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2008 State Champions!

The Cardinal community celebrates as the St. Charles swim team claims school’s third state athletic championship
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On the Cover—(Clockwise)  
The official portrait of the 2007-2008 Division I State Swim Champions, The Cardinals of St. Charles Preparatory School, including the athletes, coaching staff, and members of the school’s administration;  

Row 1 (bottom), from left - Athletic Director Dave Lawler ’80, Assistant Coach Josh Pintar ’01, Assistant Coach Geoff Gear, Head Coach Kyle Goodrich ’95, Assistant Coach Brian Church, and St. Charles Principal Dominic Cavello ’64; Row 2, from left -- Andrew Birnbrich ’08, Tucker Merkle ’08, Ian Batneman ’08, Calvin Prest ’08, Marshall Sherman ’08, Scott Martin ’08, Kyle Jennings ’08, Nick Schuttinger ’10, and Jay Schuh ’10; Row 3, from left -- Thomas Phillips ’11, Walt Saygers ’08, Erik Mai ’09, Andrew Clancy ’08, Neil O’Kelly ’08, Alex Schaffer ’08, Justin Shotwell ’09, and Jack Bruce ’10; Row 4, from left -- Hayden Birnbrich ’11, Caleb Jack ’11, Sam Bartola ’09, Kevin Coppell ’10, Sean Bresler ’08, Joe McKinney ’11, and Sam Kocher ’10; Row 5, from left -- Joe Wehinger ’09, Eric Grunden ’09, Corey Taylor ’10, Alex Badgeley ’09, Mark Stechschulte ’10, Matt Brown ’11, Matt Grady ’08, Max Herath ’11, John Flis ’11, Ben Krumpelman ’10, and Chad Rankin ’11; Row 6 (top), from left - Max Christiansen ’11, David Yarnell ’09, Patrick Siefert ’10, Ira McCrystal ’10, Ian Ballantyne ’10, Sandy Whitaker ’10, Brian Willi ’11, John Burcu ’11, and Will Parker ’10.  

Beneath the team portrait are three other photos relate to the celebration that ensued:  
An electronic billboard on the northeast side of downtown Columbus, one of eight city-wide, displayed news of the school’s state championship. Thanks to the very generous contribution by St. Charles swim dad and Clear Channel Outdoor GM, Rob Rankin, news of the Cardinals’ 2008 state swim was displayed citywide on electronic billboards; Rankin secures a championship banner, also donated through Clear Chanel Outdoor, to the Colonnades that front the main building facing Broad Street; and University of Notre Dame President, Father John Jenkins, shows off the shirt presented to him at the 2008 Borromean Lecture to commemorate the school’s championship. Fr. Jenkins was the captain of his high school swim team at Creighton Prep in Omaha, Nebraska.  

Photo contributors  

In Tribute to “Monz”  
A crew from Signets, Inc. makes the finishing touches on installing the alcove tribute wallpaper to the Monsignor F. Thomas Gallen Music Room in the Student Services & Fine Arts Center. This artistic recognition (as well as the music room itself) was made possible by the generous financial support of John ’78 and Linda Mackessy. John came up with the idea for the special wallpaper after seeing something similar at Kenyon College, his college alma mater. He engaged the help of Susan Gruber and Sr. Margaret Hoffman, who assisted with photos and the text that accompany them.  

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Principal’s Column

State Champions Reflect Best of Saint Charles Students

The St. Charles community gathered on March 10 to celebrate the school’s 2008 State Swimming Championship, which is this magazine’s featured cover story. At the all-school assembly, students cheered, parents looked on with pride, and dignitaries paid tribute to the championship swim team members and coaches (See also, page 16-17). The team’s stellar accomplishment came as a result of their members’ dedication, strong commitment, sacrifice, and hard work.

At St. Charles these principles truly mirror some of the finest qualities exhibited by the school’s student body in all of its academic and athletic endeavors. In addition to a state swim title, other examples of team and personal athletic excellence described in this issue include the golf team’s third-place finish in the state tourney, our fencing champion’s international experiences, and the many seniors who will continue their athletic careers in college next year.

In the academic field, seven seniors are honored as National Merit Finalists, 34 are recognized for outstanding AP performances, junior Allan Joseph compiled a perfect score on the ACT, and our two JETs TEAM+S placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in national competition. The St. Charles senior class will go on to join fellow alumni at some of the nation’s best universities, including Harvard University, Boston College, and many others.

High Expectations
St. Charles insists that teachers communicate high expectations to students, who in turn, must commit themselves to hard work and strong discipline. This year’s Borromean Medal for Distinguished Achievement (See Feast Day, page-17) recipient, Dr. William Sexton ’56, said, “Every one of us, when we came here, first and foremost, found that excellence in everything we do is the only acceptable condition at St. Charles.”

It’s been that way since St. Charles was established in 1923, and remains that way today.

Along with the school’s historic standards of excellence, St. Charles seeks to instill in its young men the ideal that we are in fact, “our brother’s keeper” with obligations to help the needy and be good stewards of the many blessings and talents God gave us.

At this year’s prestigious Borromeo Lecture (see Lecture page 6-7), Notre Dame University president Father John I. Jenkins directly touched on all these qualities. He told St. Charles students how fortunate they were to be enrolled in such “a truly great school.” He reminded them that they carried with them “an obligation to live up to those standards, to be leaders, and to give back to [their] communities, organizations, and the Church...We will expect a lot from you,” he said, and “we have a right to look for a lot from you, and we look to you to be leaders of the future.”

Excellence is also the hallmark of St. Charles graduates who have gone on to become leaders and contributors in education, business, civic endeavors, and the Church.

You’ll find a wide variety of these examples in our Alumni News and Alumni Notes section (pages 26-42). They include steel company president John Bosworth ’75, award winning furniture designer Tim de Fiebre ’74, technology entrepreneur Brian Boyley ’85, Iraq veteran Jay Mangone ’02, and European internist Matt Jepsen ’05. And examples of alumni being “Men for God and Others” are reflected in the work of Bill Killilea ’45 with the St. Vincent De Paul Society, and cancer fundraiser Tim Hamburger ’84.

Natorioium gift raised bar
One late night 20 years ago I received a phone call from St. Charles parent Dedger Jones (now deceased). He said he’d been doing some thinking and that he and his wife, Rose, were ready to make a commitment to build a new swimming pool on our campus. All we had to do was say “yes” and the pool was ours. After due diligence and coming up with a business plan to cover the facility’s maintenance costs, we agreed.

When I look back on the offer, this landmark pledge two decades ago effectively “raised the bar” in all aspects of life here on campus. It was our school’s first million-dollar gift. It set the stage for future improvements and provided a new outlook on building a top-flight swimming program.

Today our swim program boasts a state swim championship after two years as state runners-up. Thanks to a bold look to the future of the school’s campus, we’ve had support for new facilities like the Robert C. Walter Student Commons and the St. Charles Student Services & Fine Arts Center, Walt Plank Field, and many renovations for the main building, including central heat and air conditioning, and new science classrooms.

We have also gone from providing just $325,000 in student financial aid four years ago to $750,000 in 2007-2008, thanks to the generosity of our St. Charles community which has helped us enlarge endowments to nearly $10 million dollars.

It is in this issue’s Development New (pages 43-53) that we acknowledge the financial sacrifice of many of you, our readers. We far surpassed the initial goal for the 2007-2008 Annual Fund by raising $1 million dollars to date. Our special thanks to the leadership team of Tom O’Leary ’64, who is heading this year’s Alumni Annual Fund, and St. Charles parents Robert and Pat Griffith, who are heading up the Parents Fund. Several new funds and endowments have also been established and matched, thanks especially to the generosity of Bob ’63 and Peggy Walter and Tom ’77 and Andrea Mackessy.

On a personal note, my family and I have been truly touched by the generous endowment established in memory of my wife, Kathleen, who died nine months ago. We were especially overwhelmed by the outpouring of sympathy expressed by so many of the St. Charles community. This year has been the hardest I have had to endure, and I can’t tell you how much your expressions of sympathy, prayers, and cards have been appreciated by me and my family.

May God continue to bless you and your families and may God continue to bless St. Charles Preparatory School.

--Dominic J. Cavello
Two alumni and two parents honored at Feast Day celebration

Dr. William P. Sexton: Borromean Medal for Achievement

1956 graduate Dr. William P. Sexton’s career in education has spanned more than 40 years, nearly all at the University of Notre Dame. Recognizing Bill as an outstanding teacher, Notre Dame established the Dr. William P. Sexton Award to honor outstanding service to Notre Dame by a non-alumnus. Bill holds three degrees from The Ohio State University. He’s the immediate past vice-president for university relations at Notre Dame. In that position he was responsible for development programs, public relations, community relations, international and public policy advancement, publications, special events, the Notre Dame Magazine, and duties with the board of trustees and the Alumni Association.

Under Sexton’s direction, Notre Dame successfully completed two major capital campaigns. Each at the time was the largest fund raising campaign in the history of Catholic higher education. The Generations Campaign, completed in 2002, marked the first time a Catholic university raised more than one billion dollars.

Sexton earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration, a master’s in industrial management, and a doctorate in behavioral and organizational sciences, all at The Ohio State University. He is a six-time recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award in Notre Dame’s business school. He now teaches in the university’s executive MBA programs in South Bend and at its Chicago Center. He also teaches an undergraduate lecture course and delivers guest lectures to various Notre Dame Alumni Club functions throughout the United States.

