s Annual Fund Chairman, Tom O’Leary ’64, in turn addressed the crowd. Lower acknowledged members of the 2006-2007 Parents Annual Fund leadership and the contractors involved in the construction of the facility. Cavello presented each with a plaque to illustrate the school’s appreciation (see photos).

The new turf field is the crown jewel of a project that welcomes visitors through a new brick stadium entranceway for the school’s athletic complex. It’s flanked by the newly designated Sean P. Reed Plaza and the Henry J. “Hank” Sherowski Concessions Area. Also new are two baseball dugouts with built-in storage units, fencing, and landscaping. The $1.5 million project was funded by private donations from the Cardinal community.

Walt Plank Field is an all-purpose all-weather facility. It’s used for varsity football, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and other athletic events.

Leadership for Walt Plank Field Project Honored at the field’s Ribbon-Cutting ceremony Sept. 14, 2007

2006 Parent’s Fund Co-chairs with Dominic J. Cavello, Principal

Tom O’Leary ’64, Fund Drive Chairman

Laurie and Mark Palmer, 2006 Parent’s Fund Co-Chairs

Kevin Quinn, 2006 Parent’s Fund Co-Chair (along with his wife, Marie)

Doug and Beth Byorth, 2006 Parent’s Fund Co-Chairs

David and Laura Butler, 2006 Parent’s Fund Co-Chairs

Sarah and Ed Kistner, 2006 Parent’s Fund Co-Chairs

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St. Charles cast its gratitude to Nick, Steve, and Marty Savko in the form of a bronze plate for their site work on the Walt Plank Field project. The plate is affixed to the rock, which fronts the west end zone.

Conceding his expertise
Hank Sherowski (left) has been recognized for his long-time project management leadership on many of the campus’ capital improvement projects. This bronze marker hangs alongside a new concessions area built into the east wall of the Multi-purpose room.

Project Contractors

Jim Lower, Dominic J. Cavello, and Steve Savko of Nick Savko & Sons, Inc.

Marty Savko, of Nick Savko & Sons, Inc.

Hank Sherowski and his grandson, Jack Knox

Marty Savko, of Nick Savko & Sons, Inc.

Ed Carlson of Nick Savko & Sons, Inc.

Ralph Polletta ’79 of Nick Savko & Sons, Inc.

Dominic J. Cavello with Tim Shremshock ’86, of Shremshock Architects, Inc.

Chris Schneider, area marketing director for Sprinturf

Byron Bunwell, project construction manager

Jim Dew of Mid-City Electric

Craig Storch of Lannis Fencing Systems

Note: Larry Guglielmi of Guglielmi Painting Co. also received commendation, but was unable to personally attend.
Brothers Homer ‘46 and Francis E. “Eugene” Beard

Eugene Beard, a former Carolian student, attended St. Charles through most of his sophomore year (1946) until he contracted Rheumatic Fever and missed nine weeks of school. Because he fell well behind in Latin II, he had to enroll at Hamilton Township High School the next fall and went on to play for HT’s 1947 State Class B Championship baseball team. He later earned a degree in education at The Ohio State University and a master’s in school administration at Ohio University. Homer, his big brother, is a tireless supporter of St. Charles and is a member of the Alumni Association’s governing board.

Carol Plank Jackson, eldest daughter of Walt Plank ’41, shares her family’s appreciation and pride in having their father honored by St. Charles with the naming of the field in his memory.

Alumni and members of the Columbus Police and Fire Pipes & Drums Corps George A. Fulcher III ’77, Marty McSweeney ’77, and Tim Welsh ’82, performed at the ribbon cutting.

Following the dedication ceremony for Walt Plank Field, all were invited to join the St. Charles Alumni Association at its traditional Homecoming Tailgate Party just before the Cardinal’s football victory over Marion Harding. Later, those in attendance that night were encouraged to gather at the Cavello Center on the lower level of the Campus Theatre building for a post-game fare of Planks Café Pizza. Our special thanks goes to Mike Sweeney ’82 of The Beer Dock East. Mike has generously donated the cold refreshments served at this popular post-game gathering for several years.

From left - Pat Baumann ’92, David Jones ’91, Chris Cavello ’91, and Ryan Sullivan ’91

From left - Chris Mahler ’78, Carla and Al Bell ’78, and Beth Mahler

Mike Sullivan ’58, Tom Mackessy ’77, Robert Miller ’67, and Margie Sullivan

Tom Rankin ’82 (left) with brother Tim ’83 and Tim’s son, Maxwell (center).

Dick Schneider (Aquinas ’57) with son Andy ’82, and grandson Anthony.

Sharing some good ol’ Cardinal camaraderie were, from left, Joe Gruber ’94, Paul Copeland ’04 (front), Will Gruber ’06, and Bart Mahoney

Father William DeVille ’55 (far right) with Jack O’Reilly ’52 and grandson, Liam.

Terry Welsh ’57 (left) and son, Pat ’84

John ’78 (left) and Jim ’80 Mackessy (right) share a laugh with Mike Sweeney ’82

Alumni board at your service
St. Charles Alumni Association governing board members on hand to help prepare and serve food for the pre-game tailgate party included from left – Phil Caito ’72, Sean Whalen ’99, Michael Probst ’89 (President), Marion Smithberger ’72 (past president), Jack Gibbons ’81, Gerard Barrow ’72, Damion Clifford ’95, Zach Pavol ’00, and catering specialist, Bob Sellhorst ’74. Also helping that night but not pictured here were Matt Weger ’89, Rob Ryan ’89, Bill Prophater ’86, and Homer Beard ’46.
New Athletic Field:

New Field Draws Praises from Varsity Coaches

Rick Ey ’94, Soccer
The new field has benefited the soccer team in a number of ways. First, since soccer is a game of ball possession, and the best way to possess the ball is to keep it on the ground; finally having a flat surface on which to play makes that much more possible. As a result, our play has improved because there are a lot fewer mistakes than with the old bumpy, muddy field.

Also, being able to practice on the new surface has created better practice continuity and productivity due to the aforementioned field integrity. It’s also more fun for the kids and eliminates unexpected bounces, allowing them to play their game without having to compensate for the field conditions.

Finally, we have gotten some exposure as Diocesan schools have held a couple of all-diocesan soccer events at St. Charles. Hopefully having this field will encourage them to come to SC for the education, the experience, as well as for the athletics. As a coach I can finally be proud of having other teams and schools come to play against us without their turning an ankle or losing a shoe in the mud.

Ted Wierzbicki, Football
The new synthetic field allows us to practice and play on a consistent and safe surface all year round. It’s especially nice not to have to practice and compete in a “mud bowl.” The new surface also helps us attract opponents willing to play us here on our home field.

These new facilities also provide an opportunity to showcase the school to young men in grade school who will use the field for football games and other sporting activities, and hopefully encourage their future decision to attend St. Charles.

Ray Benjamin ’91, Baseball
The new baseball facility gives our baseball program an opportunity to play outside before most other schools. As we saw in the summer, it can rain all day and when it stops we can play. The whole baseball facility gives our student athletes the best facility they will play on during their high school years.

Bill Taylor, Lacrosse
I don't think people realize what this stadium upgrade means to the St. Charles lacrosse family. Since I have been the head coach we have played our home games at Bexley High School. It will be so very special to play our “home” games at home!

Weather and mud will not be a factor in practice schedules, we’ll be able to practice full field on a real full field. The biggest thing, I think, will be the pride factor that we hope translates into bigger student body support for our team! We are looking forward to the day when the student section is as large for a lacrosse game as it is now on football Friday nights! SC Pride is what the new stadium means to the lacrosse program, and now we feel like we are a part of that!

Remembering Sean P. Reed
Sean P. Reed Plaza is a special location where people can meet before and after athletic events. It is the area just south of Walt Plank Field’s new brick entranceway. It's named in memory of the late Sean Reed, a 2002 St. Charles alumnus. Here fans begin to line up before the Cardinal's football game.
This special page is being produced for parents and their eighth grade boys unable to attend the St. Charles Open House on Nov. 9. We hope this helps to answer some questions you might have about the school’s philosophy and enrollment process, and refreshes information for those who did attend.

For nearly 85 years St. Charles has been very successful in educating young men of this diocese with a solid college preparatory course of study. If you are the least bit familiar with our school you may know that many of our graduates hold important leadership positions in our community and that they exhibit well their St. Charles education.

First and foremost St. Charles is a Catholic school. Our primary mission is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and, as our American Bishops expressed it so eloquently, “To teach as Jesus did.” It is within this Christian framework that we offer a rigorous college preparatory course of study. If you have been following the recent state and national discussions concerning education, be aware that our curriculum is now the recommended norm for any student who intends to go on to obtain a college degree.

Our academic success is reflected by, among other things, our students’ results on SAT and ACT standardized tests in which St. Charles ranks with the top 10% in the nation. It’s also reflected in the quality of the colleges and universities from which our alumni graduate. Our academic philosophy and success is based on five basic tenets:

I. We believe that parents are their children’s first and most influential teachers. What parents do to help their children learn is more important to academic success than any other factor.

II. We believe that many highly successful individuals have above-average rather than extraordinary intelligence. Achievement in a particular activity depends more often upon hard work and self-discipline than on innate ability.

III. We believe that teachers, who set and communicate high expectations to their students, obtain greater academic performance than teachers who set low expectations.

IV. We believe that how much time students actively devote to learning contributes to their achievement. Student achievement rises significantly when teachers regularly assign homework and students conscientiously do it.

V. We believe in strong instructional leadership, both administrative and teaching, coupled with a safe and orderly school climate.

Academia, however, is not the only place where young men learn to grow during their high school years. Students who complement their academic studies with extracurricular activities gain experience that contributes to their success in college. Besides the 13 varsity sports we offer, students are able to participate in an array of interesting activities. During our recently completed first quarter, almost two-thirds of our nearly 605 students were involved in some sport, student activity or organization. Involvement helps growth; growth leads to success.

Frequently asked questions by parents and students at the Open House

—When does the application process begin? The answer is now. Each eighth grader who attended the St. Charles Open House last November filled out a registration card and received a Thank You note for taking time to visit us and a courtesy application. When eighth grade first quarter grades have been received, preliminary application may be made. The student’s most recent standardized testing scores (6th or 7th grade) should be submitted along with the application and grade card. Students who apply during the month of January should send in their 8th grade standardized test scores. Interviews with prospective students and their parents are also part of this process but will be arranged after we have received your application.

—What about eighth grader visits during a regular school day? Starting the second week of January eighth grade students interested in attending St. Charles next year will be given the opportunity to spend a half day here. During their visit they will meet with each of the administrators, have an opportunity to talk with some of the coaches, and sit in on two or three freshman classes. Notification of these visitation days will be sent out at the end of December.

—How much does it cost to attend St. Charles? Our tuition for this 2007-2008 school year is $6,790 for Catholics registered in a parish and $7,090 for non-registered students. If you have financial need, both the diocese and St. Charles sponsor significant grant programs. This year we provided nearly $625,000 in scholarships, grants, and work-study aid to those who need help. Our scholarship exam this year will be given at St. Charles on Saturday, January 26, in two sessions, 9 am and 1 pm. Eighth grade boys will receive notification for registration after Christmas.

—Is St. Charles too far away? The school is centrally located. Transportation should not be a major problem. Public school buses provide transportation from almost every district in Central Ohio. Our office is willing to provide information for setting up car pools by letting you know who lives in your end of town and is attending St. Charles.

If you would like to have an application mailed to your home, receive information as part of our 8th grade E-mail list, or wish to receive any other general information (a copy of the school profile, student handbook or alumni magazine), you are invited to contact our school secretary, Laurie Berendt at 614-252-9288.
Student News

10 named National Merit Semifinalists

Ten St. Charles seniors have been named National Merit semifinalists for 2007-08. They earned this honor based on their scores in the qualifying test they took last year. Only 16,000 of 1.4 million students who took the test qualified. The qualifiers, including the 10 from St. Charles, are in the running for scholarships that total more than $34 million.

The St. Charles semifinalists are:

Alex Davis, son of Bruce and Karen Davis. He is a member of St. Matthew Parish and attended Gahanna Middle School East; Christopher Haas, son of Rene and S. Douglas Haas. He is a member of St. Agatha Parish and attended St. Agatha School; Jared Huling, son of Jay and Linda Huling. He is a member of Church of the Messiah and attended Heritage Middle School;

Stephen Hunter, son of John and Carol Hunter. He is a member of St. Andrew Parish and attended St. Andrew School; Jacob Krebs, son of Timothy and Teresa Krebs. He is a member of St. Matthew Parish and attended St. Matthew School; Benson E. Lindsey, III son of Ben and Betsy Lindsey. He is a member of St. Margaret of Cortona parish and attended Trinity Elementary; Nathan Maupin, son of Thomas Maupin and Beth Maupin. He is a member of St. Catharine Parish and attended St. Catharine School;

Daniel McGregor, son of John and Mary Lou McGregor. He is a member of Our Lady of Victory parish and attended Trinity Elementary; Jordan Meyer, son of Jennifer and John Kelleher and Allen Meyer. He is a member of St. Matthew Parish and attended St. Matthew School; Neil O’Kelly, son of Morton and Susan O’Kelly. He is a member of St. Brigid of Kildare parish and attended St. Brigid of Kildare School;

21 are commended scholars

Twenty-one St. Charles seniors were named National Merit commended scholars for 2007-2008. They placed among the top 5% of the 1.4 million students who took the test. While they don’t continue in competition for National Merit scholarships, some are eligible for special scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

They include: Alexander Bastoky, son of Erin Bastoky. He attended St. Cecilia School and is a member of that parish; Ian Bateman, son of Kurt and Susie Bateman. He attended St. Catharine School and is a member of that parish; John Bourke, son of J. David and Mary Bourke. He attended St. Catharine School and is a member of that parish; Sean Bresler, son of Sandy and Jane Bresler. He attended St. Agatha School and is a member of that parish;

Richard Gieseck, son of Richard and Missy Gieseck. He attended St. Michael School and is a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish; Matthew Grady, son of Tim and Pam Grady. He attended St. Timothy School and is a member of that parish; Daniel Hoffman, son of John and Lisa Hoffman. He attended St. Timothy School and is a member of St. Peter Parish; Mikey Karnes, son of John and Marcia Karnes. He attended St. Andrew School and is a member of St. Peter Parish; Andrew Latimer, son of Dodd and Mary Latimer. He attended St. Pius X School and is a member of Seton Parish; Luke Lovett, son of Joe and Julie Lovett. He attended St. Mary School and is a member of that parish; Kevin Madison, son of David Madison and Debi Balog. He attended St. Paul School in German Village and is a member of that parish; John Matson, son of John and Jane Matson. He attended Ecole Kenwood; Sean McCutcheon, son of John and Cathy McCutcheon. He attended Monroe Middle School;

Justin Miller, son of Henry and Deborah Miller. He attended Holy Spirit School and is a member of that parish; Christopher Morbitzer, son of Ben Morbitzer and Annie Kerr. He attended St. Mary School in German Village and is a member of that parish; Mathew Reggie, son of Rita Barnes. He attended St. Catharine School; Tejas Sinha, son of Sadhana Sinha. He attended St. Timothy School;

Jeffrey Thompson, son of Mark and Mary Thompson. He attended St. Matthew School and is a member of that parish; Kevin Warriss, son of Jeff and Chris Warriss. He attended St. Brendan School and is a member of that parish; David Whitesmith, son of Dave and Amy. He attended Heritage Middle School; and Chase Williams, son of Tom and Mary Williams. He attended St. Catharine School and is a member of that parish.

Fresh paint = faster times?
The Dedger & Rose Jones Natatorium received a fresh coat of paint over the summer months. Larry Guglielmi, owner of Guglielmi & Sons, Inc., and Watterson ’67 alumnus, prepares the pool for its fourth-ever paint job. The Cardinal swim team is coming off back-to-back runners-up finishes in the Division I state swimming championships.
Velez gets Achievement recognition

St. Charles senior Adrian R. Velez, son of Juan Velez and Vanessa Velez of St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, is one of only 3,000 seniors in the U. S. to be named to the 2008 National Achievement Scholarship program. He scored in the top 5% of more than 140,000 Black Americans who requested consideration for the program. Velez is on a list of students being sent to more than 1,500 colleges and universities noting his exceptional academic promise.

100% pass OGT again

St. Charles again racks up perfect-passing rate in state

One hundred and thirty-two St. Charles sophomores scored an impressive academic “three-peat” last spring by receiving a perfect passing rate on the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). Hard work by the St. Charles Class of 2009 and faculty again produced the lofty results.

This marked the third straight year the school registered the 100% feat-in as many years as the test has been administered in Ohio.

The goal of St. Charles is not only to have 100% of its students earn a passing rate, but to score at the test’s highest levels. Individual scores are ranked in a hierarchy of five categories: limited, basic, proficient, accelerated, and advanced. Nearly all (96.1%) St. Charles students were at the accelerated and advanced levels.

The Ohio Board of Education four years ago replaced the Ohio Ninth Grade Proficiency Test with the OGT. The OGT consists of tests in reading, math, writing, science, and social studies. All students are required to pass all five tests as a graduation requirement. Ohio students take the test as sophomores and have six additional opportunities to take and pass all five parts.

St. Charles has taken steps to help students prepare for the tests, academic dean Scott Pharion said. The school’s curriculum, course schedules, and course content standards have been adjusted so that students will have covered by the middle of their sophomore year subjects that comprise the tests. St. Charles also has implemented a two-week review schedule to prepare for each exam in the OGT battery.

Other strategies include: inserting test samples from the OGT format in regular class work and testing, and using a reader/grader that employs OGT rubrics for structured sophomore composition writing and to provide feedback. “Those efforts are coupled with the general accountability required of each student regarding class and homework obligations,” Pharion said.

Sophomores during exam week follow a schedule that focuses exclusively on the exams. On each test day, students report to their homerooms and then move to the multipurpose room for testing. Lunch and a rest break are followed by a prepared intensive review session for the next day’s exam.

‘07 Senior Awards

Here are the 2007 winners of the senior awards presented last spring.

Andrew J. Wright ’07, son of Duane and Peggy Wright, and a member of St. Brendan Parish – The Principal’s Award for Outstanding Service to School and Community. This commendation is awarded for leadership by example, attitude, disposition and courage.

Phillip P. Hanson ’07, son of Pete and Mariane Hanson, and a member of the Church of the Resurrection Parish – The Bishop Herrmann Service Award and Scholarship. This Award is presented to one senior in each diocesan high school who has, by his exceptional service to the community, continued the work of Bishop Herrmann in our diocese.

Alan B. Tyson ’07, son of Alan and Kim Tyson – The Bishop Fulcher Memorial Award. Each year St. Charles recognizes one senior who has achieved excellence in creative writing, in drama, in the visual arts, in journalism, or in music.

Stephenn Cadieux ’07, son of Richard and Jo Ellen Cadieux – The Monsignor Paul J. O’Dea Latin Award. This award is given to the senior who attains the highest grade average for 4 years in the study of Latin.

John C. Bruce, son of Kevin and Cherry Bruce and a member of St. Patrick Parish – The Father Charles Jackson Leadership Medal. This medal is presented to the senior Student Council president for service to the school and the student body throughout the school year.

Nicholas Hartmann, son of Robert and Shelby Hartmann, and member of St. Catharine Parish – The Highest Accum for Four Years. (4.26 GPA)

Matthew McJoynt-Griffith ’07, son of Robert Griffith and Catharine Griffith ’07, son of Robert Griffith and Jo Ellen Hartmann, son of Pete and Mariane Hanson, and a member of St. Thomas – The Jack Ryan Most Valuable Student-Athlete Award. The St. Charles varsity coaches voted him the “Most Valuable Athlete” from all the athletic team MVPs in the 2006-2007 school year in which he was voted the MVP of both the baseball and football teams.
the University of Dayton.
Prior to accepting a teaching position at St. Charles, Leukhart was a graduate assistant at UD and an adjunct professor at ODU. She and her husband, Thom, have a son and daughter, three grandchildren, and are members of the Newman Center.

As a 1995 graduate of SC, Daniel is no stranger to the school either. He was hired to teach algebra I and geometry. He has a degree in business management from Wittenberg University (1999) and has served as the varsity basketball team’s assistant coach for the past five years. He is currently taking graduate courses at Ashland University. He is a member of St. Pius X Parish and lives in Blacklick.

Warner teaches juniors church history and social justice and led the junior retreat in November. He earned a degree in psychology from the University of Toledo (2004) and a master’s in theology from the University of Notre Dame (2006).

He taught at St. John Jesuit High School in Toledo last year and moved to Columbus where his wife, Julie, has entered a master’s program at The Ohio State University. They have been married for a year and attend the Newman Center at OSU.

New faculty members
New faculty members Michael Warner, Jane Leukhart, and Jacob Daniel ’95.

3 new S.C. teachers
Three full-time teachers -- Jane Leukhart, Jacob Daniel, and Michael Warner -- have been added to this year’s St Charles staff. They fill vacancies created by the departures of Amanda Woods, Kathleen Mahoney (who is on sabbatical to serve as president of the Diocesan Teachers Union), and Matt Downey.

Leukhart, who teaches Latin I and II, is a very familiar face at St. Charles. Since the late 1980s she has been tutoring our students in Latin, religion, history, and English. She has a degree in theology and English from Ohio Dominican University, a master’s in theology from the Pontifical College Josephinum, and currently is working on her doctorate in theology at

Shining examples
The St. Charles chapter of the National Honor Society participated in the Light the Night Walk, which was held by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Ohio on September 29. NHS members make the walk in memory of Frank Dury, a 1992 St. Charles alumnus who died of cancer.

Front row, from left – Joining St. Charles participants were family members of the late Frank Dury ’92, sisters Anne and Meg; parents Mike and Joan; and brother, Tom. Tom is entering his senior year at Ohio State, where he is majoring in English.

Middle row, from left - senior Tommy Murcko; juniors Joe Perrault and Mark Schmidley; seniors Sean McCutcheon, Brian Bell and Alex Fullerton; Back row, from left – seniors Christopher Haas, Geoff Stein, Tejas Sinha, and Justin Miller; junior Patrick Grogan, and assistant principal and NHS advisor, Scott Pharion.

Caring for Environment
Members of the St. Charles Environmental Club, and a number of other student volunteers, got a little wet and dirty Sept. 29 – all for a good cause. As part of National Public Lands Day, they teamed up with volunteers from the Friends of Alum Creek Tributaries (FACT) to clean the Alum Creek’s waterway near the Academy Park Bridge just south of St. Charles. The clean up netted 38 bags of trash (13 recycled), 50 oversize items, 17 tires, 2 shopping carts, and 4 barrels.

Those participating, from left, front row – St. Charles faculty member Aaron Schrein (Club moderator) and freshmen Anthony Buchta and Tyler Brady; back row -- senior Alex Davis, freshmen Joe Hartge, Ola Williams and Christian Schneider; sophomores Jared Bobulski, Dan Latz (head turned), Nick Wright (directly behind Latz), and Kevin Colvin, freshmen Paul Nessler, and Zach Huston, and sophomores Steven Miller (partially hidden), Chris Wells, Paul Weisenbach, Michael Eckstein, Kurt Smail, and Julio Botello (See related article, page 28).

Dignitaries dedicate new bridge
Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman (third from left), alongside Bexley Mayor David Madison, lead the ribbon cutting to dedicate the new Clifton Avenue Bridge located at the rear (south) of St. Charles on August 22, 2007. Among the participants were St. Charles principal Dominic J. Cavelllo (seventh from the left) and City of Columbus director Mark Kelsey ’73, standing to Madison’s right.

The bridge replacement project was led by the Franklin County Engineer’s department but involved both Columbus and Bexley in its design and construction. The $1.1 million project replaced and widened the bridge deck to accommodate two lanes of traffic, the addition of the Alum Creek Greenways Trail, sidewalks, and the instillation of decorative railings and new street lighting. The new structure sits upon the bridge’s original stone masonry abutments that were constructed to support the simple 1904 structure.

The first Clifton Avenue Bridge was built over a hundred years ago, in 1894. Its structure consisted of simple span steel girders with floor beams and stringers that rested on sandstone abutments and a river pier. A decorative iron handrail was affixed to the oak plank deck. Improvements to the structure were made in 1905, 1946, 1955, and 1983 to meet ever-growing traffic demands.
2007 Combined Reunion great success


This was the second year that a joint session of all reunion classes was held on the campus. This combined format was inaugurated successfully in 2006 with the completion of the beautiful and spacious Walter Student Commons. Thanks to this great campus addition, reunion classes celebrating five-year anniversaries in any calendar year now can meet together on the campus on a single weekend.

As in the inaugural of this format, alumni and their guests this year enjoyed campus tours lead by alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83, development director Doug Stein ’78, and faculty member Dr. Sarah Vandermeer. Events included an all-classes Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel, a reception and bountiful buffet dinner, and a “state-of-the-school” presentation from principal Dominic J. Cavello ’64.

Class of 1957
From left, first row -- Dan Connor, Rudy August, Keith Helfer, Dave Mahanna, Ralph Brush, Pete Warnick, and John Davis; second row -- Ed Ferris, George Bright, Dave Kreuzer, Jack Murphy, Tom Rodenfels, and Rick Baumann; Third row -- Joe Ridgeway, Chuck Maloney, Terry Welsh, Jack Gordon, Dick Geyer; Fourth row -- Don Schaefler, Bob Dusterberg, Dick Park, Monsignor Bill Dunn, and Joe DeLuca; Top -- Jerry Morris, Alex Laymon ’58, Dan Baumann, Tom Jander, and Dave Wollenberg.

Class of 1962
From left, front row -- Father Pat Toner, Jeff Page, and Robert DeStazio; second -- Mike Reilly, Pat O'Reilly, and Ferg Theibert; top -- Tom Tarpy, Mike Close, and Robert Knapp.

Class of 1967
From left, first row -- Bill Fiorini, Stephen Mitchell, Bill Lutz, and Robert Miller; middle row -- Dan Ross, Joe Rath, Father Peter Gideon, and Michael Cavanaugh; top -- Andy Dick and Steve Mustard.

Class of 1977
From left front row -- Joe Curran, Tom Phillips, Craig Lee, Kevin Coady and Marquis Miller; top -- Steven Miller, Dominic Prunte, Terry Kelley, and Father Tim Hayes.

Class of 1982
From left, first row - - Eric Bush, Brian Backiewicz, Terry Gibboney, Jeff Moore, and Rick Teague; second row on far right -- Verne Moore and Andy Schneider; third row -- John Conway, Chris Meacham, Shane Vandemark, Tom Rankin, Chris Paolini, and Randy Raslon; fourth row -- Bill Fannin, Andy Gast, Steve Thompson, Kevin King, and Greg Smithberger; fifth row -- Michael Pettry, Mike Sweeney, Eric Weisheit, and John Duddy; top -- Paul Heller, Steve Weed, Jack Burns, John Plank, Ken Plunkett, and Tom Grote.

Class of 1987
From left, first row -- Dale See, Mike Carey, Erik Gileland, Randy Thomas, Tom Wengert, and Todd Wandke; second row -- Chris Yoho and Jim Dillard; third row -- Pat Lyons, Daric Galden, Ron Jackson, Matt Malone, and Fred Moses; fourth row -- Heber Howard, Joe Wolf, Sean McCarthy and Ed Hohmann; fifth row -- Mike Dreisbach, Sean McGovern, James Simbro and Jason Knapp; top -- Andy Beauseau and Sean Kelley.

Class of 1992
From left, first row -- Kevin Gipe, James DeSapri, Christian Rether, and Anthony Fabro; back row -Aaron Hohl, William “Taj” Berry, Anthony Cotton, and Jason Kint.

Class of 1997
From left, first row -- Jonathan Lutz, Matt Toomey, Mark Berndt, Mark Dobrowski, and Ivan West; second row -- Nick Kusan, Daniel Hickey, and far right Ben Hemmert; third row - Kevin Fink, James Porter, Conor Flanagan, Joe Brekh, and John Hykes; top -- Shane Farrell, Christopher Roscoe, and Zach Bradley.
1977 graduates and their wives take a moment to smile for the camera before heading up to the buffet dinner. From left - Tom and Maria Phillips, brothers Steven and Marquis Miller, Dominic and Beth Ann Prunte, Terry Kelley Joe Curran, and Kevin Coady.

The Class of 1972, which held its reunion on June 19, had alumni on hand to represent their class at the Combined celebration. (From left) Local ’72 alumni John Prunte and Gerard Barrow stand alongside their former teacher, Monsignor Bill Dunn ’57, who was there to celebrate a reunion himself. On the far right is Keith Burris ’72, who made a special trip from Connecticut Virginia because he’d been unable to attend the class’ June reunion.

Alex Laymon ’58 (on the left with his wife, Pat) and Rudy August ’57 flew in from far out west to take part in the Class of 1957’s Golden Anniversary reunion celebration. The Laymons came from California and August from New Mexico to mark the very special occasion.

1987 grads and their wives at the reception. From left - Mike Carey, Jim and Beth Simbro, Fred and Molly Moses, and Jason Knapp.

Turnabout is fair play! John Plank ’82 is usually the one dishing out the food to patrons of his family’s restaurant, Plank’s Café on Parsons Avenue. But on this special night, John gets special treatment at the buffet from Mass Appeal Dining Service’s Theresa Coady. Father Pat Toner ’62 is in the background.

An All-Classes Mass was celebrated in Mother of Mercy Chapel by alumni priests Father Peter Gideon ’67 (Main Celebrant and Homilist), Monsignor Bill Dunn ’57 and Father Tim Hayes ’77. Father Fred Loyd ’62, whose beautiful voice enhanced the liturgy served as Cantor and James Yurkovich ’09 played the organ.

Chris Meacham ’82 and Brad Knight ’82 find their Class of 1982 graduation composite which hangs alongside those of every other graduating class in the second floor’s east hallway.

Enjoying the reunion’s buffet dinner were, from left, Robert Knapp ’62, Tom Tarpy ’62, Bill Lutz ’67, Michael Cavanaugh ’67, and, far right, Diana and Pat O’Reilly ’62.
Monz’s Minstrels

Whenever the Class of 1967 gathers for a reunion, members are reminded of the many hours of music instruction and rehearsals with the legendary faculty member, Monsignor F. Thomas Gallen ’40 (‘Monz’). This year the class took advantage of the excellent acoustics of the Walter Student Commons and serenaded the other SC reunion classes with glee club favorites such as The Whiffenpoof Song and On the Street Where You Live.

Joe Rath ’67 noted that during the Prep/Seminary experiment years, membership in the St. Charles Glee Club, under the fabulous direction of Monz, was not an optional elective, but a “command performance.” Rath says one of Monz’s gifts to the class was The Whiffenpoof Song, an old Yale fraternity song; hence, the phrase:

“To the tables down at Maury’s, to the place where Louie dwells; to the dear old Temple Bar we love so well. Sing the Whiffenpoofs assembled with their glasses raised on high; and the magic of their singing casts its spell.”

Rath said “It became our class favorite, and we never pass up an opportunity to break into song whenever we’re together. It’s hard to believe that we’ve now reveled in that wonderful little tradition at eight consecutive five-year reunions, commencing in 1972!... and many of us have never missed one!”

“Monz was often a guest at our reunions (as well as Father Bennett),” Rath said, “and we could always bring tears to his eyes. I’m sure that on Saturday night you could readily feel the bond and love that still exists among us, and will never die!”

Alumni attendees from the Class of 1967 gathered around to engage in a reunion tradition of group singing in memory of Msgr. F. Thomas Gallen. From left - Bill Lutz, Andy Dick, Robert Miller (leaning over), Dan Ross (seated), Stephen Mustard and Joe Rath (standing), Michael Cavanaugh (seated), Bill Fiorini (seated) and Father Peter Gideon (standing).

1977 reunion alumni (from left) Dave Driver, Tim Krauss, Marty McSweeney, and Joe Curran at Plank’s Café.

The Class of 1987 made Plank’s Café one of their gathering spots as part of their reunion weekend. Front row, from left - Randy Thomas, Matt Rushay, and Mark Thomas; Back row - Sean Kelley; John Youger; Sean McGovern, Matt Malone, and Dan O’Reilly.

1977 grads (From left) Craig Lee, Greg Moore, Joe Murray, Tim Devine, Father Tim Hayes, and Ray Stein relax and talk about their days at St. Charles in the Mail Pouch Room at Plank’s Café.

From left - Steven Thompson, Terry Gibboney, and Chris Paolini get a few laughs out of seeing themselves in their Class of 1982 yearbook, the Spectrum, at Plank’s Café.

Monz’s Minstrels


Plank’s Café was crowded with 1987 grads on “Reunion Friday.” Front, from left - Heber Howard, Ron Wollett, Tom Wengerter, and Jason Knapp; Back row - Daric Gilden, Jim Holdrieth, Jim Stilmar and Ron Jackson.

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St. Charles Preparatory School

Platinum Reunion Celebration

This year’s 2007 Platinum Reunion was held on June 7, 2007 and attended by more than 45 alumni and former students from the classes of 1927-1956, as well as their spouses and other family members. Held annually the first Thursday of June, the Platinum Reunion was established as part of the school’s 75th Anniversary celebration in 2001. It honors the school’s earliest graduates and serves to recall former students and teachers who have passed away. The day’s program included Mass in Mother of Mercy Chapel at 11 a.m. followed by a complimentary lunch in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. A presentation by school principal Dominic J. Cavello ’64 and a tour of the campus followed the meal.

Traditionally, alumni priests from the prep school or college (and in some cases, from both) concelebrate the Platinum Reunion Mass. This year St. Charles was blessed to have three priests as concelebrants. They were Father William H. DeVille ’55 (Main Celebrant), Monsignor Carl P. Clagett ’47, and Monsignor William A. Dunn ’57.

Attendees for this year’s June event included: First row, from left - Father William Deville ’55, Colby Grimes ’46, Louis V. Fabro ’49, Bill Geiszler ’40, Pat Wagner, Mary Estelle Ehret, Carol Cassidy, Bill Barrow ’46 and Chuck King ’52; Second row - Monsignor Bill Dunn ’57, Ron Effert ’52, Pat Albert, Bob Albert ’49, Robert Heise, Dan Cassidy ’52, Pat Doyle ’49 college, and Jim Lehman ’56; Third row - Leo Grimes, Don Jackson ’52, Don Gable ’49, Suzy Coughlin, Bob Berwanger ’47, Ardie Berwanger, and JoAnn Hall; Fifth row - Jack Coughlin ’51, John Ryan, Dick Ryan ’51, Hugh Miller ’49, Phil Hall ’47, and Ward Shearan ’53, Sixth row - Ed Alten ’52, Jack O’Reilly ’52, Mary Ellen Miller, Tom Devine ’47, Homer Beard ’46, and Jim Doyle ’48; Back row - Monsignor Carl Clagett ’47, Tom Miller ’52, and Joe Murray ’51.

Alumni News

2006 Graduate Legacies

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From left- Tom Mackessy ’77 and his son, Andrew ’07

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family, friends, and 1940-era classmates of the late Richard G. Berry III ’46, gathered Sept. 23 at St. Charles to commemorate his life and see a collection of 300 of his art books that his family had presented to the school in his memory in 2005. These beautiful volumes are displayed and getting much use in the Student Services and Fine Arts Center art room.

A reception featuring wine and hors d’oeuvres was held in the Student Services Center where guests could view some of the books and initiate a tour of campus facilities.

Berry’s wife, Mary Jane, had expressed a wish some time ago to have a special gathering at St. Charles to officially recognize the special gift of the Berry family. The books were housed temporarily in the Holy Angels Library when they arrived at St. Charles two years ago. The plan called for moving them to the new home once construction of the new student center was completed.

Berry’s son, Dick Berry Jr., said at the time that their family “was delighted that his dad’s art books will be housed at St. Charles, the educational institution he so loved. To learn that St. Charles is adding a brand new art education center as part of its new facility makes the gift of art books even more appropriate and useful for the school than we had anticipated,” he said.

Along with the collection, housed in two bookcases in the classroom, is a gold plaque produced to commemorate the gift. It reads: “This collection of books about the visual arts shelved nearby was owned and well-thumbed by Richard G. “Dick” Berry III, Class of 1946. Mr. Berry, a life long Columbus resident, was a largely self-taught American painter and aesthete, as well as a collector, patron, and mentor — and long time supporter of St. Charles Prep and its traditions. He was a past president of the Columbus Art League, juror for many local art shows, and friend of many local artists. He was a true American original, and he would be delighted that his well-loved tomes have found their way into the library at St. Charles.”

Berry ’46 was a recognized Central Ohio artist who participated in various exhibitions and proudly displayed some of his favorite works in his Berry Brothers Bolt Works office. He grew up in Clintonville and attended Immaculate Conception. One of his classmates from IC grade school through St. Charles was the late Page Heise ’46, whose widow, Mary Ann, was at the reception to represent him.

Richard Berry ‘46 joined the U.S. Navy out of a patriotic desire to serve during World War II, and thus missed his St. Charles graduation ceremony. His father, Richard G. Berry Jr., proudly accepted his diploma for him. “Dad trained at the famous Great Lakes center and served on a destroyer escort out of San Diego for most of a year bridging 1945-1946, Dick Jr. said. “He and Mary Jane were married in 1949 and raised four children in St. Agatha parish. The family later became charter members at St. Brendan’s, where Berry painted Stations of the Cross (whereabouts now sadly unknown) and directed the parish choir (a small male ensemble including his own tenor voice). The Berry siblings noted their father painted all his life (his earliest sketch that we have being one of his WWII ship). He was well known in Columbus art circles, serving more than once as president of the Columbus Art League, staging several public exhibitions of his work, and being collected by many friends and others in the area.

The Berry family has several interesting ties to the school, as shared by Mary Ann Berry. She said that her husband’s grandfather, Richard G. Berry Sr., was a close friend with Columbus Bishop James J. Hartley. He and two other very wealthy friends of Bishop Hartley provided all of the $240,000 needed to build St. Charles in 1924-25. Richard G. was on the school’s original board of trustees.
Record turnout for ’07 Alumni Golf Outing

A record 124 golfers met at Glenross Golf Club Sept. 30 for the 2007 Alumni Open, an annual event sponsored by the St. Charles Alumni Association. With a score of 13 under-par, the scramble event was won by the team of Jeff Mattingly ’89, Pete Tatera, Sean Roehrenbeck ’89, and David Probst ’91. “Skill prizes” went to Bobby Cameron (longest drive), Sean Tracy ’93 (longest putt), and Gerard Tracy ’91 (closest to the pin).

Cost for the day of fun was $65. That included golf, cart, prizes, a school-crested red visor, refreshments, dinner, and lots of camaraderie.

Special recognition goes out to Alumni Association golf committee members Mike Probst ’89, Rob Ryan ’89, Damion Clifford ’95, Matt Weger ’89, and Gerard Barrow ’72 for all their volunteer help.

Our special thanks go to our tournament’s hole sponsors! They are: Mike Sweeney ’82 and the Beer Dock East; Neal Roberts ’85 of Adrenaline Advertising; Jim Zink ’89 & Zink Marketing; The Pemberton Family of Dave Sr., David Jr. ’79, and Joe ’00 of Suburban Natural Gas Co.; Coleman J. Clougherty; Farmers Citizens Bank, Bucyrus; “The Cookie Cop” Craig Lee ’77; Brian ’89 and Kevin Saas ’87 of All Star Chemical Co., Inc.; Steve Miller ’77 of Continental Office Environments; Jack ’74 & Tim Ryan ’76 of Merrill Lynch Financial Advisors; The Bell Family of Al ’48, Al ’78 and Brian ’08; Bob Selhorst ’74 of Mass Appeal Dining Services Inc.; Bill Prophater ’86 of Newhouse, Prophater & Letcher, LLC; Rob Ryan ’89 of Ruscilli Real Estate & Development; James Vonau ’74 and Michael Probst ’89 of Decker Vonau Seguin Lackey & Viets Co LPA; and Class of 1972 Alumni Board members Gerard Barrow, Phil Caito and Marion Smithberger.

In this new format, all reunion classes meet together as a single community for a Saturday afternoon and evening program in the Walter Student Commons. The combined event will feature campus tours, Mass concelebrated by alumni priests in Mother of Mercy Chapel, a “state-of-the-school” presentation, class photos, and an “open” cocktail reception and buffet dinner.

In addition, classes are encouraged to organize their own separate activities around the collective Saturday program. Those could be some or all of the following: Friday morning golf, a Friday night stag or couples event, Saturday morning golf, Saturday lunch, and Sunday brunch.

These events will offer several opportunities to meet as individual classes with classmates and invited guests. They afford many formal and informal opportunities to reminisce about special teachers, friends, and the athletic and academic challenges you enjoyed together as classmates.

If you would like to volunteer as a member of your class’ reunion organizing Committee -- and you’re all welcome -- contact alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83 by e-mail: lfabro@stcharlesprep.org
Alumni Notes

Director’s Column
Help make St. Charles Museum beautiful reality.

Thoughts about St. Charles Museum

Many of St. Charles’ oldest artifacts, such as furniture, books, and artwork, have been lost, broken, or thrown away over time. Having recently created an Archive Room to secure the school’s written and photographic history, I now turn my attention to a new project – creation of a museum to assemble, protect, and showcase tangible items that have accompanied St. Charles faculty, staff, and students during the school’s 84 years.

A unique and available space for such a collection exists today: the main building’s “Tower Room” that overlooks the campus. It has a high vaulted ceiling, huge empty wall space, and plenty of floor space to showcase school history.

Principal Cavello has given the project his blessing, but there are few “resources” available in the school budget for a museum project. Therefore, I’m starting a building product and labor “campaign” to attract the support of the Cardinal community. You certainly have a great track record of coming forward generously with the gifts of your time, talents, and treasure!

As with all campus projects, this will require professional planning and execution if we are to create the appropriate space that all can be proud of and enjoy in person.

We’ve been working to retain a pro-bono architect to create some artistic renderings of what we envision the space to resemble when complete. We’ve already taken the next step and secured the commitment of St. Charles project-manager extraordinaire, Hank Sherowki. Hank has overseen numerous expansion and renovation projects at St. Charles, including the new Walt Plank Field and we are blessed to have his expertise once again.

How can you help? Look over the accompanying chart to see if you might be able to donate any of the needed items or skills.

The St. Charles Museum

Goal: Volunteer donations of building products & skilled labor

Project Needs
* Licensed electrician
* Finish carpenter
* Track lighting to showcase art hanging on the lower and upper portions of the wall. Licensed electrician to install the lights safely.
* Bricks and masons to help reassemble the marble and limestone Mary Altar.
* Glass cases and/or book cases in which to display historical artifacts.
* Shelving to secure walls on which to display memorabilia.
* Painters and product to cover the space with a fresh coating of paint.
* New carpeting for the octagonal room’s floor and stairs.

Can you help? Contact Louis J. Fabro ’83 in the Alumni & Development Office by phone at 614-252-9288 ext. 21 or e-mail at lfabro@stcharlesprep.org

Recreating history

Can you identify the young man attending to the Mary Altar in the former Seminarian’s (Upper) Chapel on the third floor of St. Charles main building? We can’t give you a clue as to its date, because we don’t know. Contact Louis J. Fabro ’83 at 614-2522-9288 ext. 21 if you know!

The Mary Altar pictured here was disassembled in 1992 when the Upper Chapel was converted into Holy Angels Library. Those pieces, as well as those of the disassembled Joseph Altar and Communion Rail have since been stored in the chapel’s old sacristy located on the floor above the back altar dome. Plans are to reconstruct the altar in the school’s “fifth-floor” Tower Room where it will serve as the focal point of a new St. Charles Museum. That space over the years has housed a recreation room, art studio, lounge, and band room.

Invitation to all S.C. alumni

Dear St. Charles Alumni:

As president of the St. Charles Alumni Association (SCAA), I’m proud and very pleased to report that we are off to a tremendous start this year! Fall is an extremely busy time for our group as we go about preparing and serving as host for two wonderful annual events: Homecoming and the Alumni Golf Outing. Both September events were smashing successes attended by record numbers of St. Charles alumni and supporters.

We now turn our full attention to the much-acclaimed rejuvenated Spaghetti Dinner and the second annual Father-Son Mass & Breakfast. Mark your calendars: the spaghetti dinner is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 24, and the Father-Son Mass is slated for Saturday, April 19. Plan to be with us!

Last year’s dinner attracted more than 1,000 people. More than 90 volunteers who had been eagerly awaiting the traditional St. Charles event’s return helped make it a smashing success. The Father-Son Mass & Breakfast enjoyed its inaugural gathering in March and brought many young men, fathers and grandparents together. The Mass-breakfast allows young men to bond with their fathers, uncles, and grandfathers as well as to share the St. Charles experience and tour the facilities.

Both events again will be held in the beautiful Robert C. Walter Student Commons, which we have come to appreciate more and more as a fantastic place to assemble as a community!

The goal of our Alumni Association is to create camaraderie among St. Charles alumni, family, and friends. We accomplish this goal by creating diverse opportunities for individuals to gather at alumni events, share special memories, network, and create new lasting relationships. We hope that you will take the opportunity to attend our upcoming events in 2008. As always, we welcome all Saint Charles alumni to become involved and join the Alumni Board. We meet four times each year and welcome St. Charles alumni of all ages to join us!

We look forward to seeing you all at future SCAA events.

Michael S. Probst ’89
President
Although John Amnah and Adam Kucharski headed on different career paths after graduating from St. Charles in 2003, they now find themselves sharing a highly prestigious achievement four years later. They graduated last spring with academic accolades and now have earned the distinction of being selected Fulbright Scholars.

Considered one of the most esteemed scholar awards, the Fulbright Program is a series of educational grants (Fellowships and Scholarships) established in 1946 to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills.

Amnah is a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and graduated 51st last May in a class of 967 cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He earned a degree in economics and a minor in German and now will study in Germany working toward the equivalent of a master's degree in economics.

Kucharski earned his degree Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Chicago last spring. He also was a marshall at the University of Chicago, which is the highest honor a student can receive at that school based on academics and outstanding pursuits. He's attending the University of Jordan in Amman where he'll be studying the architecture of Palestinian refugee camps.

In addition to working on his degree, Amnah will research a project that will compare details of the financial aspects of the German and U.S. military in areas such as pay, promotions, and retirement. He's completed six weeks of study in Marburg, Germany in a language emersion school. He's now enrolled at the University of Potsdam in Berlin for his Fulbright Program, which will end next July.

Kucharski says that while he is formally an anthropologist, his interests lie in questions of space; what cultural conventions govern various human perceptions of space. He’ll be trying to learn ways that “homes” are constructed by Palestinian refugees in Jordan, both materially and symbolically.

Last summer Kucharski worked for a Palestinian NGO in Bethlehem, which addresses environmental issues in the Occupied Territories. “Jordan is the natural choice for my research as it hosts the largest population of Palestinian refugees outside of the West Bank itself,” he said.

Amnah has a 12-year commitment to the Air Force, which will take him to his 33rd birthday. He says once someone graduates from flight school, he or she owes 10 additional years to the military. After his time in Germany, he will return to Texas for a year in flight school. And as long as he’s enjoying the flying and the people, he plans to make a career in the service. “If I do get out of the military, though, I would like to fly for an airline or perhaps go into business,” he said.

Amnah recollects the remarks principal Dominic Cavello gave at graduation, in which he told the graduates that if St. Charles hadn’t taught them the importance of being their brothers’ keeper, then the school had failed them. “I think about that often, and I believe that this message of St. Charles is one of the reasons I chose to serve in the military. SC taught me that there’s much more to life than making money or being famous. As a man of Saint Charles, I feel obliged to make a difference and help others. The military seems like a great opportunity for me to do this.”

Most of Kucharski’s time is and will continue to be engaged in his field work in the camps, and he’ll continue to study both formal and colloquial Arabic. He studied Arabic throughout his college career, though he says he first cultivated an interest in the language independently while at St. Charles.

With so many opportunities, Kucharski’s career plans are hardly set in stone once the Fulbright is done in June. He may remain in Jordan until the fall “and there is always the chance that I may get a job here in Jordan and stay longer,” he says. He also thinks he can very easily see himself pursuing a Ph.D. in anthropology at a university in the states, and becoming a full-time career academic. “Though my brief stint with the corporate world in Chicago had a certain, unexpected allure, I do see more education in my near future.”

Among my most vivid and most fond memories of his time at St. Charles, Kucharski says that his work with Doug Montgomery and the St. Charles Theater program ranks prominently. “The productions with which I was involved each demanded a great deal of hard work, focus, and attention to detail - all of which proved instrumental to success at the U of C. Furthermore, the AP classes I took toward the end of my St. Charles career prepared me amply for the college experience—especially Mr. Pharion’s superb AP English class.”

St. Charles prepared him well, Amnah said, both academically, as well as physically (through sports teams and a nice weight room/gym) for the Air Force Academy. “I believe, though, that St. Charles prepared me best in the areas of leadership and character development. It seems that there are a lot of people in the world who are smart and capable, but they don’t have the character that it takes to lead an organization or run a business successfully. St. Charles provides a great foundation in these hard-to-measure areas.”

In the 60 years since it was created, more than 100,000 Americans have received Fulbright grants. More Fulbright alumni, including two in 2002, have won Nobel Prizes than those of any other academic program.

The Fulbright Program provides funds for students, scholars, and professionals to undertake graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools abroad. The initial reach of this program had been primarily European countries; now the program operates worldwide in 144 countries.
Alumni Notes

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Adam Okuley’s parents reported some interesting news concerning their son and two of his fellow ’06 classmates. “We thought you might be interested to learn that three 2006 St. Charles graduates are members of the Ohio State football ‘team’ they wrote.”

Bryan Rogers, Sam Sheets and Adam Okuley, are all working as videographers for the Ohio State Buckeye football team. Brian, Sam and Adam began with the Buckeye Video Staff in April, where they learned the basics of videography as they filmed the football team daily during spring practice.

When summer football camp began in August, they worked full-time, filming every practice and helping edit the films. “Now, the boys work whenever the team practices, and they work all day on football Saturdays filming the game for the coaches and the players to review. Their photo appears in the football program at each home game,” Adam’s mom says.

“2005

Ben Stinson, a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania, is a Vagelos Scholar in Molecular Life Sciences and is majoring in biochemistry and sub matriculating in chemistry. Last year he received the Dean’s Scholar Award, presented each year to nine students, from the 6,000 enrolled in Penn’s College of Arts & Sciences. The award is the College’s highest academic honor and is given to recognize the student’s outstanding academic achievement and intellectual promise. He was also selected for the Vagelos Science Challenge Award. This award is made possible by an endowment from Roy Vagelos, a former CEO of Merck & Co, who holds a degree in chemistry from Penn. The award provides a two-year full tuition scholarship ($36,000/year), and is presented to “reward the very best, motivated and advanced science students.”

2004

Craig Burke traveled to Cambodia in December with the McMaster School for Advancing Humanity (MSAH) with a group of students and faculty members from Defiance College.

Burke said MSAH’s mission is to help educate students so that they can “become global citizens and leaders who recognize the role individual liberties play in improving the human condition worldwide. They seek to help these people become actively committed to address these issues—whatever profession they might choose to pursue,” he says.

Students and faculty members must apply to get into the program, he said. “It’s a process that includes creating a service project that will benefit a particular country of choice. If accepted into the McMaster program, students and faculty members receive a grant to pay their expenses.

Burke said that because he is an athletic trainer, fitness, and corporate wellness major at Defiance, he focused on how certain physical movements can improve cognitive learning. Through this research, Burke said he’s discovered an important connection between the body’s movement and brain function. Based on his findings and the help of Dr. Paul E. Dennison, he instructed and demonstrated to more than 70 Cambodian teachers (with the assistance of a translator) several easy physical movements that they could perform along with their students at the beginning of the day.