Bill is on the board of trustees of St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center and is an emeritus member of the South Bend Center for the Homeless. He has conducted management seminars for government agencies, hospitals, colleges, and religious communities. He and his wife, Ann, have six children and 18 grandchildren.

Monsignor Thomas M. Bennett: Borromean Medal for Distinguished Service to St. Charles

Monsignor Thomas M. Bennett has been at St. Charles for nearly half a century, mostly in direct service to the school’s students and community. A native of Detroit and from a family of six boys, Monsignor is a 1953 graduate of St. Charles College. He is a beloved teacher and priest, trusted friend and spiritual leader. He celebrated last May his 50th anniversary as a priest. He was ordained in 1957 by then-Auxiliary Bishop Edward G. Hettinger in St. Joseph Cathedral.

Father Bennett began his priestly career at the Cathedral where he was an assistant for three years. His next assignment was at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Newark with teaching duties at Newark Catholic High School.

Bishop Clarence G. Issenmann assigned Father Bennett in 1963 to St. Charles where he has taught various subjects, including: economics, current affairs, literature, composition, Latin, and history. Many Carolians especially remember having to memorize all the presidents and their terms of office in chronological order in Bennett’s U.S. history course.

Affectionately known to alumni and parents as “Father Bennett,” Monsignor is well-remembered by his students for his willingness to console and advise those in need of encouragement or help.

Despite being well beyond the customary retirement age, Monsignor Bennett continues as an educator at St. Charles as well as serving at Immaculate Conception Church in Clintonville as a weekend associate. The St. Charles community’s love for Monsignor Bennett has been expressed in many ways, including the creation of The Monsignor Thomas M. Bennett Scholarship Fund, the naming of the school’s front courtyard in his honor (with one of its limestone benches engraved with a special thank you to Father from a former student) and with the installation of a hand crafted stained glass window in the main academic building overlooking the Robert C. Walter Student Commons.
Martin L. and Stephen N. Savko: Principal’s Award for Leadership & Service

The construction company owned and operated by Stephen N. “Steve” and Martin L. “Marty” Savko in 2007 donated expert site preparation work for installation of the synthetic athletic turf for the new Walt Plank Field at St. Charles. Their company also generously provided site preparation for construction of the Robert C. Walter Student Commons and the Student Services & Fine Arts Center in 2005.

Steve and Marty are two of four children born to Nick and Gilda Savko. They operate one of Central Ohio’s largest and most successful site development companies, Nick Savko & Sons, Inc., which their father, Nick, and uncle, Charles, established in 1946.

Steve, an Upper Arlington High School graduate, holds a degree from Ohio Dominican University, and served in the Ohio National Guard before joining his father’s excavating company. Marty graduated from Bishop Watterson High School in 1976 and immediately began working full time for the family company.

Each has a distinguished history of providing service to the community and the Church. Steve and his wife Mona have been married for 32 years. They have three children, including Nick, a member of the St. Charles Class of 2007. When Nick started his freshman year at St. Charles, Steve began spending countless hours working on the school’s athletic fields and other areas of the St. Charles campus. Steve also has been active in Charity Newsies for many years and served as a youth soccer and baseball coach, supervisor, and recruiter.

In 1999, Marty received the papal title of Knight for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem and the 2001 presidential award from the Building Industry Association of Central Ohio. He has been a supporter of the annual Italian Festival and provided help with numerous improvement projects at his home parish of St. Andrew. Marty is also a board member of the Christopher Columbus Education Foundation. He and his wife, Alisa, have one son, Marty Jr., a member of the St. Charles Class of 2007.

Core values prepare students for a life here on earth and hereafter (with God)

After receiving The Borromean Medal for Distinguished Achievement, Dr. Bill Sexton ’56 told participants at the school’s 2007 Feast Day Mass that he felt truly honored, but humbled by the honor “because I am no different than anybody else who graduated from this place.”

He added: “Every one of us, when we came here, first and foremost, found out that excellence in everything we do is the only acceptable condition at St. Charles. We found out as well that it’s a demanding education. And it was indeed uplifting but at the same time enormously challenging. And finally we found out early on that the spirit of this place -- the heart of this place -- is not in the classroom nor is it on a playing field, but it is in the Chapel in the celebration of the Eucharist and in living out our faith as Catholics.”

In addressing the student body of some 600 young men, Sexton said: “It occurs to me that when you leave here you are going to be formidable, as all were who graduated before you. People I remember as my friends have been very, very successful, as have all of our classmates. And I think that it is true that when you leave here you’re going to be formidable. I don’t envy those who will compete with you in education, career, or what have you.”

Sexton then talked about a set of core non-negotiable values imparted to graduates that prepared him and his classmates for life after St. Charles.

One value he spoke of was honesty. “You can separate people on the basis of honesty -- honesty in everything they do. Honesty in seeking truth. In addition, being honest with themselves when they look at themselves and assess the quality of their performance in the many roles they enjoy... of being a man, of being a father, and also of being a good spouse.”

The second of these principles is courage. “The courage to stand for what is right. The courage to seek out social justice at all costs. And the courage to look at yourself and, in the process, to give back and be present for the poor and those our society has forgotten.”

In addition, Sexton said “is the value of loyalty, loyalty to this [St. Charles Preparatory School] place. I assure you it is not hard at all to be loyal when you look around here and see the quality of the people and look at the friends you’ve made here. They’ll be life-long friends I assure you. And loyalty to them, to your families, and to the ideals that were part of your education here.”

Sexton spoke about faith saying, “And that is a faith in our families and in that which has been instilled in us while we were here.” He urged the students “to have faith in yourself that you are going to be able to fully exploit the capacity that you have garnered here. There is also the faith in our Church and the Lord’s promise that there will in fact be eternal life.”

He closed his comments by relating the story of the passing of an elderly woman who asked that when she died a fork be placed in her hand. The woman had told the pastor before her death the reason: it would represent her faith and trust in God for preparing an everlasting life in heaven. She told the priest that as a young girl, she was always told at big family meals to keep her fork to use for dessert that a wonderful dinner was to be followed by more. “Keep your fork, the best is yet to come,” she was told.

Sexton advised the men of St. Charles and others in the audience to keep their forks handy. “The best is yet to come for you men and for all of us in the hereafter. God bless each of you and God Bless St. Charles!”
Notre Dame President delivers ’08 Borromean Lecture at St. Charles

The 2008 Borromean Lecture, a special annual event at St. Charles Preparatory School, was delivered February 28 by Father John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame. More than 650 people heard his remarks in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons where lunch was served to the assembled group that included the entire student body of 599 young men, the school’s faculty and staff, and more than 150 special guests from the business, civic, school, and church communities.

St. Charles alumnus Richard C. Notebaert ’65, recently retired CEO of QWEST Communications and an ardent supporter of his high school alma mater, introduced Fr. Jenkins. Notebaert, who serves as chairman of Notre Dame’s board of trustees, described Fr. Jenkins as a man of high integrity who has devoted his legacy to enhancing the university’s standing as a great center of learning and as a premier research institution -- all while never wavering from ND’s Catholic mission of being one of the greatest sources of doing good in the world.

Father Jenkins was installed ND president in 2005

Father John I. Jenkins was installed as the university’s 17th President on July 1, 2005 after serving the previous four years as vice president and associate provost. A native of Omaha, Nebraska, he was born Dec. 17, 1953. A professor of philosophy, Father Jenkins in 1999-2000 was religious superior of the Holy Cross priests and brothers at Notre Dame. He also served as a Fellow and Trustee of the university, positions he relinquished when he assumed duties in the provost’s office.


Father Jenkins holds two degrees in philosophy from Oxford University where he earned an undergraduate degree in 1987 and his doctorate in philosophy in 1989. At Oxford, he taught as an adjunct professor in Notre Dame’s London program in 1988-89. He earned his master of divinity degree and licentiate in sacred theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley in 1988. Prior to joining the Congregation of Holy Cross, he earned bachelor and master’s degrees in philosophy from Notre Dame in 1976 and 1978, respectively. Father Jenkins was ordained a priest in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the ND campus in 1983. He served as director of the Old College program for Notre Dame undergraduate candidates for the Congregation of Holy Cross from 1991 to 1993.

Borromean Lectures

The Borromean Lecture series at St. Charles provides a forum to attract annually speakers of national renown to explore topics of morals and ethics in society, business, and government. Past
In his address to the Borromean Lecture luncheon crowd, Father John I. Jenkins observed “that if a measure of a school’s greatness is the quality of its graduates... and if these men are at all typical of the graduates that St. Charles produces, then you, St. Charles students, are very privileged because you are attending a truly great school.”

But with that privilege, Jenkins added, comes much responsibility. It carries with it "an obligation to live up to those standards, to be leaders, and to give back to your communities, organizations, and the Church...We will expect a lot from you – we have a right to look for a lot from you, and we look to you to be leaders of the future.”

Fr. Jenkins made a point to describe similarities of St. Charles with the University of Notre Dame. He said “Notre Dame and St. Charles are alike because as Catholic institutions who guide their efforts to educate the whole person, the individual person in all his, or in our [Notre Dame’s] case, ‘her’ dimensions: intellectual, moral, spiritual, physical.”