Burke feels the program he introduced to the educators has the potential to benefit the students by enhancing their reading and writing skills along with helping them to remain more focused throughout the entire school day.

2003

The parents of Brian A. Barnhart have updated the school on his goings-on. Brian earned an engineering degree from The Ohio State University then walked the Pacific Crest Trail—Mexico to Canada—in 2005. Since that time he has gone to work in Pittsburgh for Union Electric Steel as a forensic engineer, bought a house, and married Cynthia Cryder (May 27, 2006). Brian is now mid-way through the MBA program at Carnegie Mellon.

Matt Oberlander is playing on the U.S. Naval Academy’s football team. The Navy’s website reports that Matt is coming off a solid year serving as Navy’s long snapper on PAT/FG and punt teams... and earned a varsity letter. In 2006 he saw action in all 13 games... registered his first collegiate tackle in the win over the U.S. Air Force Academy. At St. Charles Matt lettered three times in football, two in lacrosse and once in track. He was named all-district and team MVP in football his senior campaign.

2001

Matt Rahde and his wife, Jen, celebrated their first anniversary in June in their new North Canton house. “We moved here after I was hired as a patrolman in the North Canton Police Department,” Matt said he graduated from the University of Akron Police Academy at the end of August and “is looking forward to getting out on the streets.”

2000

Jeff Pierce has lived and worked in Hong Kong since 2004 and isn’t sure just how he ended up in Asia’s “World City.” He teaches both humanities and technology to middle schoolers at the recently established Independent Schools Foundation Academy there.

Pierce attended Harvard University, where he earned a degree in history along with a professional certificate in Secondary Education. During his time at the Ivy League university, he spent half a year working at an orphanage in the Moroccan countryside. He says that’s when his taste for overseas life began.

After college graduation he knew one thing—he wanted to get overseas again. Eventually, he found himself in the high school humanities department at Hong Kong International School, where he worked for two years. When he’s not busy teaching or founding cutting edge educational programs in Hong Kong, he loves to read and write. He reads anything he can find, newspapers, websites, novels, non-fiction, and poetry. His writing isn’t half bad either. Last fall he won the 2006 HK Standard / RTHK Short Story Competition.

Jeff says that he and his younger brother, Alex ’06, chose to attend St. Charles for its great academic reputation. Both loved Latin and sought to take as many courses as they could during their time at St. Charles (Alex even went on to major in Classics at Miami University in Oxford.) He remembers working very hard for Mr. Cavello in Latin I, and for Mr. O’Neill in Latin II and Latin III. He also thinks about the times he stayed up late at night with classmates living nearby in Clintonville to cram for Latin exams.

“Funny that my two favorite teachers at St. Charles were Mr. (John) Salyer, who taught me (math) for two years, and Mr. (Brady) Brady (math). I went on to major in history and now I teach history and English.”

Don Whisler has worked as a pharmacy technician at Walgreens and is applying to medical school.

1999

David J. Moehrman and Michele Tallarico were married September 22 and have moved to London for 18 months. Dave works for the accounting firm, Ernst & Young, and he is being transferred through April of 2009.

Ben Witten completed his masters degree in student services administration but found that what he really loves is cooking, his mother reports. He is currently in culinary school.

Matthew J. Oberlander ’03

Campus visitor Russell N. Stitzlein ’03

Nolan Christopher Roscoe (SC Class of 2025)

2006

“double peace sign is a very HK / Asian pose in photos!”

Jeffrey E. Pierce ’00 at the harbor with Hong Kong Island in the background. “I was going for a tongue-in-cheek tourist pose; the double peace sign is a very HK / Asian pose in photos!”
Brother’s keeper
Craig M. Burke ’04 working in Cambodia with the McMaster School for Advancing Humanity.

1998

Ron Whisler now lives in the Salt Lake City, Utah area and works for The Modelers, a market research company.

1997: 10-year Reunion Class

Mark Berndt served 5 ½ years as an officer in the navy and is now an energy analyst for American Electric Power (AEP). He has a degree in psychology, with a double major in computer applications, which he earned from the University of Notre Dame in 2001. He and wife Andrea (they were married in 2003) have a year-old son, Ethan, and live in Sunbury, Ohio.

Among Mark’s fond St. Charles memories is playing in the first home football game under the lights – “an unforgettable night,” and “hanging out with friends.” Another memory is watching “Mr. O’Neil’s impression of Yoda.”

John Hykes is the relationship manager for the Ohio Treasurer of State, Richard Cordray. He served as Cordray’s finance director from 2005-2007 and was the campaign manager for John O’Grady’s campaign to become Ohio’s Clerk of Courts in 2004. Hykes was involved with various campaigns from 2001-2004. He has a degree from the University of Alabama (2001).

John and his wife, Kelli, were married in 2002 and they have two sons (3 and 3 months). In his free time he is “deeply into Democratic politics” and loves to play with the kids in the yard.

Joseph Brehl has worked for the Pennsylvania Life Insurance Company as an insurance salesman since 2001 when he earned a degree in business management from Costal Carolina University. He enjoys working out and keeping fit, and watching sports.

“The friends I made at St. Charles are still my friends to this day. There is something about SC that creates a life-long bond with the people you meet there.” His two favorite memories are the calzone wars at lunchtime and taco salad days. “Good times!”

Zach Bradley is a partner and the marketing director for Premier Mortgage partners. Previously he was the director of development at First American Bank in Honolulu.

He majored in political science, communications, and sociology at Bowling Green State University where he graduated in 2001. He spends his free time training for the Columbus Marathon, boating, and still plays lacrosse.

Mark Dobrowski has been a project process engineer with Pella Windows in Fairfield since 2004. The previous two years he spent as a quality engineer for the company in Carroll Indiana. He has a degree in industrial engineering from Purdue University (2001) and an MBA from Indiana University (2005). He and his wife, Elizabeth, have been married five years and have a son (almost 2). He enjoys home improvement projects, his Camaro Z28, and computers and electronics.

Shane Farrell teaches 9th grade at Hilliard Darby H.S., having previously taught at St. James the Less (4th and 5th grade) and St. Matthias (4th grade) grade schools. He is the girls varsity volleyball coach at Darby and is also in his third year as varsity volleyball coach at St. Charles.

He has a degree from Xavier (OH) University (2001) where he was a University Scholar. He and his wife, Cassie, were married on a special “lucky” day: 7-7-07. They have a daughter (4) and live in Columbus.

Conor Flanagan is an assistant vice president with Fifth Third Bank and was a Financial Center manager. He has a degree in finance from Bowling Green State University (2001). He enjoys playing Texas Hold ‘Em, soccer, basketball, golf and working on his house in Blacklick. His memories of St. Charles are of playing soccer, friendships made, and the high level of academic competition and expectation at St. Charles.

Steven A. Harris is a scientist with Altus Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, Mass., and is working towards a master’s in chemistry at U. of Mass. in Lowell. He earned in 2001 a BA in chemistry at Virginia Military Institute where he also minored in English. From there he worked two years with the Massachusetts state police crime laboratory, two years as a research associate at Cetek Corp. in Marlborough, and has been with Altus since 2005.

His work has included a range of scientific instruments, including liquid chromatography, capillary electrophoresis, isoelectric focusing, nuclear magnetic resonance, infrared spectroscopy, and electron microscopy to name some.

Harris married Kathryn Joan in January 2004, has a daughter – Kathryn Virginia, born Feb. 11, 2004, and is awaiting another arrival this November. He’s a student of Japanese martial art (Aikido) and has been practicing Zen meditation five years.

Benjamin Hemmert works for HER Real Living as a real estate agent in Columbus and surrounding areas. He graduated in 2002 from Miami (OH) University with a degree in business and marketing.

He and his wife, Audra, have been married almost three years and live in German Village.

1997 grad Richard Arthur can be seen often in public

Next time you’re shopping for men’s underwear at the local clothing store, you might spot pictures of a St. Charles graduate on the merchandise wrapping. That St. Charles graduate is none other than Rich Arthur, Class of 1997.

He’s under contract to publicize Hanes underwear as is former college basketball all-American and pro star Michael Jordan whose picture is used by Hanes alternately with that of Rich. In addition to Hanes, Rich is under contract to publicize Mastercard, Nestea, and other major company products, including Mazda and KFC, the latter whose commercial is dubbed in several languages in Asia. Rich’s picture can be seen in numerous publications that carry advertising for these and other companies.

Rich Arthur has what you could describe as a peripatetic career that has taken him around the world. Most recently he has been living or working in Singapore, Bangkok, and Hong Kong. Still single, last year he was listed among Seventeen magazine’s “top 20 Hunks.”

Following graduation from The Ohio State University in 2001, he finished in the top 10 of 3,000 participants in the international modeling and talent agency show in New York City. “He got his good looks from his mother,” according to his father, Richard. (His mother is Rita, who taught at the Ohio School for the Blind for 31 years.) That show started Rich on his current career. He subsequently traveled to Milan and to Los Angeles where he began his acting and modeling career. Since then he has been fortunate to travel and be a guest at major events around the world.

Because of being out of the country, Rich was unable to attend his 10-year class reunion, but he extended his best to all.

At St. Charles, according to his father, Rich had typical classroom struggles at the outset, but eventually qualified for the honor roll. He was co-captain of the track team and played football for the Cardinals. At Ohio State where he earned a degree in communications, he made the football team as a walk-on before being sidelined by injury in his senior year. He remains an athlete, playing flag football for a team sponsored by “a fashion corporation in the Asian markets.”
I was always told that if I could survive St. Charles I would do fine in college. I barely managed a “C” in chemistry my junior year at SC, but by college I had learned how to study and was able to earn “A’s” for the whole sequence of chemistry classes.

**Nick Kusan** is a loan officer for Priority Mortgage in Worthington. He has a degree in family financial management from The Ohio State University (2003). He and his wife, Maggie, have been married a year and they live in Powell.

**Matthew Little** worked for Chase Home Finance fore five years before joining DFSAs five months ago. He has a degree in accounting from Capital University. He likes to run and lift weights, as well as work on his car in his free time.

**Jonathan Lutz** has been an industrial hygienist and environmental consultant for more than eight years and worked on projects related to mold, lead, asbestos, noise, and Legionella. He has a zoology degree from The Ohio State University (2001) and a masters of public health from Cleveland State University (2007).

He and his wife, Elissa, live in Cleveland. He enjoys travel, photography, volunteering, camping, and backpacking. He remembers ‘Monz’ floating through the corridors and Father Bennett making other boys部 through the corridors and Facebooking. He remembers ‘Monz’ floating through the corridors and Facebooking. He remembers ‘Monz’ floating through the corridors and Facebooking.

**Michael Page** is a post-doctoral scholar performing cancer research at the California Institute of Technology. He has an undergraduate degree from Xavier (OH) University (2001) and a masters and Ph.D in chemistry from UCLA (2006).

He and wife, Kimberlee, have been married for six years, have two sons (7, 2) and live in Chico, California. They enjoy cycling and home improvement projects. “I cherish the Friday night dinners before football games when we would talk with friends and our mom who prepared the food.”

**Michael Picone** is the manager of business analytics at a division of Johnson & Johnson. He works with new product management teams to value new products and licensing opportunities.

He has an undergraduate degree from Boston College (2001) and an MBA from Boston University (2006). He and his wife, Donna, were married last year and live in New Hope, Pennsylvania. In his free time he plays lots of flag football and he loves to ski.

“I have a special memory of Brian Muha. He was a class act, a true friend, and a great competitor on the football field. His death was a loss to all.”

**James Porter** is a consulting engineer for HAWA, Inc. and has a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Dayton. He and his wife, Lori, have two daughters (6, 4) and live in Columbus. In his free time he likes to play poker and golf.

**Chris Roscoe** has been an engineer at Honda of America Mfg. in Marysville for six years. He worked on the development of the 2003 and 2008 Honda Accord models and the 2001 Acura TL. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio Northern University (2001) and an MBA from The Ohio State University (2007).

He and wife, Jaclyn, have been married four years and welcomed a son, Nolan Christopher on September 7, 2007. Chris says he tries to play as much golf and softball as time will allow.

**Kurt Strominger** founded Cognito (IT) Consulting in 2002 and has worked as a management consultant at American Greetings Corp. since 2006. He has a degree in computer science (2002) and an MBA in corporate strategy (2006) from The Ohio State University.

He lives in Cleveland and tries to play as much golf as he can. Of his time at St. Charles, he says he made lifelong friends with his fellow ‘97 graduates. He adds that there was a very high quality of instruction in all fields at SC and he was well prepared for college.

**Matthew Toomey** is a 1st Lieutenant in the Army National Guard who works as a military police officer. He previously served ten years as a military intelligence analyst in the U.S. Army. He has a degree from Columbus State Community College (2001). Toomey lives in Columbus and enjoys playing softball.

**Daniel White** works for the Container Store in Easton, after transferring from its Washington, D.C. location where he was working as a store manager. He’s been with the company since 2002. Previously he was a substitute teacher and a leadership/retreat administrator. He has a degree in anthropology from the University of Cincinnati (2001).

**Josh Witten** hopes to finish his doctorate in genetics in December of 2008. According to his mother, he won’t have completed his schooling at that point – he’ll need to do post doctorate work, but he is inching up on it. He has been married ten years and plays rugby for the St. Louis Bombers.

**Christopher Zochowski** is half way through his residency in plastic surgery at Cane West ern reserve in Cleveland. He earned a degree in chemistry (with a minor in Russian) in 2001 at Miami (OH) University and his MD at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine (2005). He and his wife, Sara, were married recently. His interests include cooking, wine, and playing golf.

**1995**

**Matt Passaglia** of Elmhurst, Illinois, is a territory sales manager for Salix Pharmaceuticals. He and his wife are the proud parents of a one-year-old daughter and reports that they’re moving to Denver.

**Ed Wolfel** and his wife, Joy, celebrated their son Ethan’s first birthday. They live in Zanesville, Ohio where Ed is an assistant principal at Tri-Valley Middle School, and his wife, Joy, teaches kindergarten at Bishop Fenwick Elementary. Together, they graduated from Muskingum College in 2005 with a masters degree, in Education.

**2012: 15-year Reunion Class**

**Anthony T. Cotton IV** has for the last two years run his family’s business Cotton Construction, Inc., a 11 ton remodeling company. He spent the previous eight years managing money and investments for JP Morgan and Nationwide Insurance. He has a degree in financial management from The Ohio State University (1998).

He and his wife, Robin, have a daughter (1) and live in Columbus. He enjoys boating, volunteering, tinkering with his sports car, and was recently installed as a deacon at his church.

“Everything about St. Charles is special. The teachers, the faculty, the volunteers, the campus, the tradition, the education, and most importantly, the students, past and present. Other than winning a few more football games, I can’t imagine a more perfect high school experience. Thank you to everyone at St. Charles who made that possible!”

**James W. DeSapri, D.O.** is a family practice physician with Licking Memorial Health Professionals in Newark. He and his wife, Andrea, devote what little spare time they have doing restoration work on their 1913 vintage home in Granville and collecting antiques. He earned a degree in Spanish with a minor in natural science at Xavier in Cincinnati in 1996.

DeSapri described Senior Pena as “undoubtedly the best teacher I have had on any educational level. His strict but fair teaching style taught us not only a great deal about the Spanish language, but more importantly, it taught us a distinguished work ethic as a means to a true sense of accomplishment.” He added:

“Fr. Bennett was the most caring and good-humored teacher I have ever had. My wife and I … enjoy going back to Columbus to hear his Mass at Immaculate Conception,” where he is weekend assistant.

**Anthony Fabro** has worked ten years for Pacer International, the last six as manager for the Continental Tire North American account. He has a degree in business administration from The Ohio State University (1997). He and his wife, Orli, have been married for five years and live in Hilliard. He is an amateur radio operator and enjoys gardening and photographing trains. He has also spent the last several years as the timekeeper for the St. Charles basketball team.

Fabro says of his many memories, a few stand out: he was involved in the theater all four of his years at St. Charles and says his favorite production was Grease in the spring of 1990 for the size and versatility of the set.”When we were building the set we joked there was enough wood to build a small house. We had lockers and even a diner’s stools on flats with wheels so that they could be easily rolled on and off stage,” he said.

“Of course,” Fabro said, “the highlight of the show was driving Greased Lightning on the stage! Combine all of that with the superior direction from Doug Montgomery and Fred Smith, and we had a first-rate show.” He says he regards his time at St. Charles as some of the best years of his life.

**Kevin Gipe** has been an IT specialist the last nine years with Limited Brands. He has a degree in computer science and engineering from The Ohio State University (1997).
John M. Marmorino III has been a site manager for REStart since the fall of 2000. He lives in Minneaplos now after having lived in Quito, Ecuador from 1998-2000. After earning a degree from Loyola University of Chicago (1996), he went to work for First Chicago NBD as a foreign exchange specialist in Chicago until 1998. He spent 1998 as a volunteer teacher at the Working Boys Center. In his free time he enjoys hiking and visiting Ecuador.

Christian Rether works for JP Morgan Chase & Co. in Columbus. He was formerly with the 29th Street Reprocity Company and Georgeson Shareholder Communications in New York City and the Bioys Fund Services in Columbus.

He has a degree from Ohio University (1998). He enjoys kickboxing, playing golf and soccer, and building a WEB community of fitness-minded market professionals (traders, bankers, brokers, etc.).

“My first day freshman year I had no idea how to find my homeroom. Two seniors, Jim Forche ’89 and Mark Eberle ’89 walked me to class. I knew then that I was at the right school.”

Thomas P. Schindler has been a portfolio manager for Diamond Hill Investments since 2000. He has a degree in business administration from The Ohio State University (1996) and became a Chartered Financial Analyst in 1999.

He and his wife, Trish, have been married almost five years, and have a daughter (2), and live in Columbus. He enjoys travel and reading and remembers fondly his senior year on the basketball team with coaches Jim Lower and Wally Teeters.

Kevin Turner teaches high school marine biology, zoology, and biology in Pensacola, Florida. He has degree in marine biology and a masters in education from the University of West Florida.

He and his wife, Andrea, have been married for seven years and have two sons (3, 8 months). In his free time he likes to get out on the family’s boat, scuba dive, and fly fish.

He says he misses his former teachers and classmates and “can’t describe how much St. Charles helped me to be the person I am today.”

Father Jonathan Wilson is an associate pastor of the Columbus Diocese and has been serving the Perry County Consortium of Catholic Parishes for two years. He was ordained to the priesthood in May of 2003 and he has an undergraduate degree from Morehouse State University (1991) and his JD from the University of Michigan (1993).

He and wife, Christine, were married in 2003 and live in Columbus. In his free time he likes to follow Cleveland Browns football and is interested in films, busines, and real estate.

Michael Carey is a principal designer at the Whirlpool Corporation where he manages the design and color strategy for Kenmore branded laundry products. From 1993-1997 he was an industrial designer for General Motors, and from 1997-1999 he worked for S.C. Johnson Wax.

He served as the chair of the Michigan chapter of the Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) from 2001-2005. He earned a degree in industrial design (cum laude) in 1994 and lives in Coloma, Michigan.

He met his wife, Autumn, while serving in the U.S. Army at Ft. Davens in Massachusetts. They were married in 1998 and have an 11-year-old daughter.

In his free time he enjoys riding his Vespa scooter, volunteering for IDSA, and is an Apple/Mac enthusiast.

“I really miss Monz (Monsignor F. Thomas Gallien), he says. What an inspirational figure he was in my life! He used to spend some weekdays tutoring me in math. He was never impatient and always had kind words to say. He was also fluent in Latin, which freaked us out a bit when he gave part of his lecture in Latin. I will always remember his amazing soul.”

James Dillard just started as a regional vice president with Highland after serving as a branch manager with Randall since 1999. From 1991-1997 he worked for Beneficial financial as a branch manager and Countrywide Home Loans as an area manger from 1997-1999.

He has a degree from the University of Notre Dame (1991). He and his wife, Nicolle, live in Lutz, Florida. He enjoys travel, hiking, and reading at the beach. He remembers beating Hartley in varsity football for the first time in many years.

Erik Gilleland has been a police officer since 1991 and is currently with the City of Dublin. He has served as a private consultant/ expert witness in accident reconstruction since 2001.

He and wife, Paula, live in Grandview, have been married since 1999, and have a son (6). In his free time he’s very active in Columbus’ Irish community through the Shamrock Club. He is president of the Columbus Currach Club (Irish rowing) and a member of the “Cyril Scott” bagpipe band.

He says he remembers trying to start every class with Monsignor Gallien asking by the question: “Hey Monz, tell us about the flood!”

Brian Hill is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force assigned to U.S. Pacific Command Headquarters at Camp H.M. Smith in Hawaii, the headquarters for all U.S. forces in the Asia-Pacific region. He was recently hired by four-star Navy Admiral Timothy J. Keating to serve as his deputy executive assistant.

As deputy director he is “responsible for supporting the director’s efforts to integrate space, missile defense, and Command and Control and Joint Battlespace Awareness capabilities throughout the USPACOM Area of Responsibility.”

Prior to this latest assignment Hill was a student at the College of Naval Command and Staff, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He is a veteran of Operations IRAQI FREE- DOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, SOUTHERN WATCH, JOINT FORGE, and JOINT ENDEAV- OR. Lt Col Hill is an instructor pilot with more than 2000 flight hours, 220 of those in combat, in several types of aircraft (those are the T-1, T-3, T-37, T-38, T-41, C-130E/H, and KC-135RT for our aviation enthusiasts!). He was commissioned upon gradu- ation from the United States Air Force Academy in 1991.

The Lieutenant Colonel reports that he, his wife of 14 years, Suzette, and 14-year-old son Brayden, are still in Honolulu. Hill reports that he will be coach- ing intermediate football (7th- 9th grade) at Punahou School where his son, Brayden is an
Jackson recalled many happy memories at St. Charles – like “sitting at lunch with the guys and making fun of each other (cracking) until we had tears in our eyes from laughter.” He summed up by saying “I’m glad I attended and the guys (who) made me a stronger person. I will never forget.”

Sean Kelley is a CPA and works in London, England, for Price-waterhouse Coopers Global Capital Market Group. Previously he worked for the company in Denver (1999-2005). He has a degree in business administration with majors in accounting and international business. He loves to travel, ski, and cook.

He recalls Monsignor Gallen as a mentor, teacher, and friend. “During a particularly trying time in my life, he offered his friendship, at any time, to talk.” He said Monsignor’s unconditional display of friendship serves as a model to which he aspires.

“It is unfortunate that there is a paucity of people like ‘Monz’ in the world today. He was an example of how much one life could be impacted simply by another person’s caring.”

Patrick Lyons lives in West Chester, Pa., and owns Electric Power Sales Inc., which he founded four years ago. He previously worked for 10 years for Tyco International in engineering, marketing, and sales management.

Patrick obtained bachelor’s and master’s degrees in electrical engineering from Purdue University and an MBA in 2003 from Wharton School of Business at Univ. of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Lisa, whom he married in 1997, have three sons. They’re Jack, 7, Shane, 5, and Nathan 1. Between running a business and family time, he says he “squeezes in an occasional round of golf.”

Nathaniel Malone specializes in commercial real estate as a member of the Advisor Real Estate Team. Previously he was with Huntington National bank for 12 years. He left HNB as its sales and service manager for Business Banking to earn a real estate license. He earned a degree in consumer economics from The Ohio State University in 1991.

He and his wife, Melissa, were married in the summer of 2005 and have a daughter who was born in January.

Profile: James Heller ’85

Jim Heller ’85 spends his weekdays as an account manager with MHL Computer products. On football Friday nights in Toledo, Jim is the radio sports anchor. Previously he spent 10 years working as a full-time sales job in the steel business.

He says these jobs have “paid the bills” over the years, but a simultaneous career broadcasting high school and college athletic events has remained a passion of his for more than two decades. He calls his announcing jobs his release from the “real world.”

“I have been in the radio business for almost 20 years, and have literally called close to 1,000 games at the high school and collegiate level. It truly has been a labor of love, even if it is only for seven months out of the year,” Heller said.

Since 1997, he has been employed by radio giant Clear Channel Communications as a sports anchor for Newsradio 1370 WSPD in Toledo.

He handles the play-by-play duties for Division II high school football powerhouse Toledo Central Catholic.

As if a full-time job and family didn’t tax his time and energy, he also “moonlights” at two other Toledo-area stations. He’s a radio announcer for WSPD-AM in Toledo and WFIN-AM in Findlay. Heller announces high school and collegiate football and basketball games and begins his 8th season broadcasting men’s basketball for NCAA Division II’s University of Findlay- which will just happen to face the Ohio State Buckeyes in November.

“I am most fortunate to be working in radio after all this time.”

In 1993, he was given the very special opportunity of serving as the keynote speaker for the graduation ceremony at Ottawa-Glandorf High School- “a tremendous honor, usually reserved for politicians and dignitaries.” While he grew up in the cozy suburb of Worthington, he still considers Ottawa as a second home.

Heller earned a degree in journalism from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 1989. He spent six years in the steel business with Toledo area facilities of Columbus based Worthington Steel, and another four years in sales for the steel tube division of Middletown, Ohio giant AK Steel.
“Looking back, I’m very thankful for having attended St. Charles. It’s a wonderful place for learning and molding one’s character during the critical early period of a man’s life. I am definitely a better person because of the great challenges, experiences, and people I encountered at St. Charles.”

Sean McGovern serves as an outreach specialist for the USDA’s sustainable agriculture Research and education program in Washington, D.C. From 1995-2003 he was the executive director of the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association.

McGovern has a degree in Organizational Communication from The Ohio State University (1993). He and his wife, Danielle, were married in 1998. They have a son (6) and daughter (3) and live in Columbus.

Frederick Moses has been an attorney in private practice since serving as a group manager for Anheuser-Busch from 1993-2002. He has an undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University (1992) and his JD from Capital University Law School (2002). He and his wife, Molly, have been married for three years and live in Rockbridge, Ohio.