The two schools also are alike in that their students are dedicated to the service of others. “I think we share a commitment to serve our fellow human beings as an essential part of the educational process.” The word, “education,” Father Jenkins noted, comes from the Latin word, Educare, which means to lead a person out. “We in education,” he added, “must always ask ourselves, ‘what are we leading young people out from, and what are we leading them to?’” On one level, he says that they are being led from ignorance to knowledge and from confusion to wisdom and understanding. But there’s more to it than that, he said.

He called attention to the classic autobiography, The Confession of St. Augustine, in which the author reflects and is critical of his education as a young person. “As students our teachers punished us for playing boys games -- but this was not just for they were teaching us to play adult games of seeking wealth and prestige -- and that is not anymore worthwhile than the games of boys.”

“An adult life lived solely in pursuit of one’s own self-interest” Jenkins noted, “is in the end no more worthwhile than a child’s game -- and probably a lot less satisfying.” He added: “An education directed at the service only of one’s own self does not bring a person to completeness. This kind of education leads us only to a dead end.

“Where would real education lead us from and lead us to?” he asked. “At the heart of the two schools (SC and ND), he said, there is a profound truth that leads to a paradox: we find salvation in the cross of Jesus Christ -- an instrument of death and torture -- but an instrument that leads to the resurrection and eternal life. And that was precisely the paradox when he said that “It is in giving that we receive and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

Calling attention to student volunteer activities at St. Charles, Father Jenkins told students that he hoped that they’d gained a sense of solidarity and satisfaction when working to help and support the needy. “Knowing you contributed to easing the pain of others is more satisfying than all the accomplishments in the world,” he said.

“Some day, when you are adults living and working in the larger American society, you will come to understand how uncommon this atmosphere is and how very lucky you are to be a student at St. Charles... and if you become the kind of leaders your mentors and teachers want you to be, you may have the opportunity to change things in some way…”
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fter years of persistence that the Biblical hero, Job, would appreciate, maverick Brian Boley ’85 is poised to help usher in a new kind of “green” manufacturing technology to the world. The revolutionary process he’s introducing brings with it major ramifications for several industries worldwide that could involve billions of dollars.

In 2003 Brian and his father, Robert co-founded Onward Coatings Company, LLC, which was aimed at researching, developing, and bringing to market an alternative process for chrome plating. The resulting product has the look of traditional chrome plating but is more durable, more versatile, 70% lighter, less expensive, and 100% environmentally friendly.

Boley has extensive experience as an entrepreneur building sales and running organizations. He served more than 15 years as general manager of automotive operations for three large aftermarket wheel manufacturers/distributors. In that capacity he was responsible for all aspects of business, including sales, marketing, inventory, and accounting. He’s considered an expert on physical vapor deposition (PVD) coatings in the automotive industry.

“What’s the big deal about chrome plating?” you might wonder. Today’s standard chrome plating process, such as that for special car wheels for example, involves the application of hexavalent chromium which is done by dipping products into baths of hexavalent chromic acid. The plating operation can pose significant health hazards because of the high levels of toxic air pollutant emitted by chrome plating and related operations. That can increase the risk of cancer; there’s a risk at even very low levels of exposure.

The automotive industry and others face increasing pressure in the U.S. from the EPA, OSHA and the EU to decrease or eliminate the use of chrome. Boley said efforts have been tried for years to come up with a process to replace chrome plating with another covering that exactly mimics chrome’s eye-catching shine, and does not oxidize.

And Boley has done just that. Boley has neither invented nor created this new technology, but rather gone through a very exhaustive and time-consuming effort to bring this new process to general use.

In August 2007, the Boley’s Onward Coatings Company and its partners launched the first automated alternative chrome plating facility in the world. This pilot production facility, located in Mentor, Ohio, was intended to demonstrate to the automotive industry that Onward is capable of producing 50,000 plated wheels a year. The company also can plate any number of other products for other industries. The facility has 25,000 square feet of floor space plus a 2,000 square foot “clean room.”

Onward Coatings’ technology uses powder paints combined with physical vapor deposition (PVD) to apply a smooth chrome-look finish to automotive wheels. The process, which has passed major automotive testing in independent labs, retains the deep rich chrome color desired by companies and consumers.

No company has anything yet in production. But both large and small public and private companies, as well as multiple off-shore manufacturers, have visited Onward’s facility expressing a need or desire for the technology.

Onward currently is producing sample parts for the Dodge Viper Program, Revenge Cycles in California, and working up samples for companies such as Greg Weld Wheel, American Racing and Foregrine to name a few. The company also has begun work with a major Class-8 truck supplier in Ohio on developing technology for plastic components for the trucking and marine industries.

The decorative chrome industry generates more than $12 billion a year. Domestic automakers alone sold in excess of five million chrome-plated aluminum wheels, and aftermarket (specialty) companies sold more than seven million.

Some of the largest industries that rely on chrome for their final products are forced to deal with the hazards the procedure imposes. They include the automotive industry with its wheels, trim components, and grills; the motorcycle industry with its wheels, fenders and exhaust systems; the plumbing industry with sink fixtures and showerheads; and the home appliance industry, and furniture makers.

A description of the alternative coating system caught Boley’s eye in 2002 when he read an article on the subject in a small trade magazine. Following up with some research, he came to realize that its potential was much greater than he’d originally thought.

Convinced that the alternative process had merit, Boley for two and half years crisscrossed the country seeking necessary capital -- $7.5 million -- to build a major manufacturing facility to employ this procedure. His problem was the old catch-22: you can’t get a job without experience, but you can’t get experience without having a job.

Venture capitalists, Boley said, had no trouble believing in the technology but wouldn’t invest that kind of money...
A self-described “automotive technology geek,” Boley would like to explore other technologies to find “the next cool thing.”

After graduating from St. Charles, Boley attended Ohio University for a year but did not find the curriculum to his liking. He transferred to Franklin University where he was taught by what he described as “real-world business people who were a much better fit for my personality and life goals.”

He left Franklin in late 1989 (he’s just eight credit hours short of degrees in management and marketing) and took a promotion with his then-employer American Racing Equipment. He worked there eight years until an opportunity with a start-up company [Wheel Country] arose. In 2003 he went to work for a Chinese startup before founding Onward Coatings with his dad.

Boley believes that St. Charles’ academic reputation overshadows the fact that St. Charles students learn how to deport themselves when out in public and in any business environment. He said it definitely helped mold his interpersonal communication skills and imbued him with self-confidence.

The future of automakers and their suppliers, he believes, will focus on three areas: working to eliminate hazardous materials; working to develop vehicles with lower emissions; and working to reduce the weight of their vehicles, which would increase fuel efficiency. (Now so important with gasoline prices soaring).

And what things might Boley like to explore next? What he sees as the next big opportunity coming in relation to the industry’s third focus: weight. He says that creating machined parts out of poly carbonates and carbon fibers promises to have major impact on weight-- which is directly associated with gas mileage. And with gasoline prices expected to rise in the future...

But currently it’s unrealistic to bring these types of light weight and incredibly strong materials to the market due to their prohibitive costs. Boley finds this dilemma just the kind of challenge he’d like to take on someday. Carbon-fiber components are too expensive to use in large-scale mainstream production facilities. But, he thinks, they could be incorporated in small-capacity facilities.

Now Boley and the rest of Onward are focused on the upcoming VOI Vipers owners Invitational show in Auburn Hills Michigan, where more than 1,600 Vipers owners, dealers and enthusiasts will gather. It’s a tremendous media opportunity for Onward to display its new process for the first time in public. Chrome is an option on Viper wheels and plenums.

If Car and Driver magazine features or highlights Onward with its Viper showing, it could trigger its first public orders. And if its system takes off as expected, once various industries see the facility up and producing, Onward has financial backers committed to fund a larger facility.

Brian loves to spend as much time as possible with his family and friends. “One of the greatest things about St. Charles is I have been lucky enough to stay very close to a group of 11 graduates from the Class of 1985; we spend time together close to a group of 11 graduates from the Class of 1985; we spend time together with our families on a regular basis. "One thing." Brian loves to spend as much time as possible with his family and friends. “One of the greatest things about St. Charles is I have been lucky enough to stay very close to a group of 11 graduates from the Class of 1985; we spend time together close to a group of 11 graduates from the Class of 1985; we spend time together with our families on a regular basis. "One thing."
Festive ’07 Cardinal Christmas

The Mothers Club’s annual Cardinal Christmas was a sold-out event filled with holiday spirit and camaraderie. It was held in the school’s Robert C. Walter Student Commons and featured a cocktail reception, dinner, and live and silent auctions. The evening’s festivities raised more than $85,000 that will go towards furnishings for the Walter Student Commons and the St. Charles Student Services & Fine Arts Center.
The auction couldn’t work with clockwork precision without the leadership and coordination of several “key players.” They include from left -- Karla Croswell and Cherri Taynor (invitations, gift reception, and acknowledgements), Liz Heller (donor callers), Mary Ginn Ryan (reservations, treasurer, and check-outs), and Theresa Jeric and Lisa McCorkle (silent auction chairpersons).