Dale E. See Jr. is a business owner who has four Stanley Steamer franchises. They’re in Buffalo, N.Y., Corpus Christi and Beaumont/Port Arthur, Tex., and Flagstaff, Ariz. He holds a degree in education and a master’s in organizational management. He enjoys weight training and trail running, and books about leadership, management, and human performance.

Dale married Faith Ali in May, 2006, and has a 19-month daughter, Rhonda Sue. They live in Amherst, N.Y. He said he appreciates “the discipline taught me” at St. Charles and Mr. Cavello, a person “you could look up to and respect.”

James Simbro has returned to school and is presently working toward a degree in Information Systems. He spent more than 12 years in the cycling industry followed by several more in the industrial electrical field.

He and his wife, Alea, were engaged in Paris in 2003 and now have an 18-month-old daughter. He enjoys spending time working on cars, doing home improvement projects, and cycling.

Randy Thomas lives in Lakeland, Florida and says his work history includes work as both a musician and a minister. He earned an undergraduate degree from Southeastern University (2002). In his free time he enjoys improve comedy and the arts.

His special St. Charles memories include winning a regional championship his freshman year, the theater, and work with the film club. He says he’s very thankful for the memory of growing up with “some great friends.”

Todd Wandtke has been the senior director of segment marketing for UPS. Through his 13 years with UPS he’s held a variety of positions in marketing, sales management, and finance. He holds a finance degree from Miami University and an MBA from Clemson. He and his wife, Allyson, have two sons, Peter (5) and Zack (3). The family lives in Atlanta.

Todd enjoys spending time with his family, playing with the two boys, and studying martial arts (tai chi, wing chun, and escrima). He says St. Charles prepared him well for life. I look back at my four years (there) with a great sense of pride.”

Tom Wengerter is the director of sales with Velvet Ice Cream in Columbus. He’s been with the company for 15 years since graduating from The Ohio State University in 1992 with a degree in business and marketing. During that time he worked in Cincinnati for 12 years (1992-2004).

He and his wife, Heidi, have been married for 13 years and have two sons (7, 4). He enjoys watersports, golf, and coaching youth baseball.

Ron Wollett is a tax attorney and CPA with Deloitte Tax LLP. He earned his undergraduate degree (magna cum laude) and JD from The Ohio State University.

He and wife, Denise, live in Worthington and have two sons (10, 8) and a daughter (6). He enjoys OSU football and coaching (Worthington Youth Boosters).

1988

Dr. Frederick H. White was appointed in May to the position of associate dean of Arts (Research and Graduate Programs) at Memorial University of Newfoundland where he teaches in the Department of German and Russian. He also reports that he was given tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor. His book Memoirs and Madness: Leonid Andreev through the Prism of the Literary Portrait was shortlisted for the Newfoundland and Labrador Writers’ Alliance 2007 Book Award.

1986

Michael Green is first vice president, Wealth Management and branch manager for Citigroup’s Smith Barney offices in downtown St. Louis and Shiloh, Illinois. Mike supervises a staff of financial advisors to the area corporations, endowments and families.

Green has been with Smith Barney since 1991, and has previously served as national training officer in Hartford, Connecticut, and as vice president and financial consultant in Columbus.

Currently, he serves on the board of directors of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club, the St. Louis Community College Foundation, and the Foundation for the Black Repertory Theatre of St. Louis.

A father’s love

Major Daniel W. O’Leary III ’84 with his daughter, Megan (5), after returning from a year’s deployment in Afghanistan.
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David Hohmann’s ’84 devotion to the environment, and more specifically Alum Creek, goes back as far as his high school days. A board member of the Friends of Alum Creek Tributaries (FACT), Hohmann devotes much of his free time getting people in the Columbus community to “think globally but act locally” when it comes to protecting one of the city’s important natural resources—its water.

Hohmann, who works for the Ohio EPA, said that FACT’s basic mission is to work with people and groups at the local level to protect, enhance, and enjoy Alum Creek as an environmental asset. In the six years he’s served on the group’s board he’s seen the group grow with the added dozen members to more than 165 dues-paying members.

He has engaged his alma mater to play a role in helping clean Alum Creek in the area around the St. Charles campus. Faculty member Aaron Schrein, moderator of the school’s Environmental Club, invited Hohmann to make a presentation to St. Charles students last winter. In his talk about FACT he described how they could get involved in its cause.

That meeting helped spark an interest that manifested itself on March 31 when Hohmann and 30 students at the school cleaned the Alum Creek area near the school and Academy Park. FACT has also facilitated projects with students from Ohio Dominican University, Otterbein College, Capital University, and Westerville South High School. Since then, SC students have been involved in other clean-up projects.

Working on Alum Creek service projects is rewarding, Hohmann said, because it is hands-on, honest work and positive results are immediate and visible. It’s a good balance to his professional job, which may involve multi-year projects, lots of paperwork, and non-visible pollutants.

Discarded items found in urban streams are often remarkable things along with the usual bottles and cans. They include cars, washing machines, barrels, bicycles, assorted athletic balls, a safe, vacuum cleaners, water heaters, car batteries, (“I could go on for a while here,” said he.) In the seven years Hohmann has worked on Alum Creek projects, his group has removed over 1,400 bags of trash and nearly 1,000 oversize items from the natural area, including 16 shopping carts and 300 tires. “We recycle what we can to keep stuff out of landfills,” he said.

Hohmann believes it’s critical for people of all ages to understand and care for the environment. He says people’s actions begin at home, and at school. “Protecting the environment is not just about events in some far off rainforest or exotic locale. We all live downstream from somebody.”

“Everyone should understand that the gutters on our streets are really the headwater streams of our local waterways,” he said. “So it’s important to take every effort to keep pollution from going down the storm drains. Construction practices with sediment control, fertilizer runoff, car-washing soap runoff, and of course littering are the biggest problems we face now in our urban area. Other problems come from antiquated sanitary sewer systems that overflow in moderate or heavy rainfall.”

“St. Charles uses the motto I am my brother’s keeper. I just have taken that a bit further in my care for the environment,” Hohmann noted. “I just try to do as much as I can to live in the present...and think for the future. I’ve planted many trees in the yards of four homes; they say that planting trees is an act of faith. Someone later in time will enjoy the full fruit of those trees, God willing. How similar that may be to the faith of our teachers at St. Charles.”

After graduating from St. Charles, Hohmann attended Princeton University. His initial plan to major in astrophysics evolved into a focus on the earth and its health. He focused on geosciences with an assortment of chemistry, economics, and public policy classes mixed in.

Hohmann spent two summers working at Princeton—one at an environmental engineering consulting firm and another working on a professor’s research project on campus. He became a local expert there on the newly emerging problem of indoor radon. His senior thesis explored the links between surface geology, soils and actual indoor radon levels in New Jersey residences.

He earned a masters degree in environmental engineering and science program at the University of Washington. After an engineering consulting job, he joined Washington’s Department of Ecology (their EPA) and worked there almost 10 years.

Hohmann said he grew up knowing something was special about Alum Creek through his father, Dr. John E. Hohmann ’59, who “spent his boyhood days mucking around with boats on the creek a short way upstream from St. Charles.” But his motivation to care for his local watershed really began with an awareness that grew from the 12 years he spent living in wet Seattle.

“I’m grateful for the evolving support and relationship being fostered between FACT and St. Charles as a community stakeholder, waterfront property owner and first-rate educational entity in our area. Each of us together can make a big difference locally here in our home area. Enhanced environmental education of all ages will be a big key to any ultimate successes we may achieve,” Hohmann said.
Michael is also a member of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. Mike received a degree in management and marketing from Capital University in Bexley. He and his wife, Lynda, re-side in St. Louis’ historic Lafayette Square neighborhood and have a 14-year-old son, Michael Green II.

1984

Maj. Daniel O’Leary ’84 was one of 31 Army reservists who were welcomed home to March Air Reserve Base in July after being stationed in Afghanistan for a year.

While overseas, his 489th Combat Support Unit provided logistical support for other units including NATO and the Army’s 82nd Airborne Division. Soldiers in the unit said they were not free to discuss where they were or what they did in Afghanistan. O’Leary and his wife, Jennifer, live in San Bernardino near the base. They had been in California just three months before he was called to active duty last year for his first deployment.

1982: 25-year Reunion Class

Brian Backiewicz is in sales with Purdue Pharma and previously was with Syntex labs and Staurt Pharmaceuticals. He has a degree from Miami (OH) University. He and his wife, Lyntee, have two daughters (19, 11) and live in New Albany. In his free time he enjoys “watching TV and ‘likes to play golf if nothing is on.”

James Brady is an attorney in the corporate section of the City of Kansas City’s Missouri Law Department. He’s been there since 1995 after working at the Missouri Court of Appeals as a Law Clerk and as a member of the court’s research staff.

Brad Brady has a degree in economics and marketing (1986) and an MBA (1998) from The Ohio State University and earned his JD with Distinction from the University of Missouri-Kansas City (1991).

He and his wife, Jo Ann, have been married for 18 years and have three sons (10, 9, and 7)—who incidentally attend St. Charles in Kansas City. In his free time he enjoys reading, exercise, and watching Buckeye football “I will always treasure how everyone made me feel welcome as a junior transfer, and of course, all the great friendships.”

Among Brady’s favorite St. Charles memories is “how everyone made me feel welcome as a junior transfer and, of course, all the great friendships.”


He has an undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University (1986) and his JD from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (1989). He and his wife, Betsy, were married in 1989 and have two daughters (15, 10) and a son (13). He enjoys playing and following OSU football and basketball, sports, and running.

His SC memories include freshman Latin with Mr. Cavello, which “served as the foundation for my study habits throughout college and law school and my professional work ethic. The focus that was needed to survive class was intense—yet it prepared me for my college, post-graduate, and professional career.”

Brian Donato is the technology director for Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in Columbus. He’s worked in Information Technology for the last 20 years and his career has also included positions at EDS, OCLC, and State Savings Bank.

Donato holds a degree in applied science in systems analysis from Miami (OH) University (1986). He and his wife, Julie, live in St. Charles and have a son (high school freshman) and two daughters (7th grade and kindergarten). In his free time he plays the guitar, follows the Browns (too closely), and works on whatever technology project catches his fancy. “However, most of my free time is spent chasing after kids.”

Of his time at St. Charles, he credits years of experience in the school’s theatrical productions prepared him to speak with confidence in front of people, an ability that he says has served him very well in his career. “I remember helping David Lee run for class president, Father Bennett letting the Presidents in the window (can you still name them?), tagging along to away games with the football team (I still have the photos), Health with Henne, and studying “Sweeney Todd” in Literature class (wonder if that would fly in today’s politically correct world).”

“I also remember spending late nights rehearsing for plays and in retrospect, can’t believe how much time Doug Montgomery put in (thank you!).”

John “Ike” Eichner, a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force of which he’s been a member since 1987, has spent his career primarily in research, technology, and policy. His current assignment included work in space launch operations, spacecraft design, and space systems management. He won an aero and astronaut engineering degree from Ohio State University in 1987 and a master’s in engineering management from West Coast University in 1993.

Eichner, whose wife’s name is Megann, listed among his favorite school memories Msgr. Gallen’s “presence, example, and friendship” and Cavello’s Latin class that “taught me how to study.”

Andy Gast is a dentist and lives in Whitehall. He earned his undergraduate degree from Miami (OH) University in 1986 and his DDS in 1991 from The Ohio State University.

He has a daughter (16) and enjoys sports, travel, and reading.

“The lessons I learned at St. Charles regarding hard work, perseverance, and discipline, have been instrumental in my development personally, professionally, and spiritually.”

Terry Giboney is a radiologist who earned his MD in 1993. He lives in Scottsdale, Arizona with his wife and three children.

Thomas J. Grote is a partner of Donatos Pizza and lives in German Village. He earned a degree cum laude in business administration and have a son (high school freshman) and daughter (high school sophomore) from Miami (OH) University. His interests include travel and philanthropic projects, and he is the founder of Equality Ohio.

Kevin King lives in Cana, Washington, with his wife, Leshe, and three sons (ages 12, 10, and 6). He earned a degree in business administration from Miami (OH) University in 1986.

Chris Meacham is president of Automotive Integration (provides consulting for the automotive industry), which is a division of The Millenium Company, of which he is a partner.

He and his wife, Carrie, have been married 17 years, live in Westerville and have a son (14) and daughter (10). He enjoys playing golf, sailing and boating in his free time.

Verne Moore played varsity soccer for four years for St. Charles. He played on the school’s 1981 state runner-up team with twin brother, Jeff, and another brother, Pat. Jeff was all-Ohio that year. John Bleum coached the team and is currently the varsity soccer coach at The Ohio State University. Referring to coach Bleum, he said “we still stay in touch.” Among Verne’s fond memories was a state winning goal in a state semifinal game with Chagrin Falls and hitting four goals in a district title game against DeSales. He particularly savored friendships made with students from different Central Ohio communities.

Verne wrote that St. Charles, along with his parents, provided him a “belief and understanding of our Catholic faith” that led to a “greater appreciation of my faith later in life.” He added that “St. Charles taught me most about personal responsibility, dealing with differences in people, study habits and most importantly friendships that last a lifetime.” Among those who instilled those traits, he singled out Father Bennett.

A 1986 graduate of Dayton University, Verne has been married to Kristin for 12 years. They live in South Lyon, Mich., and have two boys – Daniel (6) and Matthew (2), both soccer players. Verne started as an independent sales representative and currently is a national accounts executive for a footwear company.

Chris Paolini has spent his career in office equipment and printing services sales. He has a management degree (1986) and an MBA (1991) from Case Western Reserve. He and wife, Kimberly, have a son (13) and daughter (10) and live in Dub- lin.

In his free time he enjoys coaching his children’s soccer and baseball teams and participating in competitive swimming.

Michael T. Petry has served as a county prosecutor, taught law, was chief division counsel in Kansas City, and fulfilled a long-time dream by joining the FBI where he served in various assignments, including combatting international terrorism. In between, he pursued another ambition -- teaching skiing in Colorado.

Petry earned a law degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1989, earlier obtained an arts degree in foreign affairs/Latin American studies at Cincin-nati, and received a certificate in Mexican legal studies at the University of Houston. He was admitted to practice law before the Supreme Courts of Ohio and Colorado.

He and his wife, Karen – they were married in 1993 – have two children, Ryan (10) and Anna (8).

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Looking back, he said “as with many of my classmates, I did not fully appreciate the value of a St. Charles education until well after I graduated. I consider myself very fortunate to have been able to attend this incredible school.”

Ken Plunkett works for the State of Ohio’s Department of Health and also writes software “on the side.” Previously he earned a pilot’s licenses and went to work for ASI, worked for the State of Ohio, and dabbled in consulting.

He and his wife live in Lancaster. He enjoys running marathons, traveling, and gardening.

Tom Rankin has been working in private practice with his father in Hilliard as a general dentist since 1999. He received degrees from Miami (OH) University (1986, chemistry) and The Ohio State College of Dentistry (1989, DDS).

He and his wife, Kathy, were married in 1983, live in Columbus, and have a son (12) and two daughters (9, 6). In his free time he enjoys fishing, camping, and coaching. He helped start the St. Charles Rugby Club.

John R. Rathburn said “the relationships that were developed 25 years ago at St. Charles are still strong today with school classmates. I realize the impact St. Charles had on my life over and over again. The education, relationships, and religious experiences from St. Charles are second to none.” He added: “I firmly believe that the successes I have had as an educator, a head coach, academically in my undergrad (years) and in receiving my master’s from Day- ton result from my experiences through St. Charles.”

Rathburn, who lives in New Albany, has completed 20 years in education, served as an English teacher, athletic director, head wrestling and assistant football coach, high school assistant and head principal. He’s currently middle school principal with Gahanna Jefferson.

Currently completing course work for school superintendent, Rathburn received his BA in 1987 at Ohio Dominican and a master’s in educational administration at Dayton in 1999. He has two sons, Griffin (7) and Grant (11) at St. Matthew School.

Michael Schmitt is a part owner of Jet Container Company, a family-run business he has worked in for the last 20 years. He has a business degree from the University of Toledo.

He has a son (17) and lives in New Albany. In his free time he enjoys attending wine tastings, working out, riding bicycles, and hiking.

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His memories of his time at St. Charles include the food fight and ensuing “lock-down” in 1980 (’81)? - a story he says to this day Andrew doesn’t believe happened.

Greg Smithberger is a senior executive at the national Security Agency, where he’s worked for the past 19 years. During that time he has worked in a variety of positions in the intelligence community at the Department of Defense.

He and his wife, Kristin, have been married for 20 years and live in Potomac, Maryland. They have two daughters (11, 7). In his limited free time he enjoys fly fishing, hiking, and playing golf.

W. Shane Vandermark is in the sales department at Fyda Freightliner of Columbus, selling heavy-duty semi tractors. He previously spent five years with Jet Container.

He has two sons (13 year-old twins) and two daughters (19, 2) and lives in Blacklick. In his free time he likes to hunt, fish, and be involved in coaching. He has served as an assistant wrestling coach for St. Charles for the last eight years.

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Making people’s days
Craig Lee ’77 (left) and his wife, Lisa, pose with John Littlefield, a carpenter/diress on ABC-TV’s prime-time show, Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. Craig is known as the “Cookie Cop” and has built a successful cookie company following his retirement from the Columbus police force due to a work-related injury.

The Lees donated cookies last November to fortify the volunteers working at the home of Marine Sergeant Jason Thomas, whose home near Columbus was torn down and rebuilt. The process was chronicled by Extreme, which did the work for free as a way to celebrate Thomas’ bravery and selflessness on 9-1-1 when he and a fellow marine descended on Ground Zero on September 11, 2001 to rescue people. Thomas freed two New York City police officers who were buried alive under rubble, then later, moved to Whitehall for a quiet life with his family.

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Alumni Notes
1977: 30-Year Reunion Class

Kevin Coady has been involved in his family’s business, Coady Construction, for 30 years. He earned a business degree from The Ohio State University in 1981.

He likes to travel and follow OSU athletic teams. He and his wife of 25 years, Theresa, have two daughters (23, 22) and a son (19) and live in Powell. “Having my son, Ryan, graduate from St. Charles in 2006 was special both for Ryan and myself.”

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes has been pastor of Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Newark since 1996. He was ordained a priest in 1985, and previously served at St. Mary in Lancaster, director of vocations, and at St. Brendan in Hilliard and St. Joan of Arc in Powell. These assignments included being with his former St. Charles teachers — Father Bill Dunn in Lancaster and Father Charlie Jackson at St. Brendan.

From a large family headed by mother, Elaine, and father, Tom, his sister and brothers are Sue and Chuck, both DeSales grads, Jeff, Dave, Kevin, Steve, and Bill, all St. Charles graduates. Dave’s son, Justin is attending St. Charles.

Father Hayes enjoys travel and has led two pilgrimages to Italy, one in 2000 that Dominic Prunte, Class of 1977, and another in summer of 2006.

Terry Kelley was an associate at Donald W. Kelley & Associates from 1983-1996 before founding the Serenity Street Foundation. He has a business administration degree from The Ohio State University and spends his free time studying the Bible.

“Father Bennett would ask me to approach him after I would cuss, then he would slap me. Today I don’t cuss.”

Marty McSweeney recently passed the 25-year mark with the Columbus Police Division in which he’s been a sergeant for the past 12 years. He and fireman George A. Fulcher III, nephew of former Bishop George A. Fulcher ’40, started the Columbus Police and Fire Pipes & Drums Corps in 1977. The group practices weekly and performs more than 60 times a year.

In addition to Fulcher, McSweeney says he remains good friends with fellow grads Greg Moore, Tony Polletta, and Sean Cull. He praised Dominic Cavello for helping students with learning disabilities long before it was in vogue. He also cited the influence of Msgr. Bennett, Ed Hoffman, and Michael Gilligan.

Marty and his wife, Jean, have been married 20 years. They have a son, Seamus, and daughter, Nuala.

Steve Miller has been in office furniture sales for the last 20 years, having moved back to Columbus from Atlanta and now with Continental Office Supply. He has a son (18) and daughter (15) and is involved with the PTSA as its president. He is a member of the NAACP and served on the Gwinnett County School Board Discipline Task Force.

Good friends and fond memories come to his mind when thinking about St. Charles. He has fond memories of basketball championships and hard work.

Joseph A. Murray noted that the greatest influence on his life was, excepting his parents and foster parents, was teacher Ed Hoffman, who taught at St. Charles from 1971 to 1979. Others included Coach Wally Tee ters, Ryan, Msgr. Gallen, and classmates. He added that his memories of St. Charles “are mostly good.”

Murray, who has an architecture degree earned in 1983 from Notre Dame du Lac, does risk reduction and preparedness work that includes recovery from natural hazards. He lives in Salem, Oregon, and has never married.

Tom Phillips has a degree in architecture from the University of Miami (1982) and an MBA from The Ohio State University (1996). He describes his career as “varied and interesting, mostly non-profit—both intentionally and unintentionally.”

He and his wife, Maria live in Columbus. They’ve been married 23 years and have a son (16) and daughter (14). He says Monsignor Gallen’s stories were the best (“Now you can just pick it up!”), and remembers Monsignor Bennett’s Presidents test and Mr. Cavello’s “Purple Patches.”

Thomas B. Schleub works for the Southeast Mental Health Agency after having recently spent the last six years with BancOne Corporation (Now Chase Bank). He has a degree in music education from The Ohio State University (1982) and has studied accounting and finance at Xavier University.

‘74 grad Gehring leadership fuels LifeCare Alliance mission

Thanks to the leadership of 1974 graduate Charles “Chuck” Gehring ’74, Lifecare Alliance continues to grow and expand its services by following the 109-year mission of its founder, Catherine Nelson Black. Its dedicated goal is to take care of the people who nobody else paid attention to.

“IT used to be that tuberculosis and infant mortality were the worries,” Gehring said. “Now we have moved to cancer, AIDS, and aging.”

Gehring is president and CEO of LifeCare Alliance (LCA), which was presented the 2007 Columbus Foundation Award at the Foundation’s Celebration of Philanthropy event in May. The award is given to organizations that have made a difference in the quality of life in Central Ohio and to the individuals whose extraordinary accomplishments have shaped those organizations. LifeCare Alliance is one of 19 organizations to win this prestigious award.

Gehring and his wife, Kristin, are members of St. Michael Parish in Worthington. They have four children—including St. Charles grads Charles Jr. ’01, Joseph ’03, and current St. Charles senior, Will. After graduating from St. Charles, Chuck earned an undergraduate degree at The Ohio State University and an MBA from Xavier (OH) University.

Under Gehring’s leadership, the Alliance provides high quality services through signature programs, such as Meals-on-Wheels and Visiting Nurse Association. In addition, he has guided the agency through three significant mergers that expanded its social service mission.

They were: first, LCA in 2003 assumed operation of the Madison County Meals-on-Wheels Program; the following year it took on Project OpenHand-Columbus -- an organization dedicated to serving men, women, and children living with AIDS and HIV; and it followed up in 2005 with the merger of the Columbus Cancer Clinic, which was also founded by Catherine Nelson Black. The Columbus Cancer Clinic was the first in the country to provide free cancer diagnostic and treatment services.

Before taking the reins at Lifecare Alliance in 2001, Gehring served as executive vice president and COO of the Columbus Diocese’s Catholic Social Services for four years. Earlier, he was president and CFO of Sanese Services.

LifeCare Alliance was also recognized by The Columbus Foundation for providing life-sustaining services to those in need in our community, for its dedicated staff and volunteers, and for its development of social entrepreneur programs. Because of the stagnation/decline in funding sources, Gehring felt that it was imperative for LifeCare to become more self-sufficient. Three new programs were launched: “Catch the Wellness Spirit,” Corporate Wellness Program,” “L. A. Catering,” and “Meals for Kids.” Proceeds from those endeavors are invested back into the Agency to provide services for those unable to pay for them.

Lifecare Alliance takes care of mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, and uncles, all of whom have one thing in common—they desperately want to live on their own and be independent. Gehring now is conducting an ambitious capital campaign, “Time-to-Deliver,” which has raised $4.4 of the $5 million goal. Money donated is to be used to expand services and continue building the agency’s endowment for client service scholarships.
Kelsey helping ensure Columbus necessities

As the director of Columbus’ Public Service Department, Mark Kelsey has one of the most challenging positions in city government. He leads a staff of 850 people who have the Herculean task of handling responsibilities that tend to be “lightning-rod” subjects: snow and ice removal, maintaining all city roads and bridges, refuse collection, and the operation of city parking meters.

Kelsey graduated from St. Charles in 1973 before going on to earn his undergraduate degree in history and philosophy from Boston College (1977) and a JD from Capital University in 1981. He was a legal intern in the Ohio Attorney General’s Office in 1979 and served from 1982-1986 as the state’s assistant attorney general. In that role he represented state agencies, especially the Ohio Department of Transportation, in eminent domain actions, outdoor advertising cases, and construction claims in courts throughout the state.

He was administrator for the office of contracts for the Ohio Department of Transportation until 2000 where he led a staff of 45 administering the state’s annual highway construction budget of more than $1 billion.

Until last year, when he came to work for the city, he’s spent the previous seven years as deputy director for the Ohio Department of Transportation. There he provided legal advice to department personnel regarding highway construction contracts, design agreements and led a staff of 65 who estimated, sold and administered a $1.5 billion construction program.

Kelsey and his wife, Betty, are long-time members of Immaculate Conception Parish and have raised two daughters and a son.

1967: 40-Year Reunion Class

Andrew J. Dick lives in Bexley working as an appraiser. He enjoys fishing and says that Monsignor Bennett “was my mother for two years.”

Stephen Mitchell has spent 35 years at State Teachers Retirement Services of Ohio, the last 25 of them as director of investments. He earned both his undergraduate (1970) and MBA (1971) from the Ohio State University. He and his wife, Pamela, have three children and live in Powell.

Dan Ross is the director of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. He earned an undergraduate degree from Ohio Dominican University in 1971, a MEd from Xavier (OH) in 1973, and a Ph.D. from Bowling Green University in 1983.