The success of the holiday dinner and auction could not have been achieved without the kindness, generosity, and hard work of our many parents, friends, and benefactors. Special thanks goes out to several people for their tireless efforts. They include Lisa McCorkle and Theresa Jeric for serving as chairpersons and to Cherri Taynor of the Development Office, who with Karla Croswell, helped the Mothers Club coordinate the many event-related mailings and receive, organize, record, and acknowledge all auction gift items;

Many Mothers Club volunteers worked on decorations, mailings, invitations, note cards, and set-ups. Liz Heller and her committee worked as donor callers; Bob ’69 and Mary Ginn Ryan and their committee members worked on reservations, treasury matters, checkout, and “red liners;” and faculty member Doug Montgomery served as master of ceremonies. Also key participants were: auctioneer Larry Woods and West Camp Press and Paper Occasions for donating printing costs for the invitations. Thanks also to the countless “auction angels,” including Kelley Mears, Mimi Horner, Teresa Kenney, Sheila Franco, Amy Wulf, Sheila Gottron, Carole Kinkopf, Mary Oyer, and Andrea Mackessy. We apologize to anyone we may have failed to mention here for your work!
Golfers sought for 2nd Aquinas-St. Charles clash

After its successful inaugural presentation last year, the Aquinas College High School - St. Charles Preparatory School Golf Challenge is getting ready to “Tee-it Up” for a second round in early August. The event is open to alumni of the schools who graduated before 1967. (Because the last Aquinas class graduated in 1966, that graduation year was established as the cut-off date for St. Charles players in the spirit of fairness and good sportsmanship!)

How would you like to uphold your school’s honor in this summer’s event?

SC alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83 announced that the outing is slated for Glenross Golf Club on Thursday, August 7, 2008 with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. After golf, Mass Appeal Dining Services will cater a deluxe picnic with freshly grilled burgers and all the sides and trimmings! $60 covers your golf, cart and meal.

All proceeds will be split between the two schools, with the SC portion going to support student financial aid. If you’re interested in playing, please contact Louis by e-mail (lfabro@stcharlesprep.org) or phone (614-252-9288 ext. 21).

The outing’s scoring system will once again be modeled after a typical high school match-play event with a modification or two. Each match will consist of two players per team playing a best-ball of two format. At stake will be three points per team (one point for each nine holes plus one point for total.) The group with the most points at the end of the day will be declared the winner.

Last year’s event at Wyandot Golf Course in August drew 32 golfers and was organized by ‘58 Terrier grad Frank Roberts. That outing’s championship trophy, on permanent public display at Plank’s Café, bears the unexpected results of last year’s competition: a tie!

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 the two schools!

So once again, if you are interested in playing, please contact Louis by e-mail (lfabro@stcharlesprep.org) or phone (614-252-9288 ext. 21) and he’ll fill you in.

Spaghetti Dinner

Spaghetti Dinner is triumph again in 2nd year back

Members of the Cardinal community flocked back to the Robert C. Walter Student Commons in February for the St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner, which was returned and energized by the St. Charles Alumni Association after a hiatus of several years.

Once again Berwick Party House and the Susi family expertly handled the on-site cooking. Volunteer parents, alumni, and students helped serve more than 1,200 meals to appreciative guests. All enjoyed a bountiful meal, friendly atmosphere, great camaraderie, and the grooving music of the St. Charles band.
From left, seated -- Dan Connor ’57, Sharon Dougherty, and Katie Paolini; Back -- Lee, Kim, Ryan and Chris ’82 Paolini.

From left -- Emily and Fritz ’84 Schuler, Chuck ’84 and Theresa Warner with children John and Bailey.

From left -- Ben Connor with father Pat ’75 and uncle Matt ’79 Connor. Pat also has two sons at St. Charles (Drew ’09 and John ’08).

The Class of 1985 turned out the largest number of volunteers for the dinner of any alumni class. They included, from left seated -- Neal Roberts, Bill Mifsud, and Vince Fabro; back -- Kevin Kranz, Craig Feiler, David Hayes, Rick Thomas, and Kevin Intrieri.

From left -- Lynne O’Neil, Mary and Stanley ’40 Turel, and Greg O’Neil.

From left -- Bill Nye, Don Henne ’61 (former SC teacher, coach, and AD) and Ron Thomas.

St Charles Alumni Association board members who tirelessly worked all seven hours of the dinner were, from left, Mike Probst ’89 (outgoing alumni association president), Gerard Barrow ’72 (newly-elected alumni association president), Homer Beard ’46, and Phil Caito ’72.

Dan ’98 and Matt ’89 Tibbs

From left, front -- Bill Suich, Laura Hay and Karl St. Onge, Back -- Karen Hay, Mark Hay, and Chris ’02 and Matt ’04 Hay.

Klingler family members, from left, front -- Ian ’17, Gabe ’14, and Logan ’12; Back -- Luke ’11, Michelle, and Mark ’80.

From left -- Phillip, Maria, St. Charles freshman Christopher and Joe Suozzi.
St. Charles Preparatory School honored four of its graduates with the St. Charles Distinguished Alumnus Award at its all-school Mass of Thanksgiving on November 20. A reception was held after the Mass in the Ann Cobler Student Lounge on the second floor of the St. Charles Student Services & Fine Arts Center.

The award recognized alumni who have honored St. Charles Preparatory School by their outstanding volunteer activities; professional achievements; community organization advocacy; and for serving as shining examples of high moral and ethical standards.

St. Charles specifically chooses the all-school Mass as the forum at which to honor these men because it enables the school to publicly acknowledge their achievements and to hold them up as visible role models for the student body to emulate.

Those honored were:

**Frederick J. Gottemoeller**, Class of 1958, has 42 years of experience in bridge and highway design, transportation planning, transportation management, and citizen participation.

His projects span the United States, including the Historic Edison Bridge reconstruction and the new U.S. 9 Bridge over the Raritan River in Woodbridge, N.J.; the Liberty Pedestrian Bridge over the Reedy River in Greenville, SC; and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Replacement over the Potomac River, Washington, D.C.

Gottemoeller earned an undergraduate degree in architecture at Carnegie Mellon in 1963 and received the Henry Adams Award for Excellence in Design for being ranked third in his class. Just two years later he earned an undergraduate degree in civil engineering simultaneously with his masters of architecture in urban design.

Since 2005 Gottemoeller has been the principal of Bridgescape, LLC. Previously he was a principal with Rosales Gottemoeller & Associates, Inc. (1997-2005), president of Frederick & Associates (1993-1997) and director of design and construction with Ad Properties (1985-1993). He served with the Maryland Highway Administration from 1975-1984. In 1984 Gottemoeller was recognized by the Maryland Department of Transportation with the Governor's Citation.

Also a renowned author, Gottemoeller has written many scholarly pieces on bridge aesthetics, including the revised second edition of his 1998 book, Bridgescape: The Art of Bridge Design. Fred has been a visiting critic and lecturer at Carnegie Mellon University, Johns Hopkins University, Princeton University, and the University of Maryland. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers’ Committee on Aesthetics in Design.

In 2006 Gottemoeller paid tribute to former St. Charles faculty member, Father Charles A. Haluska, with the establishment of an endowment fund that will support an after-school tutoring program.

**Terrance A. “Terry” Trojack**, Class of 1965, has provided 30 years of service to the people of Columbus, Ohio as a member of the Columbus Division of Fire. Terry has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters and the general public, most recently as a Battalion Chief for the Columbus Division of Fire.

Trojack has been recognized on several occasions for his professionalism and contributions to firefighting. In 1992 the Columbus City Council presented him with its Safety Award and in 2004 he was given the Fire Service Award of Merit for his outstanding service and dedication to the Division of Fire and the City of Columbus.

Trojack joined the Columbus Division of Fire in 1977 and is currently assigned to Battalion 6, 3-Unit located at Station 21, 3294 East Main Street. In 1985 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, promoted to Captain in 1991, and promoted once again to Battalion Chief in 1994. Throughout his career, he has been assigned to Engine and Medic Companies that serviced areas throughout the city.
In a letter nominating Trojack for the Battalion Chief position, then-Deputy Chief Jerry Mason stated, “As a young firefighter, Chief Trojack earned the respect of his fellow firefighters by continuing to grow professionally and by evolving into a leader among his peers at the firehouse. He has taken great pride promoting physical fitness, good health and maintaining the professional image of a fire officer in the Columbus Division of Fire.”

After graduating from St. Charles, Trojack attended Franklin University. He also served six years in the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant and did a tour of duty in Korea. He and his wife, Linda, live in Whitehall, are members of Holy Spirit Parish, and have two grown children, and two grandchildren.

Albert L. Bell, Class of 1948, has enjoyed a distinguished career in the legal professions as a lawyer, judge, prosecutor, investigator, and teaching professional.

Bell served in the U.S. Army overseas during the Korean War following his graduation from St. Charles. Upon his return to Columbus he completed his undergraduate (1956) and law (1958) degrees from The Ohio State University.

He served in private practice from 1959-1971 before joining The Ohio State Bar Association as its In-House Counsel for 25 years. He served as the organization’s General Counsel from 1986-1995, representing its members and serving as its chief ethics counselor and prosecutor of lawyer and judicial misconduct. In 1996 he was awarded the Ohio Bar Medal, the highest honor presented by the Ohio State Bar Association.

Bell successfully argued a landmark case in 1978 before the Supreme Court of Ohio (Ohralik vs. Ohio State Bar Association) which affirmed the right of bar associations across the country to prohibit lawyers from direct telephone or in-person solicitation of clients.

Among many of his other involvements, Bell is the past president of the National Organization of Bar Counsel, chairman of the Ohio Elections Commission, and served as a judge for the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. He was an adjunct professor at Capital University Law School, teaching professional ethics; and was a founding member of the Inns of Court program to promote professionalism among Columbus attorneys. A frequent lecturer to Ohio legal groups on the canons of ethics, he has also authored dozens of articles in legal journals and bar publications.

Among many civic and community activities, Bell taught boating safety courses for the Columbus Power Squadron for many years and was a trustee of the Forest Park Civic Service Association. He was also a founding member of St. Anthony Church.

He and his wife, Jean, have three children, Albert J. Bell, a 1978 St. Charles graduate, a daughter, Kathleen V. S. Greco, and Paul A. Bell, who died in 1988. Bell has two grandsons at St. Charles, Brian Bell ’08 and Phillip Greco ’10.

Albert J. Bell, Class of 1978, has enjoyed success in the business and legal community, and has been an active leader in his church and school communities. Bell is the cofounder and co-owner of Moochie and Co., a retail store specializing in upscale pet accessory items that has 10 stores in three states.

Bell graduated from The Ohio State University in 1982 with a degree in English, and after being awarded his Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School in 1985, he worked at the offices of Howard Bronner. Bell then embarked on a highly successful 16-year stint with Big Lots (formerly Consolidated Stores Corporation), starting at General Counsel of the Fortune 500 company in January of 1987.

At Big Lots, Bell served as senior vice president of real estate and legal affairs. He was eventually named vice chairman and chief administrative officer. During his tenure, Bell headed the company’s real estate department for 13 years; led the development of nine major distribution centers in seven states; oversaw the remodeling and construction of hundreds of stores and buildings; was involved with several significant acquisitions and mergers; and he managed the human resources department for the $4 billion company’s 45,000 employees.

In 2003 Bell joined the St. Charles Advisory Board and continues to serve on the school’s Development Committee. In 2004-05 Bell was chairman of the school’s Parents Annual Fund which raised gifts and pledges in excess of $550,000 that made it possible to install a new air-conditioning and heating system. Bell, along with his father, Albert L. Bell ’48, played a leadership role in The Campaign for Saint Charles as the benefactor of the school’s new front driveway, named Cardinal Circle. In 2006-07 Bell served as the chairman for St. Paul the Apostle’s Parish Fund Drive to raise funds to build a new church, activity center and improvements to the parish grade school. He has also coached numerous sports teams at St. Paul Grade School where his children attended.

Bell and his wife, Carla, are the parents of a son, Brian Bell, St. Charles Class of 2008, and Kristin Bell, a sophomore at St. Francis DeSales High School. The Bells live in Westerville.
St. Charles celebrates state swim championship

by Louis V. Fabro '49

St. Charles surged from second place early the second day of the two-day Ohio 2008 high school swimming and diving meet, grabbed the lead, and went on to win the state championship, the first for the Cardinals in that sport. St. Charles wrested the crown in a tight struggle with runner-up Cincinnati St. Xavier, which had captured the boys state title nine straight years and 16 times in the past 18 years. And since 1970, Xavier had won 29 swim titles, an achievement unmatched in any sport during that time.

But St. Charles, powered by its senior-dominated team that was bolstered by several underclassmen, piled up 266 points to edge past St. Xavier by 20 points in this year's meet Feb. 22-23 at the C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton. University H.S. took third place honors with 151 points, and Upper Arlington, the last Central Ohio team to win the state swim title – in 1987 – wound up fourth in any sport during that time.

St. Charles and 4th overall

The Cardinals, coached by Kyle Goodrich, a 1995 St. Charles graduate, had challenged powerhouse St. Xavier for the state championship the past two years. They finished second behind the Bombers 289-188 in 2006 and again last year 250-177.

St. Charles tuned up for its competition with St. Xavier all three years by defeating Upper Arlington for the Central District crown, of which the Golden Bears previously were nearly perennial winners. And last December St. Charles took a big step in its quest for the state crown when it defeated St. Xavier in a dual meet in Columbus.

Trailing St. Xavier 120-114 at the end of the first day of this year's state meet, St. Charles grabbed a temporary lead when senior Scott Martin won second place in the 100 freestyle to start the second day of the two-day competition. He also had taken runner-up honors in the 100 butterfly the first day.

The Cardinals piled up needed points by winning the 200 and 400 relays and scoring a total of 25 points to zero for St. Xavier in the 100 breaststroke. Members of the 200 relay were Alex Schaffer, Scott Martin, Neil O'Kelly, and Marshall Sherman. The 400 relay team members were Nick Schuttinger, Sherman, Andrew Birnbrich, and Martin. Erik Mai led St. Charles with a sixth place in the breaststroke, Andrew Clancey was ninth, Schaffer was 14th, and Corey Taylor was 24th.

Scoring for St. Charles were seven seniors, one junior, and five sophomores. Seniors are Scott Martin, Neil O’Kelly, Marshall Sherman, Kyle Jennings, Andrew Clancey, Alex Schaffer, and Andrew Birnbrich. Erik Mai was the sole junior scoring, and sophomores who scored were Sandy Whitaker and Nick Schuttinger.

Coach Goodrich hailed the state championship won by his St. Charles team as “a culmination of several years of trying to be the best. We were always looking to and trying to emulate St. Xavier,” which he described as the best team in the state and one of the best in the nation. “Our guys would just look at them and say ‘that’s where we want to be,’” Goodrich said. “We knew this year with the senior leadership we had we had an opportunity, and our boys stepped up.”

State championship – this one in the academic field – in 2003. That’s when the school’s In The Know Team, coached by Dr. Sarah Vandemeer, won the OAC state championship and moved on later that June to a sixth-place finish in the national competition in Orlando. (The good doctor rightly points out “a state championship is a state championship.”)

Earlier, the Cardinals earned a trip to the state high school basketball tournament for the first and only time in 1992. Coached by current assistant principal Jim Lower, St. Charles took Ohio runner-up honors in Division II. The Cardinals fell 61-49 in the championship game to the taller Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph team, which had won the state title the previous year in the larger Division I class.

St. Charles in the 1991-92 season surged to a 25-2 record, the best in its history. That same year St. Charles also reached the state soccer finals for the
sixth time and qualified its teams for state competition in swimming, lacrosse, and
golf.

St. X and St. Charles show mutual respect
While Cincinnati St. Xavier ‘s team members were being awarded their Ohio runner-up medals after the state swimming and diving meet in Canton, the St. Charles team watched until their turn to be presented their state championship trophy and individual awards. For the St. X. team it was disappointing to finish second, particularly after winning nine straight state championships.

Even so, as the St. Charles team stepped up to the winners podium, which the St. X swimmers had moments earlier vacated, the two teams exchanged high fives and embraces to show mutual respect for each other’s achievements. “I couldn’t have more respect for them and their program” Cardinal coach Goodrich said. “They’re a class act.” One of the St. Charles swimmers, Erik Mai, noted that the two teams have a “friendly rivalry.” When St. X came to Columbus last December for a dual meet with St. Charles – a meet that the Cardinals won – Xavier team members stayed at the homes of the St. Charles team.

St. Charles plunged into swimming way back when
St. Charles began to compete in swimming as early as 1930, the school’s eighth year of operation. The swimming program continued until around 1942 when World War II forced many changes on the home front, including the end of the swimming program. The Carolians, as St. Charles athletic teams were known then, competed in the annual diocesan swim meets that were held for some 13 years for both diocesan grade and high schools at the Ohio State University’s old natatorium. Rosary won nine of those meets.

St. Charles revived its swimming program for a few years in the late 1940s and did fairly well considering the limited interest at the time. The 1948 team won district runner-up honors, a school first, and a couple of event championships. Some team members included Russ Finneran ‘48, Dan Ford ‘49, and Tad Wagenbrenner ‘50.

Renewed interest in swimming was sparked with the construction of the nearly $1 million Rose and Dedger Jones Natatorium on the St. Charles campus in 1990. The natatorium was a gift to the school from Mr. and Mrs. Jones for whom it is named. Their son, David, is a 1991

Goodrich is in 7th year as Cardinal swim coach
Kyle S. Goodrich, a 1996 St. Charles graduate, is in his seventh year as a Cardinals swimming coach. He took the position in 1995 while attending law school at Capital University after graduating from Indiana University where he competed in swimming for the Hoosiers. He earned many swimming honors at St. Charles where he was a four-year All-Ohio and All-American swimmer.

Recalling his student years at St. Charles, Goodrich commented in 2002 to the Cardinal that “some of my greatest memories included “the camaraderie I developed with my teammates. We all shared a unique experience and are all the richer for it.” When he became St. Charles swim coach, Goodrich started a fund-raising appeal directed to swim team alumni and parents of former Cardinal swimmers. His teams also conduct a poinsettia sale run by swim team parents during the Christmas season.

St. Charles graduate.

Hail to state swim champs
St. Charles swim coach Kyle Goodrich ’95 (third from left) and principal Dominic J. Cavello ‘64 hold the state trophy while athletic director Dave Lawler ’80 (far right) and assistant principal Scott Pharion (the assembly’s “Master of Ceremonies”) look on.

Dignitaries salute swim team
17 students earned even highest honors.