He’s spent most of his career as an educator and administrator. He has served 30 years in the field of education as a superintendent, principal, teacher, counselor, and coach. In 2003 he was named Superintendent of the Year by the Ohio PTA. He also has experience as a college instructor and in manufacturing.

He and his wife, Kris, have been married for 35 years and live in New Albany. They have a daughter, three sons, and two grandsons. In his free time he enjoys reading, traveling, and working with various church and volunteer service groups.

He and his wife, Linda, have a daughter, a son and a grandchild. They enjoy reading, golf, playing the violin, and writing.

“I fondly recall Monsignor O’Dea reading to us about father Juniper Serra, in the lower chapel. He read so beautifully. I appreciated the closeness of our class in our senior year, and the many expressions of kindness and charity.”

C. William Lutz has spent his career in the legal profession as a legal aid, in private practice, and as a public defender. He and his wife, Deborah, have three sons, all of whom graduated from St. Charles (Eric ’89, Michael ’94, and Jonathan ’97). In his free time he enjoys motorcycling and canoeing.

Father Peter Gideon has been a pastor in the Columbus Diocese since 1988, currently serving St. Mark Parish in Lancaster. He says he very much enjoys the challenge and hopes that he will still be “ready and able” to continue his role into his 80’s like Monsignor James Geiger (St. Charles College Class of 1946). In his free time, Fr. Gideon restores pipe organs and keeps bees.

“We have gathered often during these past 40 years. I have learned from my classmates the importance of relationship, more than achievement, comfort or security,” he said.

Bob DelCorso is a history teacher at Old Dominion University and Christopher Newport University. He is also very involved in presenting marriage preparation courses for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish.

He and his wife, Gerri, live in Newport, Virginia, and have three children and five grandchildren. His educational background includes a masters in national security affairs from the naval postgraduate School (1982) and a masters in adult religious education from Loyola University (1996).

“Frankly, the entire four years [at St. Charles] were a life-transforming experience for me.”

1966

Van R. Stewart was promoted recently by Motorists Life Insurance Company to the position of assistant vice president for Life Underwriting. In his new role, Stewart will be responsible for claims underwriting and for the continued management of Motorists Life’s underwriting functions. Stewart and his wife, Marty, have two sons and live in Powell.

1962: 45-Year Reunion Class

Ferg Theibert is retired, living in Columbus, and enjoying golf and some limited travel. He spent 23 years with the NCR Corporation selling large mainframe computers and stayed two more with the company that bought them out, AT&T. He has a degree in accounting from The Ohio State University (1970).

He and his wife, Margaret (nee Exline) have been married 30 years and together have five children. One son, Fergie, is a 1996 St. Charles graduate.
Jerry Chubb, Class of 1959, lives in Mesa, Arizona where he works for an Air Force Lab. This summer he spent his three-week “vacation” in Papua New Guinea (PNG) assisting the Pioneer Bible Translators, a group that works to translate and print the Bible into the mother tongue of Bible-less people. The goal was to participate in the dedication of the Book of Jonah translated into their native language.

Jerry is planning to spend his retirement as a church mobilization representative for Pioneer Bible Translators, headquartered on the Wycliffe campus in Dallas, Texas.

In PNG he traveled to the village of Igoi, a 20 minute helicopter ride from the Mission Aviation fellowship (MAF) hangar at Madang airport. The trip there took him over the hills and into the village. Coming back out involved a 10 minute “helo” ride out to a landing site next to the nearest road. He then spent an hour in the back end of a truck that drove us back to Madang – “Spartan travel” he called it.

Of some 6,912 different languages on the planet Earth, Jerry said that there are over 820 tribal languages in PNG, and Sob is only one of about 137 in Madang Province alone.

“While many of the villagers in Igoi are Christians, the only Bible they have to read is in the trade language of Papau New Guinea. For about 2,500 people, Sob is their mother tongue, the language they know and understand best. The Book of Jonah project is seven years in the making and the very first book of the Bible in their native language.”

Chubb says that the Bible has been translated into fewer than 500 native languages, “so, golf is NOT in my future at this point in time,” he joked.

To celebrate the presentation of the translated Bible text, a two-day celebration was held for guests, many of whom walked from outlining villages and hamlets up to 5-6 miles away. It included a traditional sing-sing – an all night dance and song session. The open pit cooking event started at 3 a.m. the morning of the dedication. Multiple preachers participated: Lutheran, Baptist, and Church of Christ – all of whom are active in neighboring areas. The Catholic Cathedral is in Madang, a day’s walk and another hour’s drive away.

Church services were held the second day under blue tent canopies, with dogs and chickens roaming in and out (“the pigs remained uninvited”) and the illustrated Book of Jonah was read in their own language.

Chubb was one of seven PBT Interns and two adults—“Ten of us in one house! “He took over 700 pictures on his travels, and he’s made up about five separate PowerPoint presentations. “Have material, will travel. Let me know if anyone would like a lunch-time or evening show and tell session!”
for 25 years was a company development pilot. He currently runs an avionics system development program. After obtaining an electrical engineering degree in 1967 from Ohio State where he worked part-time in the aviation department, Tom served as a pilot in the Air Force and worked as a systems engineer for Boeing. He also obtained an MBA from Arizona State University and took several aircraft pilot rating courses.

Leard has been married to Barbara, who hails from Cincinnati, for 37 years. They have two daughters and six grandchildren. He has 10 brothers and sisters, all but one of them are college graduates. He said that “the continuous hard work required at St. Charles was superb preparation for many challenges later in life.”

Bob Knapp is retired after spending two years in the U.S. Army Reserve Corps of Engineers and then 37 more as a civil engineer with the Ohio Department of Transportation. He is currently a part-time senior technical advisor for the HNTB Corporation.

Knapp earned an undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University (1968) and a bachelor degree in business from Franklin University. He and his wife, Mary, have been married for 36 years and live in Columbus. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. He follows the Buckeyes football team in the fall and watches re-runs of the games the rest of the year.

“I will always remember Monsignor Gellen directing our Glee Club. He passed along to us all the energy and enthusiasm during every practice. He taught us the Wiffenpoof Song which I still sing in the shower.

“My athletic ability was able to shine during the Watterson game my senior year. Coach Ryan opted to use me as the first baseball substitute. Led by Dave Corna, the crowd roared B.K. B.K!”

Michael J. Reilly Sr. and his wife, Corinne, devote much time to serving as hosts to ex-students and international business associates of which they’ve had 30 who came from Austria, Columbia, the Czech Republic, France, and Mexico. Reilly worked 23 years with Big Bear Stores handling operations, merchandising, and other duties, and served as vice president of Harts Stores. He currently handles sales and marketing for Acosta.

Reilly is very fond of traveling. He has visited 25 countries, 30 islands, and most states in the U.S. He enjoys golf, Ohio State basketball and football games and spending time with his grandchildren, of which he has four. He has two married children – Theresa and Mike. A 1979 grad, he has a business degree from Ohio State.

He credits St. Charles for providing him the foundation for success in his business and personal life. He enjoyed the success of the school’s athletics teams and the leadership provided by Jack Ryan on the field and in the classroom. He and Corinne live in Columbus, very close to St. Charles.

Thomas “Tom” Tarpy and his wife, Mary Pat, who was his “high school sweetheart” (she’s a 1963 St. Mary’s of the Springs graduate) celebrated their 40th anniversary last Sept. 9. They have four children – Josh, Meghan, Tom, and John – and three grandchildren.

Tom has been an attorney with Vorys, Sater, Seymour, and Pease, one of the largest law firms in Central Ohio, for 35 years. He obtained a degree in English/economics in 1968 from John Carroll University and earned his law degree in 1969 at Ohio State. He said he’s “indebted to P. J. O’Dea (Msgr. Paul) and Thomas (Msgr.) Galen who encouraged my pursuit of a legal career.”

In addition to golf, travel, and hunting, he said he’s trying “to complete the summer reading list we were given in 1962.”

Father Patrick Toner is a priest in the Columbus Diocese, having been ordained in 1975. He has a degree from The Ohio State University, a Master of Divinity from Pope John XXIII in Weston, Massachusetts, and a minor in Divinities from the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio.

“My faith is very important to me and my “Platinum Times.” Among too many favorite memories of my time at St. Charles is being scheduled to attend a meeting in Monsignor O’Dea’s office with several other freshman football players after a summer practice session. His first question of me was “what do you plan to do after you get out of here, Rudy?” After some thought, my answer was “well, monsignor, I plan to get a haircut.” O’Dea laughed for quite a while before continuing the meeting.”

Thomas J. Austin (Tom) -- Sun City West, AZ

I received my bachelor of science in chemical engineering from the University of Dayton, in 1961 and my MBA from St. Mary’s College in Moraga, Calif. in 1980.

My wife’s name is Ragnhild but goes by Ronnie. We have four children, all living in Northern California. I moved from Columbus to Marion, Ind., after graduating from Dayton, changed jobs and moved to Pittsburgh where I met my wife and where all of our children were born. Later I was transferred to Northern California and in 1996 to Atlanta, Georgia, for my last full-time job. We love the West, so we retired in Arizona. I’m still involved, having set up my own Corporation as a consultant in the plastics industry. I do volunteer work at the local hospital.

My memories of St. Charles revolve around personal relationships with my classmates and our teachers. I particularly remember Father Haluska for science and physics, Mr. Rectenwald chemistry and Spanish and Father Kraus for English and French.

Edward C. Bainter (Ed) -- Deceased

Ed passed away at age 54 on June 25, 1994 in Canton, Ohio. Surviving him are his wife, the former Elizabeth Schmuck, and two children. Ed was an insurance claims manager. He’s buried in Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Canton. Ed valued his St. Charles education highly and would have sent his son there if they had been living in Columbus.

Richard Baumann (Rick) -- Whitehall

My wife, Nancy, (St. Mary’s of the Springs ’57), my eighth grade classmate, and I have been married for 47 years, and live in Columbus. We have five beautiful children who have given us nine wonderful grandchildren.

I enlisted in the Marine Corps after St. Charles and, after completing requirements necessary to become a “Marine,” I returned to Columbus and joined Western Electric. I’ve been involved with the Suicide Prevention Service for 18 years and recently have taken on a new role as its “coordinating director.” This part of my life has been very fulfilling for me.

St. Charles gave me the faith and foundation to sustain me through the good times and bad. My faith is very important to me and I have shared it down to our children and grandchildren. I am very blessed to have a full life, a loving wife, and supportive friends.

Daniel W. Baumann (Dan) -- Lewis Center

I’ve been married to Bobbie Reinhart (St. Joseph Academy ‘80) for 44 years. We have two sons, a daughter, and five, soon to be six, exceptionally gifted and beautiful grandchildren. We moved to condo living 6 1/2 years ago and do not miss the yard work at all.

I’m working as a loan originator for Priority Mortgage located in Worthington, enjoy what I do and have no plans to retire anytime soon. My career in mortgage banking and real estate has lasted for 32 fun-filled years. Bobbie’s and my passion is traveling and we are always planning the next trip, which normally is set for Italy in October. In the last ten years we have been all over the Caribbean, Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, Las Vegas, and parts of Europe.
Ronald L. Breech (Ron) -- Covington, GA
My wife, Thelma, and I have been married for 47 years. I retired in 1990, from AT&T, Bell Laboratories after 28 years of service. We have three children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

George R. Bright Jr. -- Gahanna
And so it was, back in a small town in eastern Pennsylvania where I was born. Just kidding. I'll start with my entering St. Charles in 1953. I wanted to go to Holy Rosary because after moving (to Columbus) from Cleveland I lived only two blocks away. My parents decided otherwise. How most fortunate I was. I could not have had better friends than those men with whom I attended high school. Although I resisted, St. Charles provided me with a scholastic, religious, and social education.

The Gb bill and my employer, Western Electric (AT&T) -- 34 years there – helped with tuition to OSU. I graduated in 1975. I am now retired. I am very proud of, and deeply love my two daughters. They both graduated from college. (Thanks St. Charles.) Of many blessings I count, they top the list.

Father Thomas Sabrey was my favorite teacher, and also my friend. When I was in the Navy he wrote to me. We stayed in touch after I returned to Columbus. The stories we have at St. Charles are many. Not like “John Brown’s School Days.”

My wife, Martha Lang Carter, is an elementary art teacher in the Dublin school system. She received her MFA from Catholic University. We have one daughter who is a professional violinist and has two children. I am currently a full-time student at Columbus State Community College working toward an associate degree in veterinary technology. I volunteer for the Columbus Aids Task Force and also give private lessons.

Daniel D. Connor (Dan) -- Westerville
After graduating from Ohio State, I spent 3 ½ years in the U.S. Navy. I completed my tour as weapons officer on a destroyer out of San Diego. I returned to OSU to earn my law degree and have been practicing law since 1969. I am the senior partner in the law firm of ConnorBehal where we employ seven attorneys and 20 staff people. I still work full time.

I'm an annual volunteer at the sanctuary of Notre Dame de Lourdes in Lourdes, France and for the Missionaries of Charity in Greenwich Village, the South Bronx, and Harlem. I'm divorced and engaged to be married to Sharon A. Dougherty. I have two sons and a daughter. After an incredibly mean athletic career at St. Charles, I was awarded a letter for football at OSU when the Buckeyes were national champions by the Sporting News.

My memories of my time at St. Charles are numerous. They include Fr. O’Dea’s “sink-or-swim” tests in freshman Latin; Fr. Duffy being late for class and then sleeping through the rest of it; Rick Baumann and his harmonica driving Fr. O’Brien nuts trying to find the source of the noise; Jerry Morris correcting Fr. Kraus on the correct pronunciation of Hiroshima; Fr. O’Brien refusing to let Johnny Moskus sharpen his pencil, followed by O’Brien’s tirade on interrupting. The next day the entire class lined up at the pencil sharpener.

Other memories include Jerry Morris and his Hudson Hornet which evolved into “wasp” when all the gears except third failed and then was simply known as “bug”; sidekicks Rudy and Joe; Lou Martin leading the city with 13 touchdowns in four games before being injured and that lead standing until the last game of the season when Johnny Moskus scored his 14th; Butch DeMatteis being suspended from all athletic activities for a minor offense on the morning of the semi-finals of the state baseball championship game and being reinstated moments before the game; Fr. O’Brien accusing Fred Richards of stealing his hubcaps and apologizing to Fred after he was proven innocent. My proudest achievement at St. Charles was graduating first (in the bottom 20% of the class). What an accomplishment!

Ernest DeMatteis (Butch) -- Dublin
Married to Patti. Am a graduate of Ohio State University where I lettered in baseball. Retired from professional sales. Patti graduated from Western Kentucky University as a dental hygienist. She/’s co-owner of a dental consulting company, Dental Hygiene Excellence L.L.C. Have five children and 14 grandchildren.

St. Charles remembrances: the best memory for me was when coach Ryan (“Mr. Ryan”) as we called him, “the greatest high school coach God ever created!” called my mom the summer of 1953 to invite me to play summer baseball. I had just graduated from Immaculate Conception and had not made a decision about which high school I would attend. After that great summer experience of playing baseball for coach Ryan with players like Joe Rotonda, Lee DeMaistry, Lee Kletzy, and many more, I knew St. Charles was the school for me!

The privilege and honor of attending the great St. Charles Borromeo High School required getting up at 5:30 am and driv-
ing across town. All classes being mandatory (like four years of Latin) and no elective classes (like wood class) to choose is not a good memory, but I recall coach Ryan telling a struggling young freshman athlete that St. Charles’ academics were not that difficult, because if Dutch DeMattaes graduated anywhere could.

Favorite teachers: I am grateful for the opportunity to receive an outstanding education from dedicated educators like Monsignors O’Dea, Gallen, and Spiers, Fathers O’Brien, Wolf, Murphy and yes, even the famous dean of discipline, Father Halabak. Let’s start out with "Square” John Rechtenwald and Duffy. None of these guys were weak on their disciplinary skills! Dan Connor became an attorney because of me and Father Halabak. He needed to learn how to defend himself! (It’s a long story.) Dan did not play baseball, but he and his dad and Jim Allen’s dad attended every game! They were our biggest fans! I think Dan is the only St. Charles graduate who played Ohio State football for Coach Woody Hayes. (Editor’s note: Tom Vargo ’62 also played at OSU under Woody Hayes).

The rest of my memories are sports related. Like playing baseball with great St. Charles athletes like Joe Rotondo, Paul and Larry Sopko, ’64 Jim Allen and Jerry Morris and other outstanding players of our time — Frank Howard, John Edwards, Claude Osteen, Jimmie Herbstreit, Wayne Fontes, John Havlichek, Hall of Famer Phil Nikro, OSU football players Jim Marshall and Ernie Wheelright.

How about Dr. Lou Martin, St. Charles all-American fullback running 63 crossbuck for all those touchdowns! Giving Lou the ball we knew he was good for at least 10 yards most of the time! John Moskus scored a touchdown every time we ran flanker trap 0. No one ever could forget Dr. Jim Allen. He did it all in football, baseball, and basketball at St. Charles. Jim walked on at Ohio State and made the (1960) national championship basketball team coached by Fred Taylor with Jerry Lucas, John Havlichek, Larry Singfried, Mel Nowell, and Bob Knight.

Larry Sopko stopping at third base after hitting home runs, he got tired! Sopko’s great-plays in football and baseball are legendary! Jerry “Hock” Morris. What a great all-sports athlete! Many memories about Jerry: his constant complaining and STINKY socks and jocks!

How can we ever forget Rudy and Joe? Counting Rudy’s push-ups after a hard practice are priceless! Quiet guys like Rick Bauman and Don Shafer could have played college and professional football! Guys like that are why we had such great teams! Packy Sheridan was the “toughest little guard in football and basketball” after he retired from being a quarterback.

Steve Scherer, one of our greatest little baseball players, graduated near the top of the class even though Monsignor Bill Dunn always seemed like the #1 academic “super star”! This was quite an accomplishment for Steve as he missed most of his freshman year due to illness. My dear friend, “Big John Davis,” could not play football at I. C. as he weighed 220 in the sixth grade! Remember when John almost got expelled from school for imitating Elvis and Little Richard in the school talent show?

I never knew Keith Helfer was such a great St. Charles sports fan and that he didn’t know anyone better in high school and am so happy to be friends with him now. Finally, I know everyone remembers the day of the state final baseball game at Ohio State against Mt. Gilead High School when Dan Connor and I got detention for leaving campus to have breakfast at Burger Boy! Coach Ryan delayed the game 45 minutes because the pitcher’s mound needed to be moved back THREE INCHES! Great memories!!!!!! Thanks Guys!!!!!!!!!!! Thank you! St. Charles! And thank you coach Ryan!

Dr. Michael J. Donovan (Mike) — Beachwood, OH

I am a psychologist in private practice, semi retired. My wife, Joyce, is a professor of nursing at Case Western Reserve. We’ve lived in Shaker Heights for a quarter of a century. Our children expect to complete their schooling in the spring, one with her Ph.D. in economics and the other with a J.D. I am mostly interested in people and ideas. I read, listen, and watch a lot. I strongly resist travel and am a Cavs and Indians fan.

My memories of classes and teachers include memorizing freshman Latin, Gus Winkler teaching history, Hugh Murphy’s personal decency to me, Easy Ed’s obiter dicta with small gold-en clues that still sometimes lead to exciting ideas and Jack Ryan sentencing me to so much library. These were seminal experiences.

I remember most of our classmates positively; with the others, I have little interaction. Tom Rubadue was an especially good friend; his expulsion was a stupid pompousity. Bill Rader had the most lively, curious mind and very real Christian values. If not for Tom Rader, I would have taught English in Ecuador at age 18 and I doubt my daughter would be working this summer in Addis Ababa with the U.N. panel of experts dealing with Darfur. I hope he (Tom) knows how inspirational he had been. I also particularly regret the loss of Mike Harris and Dave Kossman.

Edward R. Dorgan (Ed) — Payson, Arizona

After farming in Madison County, Ohio, for 23 years and serving seven years in the Ohio Army National Guard, we moved to Payson in 1986. My wife, Penny, and I have two children.

I earned my B.S. in agriculture from Ohio State University and an A.S. in respiratory therapy. Since moving to Arizona, I worked as a respiratory therapist in Tuscon hospitals. I retired from full-time work in Tuscon in 2005, but still work part time as a home therapist in Payson.

Msgr. William A. Dunn (Bill) — Logan, Ohio

After graduating from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary College, I did graduate work in theology in Cincinnati and in the classics at Ohio State University. I was ordained to the priesthood in 1965 and started as an associate pastor while teaching high school religion. From 1968 through 1975 I taught at St. Charles in the seminary and in the prep school. In 1974, I was appointed diocesan director of religious education and chair of the liturgical commission. During part of that time, I was pastor of Holy Rosary Parish. Additional pastorate included St. Mary, Lancaster, and St. Michael, Worthington. Other teaching experiences were at Mt. Carmel School of Nursing, Ohio Dominican, and the Josephinum.

My “spare time” is spent reading — especially mysteries, history, biographies, and novels. I enjoy music, natural history (trees, flowers, birds), genealogy, archeology, and stamp collecting. I particularly enjoyed linguag-es and science at St. Charles. Memories include working with George Bright and Ed Dorgan in chemistry, Saturday morning physics lab, Jim Tischler’s caricatures and sketches. On the less academic front, I recall Packy Sheeran’s nonchalant, tardy entrance into Fr. O’Brien’s Latin class, the Doyle geometry notebook episode of sophomore year, and MANY MORE.

Robert Dusterberg (Dusty) — Columbus

I dated Barbara Carroll, (St. Mary of the Springs ’57) rather regularly during high school. She has been Mrs. Bob Dusterberg for the past 46 years. We also dated during my college years and when she was in nurse’s training. We met at a CYO dance and were married at Immaculate Conception. Now, after moving several times, we have downsized and are back in Clintonville and IC. We have four great children and seven grandchildren.

Tragedy hit our family on April 14, 2007, when our daughter, Kathy, who was 44, passed away suddenly in her sleep. She was a magnificent woman as evidenced by the 700 at her funeral, most of whom sought Barbara and me out to tell us how she had touched their lives. Kathy was a parish administrator for a poor parish in a bad area of St. Louis and a “soccer mom” to people of the parish where our grandsons went to school. She’s missed by all, especially by Barbara and me and her siblings.

My career has been varied. I received my BS in mechanical engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 1961 and my MBA from Ohio State in 1966. I’ve worked in a large manufacturing plant, traveled the countryside in the aerospace industry, been a staff consultant for an international management consulting firm, and was hired by a large conglomerate. In 1980, at age 40 with kids ready for college, I gave up corporate life and purchased a nearly bankrupt printing company. I had never been inside a printing plant before. It turned around several times until I underwent several major surgeries. After the company closed in 1992, I spent the next 13 years with a printing company that had been a competitor. I retired in 2005.

In high school, I remember jumping out at Broad and High of Jack Stack’s new Ford convertible rather than going to school. Tom Young, Bill Patton and I spent the day touring the Ohio House of Representatives and sitting in a courtroom watching our justice system work. We learned a lot that day. But that evening the phone rang at home and I heard my mother say “Well Father Spier, as far as I know he was…” and I knew I was in trouble. I remember standing on a cold street corner in Westgate hitching and hoping that Ed Dorgan would come along in his Model T. It was only slightly warmer in his car, but the wind was not as bad. I remember smoking once in the tiny men’s bathroom in the Theater building with Pat Quinn when Fr. Duffy walked in. Pat put out the cigarette in the palm of his hand. The room smelled of stale cigarette smoke and burning flesh and Duffy nailed us both.

My grades were in the mid-90s my first two years but dropped to about 83 in junior year because I was having too much fun. When my grades slipped, Father Kraus one day took me to his room, took off his Roman collar, and (read the riot act) because I wasn’t performing to my ability. I told him that I would bring my average up senior year.

Several members of the Class of 1954 enjoyed lunch with the students and toured the new athletic facilities on September 14. Inspecting Walt plank Field are, from left Jim McAdams, Dick Stedman, Bob Cherry, Joe Endres, Guy Lawler, Phil Schaeffing, and Guy’s son, St. Charles athletic director Dave Lawler ’80.

Alumni Notes
I did and thanked him because he motivated me to perform. As did Kraus, Msgr. Paul J. O’Dea, one of the kindergarten teachers that I have ever known had a big influence on me. Early in our senior year, my grandmother offered to pay my college expenses. Previously, I had planned to work my way through Ohio State. Msgr. O’Dea asked me if I had considered Notre Dame. That thought had never entered my mind, but with his help and encouragement, I did get in and I did graduate. I’m now attending OSU taking courses in subjects I know nothing about — philosophy, sociology, history, cultural studies, political science. No tests, no grades, no papers, and it’s free. (This is under a special 60 Program open to “se-nior citizens” at state-supported schools.)

Thomas J. Eyerman
Chicago and London, England

I received an architecture degree from Ohio State University in 1963 when I was selected one of the five outstanding senior men graduating. I was president of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, Ohio Staters, Inc., a university service organization, and the OSU senior men’s honorary. I was winner of the Ruber-oid 1963 design competition as well as the John Noble Richards Scholarship. In 1965 I received a master’s in business administration from Harvard.

In 1966 I joined the Chicago office of the architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. In 1973, I was elected a general partner of the firm and assumed responsibility for the firm’s fi-nance and administration. I retired for medical reasons in September 1990.

During my career, I had direct responsibility for establishing offices in London, Tehran, and Paris. I handled the administra-tive functions for project offices in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Algiers, and Hong Kong. I was involved in all the major projects of the firm from 1970 through 1990. These included the John Hancock Building and Sears Tower in Chicago; Baxter Travenol Laboratories in Dearfield, IL; Bu Ali Sina University in Hanadari, Iran; the Carlton Center in John-nesburg, South Africa; Jeddah International Airport in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; The Grupo Industrial Alfa Headquarters Building in Monterrey, Mexico and the Ohio National Bank Building in Columbus, Ohio.

My wife, Mary Kay is editor of a publication in London where I help out. We spend about 75% of our time in London. We have three children and five grand-children. My recollections at St. Charles are minimal except I received an outstanding edu-cation.