Seven St. Charles students qualified at the highest level, “AP Scholar with Distinction,” by scoring an average of 3.5 or higher on all AP exams taken and a grade of 3.0 or higher on five or more of those exams. All are 2007 graduates: John Bruce, Stephen Cadieux, Nicholas Crnkovich, Phillip Hanson, Samuel Merten, Michael Merz and James Summers.

Ten students were designated “Scholar with Honors” for averaging at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and grades of 3.0 or higher on four or more of those exams. Nine are 2007 graduates Nicholas Hartmann ’07, Joseph Hudelson ’07, Thomas Hurst ’07, Benjamin Moore ’07, Jonathan Mortensen ’07, Christopher Pappa ’07, Peter Schaeffing ’07, Kevin Stromberg ’07 and Andrew Wright ’07. One is a 2008 graduate: Daniel McGregor ’08.

Thirty-four St. Charles students were recognized by the College Board in late fall for exceptional achievements on their May 2007 Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

This international program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams at most U.S. colleges and universities.

More than 1.4 million high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide took AP Exams. The tests are scored on a five-point scale with and distinguished students were recognized on a graded level: Scholar, Scholar with Honors and AP Scholar with Distinction.

Only about 18 percent of the students who participated performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of “AP Scholar.” Seventeen St. Charles students were recognized with this distinction for completing three or more AP examinations with grades of 3.0 or higher. Twelve are 2007 graduates: Andrew Brown, James Bush, Vikas Choudhary, Davis Critser, Peter Hudelson, Jay Laing, Michael McAllister, Peter McCaffrey, Corbett Morgan, Edward Roberts, Marco Satala, and Phillip Tyckoski. Five are 2008 graduates: Sean Bresler, Peter Deak, John Matson, Nathan Maupin, and Sean McCutcheon.

Junior is perfect on ACT

Allan Joseph, a junior at St. Charles, recently achieved what many students dream of but very few attain: a perfect score (36) on the ACT. Joseph was among only four students in Ohio (out of 25,000) and among only 39 in the country (out of some 370,000) who posted a perfect score last December.

The average national composite score for the 2006-07 school year was 21.2 and was 21.6 for the State of Ohio. St. Charles students averaged an ACT composite of 27.5 last year.

After graduating next year from St. Charles, Allan would like to pursue premed studies at one of five universities -- Duke, North Carolina, Northwestern, and possibly Notre Dame or Ohio State. He is the son of Abe and Elizabeth Joseph and a member of St. Brigid of Kildare Parish.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science. A student's composite score is the average of the four test results. It is one of the criteria that colleges and universities use to evaluate applicants.

Defenders of Life

Father Frank Pavone visited St. Charles Preparatory School March 3 to speak against abortion to several junior and senior classes. Fr. Pavone is the founder of the Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, a community of priests whose mission is to defend the unborn. He serves as national director of Priests for Life, which he began in 1993 with the encouragement of Cardinal John O’Connor. He produces TV and radio programs for EWTN and Vatican radio, and has been published internationally on pro-life topics.

He has spoken in all 50 states and on five continents helping priests and others fight abortion. He was appointed in 1997 by the Vatican to the Pontifical Council for the Family. His visit to St. Charles was made possible thanks to the help of (left) Susan Lau, mother of 2001 graduate, Bryan Lau, and Pam Grady, mother of Matt Grady ’08.
SC begins paper recycling

It’s hardly surprising that St. Charles, like other schools and companies large and small, generates an abundance of paper trash that can be recycled. Under the leadership of junior Matt Bostic and with the help of the school’s Environmental Service Club (ESC), the long-talked about idea of having a paper recycling dumpster on campus has been brought to fruition.

Matt, the step-son of St. Charles chemistry teacher, Penny Bostic, worked out details with the school’s administration, and a recycling container has been placed in the north parking lot. Although technically a National Honor Society (NHS) project, members of the ESC agreed to partner with Bostic by placing recycling boxes in each classroom for paper waste and to take responsibility for emptying them in the special dumpster.

Matt approached ESC moderator, faculty member Linda Haas, about the environmentally-related dumpster project he had initiated as a member of NHS. Earlier, when an 8th grader, Matt’s class had organized the placement of a paper collecting container at St. Catharine’s School. That experience and knowledge made it easier to repeat the effort at St. Charles.

Besides helping the environment, the project generates $5 a ton return for NHS. The challenge now is to interest more teachers and students in the recycling program as the potential haul is relatively small. To date not much paper has been collected.

Anyone is welcome to bring in their paper waste and contribute to the stockpile. The Earth Services Club has sent letters encouraging parents to drop off their waste paper when they make trips to the campus.

St. Charles Jets teams excels; national runners-up for “A-Team”

Two of the three St. Charles teams entered in a national engineering/science competition called Jets TEAM+S (Test of Engineering and Aptitude, Mathematics plus Science) placed in the top ten teams in the country that competed at Cedarville University in February. A third Cardinal team was among the top 25. St. Charles was the only school in its division to have all three teams place nationally.

This prestigious competition was sponsored by the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS), which encourages talented students to consider careers in various engineering fields.

The St. Charles “A” team placed 1st in the region by division, and 2nd in the state and 2nd in the nation by division. The “B” team placed 2nd in the region by division, 4th in the state and 8th in the nation by division. The “C” team, which was a JV team, placed 3rd in the region among varsity teams, and 18th in the nation among JV teams.

For team advisor, Sarah Vandermeer, Ph.D., and St. Charles, this was the seventh year the school has competed. Last year its “A” team placed 1st in the region by division and 2nd in the state. That team advanced to the national level where it placed 12th.

In 2003 and 2006, the A team took 1st in the region, 1st in the state and 3rd in the nation. The 2004 team finished 6th and 9th nationally against thousands of other teams.

Tournaments are held on college campuses all across the country during two weeks in February. For an hour and a half in the morning, teams of eight students are given eight problems to solve from different fields of engineering. An original scenario is presented, and the teams are required to decipher 10 to 20 multiple-choice problems. Those scores determine regional and state rankings.

The teams return for another hour and a half in the afternoon when they are given a new set of problems as extensions to the morning problems, and are asked to write subjective solutions. Results of the tests determine national rankings. Teams that score in the top10% of the nation based on the morning scores then advance to national competition when both morning and afternoon scores are considered.
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SC student’s Eagle Scout project helps U.S Army unit in Iraq

When he selected his Eagle Scout project last summer, senior Sam Hof drew from his St. Charles experience. Rather than opting for a traditional bricks-and-mortar theme, he chose to serve as his “brother’s keeper” by reaching out to help servicemen and women stationed half a world away in Iraq— including a St. Charles alumnus and his troops.

Sam is the son of Tom and Gretchen Hof of St. Matthew parish and a member of Scout Troop #898. He learned last summer that his local Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce had established an “adopt a platoon” campaign. Its plan was to send packages overseas to the daughter of one of its employees and her 25 platoon mates serving in the Army National Guard in Iraq.

So for his Eagle Scout project, Hof enlisted the Gahanna Chamber to coordinate the collection and distribution of these packages. Sam then engaged the help of family, friends, neighbors and classmates, two Gahanna-area schools, and Chamber members.

People were asked to donate one or several personal items such as lip balm, shampoo, batteries, granola bars and baby powder; they could write letters of support to one of the soldiers; or they could make a financial contribution that would either help pay shipping costs of the packages or to purchase more items.

Sam’s scout troop assisted him in assembling over 450 pounds of supplies. They were packaged and mailed in mid-September. The program was so successful that it generated more than enough items for the National Guard unit.

Hof called on St. Charles faculty member Dr. Sarah Vandermeer to determine if her son, Army Capt. Chris Widell ’97, might be interested in receiving them for his unit. Chris was on his 2nd tour in Iraq, serving as a staff officer with the 3rd infantry brigade, 1st Cavalry at Fort Warhorse from September of 2006 until December of 2007. Since Chris’ deployment was at an end at the time of Sam’s call, Dr. Vandermeer recommended trying to help another St. Charles graduate.

Upon Dr. Vandermeer’s suggestion, Army Capt. J. William Cahill from the St. Charles Class of 1998 was contacted.

He commands the 89th Chemical Company, Regimental Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. His group was extremely grateful to receive the packages.

In addition to being presented a certificate of appreciation from the chamber in January, Hof received a special commendation from Capt. Cahill and his squadron (see “Thank You”). The original recipients, the Army National Guard unit, returned to the United States in October while Cahill’s Marine Squadron remains in Iraq halfway through a 15-month assignment.

The Commendation sent in January by St. Charles ’98 alumnus, Captain J. William Cahill, from his Army company in Iraq.

Sam Hof '08

Army Captain John W. Cahill ’98, posted at Fort Hood, Texas, is a company commander for the 89th Chemical Company Regimental Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment presently deployed to Mosul, Iraq. This is his second tour of duty in Iraq.

His company runs security and is responsible for guarding and caring for captured insurgents. He is scheduled to return around Thanksgiving, 2008. Cahill graduated from Kent State University with a degree in criminal justice in 2002. He was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant and then promoted to 1st lieutenant during his first deployment from March 2004 until February of 2005. Will and his wife, Tiffany, and their new son, Sean Aedan have their home in Killeen, Texas, just outside of Fort Hood. They were married May 24, 2003.