Captain Walter J. Egger (Jack), USMCo – Deceased
All evidence regarding Jack Egger indicates that he was killed along with five other Marines in a command post bunker in Khe Sanh, Viet Nam on March 22, 1968 by hostile artillery, rocket and mortar fire. Jack had been in Viet Nam for only one month. Khe Sanh was the site of a stra-tegic air base that supplied that area with ordnance and person-nel. It had been under heavy enemy fire for an extended period. Jack’s (Walter) name can be found on the Vietnam Memorial wall in Washington, D.C. on panel 45E – row 055. Thanks to Keith Hefler for doing the research and providing this information.

John R. Elliott (Jack)
-Cincinnati

I received my degree in business from the University of Cincinnati in 1963. I’m a Certified Public Accountant and retired in 1996 after 36 years with the Federal Government, primarily with the Internal Revenue Service. My responsibility included manage-ment and coordination of corpo-rate tax audits. I currently work during tax time preparing tax returns. My wife, Audrey, and I have two daughters.

Some of my St. Charles memo-ries, probably shared by other classmates, include Father O’Dea’s intimidating sink-or-swim Latin quizzes and later, Fr. Sabrey’s slap-or-swim Latin vocabulary quizzes. I reflect on four years of Latin and still mar-vel that I graduated. My favorite class was physics lab. Fathers Wolf, Duffy, Winkler, Kraus, and Murphy and coach Jack Ryan affected my life by their example and dedication, and continue to do so to this day. I remember vacation in detention for skip- ping class, the mock homecom-ing, the Springs, the strange dungeon and hitching to school.

Edward P. Ferris (Ed)
-- Upper Arlington

I graduated from the University of Dayton in 1962 with a degree in civil engineering and ROTC. My wife, Kay, graduated in 1963 with a degree in elementary education. I was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the army re-serves and was with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fort Belvoir and Fort Knox. From 1965 through 1986 I worked as a professional engineer and professional surveyor at two different consulting engineer-ing firms. I established my own consulting engineering firm and served as president since then (www.epferris.com). Joe Ridgeway joined me as a partner in 2001. In 1996 I resigned my commis-sion in the army with the rank of captain. Kay and I have four children.

I received varsity letters in ten-nis at St. Charles and played intramural basketball in 1967 and 1968. Mrs. Ferris told me I was too small for foot-ball and should try the soft shoe sport. The only D grade I got was in French from Fr. Kraus.

Richard J. Geyer (Dick)
-- Grove City

I’ve been a high school teacher and coach my entire career, starting at St. Charles in 1964 and until retirement in 1997. I was chosen for a top coaching position to the present. I earned a B.S. in education at The Ohio State University in 1964 and during my last quarter began teaching and coaching at St. Charles. I taught business and coached the head coach in football, basketball, and baseball until St. Charles closed to become strictly a seminary prep at the end of that school year.

At Hartley I taught physical education for the first several years and also a variety of so-cial studies courses. I currently teach western civilization to sophomores and American his-to ry and advanced placement American history to juniors. My coaching career at Hartley has been as follows: 1965-85 and 1997-99 head basketball coach; 1965-81 assistant foot-ball coach under Mr. Ryan the legendary Hall of Fame coach we all knew so well; 1981 to the present, head football coach; 1965-81 and 1988-94 assistant baseball coach.

Mary Ellen Ferris (Ed’s sister) and I were married Sept 7, 1963. Mary Ellen graduated from St. Mary’s of the Springs and Mt. Carmel School of Nurs-ing. She’s been a practicing RN for 44 years in numerous areas such as hospitals, private duty and home health care. We have two children and five grandchildren.

John J. Gibson – Columbus

I attended the University of Notre Dame and in June 1962 received a B.S. in civil engineer-ing. Immediately after gradua-tion, I accepted a position with the Engineering Department of the City of Columbus. While at Notre Dame I met my future wife, Elaine. We were married in October 1963. In 1966 we moved to Worthington and in 1968 our son was born. Elaine passed away in 1986 from colon cancer. I have not remarried.

I retired from the City of Colum-bus in 1992 and a few months thereafter joined the firm of H.R. Gray and Associates, a con-struction consulting firm in Co-lumbus. I worked there part time until I officially left the working world in 2005. I own and manage 16 rental apartments in Co-lumbus and spend three to four winter months in Mesa Arizona where they still have free Texas Hold ‘em tournaments.

John P. Gordon (Jack)
-- Southport, NC

My wife is Eileen and we have two daughters and a son. I have a B.S. in business administra-tion from Ohio State where I majored in accounting. I retired after 39 years with General Mo-tors/Delphi and currently am a volunteer staff officer, per-sonnel services with the coast guard auxiliary. The auxiliary is a 100% voluntary branch of the U. S. Coast Guard engaged in, among other things, SAR (Search and Rescue) support for the active Coast Guard. Our firefliotta is located on Oak Island, NC. We play in boats along the Intra-Coastal Waterway, Cape Fear River, and off shore in the Atlantic near Cape Fear.

Following graduation from St. Charles I enlisted in the active duty Coast Guard for four years. After training, I spent the rest of my enlistment in Washington, D.C. in a clerical assignment with a secondary responsibility as a member of the Coast Guard Honor Guard. Most memorable: presenting the Coast Guard Col-or at John F Kennedy’s inaugu-ration; Honor Guard (Death Watch) for WWII five-star Gen-eral Marshall, Admiral Halsey, and Admiral Lathay.

While serving in Washington, I began my college education at George Washington University.

Thomas J. Ryan ‘52 and grandson, Evan, during a summer visit to the campus.
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I was released from active duty early to continue full-time at Ohio State, where I joined Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Following graduation in 1965, I began my career with General Motors, Temsted Division, in Warren (Detroit), Michigan. My entire career with GM was in finance and accounting. I served as controller at operations in Grand Rapids and Livonia, Michigan, and the Temsted plant in Columbus from 1969 through 1993. My last job was manager, general accounting for Delphi Interior in Troy, Mich. In 1999, General Motors spun off Delphi as a separate company, summarily kicking me out of GM. To show my appreciation, I took 180,000 people worldwide with me.

Michael C. Harris (Mike) – Deceased

Mike passed away June 3, 2001, at the age of 42. He was a junior at Central State College in Wilberforce, Ohio. His funeral was at St. Dominic and he’s buried in St. Joseph Cemetery. At St. Charles, Mike played football. His classmates remember him as pleasant, spirited, and energetic.

Keith A. Helfer – Columbus

I graduated from Xavier University and married Marie (Bonna- rigo) in 1962. Marie graduated from Mt. Carmel School of Nursing. We have three children and seven grandchildren. In 1965, together with my cousin Mike Haist, St. Charles Class of ’54, we established our own company – Capitol Business Forms.

Mike retired after 22 years and the company continued through 2006.

At St. Charles I remember getting caught smoking and receiving two weeks detention. I was also to memorize a poem. However, I only memorized the first paragraph and lucked out as I was asked to recite only the first paragraph. I’ve enjoyed the ongoing relationships with my 1957 classmates throughout the past 50 years. Thank you St. Charles for the experiences.

Theodore P. Hensel (Ted)

– St. Charles, IL

I went to work for Lazarus after graduating from St. Charles. I volunteered for the draft and entered the U.S. Army in 1959. I did a lot of job hopping between 1961 and 1968, all sales jobs. I settled down and married Linda in 1968 in Detroit. We have three children. We moved to Philadelphia and I worked for a New York textile firm for the next 13 years. In 1981 I began my own business in the Chicago Merchandise Mart as a manufacturer rep. In 1995 I quit drinking and got help (one of life’s little miracles).

In 1995 Linda contracted a deadly disease, which destroys both lungs. In 2000 she received a lung transplant, which destroys both lungs. In 2000 she received a lung transplant, which destroys both lungs. In 2000 she received a lung transplant, which destroys both lungs. In 2000 she received a lung transplant, which destroys both lungs. In 2000 she received a lung transplant, which destroys both lungs. In 2000 she received a lung transplant.

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I worked for the Dispatch during the summer of my junior year at St. Charles and every summer until I retired from teaching in 1989. Then I worked full time for the Dispatch until I retired at age 62. I have a special place in my heart for the Dispatch since I worked there. It began when I was age 11 with a paper route. To this day some of my best friends worked with me at the paper.

I will always love St. Charles with every bone in my body. I enjoyed Msgr. O’Dea’s Latin class, especially since he and my Mom were classmates at Holy Name. My favorite teacher was Fr. Haluska. I remember the great football and basketball teams that influenced my decision to coach. And the great basketball bus rides we had at Dick Geyer’s house. Finally, I remember the “Dale” and Chuck Selby’s “Har- lem Nocturn”. These were all great days I will always cherish.

James Kennedy O’Halloran (Jim – formerly Jim Hollern)

– Winter Haven, FL

I changed my name to O’Halloran in memory of my great, great grandfather who landed in Bos- ton with his wife and children. I left the railroad if his name were not so Irish.” My degree from OSU is a B.S. in education. I also have a master’s in secondary school administration from Xavier University. I have one adopted son and two granddaughters. I’m retired. My mother is in ill health and living under my care.

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Thomas R. Jander (Tom)

– Cincinnati

My wife, Marlene (Kellner), lived in Cincinnati. I attended Ohio State University and received a B.S. degree in business admin- istration in 1962. I joined the Air Force and served five years in Texas and Okinawa before being discharged in 1967 as a captain. Marlene and I have been blessed with four children. I’m retired from Proctor & Gam- ble where I served as a distribu- tion manager in Cincinnati and for two years in Newcastle Upon Tyne, England.

My memories of St. Charles get better every year as they are reshaped by maturity. For example, I have a favorite coach. I am. I am. I have one or every one of them. What great minds each of them possessed and to think they spent their time with my little mind. How lucky we all were.

Fr. Haluska’s “poof, we have smoke” warning in phys- ics class and Packy’s version of same. Arriving late on snow days and getting “late slips” from Fr. Haluska. We explained to peoples homes and schools that we had the bus. We explained to peoples homes and schools that we had the bus. We explained to peoples homes and schools that we had the bus.

I rode in Bill Meinert’s car pool and we made it to school via Canal Winchester, Burger Boy, St. Mary’s of the Springs, and several other nec- essary stops.

Summer football practice. I don’t think hydration was even a word back then, let alone a military necessity. We followed, ever, at our twice per day three-hour sessions. Air Force survivor school was a piece of cake after this. My scholastic accomplishment is that in four years, I never made the Honor Roll.

Lawrence Kendall

– Columbus

After surviving the “smoking dungeon”, Wild Man Balkans in his 1954 Corvette with Steve Scherer and I piled in the pas- senger seat (from Worthington to St. Charles most of our senior year). Fying chalk and erasers in English class, a couple of “toilet bowls” and various other insanities, I finally made it to OSU where I managed to finish three years of school over a five-year span. In ’62 I went to work for Xerox, known as The Haloid Corporation at that time, and married Sharon Corrado in 1963. In 1983 I divorced Xerox (Sharon was a keeper, 45 years come February) and started my own print shop. After eight years I sold it to a friend in the same business and stayed with him till now.

Along the way I accumulated four sons and a daughter, nine beautiful grandchildren (15 to 6), and more than my share of good times, good friends, and good fortune. For the past 30 years I have lived in the neighbor- hood I grew up in and been an active parishioner at St Mi- chael where my family were Charter members in 1948. God has been very good to me and I wish the same to all of you.

John David Kossman (Dave) – Deceased 2002

This account was provided by Dave’s wife, Sharon: David served four years in the Air Force as a military policeman. After his discharge in 1968, he held vari- ous jobs, but the one he really enjoyed was being a Red Cross delivery driver of blood products to area hospitals. That enabled him to talk to many people. He never met a stranger.

David married Sharon Komives in 1968. Unfortunately, we had no children, but he was a very special uncle to my nieces and nephews. We celebrated our 34th anniversary just before his final hospitalization and colon cancer diagnosis. Dave suf- fered a massive stroke in 1996, which left him paralyzed on his left side. He was fortunate to regain speech, mobility, and he never lost his sense of humor. This helped sustain him through the next six years – two heart at- tacks and finally colon cancer.

His positive attitude and sense of humor provided encourage- ment to many survivors and heart patients. Since he was unable to use his left arm, he would introduce it as “Charlie”. He be- lieved that since he had to carry it around, he might as well name it. He would also joke about me pushing the wheelchair-filled with stuff while he would be walking with his cane. For many years prior to his illness, he served on parish boards, at both Corpus Christi and St. Joseph Cathe- dral. He chaired the homecoming festiva at Corpus Christi for many years. Before his stroke, he served Mass and was a eucharistic minister at the Cathe- dral. Dave enjoyed gardening, doing stained glass, baking great desserts and painting ce- ramics, especially Santa Claus. Dave served as Ohio grand coucilor (state president) for the International Fraternal Or- ganization, United Commercial Travelers of America. After his

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Stopping by St. Charles in June to inspect the new Walter Student Commons and the new Turf Field are former SC and Aquinas coaches Jim Veeley ‘53 (left) and Ben Nye (Aquinas ’51). Also join- ing are Ben’s wife Carole and their great-granddaughter Meghan. Three of Coach Veeley’s sons graduated from St. Charles: Andy ’77; Matt ’79, and Larry ’81, and Coach Nye also graduated three sons from St. Charles: Ben ’77, Shawn ’78, and John ’86.
stroke we traveled 4500 miles, just in the State of Ohio, visiting local councils.

David Kreuzer (Dave) — Galena

We are blessed with six wonderful children. In addition to David and Jeff, they are Robert, Shelli, Brad, and Dean. We have 16 wonderful grandchildren, including Shelli’s twin sons at St. Charles, Class of 2010. Son, Dean, incidentally played football for Ohio State and recovered a fumble in OSU’s win over Notre Dame in 1995.

David E. Mahanna (Dave) — Fallston, Md.
Julie and I have been married for 42 years. We have three children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

I received degrees in engineering and business from The Ohio State University. I retired after 35 years with Western Electric, AT&T Network Systems, and Lucent Technologies. My career included positions in Columbus, Vancouver, Washington, Seattle, Washington, St. Louis, Missouri, and Baltimore. My current interests include family, vacations, landscaping, OSU football, golf, Corvettes, and classic cars. Among St. Charles memories that stand out: I remember Father Haluska.

Dr. Louis G. Martin (Louie) — Atlanta
I attended Xavier University in Cincinnati on a football scholarship. The coach was no Jack Ryan, so after 1 1/2 years, I transferred to Ohio State University where I completed my pre-medical education. In 1961, I entered the OSU College of Medicine. Upon completion there, I did a straight medical internship at Milwaukee County Hospital. I went into the U.S. Air Force in 1966 on the Barry Plan, served two years in Washington DC at Andrews Air Force Base and the Pentagon. I then completed a radiology residency and a two-year fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta and remained on its staff for a year.

I went into private practice for the next ten years in Atlanta. I returned to the Emory University radiology faculty as a neuro-radiologist in 1983 and switched to interventional radiology the following year and still practice there. I did reduce my workload to 50% in 2004 and plan to continue working for another three or more years.

In 1962, I married my next-door neighbor, Judy Magly, a graduate of Upper Arlington High School and former OSU student. We have four daughters and three grandchildren. My parents, Louis and Ann, passed away at ages 89 and 87 in 2004. My brother, Ray, St. Charles Class of 1959, is chairman of the philosophy department at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and my brother, Mike, is a banker in Orlando, Fl.

Dr. Peter H. Martorella — Deceased — Oct. 23, 2000
The following information was provided by Peter’s wife, Mary. Peter died of complications associated with Parkinson’s disease, ending a life dedicated to his family and to education. He received his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from Ohio State University and completed post-doctoral studies at the University of Washington. He also received Fulbright Study Awards to Japan and South Korea.

Peter taught in public schools in New York, Ohio, and California from 1961 to 1986, and at the State University of New York at Buffalo before moving on to Temple University in Philadelphia. He taught elementary and secondary school social studies at Temple University where he joined the faculty in 1966 as an assistant professor and rose to full professor in 1973. He resigned from Temple in 1985 and joined the faculty of North Carolina State University as head of curriculum and instruction. He remained there until his death in 2000.

His primary areas of interest were concept development and technology applications as they related to social studies education and published many books and articles on those topics. His books were primarily texts for students in social studies education. His belief was that good teaching was about “the head (reflection), the hand (practical application), and the heart (concern), and he sought to inspire his students to achieve what they thought was beyond their grasp.

Peter is survived by Mary, his wife of 37 years, two sons and a daughter, two grandchildren, and his mother, Florence. We miss him dearly. Peter placed a very high regard on education throughout his life and valued greatly his experience at St. Charles. He lived with an aunt and uncle while attending St. Charles and worked to pay his own way. He also passed four degrees he earned at OSU. The Peter H. Martorella Scholarship Fund at North Carolina State in Raleigh was established in his memory.

Patrick McCarron (Pat) — Bemus Point, NY
I graduated from Immaculate Conception in 1953, St. Charles in 1957 and Youngstown University with a B.S. in business administration in 1962. Fr. Procas Makar of Girard, Ohio, and I were married in 1965. We have three sons. We live in Chataqua County, NY which is the westernmost county in New York, just 30 miles east of Erie County, PA.

I retired as a software engineer from Mellon Financial Services Corp. in Pittsburgh. My other employers in reverse chronological order were General Nutrition Inc. (GNC), Aptech Computer Systems, G.C. Murphy Company and IBM.

I remember freshman Latin class on our first day at St. Charles when Mrgr. O’Dea explained the spine of the textbook saying “I can hit a fly at 50 paces.” Later in the semester, Butch Donahue at 6’2” was the last man during batting in order to be able to play baseball during lunch break. Suddenly, O’Dea’s Latin book flew through the air and knocked the sandwich out of Butch’s hand.

The “Toilet Bowl” intramural football classic also is memorable. It seems that Fr. Gallen had a special role, but I cannot claim any details out of my brain. “Square John” Rechtenwald’s physics and chemistry classes. He always gave us a square deal in his grading. Boxing sessions in gym class. I’m sure coach Ryan’s clock was broken, those two-minute rounds lasted forever.

I am not attending the reunion because I have difficulty speaking and being heard in a crowded environment. Two years ago in June, I was diagnosed with pyriform sinus cancer that affected my larynx. Radiation therapy destroyed the tumor, but I still have problems speaking. But, I am otherwise very well. The treatments were successful mainly due to the power of prayer of my mother and family members. So things could be a lot worse for me. My best to everyone!

William E. Meinert Sr (Bill) — Beverly Hills, MI
My wife, Elizabeth (Libby), and I are both retired from AT&T. We enjoy traveling in winter and cruising classic 1957 Chevrolets in summer. We have two grandchildren, an absolute positive influence on me. My friendship with him continued until he passed away. I also remember the kindness, dedication, and excellent teaching of many teachers, especially Fr. Gallen and Mrgr. O’Dea.

John L. Murphy (Jack) — Erie
My wife, Barbara and I have been married for 37 years and have four sons, a granddaught- er, and a grandson. I graduated from The University of Notre Dame in 1961.

I’m semi-retired from the Mur- phy Company, a third-genera- tion family business that sells printing supplies and equipment and digitization systems. My hob- bies include reading, crossword puzzles, languages (German, Russian, French) and arche- ology (amateur and Biblical). St. Charles served me and our family well with enduring friend- ships, life lessons, academic excellence, and moral values for a lifetime. Two of our sons also have had the opportunity to graduate from St. Charles — Brian, Class of 1994 and Tim, Class of 1997.

Steven Robert Nemeth (Steve) — Deceased April 23, 1999
Steve’s father was in the military and Steve lived in Korea and Japan before entering our St. Charles class. Steve joined the military, and served in Germany. He worked at DCSC, as his father did. He retired at age 55.

Steve and his wife, Joanne, who preceded him in death, had a daughter and a granddaughter. He enjoyed playing cards, bowling, and Monte Carlo nights at area parishes. Funeral service...
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for Steve was at Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel and burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Michael Newton (Mike) -- Groveport
I graduated from Columbus State University in New Orleans with a B.S. in business administration. I am a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

My wife, Madelyn is from Akron. We've been married for 44 years. We have been in Germany and a wonderful group of seven grandchildren ranging in ages from 17 to three years old. I am retired from a career in the printing/print advertising business. We wish the best for our classmates and their families.

Richard W. Park (Dick) -- Boerne, TX
I retired in 1998 after 33 years with Atlantic Richfield. I worked in a number of locations around the country in manufacturing and human resources. The last ten years I was vice president of human resources with Lyondell Chemical Co. in Houston, Texas. My wife, Christine, and I live about 30 miles north of San Antonio. We have three sons. I received a bachelor's degree in economics from Ohio State University and an MBA from the University of Louisville.

I now volunteer, primarily at our church (St. Peter's) as a eucharistic minister, ushers and on various committees. I also volunteer at Cibolo Nature Center where I do bird surveys and conduct workshops on attracting birds to our Texas Hill Country.

I have fond memories of St. Charles and believe the educational experiences there had a significant impact on my spiritual, family, and professional life. I enjoyed all of the teachers, but my favorite was Fr. Murphy and his history class. I played football, but not very well. I remember Padky helping me with blocking and tackling.

Peter Park (Pete) -- Colorado Springs, CO
I was born in Ottmachi, East Germany, in 1937 and came to the United States (LEGALLY) in 1950. I graduated from Ohio State University in 1963 with a B.S. and B.A. in international trade and economics. I earned varsity "O" (letters) in Ohio State in 1959, 1960 and 1961 for soccer. My wife, Judy (McGhee), and I were married in September 1962. Judy is a St. Mary's of the Springs graduate (1960) and, after attending OSU, graduated with honors from Regis University. We have four children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

My military service with the U.S. Army was as follows: 1) Command for over three years; 2) Staffer BN EO O Conus and VN (infantry), NN S3, Bde S2, Deputy G2 at Div Conus and Germany, Inspector General VN, Intel Officer Army level Co; 3) Overseas tours -- VN 2; Germany 27 months As a civilian, I was a loss control specialist and a loss control manager for the Colorado Springs region covering North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado. To maintain our sanity we raised and showed Collies for years and now Whippets, finishing nearly two dozen champions. Judi is now an AKC judge with two groups and best in show.

Coach Jack Ryan had the greatest affect on me and helped me the most in my life, even though I never had the chance to see him after graduation. I never had him as a teacher in the classroom, but what he taught me on the football field stayed with me over the years. I used his Rechtenwald's class, and Mr. Rechtenwald's instruction manuals and commercial correspondence into English. He retired in 1995.

David W. Reaver (Dave) -- Quistreham, France
This information is adapted from an article in The Carolinian. David Reaver, after many years as a translator of Russian for various U.S. security agencies, is retired in the French countryside. Living with him are his wife, Michelle, and two daughters, one born in Japan and the other in Caen, France. They live in an area of France that borders the English Channel, an area known as Normandy. That area is world famous because during World War II, in 1944, the allies, led by the United States, launched a massive invasion on the Normandy beaches to begin the liberation of Europe from Nazi dictatorship.

Dave has worked in several different areas of professional translation, taking him to many countries. He completed a 10-month Russian language school in 1959 and then spent three years in the French army with the U.S. Army Security Agency. After more training, he served in Turkey and West Berlin where he met his wife. The two were married at their embassies in Tokyo.

After completing his service, Dave worked for eight years in a shipping agency as a sworn translator for the local tribunals translating legal documents. In 1981, he began a weekly commute to Paris that continued for 15 years. He worked part time as an animator for adult English study groups in various business and human resources. The last 15 years he worked part time as an animator for company sales objectives. He is still in the California Pioneers Association.

I greatly appreciate the education that I received at St. Charles and value the friendships of classmates I enjoy to this day. My favorite teacher was coach Jack Ryan. He always remembered the names of his students, even many years after they had graduated.

Charles T. Rodenfels (Tom) -- Palm Coast, FL
My wife is the former Frances Gill and we have been married since 1961. We live on Florida's east coast about half way between St. Augustine and Daytona Beach. We have four children.

I retired in 2000 from Nortel Networks as senior sales executive after over 41 years working in the telephone industry. Most of those years were in sales in which I received many awards and plaques for meeting or exceeding company sales objectives. I'm still in the Telephone Pioneers Association.

Frankie and I have been blessed with a great retirement including time spent with our six grand-children here in Florida and elsewhere, the many activities and friends we have discovered in Palm Coast, and the national

I have not kept in touch with since moving out of Columbus. Jack was a super star since he also worked with GM and we saw each other often. Great teachers I remember are Msgr. O'Dea, who always pronounced my name “PITS SURO,” Father Haluska, Jack Ryan's history class, and Mr. Rechtenwald's Spanish class.

George William Rader (Bill) -- Deceased March 10, 1992
Bill died in Chicago at age 52. He attended St. Charles Seminary and graduated from Ohio State University in 1961. He was a high school teacher most of his life, and had a great love of history, social sciences, and geography. He traveled extensively in Africa, Asia, and Europe collecting artifacts during his many trips. He had a keen sense of the political situations in various countries and a well developed sense of justice, deploiring the poverty and inequalities he encountered in his travels. His memorial service was held in Columbus with Msgr. William A. Dunn officiating.

Fred W. Richards -- Louisville, KY
My wife, Julie, and I and our three small kids moved to Louisville in 1971 and we are still here. Two of our kids are in Louisville and one is in Dayton at Wright Patterson Air Force base. They all have their own families and have produced eight grandchildren for us.

I work a little, play a lot (mostly on the golf course) and help the church raise a little money. We do get to Columbus and the area fairly often to visit family still there. I look forward to coming up and seeing some of those faces I haven’t seen for so long. All the memories that I have of St. Charles are good ones, both during school and after class let out.

Joseph A. Ridgeway, Jr. (Joe) -- Bexley
My wife, Anne, and I still live in Columbus. We have two grown children. Our oldest grandson is a sophomore at St. Charles.

I graduated from Ohio State University College of Engineer-
and international travel we have experienced. Of particular importance to us is an orphanage located in Paraguay which is partially funded by our parish; Santa Maria Del Mar. We hope to be able to visit there in the near future.