Chris Widell ’97, staff officer with the 3rd infantry brigade, 1st Cavalry based at Fort Warhorse has decided to enter the civilian world and accepted an offer from Newfield Exploration Company out of Houston, as a production engineer. He will continue his military service in an engineering battalion with the Texas National Guard serving out of Corpus Christie, Texas. He served two tours of duty in Iraq.

The Commendation sent in January by St. Charles ’98 alumnus, Captain J. William Cahill, from his Army company in Iraq.
Pioneering performance
Following tradition of 26-year director Doug Montgomery, the St. Charles Drama Department presented another groundbreaking production, March’s The Beaux’ Stratagem. The St. Charles presentation was the national non-professional premiere of the Thornton Wilder and Ken Ludwig adaptation of George Farquhar’s classic comedy.

Participants from left and their schools, front -- Amanda Critser (Bishop Watterson), Emi Sigrist (Upper Arlington), Mary Jane Sanese (Bishop Watterson), Brooke Cunningham (Bishop Hartley), Shorty Mahoney (Upper Arlington), Sarah Dutton (Columbus School for Girls) and Jenny Ali (Bishop Watterson); back row -- St. Charles students Connor Simpson ‘10, Christopher Haas ‘08, Andrew Zuk ‘09, Danny McGregor ‘08, Coleman Mahler ‘09, Michael Rapelye-Thompson ‘09, Nathan Maupin ‘08, J.D. Bourke ‘08, John Connor ‘08, Andrew Kellogg ‘10, Adam Drought ‘10 and Chase Meacham ‘10. Not pictured: Connor Reider ‘10.

Living History Lesson
In November members of St. Charles freshman history classes enjoyed special “Living History” presentations from three Civil War re-enactors representing Battery A of the 1st Ohio Statehouse Light Artillery and Company B of the 30th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Dressed in authentic attire, the re-enactors brought with them many authentic artifacts from the period and shared Civil War history and accounts of their involvement in battle re-enactments. From left -- re-enactor Jim Seitz; St. Charles freshmen Anthony Bury Jr., Mason Beverly, Noah Creagh, John Burcu, Conner Adkins, Max Herath, and John Flis; and re-enactors Paul Hanly and Don Pontius.
On to the state tournament

By virtue of finishing third at the highly competitive district golf championships last fall (just one shot ahead of Bishop Watterson), the Cardinals earned a trip to the state tournament where it finished third behind Dublin Jerome and Cincinnati Moeller. Members of the varsity golf team from left – Michael Kinkopf ’08, Ryan Berg ’09, Ryan Stanley ’09, Chase Williams ’08 and Alex Carpenter ’11. Not pictured but also part of the varsity a team last year was Matthew Meyers ’09.

Golf team takes third in state tournament

The St. Charles golf team placed third in the 2008 Division I state golf tournament at Ohio State’s Scarlet Course, impressively building on a top-five finish last year. Under first-year coach Anthony Mampieri ’93, the Cardinals shot 663 to win third place honors in this year’s tournament.

Dublin Jerome won the 36-hole state title with a 639 followed by Cincinnati Moeller with 652. Behind third-place St. Charles were Cincinnati St. Xavier (667), Lakewood St. Edward (675), Cleveland St. Ignatius (682), Hilliard Darby (685), Cincinnati LaSalle (690), Massillon Jackson (701), Mentor (702), Toledo St. John’s (706) and Bowling Green (719).

St. Charles earned the state trip by placing third in the sectional and district tourneys. In previous golf tournaments, the Cardinals were state runners-up in 1985 and third in 1982 and 1980, all at the A-AA level.

Cardinal golfer Michael Kinkopf, who signed to play golf for Ohio State next year, led St. Charles in the state tourney with a 20-over-par 162 (14th) in the 36-hole tourney. He missed earning a spot on the all-state team by a single shot. Cardinal senior Chase Williams shot a 164 (21st) on the par-72 course. Junior Ryan Stanley shot a 168 (tied for 25th), senior Sean Finneran a 169 (tied for 29th), and freshman Alex Carpenter tied for 54th with a score of 178.

Kinkopf, Williams, and Finneran move on to college with the satisfaction of knowing they have helped solidify the future of St. Charles’ golf program after back-to-back appearances in the state tournament.

“St. Charles didn’t really have a huge golf reputation when all of us came here,” Williams said. “But to make it to the state tournament two years in a row, and to come in fifth last year and third this year, is pretty exciting.”

St. Charles soph is skilled fencer on national level; eyes Olympics

Most of those who pass sophomore Alex Coccia in the hallways are unaware of his national and international athletic accomplishments. He’s ranked 12th nationally in men’s sabre and was invited to fence as a member of the U.S. Cadet Men’s Sabre team in the World Cup in Konin, Poland, earlier this school year. A member of Immaculate Conception Parish, Alex is the son of Peter and Nena (nee Couch) Coccia.

Since the World Cup competition, he has fenced in other national, regional, and state tournaments. He captured an Ohio high school state championship (1st in the individual men’s sabre) for St. Charles, he competed in March in the Arnold Fencing Classic where he placed 1st in individual men’s sabre, giving him back-to-back championships in 2007 and 2008. He also competed in the Junior Olympics in February.

Extraordinary? Also take into account the fact that Alex maintains a GPA that exceeds 4.0 at St. Charles despite his rigorous schedule of travel, training, and volunteer activities.

Coccia assists Donald Anthony, former U.S. World Championship team member, at the After School All Stars program for fencing at Blackburn Recreation Center. It is a not-for-profit organization that utilizes the sport of fencing to help youth build character as a foundation for strength in school, at home, and in the community.

“Fencing is not only a great way to become physically and mentally stronger, but is also a way to build leadership and mentoring skills,” Alex said. “I enjoy helping out younger fencers at the club and work with them on their footwork and techniques.”

Coccia has been fencing competitively for only about four years. His hopes are, of course, to make the 2012 Olympic games; “however, one of the great things about fencing is that age does not slow you down”, it only brings more experience, so the 2016 Olympics would also be another option.”

Coccia has enjoyed some of the finest national and international coaching along the way. Until this winter he was coached by Terrence Lasker, a five-time U.S. sabre national champion and world championship medalist who at the time was an assistant sabre coach at The Ohio State University. Now he’s coached by OSU’s head-coach, Vladimir Nazlymov, a three-time Olympic medalist and 10-time world champion.

Alex trains with the Fencing Alliance of Ohio, a club that meets at the Ohio State University fencing gym. He became interested in the sport while in grade school at Immaculate Conception School while at a summer camp at the Wellington School. He said he was drawn to fencing because it was both physically and mentally demanding, requiring opponents to outsmart, outlast, and out-fence each other.

Alex says he would also like to fence on the collegiate level for a Division I team such as Ohio State, Notre Dame, NYU, Harvard, Penn, or Columbia since “as an added bonus, all of the schools I mentioned are excellent schools and schools that I would be interested in for academics.”

Displays championship form

Sophomore Alex Coccia said he was honored to be presented the champion’s trophy and medal for first place in men’s sabre by Peter Westbrook at the Arnold Fencing Classic in March. Westbrook is known as “America’s most decorated fencer” and is a six-time Olympian sabre fencer. He won the bronze medal in the 1984 Olympics and was a national champion many times.

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His future’s in the clouds

Senior Jake Byorth has received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy and has committed to play baseball for the Division I Falcons who are members of the Mountain West Conference.

He had considered several other schools (Ohio University, DePaul, Heidelberg and St. Joseph’s College in Rensselaer, Indiana) as well as the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy, but his choice was made simple because of his desire to fly planes.

In a story written by Pat Dolan for ThisWeek newspapers, Byorth said he also “felt a sense of duty” to serve his country, as did both of his grandfathers.

Byorth played some fall baseball with the St. Louis Cardinals’ scout team, the Midwest Redbirds. He has been a three-year starter at shortstop for SC but played outfield with the Redbirds. Whatever position the falcons assign him, St. Charles varsity coach Ray Benjamin ’91, said he has all the tools to succeed.

“He’s competitive, he’s a true athlete and he’s a hard worker. He’s got a good arm, he’s got some power and he’s a switch hitter. He’s a guy who comes to the ballpark ready to play every day. He’ll be a great asset for them and do great things in life,” Benjamin said.

Jake and his parents, Doug and Beth Byorth, are members of St. Brigid of Kildare parish.

Ivy League for Palmer

St. Charles senior Grant Palmer, overcoming difficult odds, signed a national letter of intent in February to play football at Dartmouth College (Division I-AA). The 6-foot-5, 250-pound lineman is projected to play on offense for “The Big Green.”

An outstanding student, Grant intends to study engineering and/or economics at the Ivy League school. He is a member of St. Charles’ National Honor Society and is on the engineering team. He has maintained a 3.9 GPA and earned a 33 on his ACT composite. He is the son of Mark and Laurie Palmer of Bexley.

Palmer overcame a nearly devastating situation this year to continue a promising football career. His senior season was wiped out when he tore his ACL, the lateral meniscus and the medial meniscus in his left knee in a scrimmage against Chillicothe only a week before the season opener.

Until then, he had played offensive tackle and defensive end and was attracting interest from Northwestern, Duke, and Miami of Ohio, in addition to Dartmouth and several other smaller schools. At the time Palmer was afraid that the injury might end any football interest in him. But Dartmouth’s coach stuck by him, expecting a full recovery.

Palmer was given two options to address his injury by the doctor: Have surgery on his ACL and both menisci immediately or do the menisci surgery and put off the ACL repair until season’s end.