Since we left Columbus in 1968, my only association with St. Charles and my former classmate has been through the newsletters I receive and attendance at the 40th reunion in 1997. I did not attend St. Charles until the middle of our junior year. I regret that I did not get to spend the entire four years with the 1957 graduating class, but I do remember having some great times and meeting a lot of good guys. I also enjoyed the faculty and staff at St. Charles. They did a wonderful job preparing us for the rest of our lives.

Donald E. Schaefer (Don) – Columbus
I am married to Connie Barr Schaefer and have three children and 14 grandchildren ranging in ages from 27 to 8.

Connie and I are both retired. I’m a retired plumber, but I do outside jobs now and then, mostly to help out senior citizens at the Reynoldsburg Senior Citizen Center where we belong. We’re parishioners at St. Mary’s Church in Groveport. We are big fans of Ohio State football. Regarding St. Charles, I was just lucky to be there and lucky to be here now!

Dr. J Richard Schorr (Dick) – Westerville
My wife, Annette, and I have been married 44 years. I completed my Ph.D. in materials engineering at The Ohio State University. We have a son and daughter. I started a company in 2002 and have 30 employees developing and applying nanotechnology for energy and water clean-up applications. Wife says “I flunked retirement,” but I look at it as taking advantage of career experiences with GE, Columbia Energy, and Battelle. Linda lives in Columbus and while I travel as a consultant, as well as two years teaching in the military. We have lived in Cincinnati, Oklahoma, and Buffalo, but always was pulled back to Columbus. Been a manager since ’74 and ran a manufacturing company the previous 10 years before deciding to launch on my own.

Life has been good and filled with lots of opportunities. Been involved in many professional and community organizations and had the opportunity to lead several of them. These included American Ceramic Society, National Institute of Ceramic Engineers, Edison Materials Technology Center, North Central Mental Health Services and Columbus Area Leadership Program. Been fortunate to be recognized by OSU College of Engineering as a Distinguished Alumnus and receive Meritorious Service Citation, Professional Achievement in Ceramic Engineering Award, and recently the TopCat Executive of the Year for technology company under 50 employees.

St. Charles has nothing but the best memories for me and was an especially important time of my educational, academically, athletically, and spiritually all helped prepare me to take responsibility, which occurred with the death of my father. Quite literally the choice between the St. Charles environment and classmate helped prepare me in so many ways, for which I have been forever grateful.

I remember Latin classes with Mr. O'Dea and his beat up book that took many trips across the room to hit someone who was tapping and times we crawled out the basement windows during study hall and volunteering coming in on Saturdays for analytical chemistry and Father Wolf shooting blanks from a starter pistol to get the attention of some so we would end up local sheriff finally shut us down. That’s about as compressed as I can make it and still hit the high points. Best wishes and love to all, Steve

Daniel Packard Sheenan (Packy) – Hubbron
My wife, Sherry, and I have three children and five grandchildren. Our son, Dan graduated from St. Charles in 1982. I’m NOT retired but continuing as a consultant in the military. We have lived in Bloomington, IL and as a consultant to the City of Columbus and The Ohio National Bank (now National City)

Fondest memory of St. Charles is the enrollment which provided an opportunity to realize almost all of my classmates. I particularly enjoyed Father Kraus’ senior English, which gave me great proof of my college English. Enjoyed Square John Rectenwald in chemistry but never really understood it. Major scholastic accomplishment was being on the wall and being on the wall! I spent a good deal of time in trouble, and particularly remember being caught smoking in the library by Father Duffy.

Father Arthur W. Wiles (Art) – Deceased May 18, 2004
Father Wiles (Art) died while serving as pastor of St. Christopher Parish in Grandview. He received his bachelor of science degree from The Ohio State University in 1961. He then completed philosophy studies at St. Charles College and Theology at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the priesthood May 27, 1967, at St. Joseph Cathedral. During his priesthood Wiles taught at two diocesan high schools in addition to St. Edward. He served as principal of Notre Dame High School in Portsmouth. He also served as pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes in Ada, Ohio and St. Paul in Westerville.

Terrence P. Welsh (Terry) – Powell
I received a BSBA degree from Xavier University and currently work for my own firm in Columbus. I have four children, two stepchildren, and five grandchildren. My wife’s name is Melanie.

My three sons are St. Charles graduates. They are Timothy, Class of 1982, J. Patrick, Class of 1984, and Terrence, Class of 1989.

David L. Wollenberg (Dave) – Columbus
My wife, Barbara (Woodward), and I have seven children, 19 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. I defy anyone to beat that record.

I have been in the information technology business for 40 years and currently work for the Eureka Company in Bloomington, IL and as a consultant to the City of Columbus and The Ohio National Bank (now National City)

I remember when Fr. Wolf chased a classmate across several classes and desks, caught him up against the lockers and roughed him up. I don’t recall what he did, but Father was not happy. The same Fr. Wolf caught someone across me either talking or sleeping and bent his English book over his head. I remember Father’s being taken off the floor when he hit him.

Then there was the “Toilet Bowl” when seniors on the football team played the seniors who weren’t on the team, which I think was ranked in the state. Thankfully, I was on the line and had to block Larry Sopko and Rudy August. I didn’t have to get through them, only away from them! I was a member of the swim team for four years and lettered each year. We didn’t have a practice facility so we either practiced at Columbus Academy or in the K of C downtown. Why is high school swim competition only when the weather is so cold? The only time I remember getting caught doing something wrong was when Jack Murphy and I went to Notre Dame, with our parent’s permission, no less. That did not count with Fr. Haluska, he was not a happy camper.
Everyone remembers the “smoking room”. Walking by you could not see anything but legs. The kneelers (in chapel) were sooooo hard! The Latin tests were always “sink or swim”. One miss and you were sunk. We were told we would have school unless the front entrance had 2 feet of snow – then the school would be closed. Go figure: we had to: (1) show up to see the front entrance, and since it was under roof it never got any snow and (2) once we saw the snow, it was too late to go home. This rule is probably still in effect today.

Nicholas C. Zettler (Nick) – Worthington
My wife, Janet, and I have five children and six grandchildren. Two have Law degrees from Ohio State and two others graduated from Ohio State. I graduated from OSU in 1961.

I started working at my hardware stores when I was 14 years old and continue today. I also have a commercial real estate business, which is less difficult and more profitable than hardware. I’m still trying to sell hardware, and rent and develop real estate. I’m also taking Spanish and continue today. I also have Accounting and earned a master of arts from the Athenaeum of Ohio (1964). He completed some post-graduate work at The Ohio State University and earned an accounting degree from the International Accountants Society in 1972. He took additional classes from Ashland University.

He and his wife, Monica Dosch, were married in 1974, raised four children, and have two grandchildren. George reports he has many interests, including reading, golf, stamp collecting, bowling, and working around the house. The Tumeos have put about 30 acres into conservation projects, including filter strips, a 300 tree windbreak, an upland bird strip, a wetlands pond and two tall grass prairies. They are active at St. John the Evangelist Parish where he serves on the pastoral council and on the Defiance Catholic School Finance Council and on the Defiance Catholic School Golf Outing Committee.

When asked about sharing any special memories or recollection of his time at St. Charles, Tumbo said it would be hard to be brief. “St. Charles has a special place in my heart. I went to school there for eight years and taught there for two. I had to work to continue going to school there so that I could pay for tuition. I was able to be active my freshman year in theater production of Coriolanus and I played football for four years. All of the teachers were special and it is difficult to name one over all the others. Mr. Ryan taught us one special lesson that has meant a lot to me all of my life. He always told us to give 110% in all that we do. This has paid great dividends for me all of my life.”

1955
Father William DeVille, pastor at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, was honored by the Knights of Columbus for his years of service as chaplain of Miraculous Medal Council 11188. At the annual K of C convention last June, he was named “Chaplain of the Year” for the Columbus diocese.

1953
Hugh J. Dorrian received the inaugural presentation of the Legend Award from the Parsons Avenue Merchants Association at its 2007 awards dinner banquet on July 26. Mr. Dorrian, auditor of the City of Columbus and recipient of the 2002 Borromean Award for Distinguished Achievement, is a member of the St. Charles Advisory Board. Also honored at that same dinner was the Walter H. Plank Scholarship at St. Charles Preparatory School, which received a $500 grant to support young men from Columbus’s South End who attend St. Charles.

Hugh J. Dorrian ‘53, left, receives the Parson’s Avenue Merchants Association’s inaugural Legend Award.

Jerry Gantzer (Aquinas ’57) visits the Student Services Center.

SC treasures on display at August’s Combined Reunion Celebration

Don’t trash the school’s history –Send us your memorabilia!

Graduates of St. Charles, spouses, and parents: We would like to provide your St. Charles memorabilia a loving and safe home in the new St. Charles Archive Room or in the St. Charles Museum now “under construction” in the school’s Tower Room. We’re looking for items such as athletic and stage programs, Carolian newspapers, athletic apparel, school-related photographs, and Behind Those Arches, the school’s original yearbooks. Contact, Louis J. Fabro ‘83 at lfabro@stcharlesprep.org or 614-252-9288 ext. 21 about items or send them to his attention at 2010 E. Broad Street, Cols., OH 43209-1665.

2007 Alumni Association Governing Board

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Michael Probst, President
St. Charles Preparatory School and Aquinas College High School met once again on the “field of battle,” but this time as part of a special alumni golf match at Wyandot Golf Course in June. A beautiful, sunny day greeted all and 14 alumni upheld St. Charles’ honor as they prevented Aquinas from prevailing. Actually, this inaugural match ended (appropriately?) in a tie.

The event’s special trophy holds 12 blank plates to be engraved with the winner’s name and the event year. It has found a permanent and public home on a wall at Plank’s Café, a regular destination for many alumni and family members from both schools.

The “competition” was initiated by the Aquinas Alumni Association, which approached St. Charles with the idea of establishing an ongoing series of golf matches between members of the two schools’ alumni ranks. Both sides agreed that not only would this be an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon, it also would be a fun way to stoke the old rivalry between both schools!

The June outing was set up as a typical high school match-play, event except that each match would consist of two players per team playing a best-ball of two format. At stake were 3 points per team (1 point for each nine holes plus 1 point for total), and the group with the most points at the end of the day would be declared the winner. Since the youngest Aquinas graduate was from the class of 1965-66, St. Charles participants were limited to those who graduated in the classes of 1966 and before.

Frank Roberts ’58 of Aquinas handled all the day’s details, which included 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, refreshments, and steak dinner. The event raised $219 each for the Aquinas Alumni Association and the general scholarship fund at St. Charles. Next year’s event planning falls to SC alumni director, Louis J. Fabro ’83, who is accepting recommendations for a course location.

The “Challenge” trophy won’t be hidden away from year to year in the winning team’s display case. It will, rather, be on display for the general public to see and admire. The trophy has found itself a permanent spot at Plank’s Café on a shelf amidst the old photographs and memorabilia that cover its unique barn timber walls.
In Memoriam


Molly Campbell, wife of 1944 graduate, Ted Campbell, July 16, 2007.


Father Charles Peter Essman, St. Charles Preparatory Class of 1940 and St. Charles College Class of 1948, June 18, 2007.


John Moro, Class of 1944, August 26, 2007.


Father William C. Patterson, St. Charles College Class of 1947, September 19, 2007.


Father Patterson served prisoners

The son of William Patterson and Wilhelmina Forro, Father Patterson was born May 2, 1922. He earned a bachelors degree in philosophy at St. Charles Seminary, Columbus and studied theology at Mt. St. Mary of the West, Norwood. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Michael J. Ready on May 26, 1951 at St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus.

During his years of service as a priest, Father Patterson served as an Assistant at St. Mary, Columbus; St. Mary and St. Peter, Chillicothe; and Associate Pastor at St. Mary and Holy Redeemer parishes in Portsmouth. He was Pastor at St. Joseph LaRue; Church of the Atonement, Crooksville; St. Gabriel, Columbus; and St. Monica, New Boston.

Father Patterson also served as a chaplain at the Federal Reformatory, Chillicothe and Lucasville Correctional Facility. He was an instructor at Marion Catholic High School, Marion; and was chaplain at St. Joseph Adoration Monastery, Portsmouth, until his retirement in 2005.

Msgr. Trenor ’50 headed 3 parishes, served other roles

Monsignor Edward F. Trenor was pastor of three Columbus-area parishes – St. Leo, St. Michael in Worthington, and Christ the King – and served on many diocesan commissions, boards, and administrative panels during his nearly half century as a priest. Msgr. Trenor died last Sept. 13, three weeks after his 75th birthday.

He was a 1950 graduate of St. Charles Prep and earned his bachelor’s degree in philosophy from St. Charles College. He studied theology at Mt. St. Mary of the West in Norwood, Ohio, and earned a licentiate degree from Catholic University in Washington, D. C. He was ordained a priest May 31, 1958, in St. Joseph Cathedral.

Msgr. Trenor began his priestly service as associate pastor at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Father Essman “lived his faith”

Father Charles Peter Essman, affectionately referred to as “Father Pete,” was described as “a man who lived his faith” who followed the model of Christ in giving his life to the Church and the people he served.

Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood in Rome in 1951.

Among his many priestly assignments, in 1959 Essman became the first priest from the Columbus Diocese to be appointed to the faculty of the North American College in Rome where he rose to vice chancellor. He returned to that college in 1989 to serve as business manager, a position he held for three years.

Father Essman served as pastor at six parishes – St. Pius in Reynoldsburg; Church of the Ascension in Johnstown; Church of the Nativity in Utica; St. Peter in Chillicothe; St. Brendan in Hilliard; and St. Michael in Worthington. He also was an assistant at St. Joseph Cathedral to begin his priestly career and at St. Agatha.

In addition, Father Essman served as diocesan chancellor and a defender of justice, as a teacher at Watterson High, a member of the diocesan personnel and Catholic Social Services boards, and in several other assignments. He retired from active ministry in 1996.

His funeral Mass was at St. Pius Church in Reynoldsburg and burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery.
Cathedral. From there he was assigned to St. Leo. In addition to his pastoral duties, he served as diocesan assistant and vice chancellor before moving up to chancellor. Among his many other assignments, he served on the board of consultants, Catholic-Jewish dialogue committee, diocesan ecumenical and interfaith commission, diocesan finance committee, and others.

Pope John Paul II in 1992 bestowed on Trenor the title Prelate of Honor (monsignor) and three years later the title Protonotary Apostolic. Bishop Frederick F. Campbell celebrated Mass of Christian Burial for Msgr. Trenor at Christ the King Church. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Breiteneicher was leading philanthropy advisor

Joseph C. K. Breiteneicher, Class of 1963, a leading advisor on philanthropy and non-profit management, died on June 22 after a long battle with cancer. Based in the Boston area, the Harvard College graduate was a mentor to many in the field and one of the pioneers of promoting philanthropy. At the time of his death, Joe was president and CEO of The Philanthropic Initiative. Prior to that he was president of Beacon Management Company, a real estate management company with major holdings in the eastern U.S., and also was the founder of Boston’s Airport Water Shuttle Corporation.

Joe had a special interest in expanding educational and employment opportunities for lower-income youth. He created a trade apprenticeship program for disadvantaged Boston high school students and was the first private sector chair of the Mayor’s Summer Job Program in Boston. He also organized scholarship programs around the country and served as trustee of 13th Year, a prep school in Boston. He also organized scholarship chair of the Mayor’s Summer Job Program for inner-city youth sponsored by the National Association of Independent Schools and underwritten by the DeWitt Wallace-Reader’s Digest Fund.

Joe served as trustee of the Civil Rights Project for almost two decades, and was national co-chair of the critically-acclaimed PBS series, “Eyes on the Prize.” He also served as trustee of Berea College in Appalachia, the Massachusetts Higher Education Financing Authority, the Carol DiMaiuti Stuart Foundation, and St. Francis House in downtown Boston, the largest day program for the homeless in the city. Joe was a past member of the board of Associated Grantmakers of Massachusetts, and was the founder of its ground-breaking Emergency Loan Fund. He also served as a past member of the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Advisory Committee on Public Charities.

He is survived by his wife Marsha Breiteneicher; Max Breiteneicher and Amy Whitter; Alexis Breiteneicher and Cabell Coursey; Denise Breiteneicher, Steve Vitello, and Sophia Vitello. For more information on Joe’s career and his legacy, please refer to http://www.tpi.org

Judge Martin ’38 was highly regarded jurist

Paul W. Martin, a 1938 St. Charles graduate, built a solid reputation as an attorney and went on to become one of the most highly respected judges in Central Ohio. He devoted 23 years to the private practice of law and 32 years as a Franklin County common pleas judge, which included 11 years in an “actively retired” status. The honorable Judge Martin died Sept. 6 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. He was 86.

Franklin County prosecutor Ron O’Brien was quoted as describing Martin as a “friendly, personable judge,” who was adept in handling “complicated legal issues.” Judge Martin encouraged lawyers to settle cases before trial, figuring, he said in an interview nearly 20 years ago, that they were best at weighing the strengths of their cases.

At St. Charles, Martin performed all four years in the Stagecrafters, which attracted wide praise and recognition for its elaborate presentations of Shakespeare and other classic stage plays. Among other prominent roles, Martin played Mark Antony in Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar and a lead role in Shakespeare’s L’Aigion (the name given to Prince Francis Charles, the son of Napoleon Bonaparte).

In an interview for the St. Charles’ 75th anniversary history book, Judge Martin said “Stagecrafters helped me in later life.” Charles Gambs, Class of ’41, who also was interviewed for the book published in 2000, and who also performed all four high school years in Stagecrafters productions, said “Martin was an outstanding actor. He had an excellent voice – it projected well for theater.”

Judge Martin earned a philosophy degree in 1942 from Mount St. Mary’s College in Emmitsburg, Md., and his law degree in 1948 from The Ohio State University.

He was a World War II army veteran. Serving in the famed 101st Airborne Division, he jumped on D-Day in the Allied invasion of France – the largest in history -- on June 6, 1944, and participated in Operation Market Garden in the famed Battle of the Bulge the following December.

When mandatory retirement required Martin to relinquish his active role as common pleas judge in 1992, another St. Charles graduate, John A. Connor, Class of ’58, succeeded him and continues on the bench.

Martin is survived by his wife, Harriet, and five children and seven grandchildren. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Agatha Church and burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery. In his memory, contributions were suggested for scholarships at St Charles.

In Loving Memory: Kathleen A. Cavello

Kathleen was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Cull, and is survived by her father, Robert T. Cull; a sister Midge; the four Cull brothers who are St. Charles graduates, Mike ’62; Bob ’63; Steve ’64; and Sean ’78; and two nephew graduates, Kyle ’00 and Matt ’94. Memorial contributions are preferred to Kathleen’s parish, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 2692 East Fifth Avenue, Columbus, OH 43219 or St. Charles Preparatory School, 2692 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43209 or via the St. Charles Website: www.stcharlesprep.org

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Matthew Church in Gahanna and burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery.
Development Update

Development Column

The Building of Walt Plank Field: A Lesson in Teamwork

In September 1937, a plucky teenager named Walter Plank, from 1266 Oakwood Avenue on the south side, first navigated his bike (a gift from his parish pastor) to his new high school, St. Charles. Seventy years later, almost to the exact week, on an ideal football Friday night, several hundred alumni, students, fans, and members of the Plank Family gathered for the dedication, blessing, and ribbon cutting for Walt Plank Field.

For a variety of factors beyond the school’s control, the previous natural grass field was unable to sustain four field sports per year. Today’s new and improved synthetic fields, which now feature new cushioning technology that makes artificial surfaces an athlete’s friend, made the decision at St. Charles to “go turf” an easy one. The key ingredient for that cushion system is pulverized car and truck tires, and the only maintenance item is an occasional grooming from a tractor-pulled bristle brush. Last year’s Parents Fund mobilized a tremendous network of volunteers, and together they raised a little over $1 million in four months. Please refer to the photo of the Walt Plank Field dedication plate in this issue that lists the volunteers and contractors.

In the six months leading up to dedication of the new field, St. Charles dads, Steve and Marty Savko, assembled their site-management crew at Nick Savko & Sons, Inc. They met with Dominic Cavello and Jim Lower and project superintendent Hank Sherowski and developed a field-prep plan. In early March, the Savko crew began bulldozing and hauling away truckloads of topsoil.

Overseeing the day-to-day job site was Ralph Polletta ’79, a Savko field manager as well as a St. Charles dad. The dirt was relocated to the Cardinals’ practice field along Broad Street and grass seed was applied. After a pinpoint GPS-guided leveling process, 8,000 lineal feet of “flat” drain pipe furnished by Advanced Drainage System (ADS), was installed. After a synthetic porous fabric was installed over the ADS system, the 14,000-square-yard field received 320 truckloads or 6,400 tons of crushed limestone.

Again, the Savko Crew employed the GPS leveling system with its bulldozers and gravel compactors. The new artificial field was installed during a six-day period by a 10-man crew from Sprinturf. On May 22 the student body had a preview of the new field as part of the annual “Circus Day” festivities.

The field’s four sets of yard and boundary lines for the four sports are stitched and glued into place as separate white, yellow, and blue strips made of the same synthetic surface. To cut down on clutter, the decision was made to not include numerals on the field, so sideline pylons are used for football. A large red and white “SC” is located on the 50-yard line.

Two spacious new dugouts with storage units were built, new goal posts were installed, and new goals were purchased for the soccer and lacrosse teams.

The new entrance to the stadium is a handsome brick façade with two ticket windows separated by black wrought iron gates. Adjacent to the front gates is a spacious concrete plaza named in honor of St. Charles alumnus Sean P. Reed ’04.

A total of 270 benefactors supported the construction and renovation project. In addition to the field and plaza naming, the school has dedicated its “rock of honor” to Steve and Marty Savko and family patriarch, Nick. The new athletics concessions area is dedicated in honor of Hank Sherowski, a St. Charles dad and longtime volunteer project superintendent.

St. Charles pays tribute: Walter H. Plank, Class of 1941

In the spring of 1937, an 8th grade graduate from Corpus Christi named Walter Plank received two special going-away rewards from his pastor, Father Walter Minder: a parish scholarship to attend St. Charles and a new bicycle to get him back and forth to school. The kindly priest had seen qualities in young Walt that pointed to the priesthood and he was intent on St. Charles preparing him.

In his four years at St. Charles, Walt thrived. He was a standout in the classroom, and was a natural born leader in baseball and basketball. His excellent play earned him a baseball scholarship to Georgetown University, where he remained enrolled for just one semester. It was December 1941 and Walt, like so many other young men away at college, found himself answering the call to enlist in the Army.

“He remained in the states during WWII to play on the Army baseball team,” said Walt and Liz Plank’s oldest child, Carol Plank Jackson. “A booby trap blew up in his face during drills and he consequently lost vision in one eye,” she said.

His competitive playing days over, Walt turned his energies to raising a family, growing a business, and in one year sponsoring as many as 26 ball teams. Walt would also coach some of those teams, which pitted him against future legends such as George Steinbrenner of New York Yankees fame.

Walt and his wife Liz raised a family not too far from St. Charles on Bryden Road and within walking distance to St. Catharine’s Church. He was successful growing his business at the corner of Parsons and Sycamore, which to this day is a popular hangout for many St. Charles and local catholic high school alumni.

St. Charles Principal Dominic Cavello
said it is Walt's reputation as a man for God and others, and living the Gospel that places him high on the list of St. Charles success stories.

“I would like to think that St. Charles played an important role in bringing out those high ideals in Walt Plank because that is what we strive to instill in each and every young man who comes through these doors or walks out onto (Walt Plank) field,” Cavello said.

In 1993 at the age of 70, Walt died after a brave battle with cancer. Today, many photos of Walt and his loved ones adorn the walls of the venerable Café in his name. The Plank family traditions are maintained by John Plank ’82, who made a promise to his dad that he would carry on with the nurturing of old-school camaraderie, sponsoring ball teams, and making people feel at home.

If you’re in the neighborhood, I encourage you to visit St. Charles and see the field dedicated to Walt. After you stop here, head over to Planks and look up Johnny. Tell him thanks for having such a great dad.

2007-2008 Annual Fund Leadership Announced

St. Charles principal Dominic J. Cavello has announced the leadership of this year’s St. Charles Annual Fund. The Alumni Fund will be led by Thomas M. O’Leary ’64, and the Parents Fund will be led by Robert Griffith and Pat McJoynt-Griffith. O’Leary and the Griffiths are returning for their second year as leaders for St. Charles. According to O’Leary, this year’s Annual Fund seeks to raise $550,000 from parents and alumni.

The money will be designated for scholarships for needy students, day-to-day operations of the school, maintaining buildings and grounds, improvements to technology program, and faculty recruitment and retention programs.

“St. Charles gratefully acknowledges Tom, Pat, and Robert for their efforts in leading this year’s respective appeals,” said Principal Dominic J. Cavello.

If you have not received a pledge card by now, please email us at: givetosc@stcharlesprep.org or refer to the new and secure online giving page on the St. Charles Website: www.stcharlesprep.org

Making Secure Online Gifts: WWW.STCHARLESPREP.ORG

Thanks to the special talents of 1989 graduate Matt Weger, the St. Charles Website (www.stcharlesprep.org) is now offering a secure giving page for alumni, parents, and friends of the school.

“It has taken a while but we are now web-ready for secure online giving,” said Doug Stein, director of development.

“Nationally, the number of online gift receipts for schools and non-profits is soaring and we recognize a large number of our alumni are changing addresses, and traveling abroad,” Stein added.

Stein said Weger has helped the school with Web development for several years.

“Once again, Matt has done another fine job of enhancing our Website and is making us look good. The large amount of time and effort he gives St. Charles goes beyond the call.”

Parents of St. Charles alumni who still receive their son’s alumni “snail mail” are encouraged to share the online address update features of the Website as well as the new online gifting capabilities, Stein said. “This is as easy as sending your son a quick email,” he said.

A Special Matching Gift Program

Thanks to a generous matching-gift grant sponsored by Bob Walter ’63 and Peggy Walter (St. Mary of the Springs Academy ’63), any St. Charles supporter who has not given at a level of $500 or above to any previous Annual Fund will have his or her gift to this year’s Annual Fund of $500 or above matched dollar for dollar. Any supporter who has given at a level of $500 or above to any previous Annual Fund will have a dollar for dollar match of any amounts given in excess of $1,000 to this year’s Annual Fund.

Formation of The Cardinal Society

A donor-recognition organization known as The Cardinal Society will recognize gifts of $1,000 or more (including any applicable matching gifts) to the Annual Fund. Charter members will receive a commemorative 5”x6” section of the original kneelers from the Mother of Mercy Chapel. This is truly a keeper for alumni. The original kneelers, which were installed in 1937 when the Chapel was dedicated, were replaced recently with padded kneelers. Members will also receive an invitation to a spring 2008

Annual Fund-Cardinal Society celebration hosted by Bob and Peggy Walter. For more information, please call (614) 252-9288.

2007 Silent Auction

The 2007 St. Charles Silent Auction is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, Dec. 1 in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons at St. Charles. Proceeds from this year’s auction will support furnishings for the St. Charles Student Services & Fine Arts Center and the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. This year’s Auction is being co-chaired by St. Charles moms Theresa Jeric and Lisa McCorkle. A request for auction items went out in early October and invitations were being mailed the middle of the month. Call the Development Office at (614) 252-9288 for additional information.

Class of 1982 Scholarship Fund Initiated

The Class of 1982 gathered for its 25-year reunion on the weekend of August 17-19 and presented St. Charles with collective gifts and pledges of nearly $12,250. These funds have been invested in the St. Charles Endowment, which exists to support the school’s mission of granting need-based scholarships. According to director of development Doug Stein, the benchmark for a new scholarship endowment at St. Charles is $25,000 over a period of five years. “After one year, the Class of 1982 is nearly 50 percent toward its goal. That is an outstanding effort and the class reunion leaders and participating alumni are to be commended,” Stein said.

Robert D. Walter ’63, and his wife, Peggy, alongside the bronze dedication plaque mounted outside the main entrance of the Robert C. Walter Student Commons — named in memory of Bob's father.
## Development Update

### Ongoing Naming Opportunities

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<td>A total of 16 brick and limestone columns make up the new West Colonnades outside the new Walter Student Commons and St. Charles Student Services &amp; Fine Arts Center. For a gift of $10,000 you can name one of the colonnades. A bronze dedication plate will be dedicated in any manner you wish. This tax deductible gift can be paid over a three-year period.</td>
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### Lifetime Giving Report by Class Year

St. Charles is pleased to report that the rate of alumni giving reached an all-time high during the years of The Campaign for Saint Charles, which ran from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2006. The following alumni are listed in their respective graduating classes as those who have made gifts during their lifetime (to date) to either the Annual Fund, one of five capital campaigns, any of the extracurricular programs, and any of the special events such as the Silent Auction. The school’s goal for each class is to have at least a 50% donor rate.

If you would like to have your name added to the giving roster for our next issue, please refer to our new secure online giving page at www.stcharlesprep.org. If you would like to make a gift of appreciated stock, please call our office at 614-252-9288 or email us at: givetosc@stcharlesprep.org

### St. Charles Seal Holds Rich Meaning

The official seal for St. Charles Preparatory School was designed by James E. Kraus ’44, who served for many years as a diocesan priest. It depicts four figures with historical significance: a unicorn, rosary, galleon, and chalice.

- The unicorn is from the seal of the noble Italian family of Borromeo, of which St. Charles, patron of our school, was a member. He was born in 1538.
- Bishop James J. Hartley, who founded St. Charles Prep in 1923, included the rosary in his official coat of arms. Hartley was bishop of the Columbus Diocese from 1904 to 1944.
- The galleon is from the seal of the City of Columbus; it represents the ships used by Christopher Columbus, the city’s namesake, in his “discovery” of America.
- And the chalice symbolizes the original nature of St. Charles College-Seminary, of which the original preparatory school was a department.
- The shield, on which the figures rest, symbolizes truth. The figures are separated by a cross, the symbol of Christianity.
### Participation Rates of Living Alumni

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<td>1936</td>
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**1930s Alumni Giving Rate:** 23%

**1940s Alumni Giving Rate:** 60%

**1950s Alumni Giving Rate:** 60%

**1960s Alumni Giving Rate:** 48%

**1970s Alumni Giving Rate:** 39%

**1990s Alumni Giving Rate:** 26%

**2000s Alumni Giving Rate:** 6%

Total value of gifts among living alumni: $12,014,012

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**1929**
- Participating givers: 1
  - Francis Preve
  - Participation rate: 100%

**1930**
- Participating givers: 5
  - Participation rate: 0%

**1931**
- Participating givers: 6
  - Participation rate: 0%

**1932**
- Participating givers: 7
  - Harry E. Schmidt
    - Mr. Bernard A. Foose
    - Participation rate: 26%

**1933**
- Participating givers: 5
  - Mr. Thomas E. Schreick
    - Mr. Charles G. Clager Sr.
    - Participation rate: 26%

**1934**
- Participating givers: 9
  - Mr. Norman J. Lynch
    - Participation rate: 11%

**1935**
- Participating givers: 8
  - Msgr. Lawrence J. Corcoran, P.A.
    - Mr. Paul E. Metzger
      - Mr. John Hoffmann
      - Participation rate: 37%

**1936**
- Participating givers: 3
  - Participation rate: 0%

**1937**
- Participating givers: 1
  - Mr. Richard P. Schmidt
    - Participation rate: 100%

**1938**
- Participating givers: 10
  - Mr. Robert M. Kraus
    - Mr. Daniel W. Archer
      - Mr. Cornelius T. Ducey Sr.
      - Participation rate: 30%

**1939**
- Participating givers: 7
  - Rev. William J. Connor
    - Rev. George J. Marzlin
      - Mr. James M. Berger
      - Participation rate: 42%
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1955  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Bettendorf  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard P. Conie  
Mr. Lee H. DeMastery  
Rev. William H. DeVeille  
Mr. Brian P. Donahue  
Mr. Robert G. Galtbreath  
Mr. James J. Hughes Jr.  
Mr. John W. Jaeger, Jr.  
Mr. Joseph E. Little Sr.  
Rev. William J. Metzger  
Mr. James F. Osborne  
Mr. & Mrs. Augusto Presutti  
Capt. Al Schmitt  
Mr. Edward C. Schroeder  
Mr. David D. Sheehan  
Mr. John E. Stack Jr.  
Mr. David Wilson  
Mr. John C. Zettler  
participation rate: 50%

1956  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. James E. Bray  
Mr. C. Donald Capretta  
Mr. Thomas C. Coady  
Mr. William S. Davis  
Dr. & Mrs. Louis DeSantis Jr.  
Mr. John E. Stack Jr.  
Mr. Leo A. Fath  
Mr. A. John Glockner Jr.  
Mr. Joseph M. Hoffman  
Mr. Francis P. Howard  
Mr. & Mrs. James D. Klink Sr.  
Mr. James D. Lehman  
Robert N. Magrana  
Mr. & Mrs. James C. McCrey  
Mr. James D. McElroy  
Mr. Thomas O’Reilly  
Mr. William M. Patton  
Mr. William N. Petrakis  
Dr. John J. Piecoro Jr.  
Mr. Gerald J. Rankin  
Mr. Albert C. Roehrenbeck III  
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Ryan Sr.  
Dr. Arthur B. Sadow  
Dr. & Mrs. William P. Sexton  
Mr. & Mrs. David J. Sheehy  
Mr. Timothy M. Stanton  
Mr. Patrick O. Taylor  
Mr. Kenneth E. Teeters  
Mr. Jerry Thompson  
Mr. Louis E. Tiberi  
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Tracy  
Mr. Thomas G. Wagenbrenner  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur F. Wohlfroth  
Mr. Francis X. Zang  
participation rate: 64%

1957  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John J. Guzzo  
Mr. Keith A. Helfer  
Mr. Robert J. Bettendorf  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Jander  
Mr. David Kreuzer  
Mr. David E. Mahanna  
Dr. Charles D. Maloney  
Dr. Louis G. Martin  
Mr. Jeramiah O. O’Rourke  
Mr. John L. Murphy  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard W. Park  
Mr. Joseph A. Ridgway Jr.  
Mr. Charles Thomas Rodenfels  
Mr. Stephen Scherer  
Mr. Daniel Packard Sheeran  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald L. Stanton  
Mr. Paul W. Warnick  
Mr. Anthony Warren  
Mr. Terrence P. Welsh  
Mr. Nicholas S. Zettler  
participation rate: 57%

1959  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John J. Guzzo  
Mr. Keith A. Helfer  
Mr. Robert J. Bettendorf  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Jander  
Mr. David Kreuzer  
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Mr. & Mrs. Gerald L. Stanton  
Mr. Paul W. Warnick  
Mr. Anthony Warren  
Mr. Terrence P. Welsh  
Mr. Nicholas S. Zettler  
participation rate: 57%

1961  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John J. Guzzo  
Mr. Keith A. Helfer  
Mr. Robert J. Bettendorf  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Jander  
Mr. David Kreuzer  
Mr. David E. Mahanna  
Dr. Charles D. Maloney  
Dr. Louis G. Martin  
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Mr. Stephen Scherer  
Mr. Daniel Packard Sheeran  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald L. Stanton  
Mr. Paul W. Warnick  
Mr. Anthony Warren  
Mr. Terrence P. Welsh  
Mr. Nicholas S. Zettler  
participation rate: 57%

1963  
Mr. John L. Gibson  
Mr. John J. Guzzo  
Mr. Keith A. Helfer  
Mr. Robert J. Bettendorf  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Jander  
Mr. David Kreuzer  
Mr. David E. Mahanna  
Dr. Charles D. Maloney  
Dr. Louis G. Martin  
Mr. Jeramiah O. O’Rourke  
Mr. John L. Murphy  
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Mr. Daniel Packard Sheeran  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald L. Stanton  
Mr. Paul W. Warnick  
Mr. Anthony Warren  
Mr. Terrence P. Welsh  
Mr. Nicholas S. Zettler  
participation rate: 57%
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Rev. & Mrs. Steven Smithberger
Dr. & Mrs. Andrew M. Stein
Mr. William F. Sullivan
Mr. Dean T. Wenger
Mr. Edward Winters
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Woodruff participation rate: 49%

1980 – total # of possible givers: 61
Mr. Mark C. Batche
Dr. Anthony J. Blum
Mr. Thomas E. Bogen Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence L. Dieker Jr.
Dr. Hans Guter
Mr. Christopher L. Harvey
Mr. W. Scott Haselwood
Mr. Douglas A. Jacobs
Mr. James A. King
Mr. Mark H. Klingler
Mr. James P. Koenig
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Gibbons Jr.
Mr. Peter C. Gallagher II
Mr. Robert L. Eblin
Mr. Timothy M. Coady
Mr. Michael J. Bennett
Mr. Paul W. Solomon Jr.
Mr. Philip G. Schell
Mr. Matthew J. Minic
Mr. Michael S. Holgate
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Gibbons Jr.
participation rate: 49%

– total # of possible givers: 110
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Garvey III
Mr. & Mrs. Dane L. Galden
Mr. Craig P. Engle
Mr. Stephen A. Deibel Jr.
Mr. Kevin P. Collins
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew D. Brady
Mr. Gregory S. Bigler
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew R. Carr
Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Crabtree
Mr. Christopher A. Durbin
Mr. David Elbin
Mr. & Mrs. Louis J. Fabro
Mr. James V. Fehy
Dr. Timothy A. Freeman Jr.
Mr. Brian S. Schlauch
Mr. Jeffrey A. Hayes
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy J. Horner
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Isbell
Mr. Jeffrey E. Kuzma
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick A. Lawler
Mr. Scott G. Maddox
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy S. Rankin
Mr. Kevin C. Shannon
Mr. & Mrs. William T. Sharpe
Mr. Constantine A. Soulas
Mr. Timothy M. L. Croy
Mr. Stephen J. Valachovic
Mr. Michael A. Warner
Mr. & Mrs. Peter A. Wenger
Mr. William H. Wurst III participation rate: 41%

1983 – total # of possible givers: 62
Mr. Mark Taylor Bathmann
Dr. Anthony T. Bernens
Mr. William C. Bunstone
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew R. Carr
Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Crabtree
Mr. Christopher A. Durbin
Mr. David Elbin
Mr. & Mrs. Louis J. Fabro
Mr. James V. Fehy
Dr. Timothy A. Freeman Jr.
Mr. Brian S. Schlauch
Mr. Jeffrey A. Hayes
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy J. Horner
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Isbell
Mr. Jeffrey E. Kuzma
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick A. Lawler
Mr. Scott G. Maddox
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy S. Rankin
Mr. Kevin C. Shannon
Mr. & Mrs. William T. Sharpe
Mr. Constantine A. Soulas
Mr. Timothy M. L. Croy
Mr. Stephen J. Valachovic
Mr. Michael A. Warner
Mr. & Mrs. Peter A. Wenger
Mr. William H. Wurst III participation rate: 41%

1984 – total # of possible givers: 110
Mr. Gregory S. Bigler
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew D. Brady
Mr. W. Gene Brooks III
Mr. Richard Callahan
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Chriissan
Mr. Kevin P. Collins
Mr. Stephen A. Deibel Jr.
Mr. Craig P. Engle
Dr. Patrick E. Roehmke
Mr. & Mrs. Brian M. Franz
Mr. & Mrs. Dale L. Galden
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Garvey III
Mr. Timothy H. Hamburger
Dr. Patrick J. Hanley
Mr. Jeffrey F. Havens
Mr. Andrew Hughes
Mr. Scott A. Kays
Mr. Grant P. Kelley
Mr. Byron T. Kennedy
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey A. Klingler
Mr. James D. Klunk Jr.
Mr. Jeffrey E. Meacham

1986 – total # of possible givers: 104
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy D. Allwein
Mr. Angelo Catennaci
Mr. John D. Crabtree
Mr. Michael A. Deibel
Mr. Michael R. Durbin
Dr. Galen G. Harshman
Mr. Michael R. Gibson
Mr. Michael L. Green
Mr. John Greenhalge
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Hanna
Mr. Kevin P. Hayes
Mr. Peter Hettinger
Mr. David Kerscher
Rev. Robert J. Kitsmiller
Mr. & Mrs. Michael D. Warner
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas A. Soulas Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. James Stevenson
Mr. David A. Thornton participation rate: 37%

1987 – total # of possible givers: 100
Mr. Otto Beatty III
Mr. Andrew Beauseux
“Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Benjamin, Jr.”
Mr. “James T. Oillard, Jr.”
Mr. Thomas E. Doon
Mr. Dennis M. Dreisbach
Mr. Daric J. Galden
Mr. Steven J. Hayes
Mr. Marcus L. Herzberg
Mr. Brian S. Schlauch
Mr. Edward J. Hohmann
Mr. Heber Howard
“Mr. S. Paul Kemlering, Jr.”
Mr. Sean Kozak
Mr. Patrick G. Lyons
Mr. Matthew C. Malone
Mr. Jeffrey J. Mattingly
Mr. Sean L. McGovern
Mr. Frederick T. Moses
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry J. Murray Jr.
Mr. Donald M. McRae
Mr. Mark D. Ritter
Mr. John T. Rafter III
Mr. & Mrs. Michael S. Probst
Mr. Todd M. Kays
Mr. & Mrs. Michael L. Kletzy
Mr. Thomas M. Koch
Dr. Robert F. Koerner
Mr. Kevin J. Kranz
Mr. Erich J. Lauber
Mr. Thomas M. McDonald
Mr. Donald M. McRae
Mr. Kevin Meara
Mr. Michael D. Orwicz
Mr. Mark Ridgeway
Mr. Mark A. Riorian
Mr. James Saas
Mr. & Mrs. John M. Salyer
Mr. Daniel R. Schneider
Mr. Kevin R. Schockling
Mr. & Mrs. Michael S. Spillan
Dr. Charles P. Sweeney
Mr. Richard A. Thomas
Dr. & Mrs. Arthur A. Wall participation rate: 37%

1988 – total # of possible givers: 106
Mr. Gregory C. Billhardt
Mr. & Mrs. Paul D. Blodgett
Mr. Mark A. Bradley
Mr. Christopher Brady
Mr. & Mrs. Scott C. Casey
Mr. Michael J. Cooney
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher A. Denk
Mr. & Mrs. John M. Dreska
Mr. Scott C. Eadsall
Mr. J. Christopher Flanagan
Mr. John C. Foley
Mr. Timothy J. McGhee
Mr. Kevin McGinty
Mr. George F. Meyers
Mr. John P. Minic
Mr. Ludwin Mora
Mr. Dennis G. O'Leary
Dr. & Mr. Kevin P. O'Reilly
Mr. Stephen N. Pellican
Mr. Jeffrey F. O'Sullivan
Mr. & Mrs. Philip L. Pharion
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Shremshock
Mr. Nicholas A. Soulas Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. James Stevenson
Mr. David A. Thornton participation rate: 35%

1989 – total # of possible givers: 115
Mr. Andrew T. Alwine
Mr. Michael D. Anderson
Mr. Matthew S. Backiewicz
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew I. Berrissford
Mr. James F. Borger
Mr. Terence J. Brennan
Mr. John D. Crabtree
Mr. John K. Carroll
Mr. Ernest E. Dancer III
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh J. Dorrian Jr.
Mr. Michael S. Epler
Mr. Edward A. Ferguson III
Dr. & Mrs. Jon L. Forche
Mr. Todd M. Gummer
Mr. & Mrs. Harry J. Hanley III
Mr. Michael S. Holgate
Mr. Brian A. King
Mr. John A. Lumpe
Mr. & Mrs. Steven D. Meier
Mr. Matthew J. Minic
Mr. Edmund C. Moore
Mr. Robert R. Nourse
Mr. Philip G. Schell
Mr. Daniel J. Sheeran
Mr. Paul W. Solomon Jr.
Mr. Timothy J. Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Wagy
Mr. William Michael Westwood participation rate: 37%

1982 – total # of possible givers: 77
Mr. & Mrs. James M. Brady
Mr. Patrick S. Doon
Dr. & Mrs. John T. Duddy
Mr. William S. Fannin Jr.
Mr. Kenneth P. Flaherty
Mr. Albert D. Francis
Dr. Andrew M. Gast

St. Charles Preparatory School
Charitable Legacy Planning

The Right Thing to Do

by Richard L. Ferris Class of ’63

Each of us gives to our favorite charities on a regular basis, and we are each motivated for different reasons. Over my years of practice, I have found that many parents and grandparents use charitable giving to teach their children and grandchildren the importance of helping their communities or favorite charity respond to unmet needs. Yes, they understand and welcome the tax benefits (income, gift and estate taxes) of their charitable gifts, but for many parents and grandparents, it is more about shaping the legacy they leave behind than just how many dollars they will leave to their families. Simply having the opportunity to show “active caring” can be an important lesson. Giving is an act of strength; caring requires self-confidence and self-awareness. When you, as a parent or grandparent offer these lessons, the lessons can be especially powerful to impressionable minds. The best way to “teach” others what is important to you is through example.

Charitable giving falls into a few general categories. These categories include outright gifts, gifts of a part of (or an interest in) property and charitable gifts in trust. All these methods can be used during one’s lifetime or at one’s death. Each has separate income, gift and estate tax benefits. Many times the tax benefits of charitable giving can be significant. As a result, it is important to always check with your accountant, financial planner or tax attorney before making the gift. Let’s look at the various alternatives you have for charitable giving.

Outright Gift is an immediate transfer from you to a charity. This can include cash, securities, tangible personal property (works of art, antiques, books and the like), intangible personal property (patents, contracts, promissory notes, royalties and the like) and real estate (residence, farm, vacation home, commercial building, and land).

Gift of Residence or Farm with a retained lifetime right to use the property. This can be a primary or secondary home or a farm from which you retain its use or income and, at death, the property automatically passes to the charity.

Gift of Undivided Interest in Property. An example of this type of gift would be the conveyance of a one-quarter (¼) undivided interest in a parcel of land.

Life income gifts allow you to give to a charity but receive a regular income for life. Life income gifts include gift annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts and pooled income funds. A variation of this type of gift is a Charitable Lead Trust. With this method, you transfer property (example, real estate, securities, bonds and the like) to a trust, and the charity receives the income from the trust each year for a specified period (example, 10 years). At the end of the period, the property returns to you or another family member.

Leaving a bequest in a Will or Revocable Living Trust is the easiest and most common way for you to make a charitable gift. Bequests work particularly well for those who are unable to make large, outright gifts but would like to benefit the charity at death. For example, in your Will or Trust, the wording would be “I give, devise and bequeath Ten Percent (10%) of the remaining assets of my estate or trust to St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus, Ohio, for the general purpose of the School”. Another would be “I give, devise and bequeath the sum of $100,000.00 to St. Charles Preparatory School for your specific purpose or in memory of . . .”

Life Insurance and Retirement Plans. As you develop your charitable giving legacy, do not forget the use of life insurance and retirement plans (example IRAs) as testamentary gifts to your charity. Significant amounts of wealth can be left a charity through life insurance proceeds and retirement benefits with huge income and estate tax savings.

As you can see, there are myriad ways to benefit your favorite charities during life and/or death. The method by which you contribute will determine the tax benefits. Every person’s situation is unique. Doug Stein, Senior Director of Development at St. Charles, would be pleased to meet with you and your financial consultants to discuss these and other ways of giving.

Richard L. “Dick” Ferris, Class of 1963, began his legal career in 1972 with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Tax Section. Dick founded Ferris & Associates in 1993, a Williamsburg, VA, law firm whose practice is limited to estate & trust planning, probate & estate administration and business formation & planning. Dick earned his B.S. Degree from the University of Dayton, Law Degree from Ohio Northern University and LL.M. (Masters of Law in Taxation) from Boston University.

He has authored many articles on Estate and Charitable Planning, including publication in the Virginia State Bar Trusts and Estates. He has co-authored three books on Estate and Trust Planning: LEGACY – Plan, Protect and Preserve Your Estate; GENERATIONS – Planning Your Legacy; and, LOVE, MONEY, CONTROL – Reinventing Estate Planning.

As part of its Golden Reunion celebration, the Class of 1957 collected gifts and pledges totaling $10,000. The funds are going to supplement the Coach Jack Ryan Memorial Scholarship and the Robert J. Ferris Memorial Fund, as well as the 2007-2008 Annual Fund and the Class of 1957 Music Faculty Office. Members of that class pose with Dominic Cavello, holding the oversized check.

The Class of 1962 raised $4,615 in gifts and pledges as part of its 45-year reunion Class Gift. The money will be used in support of student financial aid.
The Class of 1982 established the Class of 1982 Endowment as part of its 25-year anniversary celebration in August. It presented principal Dominic J. Cavello with an initial commitment of $12,250 of its $25,000 goal, which it hopes to reach by its 30-year reunion in 2012.

The Class of 1987 raised $2,950 in gifts and pledges as part of its 20-year reunion Class Gift. The money will be used in support of student financial aid.

The Frank Dury National Honor Society Endowment Fund was selected by the Class of 1992 to receive the $2,100 in gifts and pledges made by Frank’s classmates on the occasion of their 15-year class reunion.

The Class of 1997 raised $1,670 for their Class Gift. The funds go towards supporting tuition assistance at St. Charles through the Brian C. Muha Memorial Scholarship and this year’s Annual Fund.

The Class of 1967 presented principal Dominic J. Cavello with a Class Gift “check” for $5,100 in support of the Monsignor Stephen B. Hawkins Scholarship Fund.

The Class of 1977 raised $3,750 in gifts and pledges to support student financial aid as part of its 30-year reunion.

**Upcoming Community Events**

Feast Day Mass and presentation of the Borromean Medals and Principal’s Award: November 1, 2007

Mother’s Club Annual Silent Auction: Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007

Alumni Association meeting: Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008

Spaghetti Dinner: Sunday, February 24, 2008

Father/Son Mass and Breakfast: April 19, 2008


If you have any questions about these events please contact the school’s Main Office at 614-252-6714

**Prospective Student Information**

St. Charles Open House for interested young men and their families; in the Campus Theatre: Sun., Nov. 4, 2007 at 1:00 pm

Scholarship Test for 8th grade boys in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons: Sat., Jan. 26, 2008 at 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

**Upcoming Student Events**

Drama Department’s Fall production, *The Odyssey*; In the Campus Theatre; Thur.-Sunday, December 6-9, 2007

The Cardinal Christmas Concert in the Campus Theatre (Free): Wednesday, December 12, 2007

St. Charles-Columbus School for Girls band concert; Shedd Theatre at CSG; Free; Tue., March 11, 2008

Drama Department’s Winter production, *The Beaux’ Strategem*; In the Campus Theatre Thur.-Sunday, 6-9, 2008

St. Charles Annual Blood Drive; School Gymnasium; All welcome to participate! Wed., April 16, 2008

To receive monthly e-mail updates on upcoming and current events such as alumni liturgies and awards; theatrical productions and student-related activities, and many more special events like the ones highlighted above, e-mail lfabro@stcharlesprep.org and let alumni director Louis J. Fabro ‘83 know!
In this nighttime aerial photograph, with “SC” prominently centered, Walt Plank Field radiates in all its glory amidst the darkened surroundings of the school’s Bexley campus and neighborhood. The picture truly showcases the multi-sport nature of the facility and its new all-weather synthetic surface. White markings outline the football field, blue denotes the lacrosse area, yellow indicates the soccer boundaries, and the burnt-red is part of the infield for the baseball diamond.

On the occasion of its game against Youngstown Ursuline on October 5, the St. Charles football team prepares to charge through the “Tunnel of Pride” (in the Field’s upper right corner) and take the field prior to the start of the game. The new brick and limestone entrance to Walt Plank Field and the Sean P. Reed Plaza can be seen on the far right of the field just below the Rose and Dedger Jones Natatorium (with the white roof).