If he chose the first, he would miss his entire senior season but come back at 100% next year. If he chose the latter, he would be out only three weeks and play out the rest of the season. But his knee would only perform at 70% - and could suffer further damage.

He chose immediate surgery. Thanks to his rehab progress, Grant was permitted by his doctor to participate in a single play during this season’s final game at Covington (Ky.) Catholic. He helped block for an extra point try following a SC touchdown on that play.

As a junior, Grant was honorable mention, all-district, and named the team’s outstanding lineman; he started every game on both offense and defense. Although many schools shied away after the injury, Dartmouth continued its pursuit, along with Harvard University and Brown University.

Recognizing Palmer’s athletic and academic potential, several Ivy League schools offered him a spot in their recruiting classes. But along with the invitations came no athletic scholarships because Ivy League schools don’t provide them.

Storied OSU Golf team next for Kinkopf

Michael Kinkopf, a highly sought-after Ohio high school golfer, has accepted an athletic scholarship to attend The Ohio State University next fall as a member of its golf team. Michael enjoyed an outstanding senior season, earning many individual honors and helping the Cardinals to a 3rd place finish in the Division I State Golf Tournament.

At OSU, in addition to playing for the Buckeyes golf team next year, he will study business administration. He is the first St. Charles golfer to finish the season with an 18-hole stroke average (72) under par (71.2), reported varsity golf coach, Anthony Mampieri ’93.

Michael is the older brother of St. Charles sophomore Matthew Kinkopf and the son of Ken and Carole of St. Agatha Parish. He earned 1st Team All-CCL and 1st Team All-District honors and individually placed 13th at the state finals at The Ohio State University’s Scarlet golf course, missing out on All-State recognition by a single shot.

He was also recognized by the Columbus Dispatch as one of its Sports Athletes of the Week and earned medalist honors at The Dublin Invitational, The Ashland Weiss Invitational and The Dublin Jerome Invitational.

As a junior, Kinkopf earned a spot in the prestigious 2006 U.S. Amateur Tournament, considered the leading annual golf tournament in the U.S. for male amateurs. Now he goes on to attend OSU, a two-time NCAA golf champion and the alma mater of one of history’s greatest golfers, Jack Nicklaus.
Marshall Sherman ’08

Sherman signs with Notre Dame

Having verbally committed in November to swim at the University of Notre Dame, senior Marshall Sherman, has made it official. He helped lead the Cardinal swim team to a Division I state swim championship in February and considered attending Boston College, Georgetown and Princeton before deciding to sign his letter of intent with the Fighting Irish.

Currently a 2005 SC grad swims there; ND senior and older brother, Mitchell ’05.

Sherman was a member of the state champion 200-yard freestyle relay and 400 free relay events. He finished third individually in the 50 free and 100 backstroke and earned high-school All-American honors in both events.

St. Charles adds water polo as 15th sport; Gear named coach

St. Charles has added water polo as a varsity sport, the school’s 15th. Cardinal assistant swim coach Geoff Gear will take over the new program next fall season. He succeeds Kyle Goodrich who will remain as an assistant with the team while continuing as varsity swim coach.

Gear graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in nutrition, and has spent the last five seasons as director and head coach of Central Ohio Water Polo. He graduated from Worthington Kilbourne High where he was an all-American water polo player and swimmer. He served as men’s water polo coach at both Thomas Worthington and Worthington Kilbourne High Schools. His successes include leading the Worthington Cardinals to regional and state championships in 2002 and 2003 and coaching Worthington Kilbourne to a state championship in 2005 and regional titles in 2002 and 2005.

Geoff also served as a swimming and water polo coach for Scioto Country Club, Worthington Wave, the Lakes Country Club, the Ohio State Men’s Club Water Polo Team, and, of course, the St. Charles swim team.

New tennis coach named

Tommy Freiburger, a former player at Jacksonville University and Upper Arlington High School, has been named varsity tennis coach at St. Charles.

He succeeds St. Charles faculty member Jim Pacciogetti, a religion teacher, who coached the tennis team for 13 years. Pacciogetti’s teams and players earned many distinctions during his coaching years. The Cardinals qualified players for state tournament in 2005 and 2006; had at least one player qualify for the districts every year since 1994; were Central Catholic League champions in 1995, 1999, and 2003; and were CCL runners-up six other times, including the last two years. Although this will be his first head coaching position, Freiburger has a great deal of tennis experience. Besides his own playing days in high school and college, he was an assistant men’s tennis coach at Ohio Wesleyan (2003) and also coached in the summers of his college years at Hilliard’s The Players Club.

Freiburger teamed up his senior year with Arlington teammate John McGuire to place third in doubles in the Ohio 1996 Division I state tennis tournament.

Hockey Tournament Champions

The Saint Charles Junior Varsity Hockey Team won the 2008 Blue Jackets Cup in February and finished its regular season of 14-3-1. For the Cup, the Cardinals beat Worthington 6-0, the Northeast Storm 4-1, and Athens 1-0. They went on to defeat defending champ Olentangy 5-0 in the title game. Goaltender Connor Lenhart ’10, was the Blue Jackets Cup MVP with three shutouts in four games.

From left, standing -- Coach Justin Shum, Tom Dury ’04, Chris Meleca ’10, Alex Bowman ’11, Chris Jeric ’10 (assistant captain), Greg Graven ’11, Logan Hickey ’11, Jake Wade ’11, Duke Vonderahe ’08 (captain) and coach Art Roehrenbeck; kneeling -- Brian Lewis ’10, Jeff Schirzinger ’09 (assistant captain), Matt Kinkopf ’10, Vince D’Antonio ’10, Tony Francescon ’10 and Dakota Rock ’11; front -- Connor Lenhart ’10 and Isaac Oyer ’10.

Team Player Award

Senior Alex Fullerton, left, with St. Charles varsity coach Ted Wierzbicki, received this year’s Sean P. Reed Memorial Team Player Award at the fall sports banquet. Alex is the son of Mark and Monica Fullerton of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. This fall he will attend Wake Forest University where he plans on majoring in finance or accounting and minorin in Italian.

This award, determined by the school’s varsity football coach Ted Wierzbicki and his staff, goes to a non-starter who had contributed both on the practice and playing fields and shows a genuine love of the game. The award is named for of alumnus Sean Reed who passed away the winter of 2004 during his senior year at St. Charles.

Along with a shadowbox presentation, the award comes with a $250 check which is donated to a charity of the recipients’ choice. “I feel it would be best for the money to go to the Sean P. Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund so that it can stay in the St. Charles Football Community,” Fullerton said.

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Sanders wrestles at states
This winter St. Charles junior Kyle Sanders stepped out from the shadow of his older brother and good friend, Jeremy ’07 (see “Alumni Notes,” page 28), by qualifying for the 2007-2008 State Division I Wrestling Tournament. Kyle placed eighth at 189 pounds, going 2-3 and finished his season with an impressive overall mark of 43-7. Kyle’s younger brother, Ryan, is a St. Charles freshman.

Sanders earned the trip by winning the 189-pound Division I district championship, St. Charles’ first in five years. He becomes the school’s 10th state qualifier.

Kyle said, that while he may not have done as well as he’d wished, he was very proud to have been there. “I was hoping to do better,” he said. “I feel like I didn’t wrestle the same as I had been. I don’t know why. But I’m happy to get on the podium. That was my goal.”

The Cardinals have had 10 state qualifiers in its history, and its highest finisher was Walter Fyda ’04, who was fourth at 189 in 2004.

Sanders credits Jeremy, a 2007 St. Charles graduate and two-time state qualifier at St. Charles, for much of his success. Now a wrestler for The Ohio State University, Jeremy was not able to place at the state level during his SC career - something his little brother has now done. But in an article in The Columbus Dispatch, Kyle made sure to share credit for his success with Jeremy: “He made me most of what I am now, and I look up to him. I want to keep what he had going and do the best I can and be remembered for it.”

The two would talk practice together with the older brother helping prepare Kyle by sharing his own college experiences as well as those from the state high school tournaments. “He walked me through a lot of it and helped fire me up,” Kyle said. “He definitely said the right things to get me motivated. I felt great. I was pumped going in and knew what I wanted to do and that helped.”

Gehring was one-man team at state indoor meet
Senior Billy Gehring of St. Charles was a rugged one-man team at the Ohio state indoor track and field meet in March. Participating as the sole St. Charles participant in the Division I competition, he placed in the top-ten in two events.

Billy won 3rd place in the weight throw (53 ft., 9 in.) and 7th in the shot (50 ft., 10 in.) at the Akron University Field House. He was one of only five throwers to compete in both events and one of only three to make the podium (a top-eight finish) for both.

Only those ranked in the state’s top 16 of each event qualify for the indoor state meet. Gehring came in ranked 11th in the shot and 16th in the weight throw. In the weight throw he had a 7-foot improvement on his personal best, but was not overly happy with the shot. He said he accepted it knowing he was quite tired after weight competition.

As a junior, Gehring qualified for last year’s indoor meet in the shot but finished 16th. “It was a sour taste that pushed me through training during the off season,” he said. “It was the most fun I ever had at a meet and it gives me a lot to look to as I move to outdoor,” he said.

Billy plans to continue throwing in college while studying business, but is still undecided where. He’s talked to coaches at Pittsburgh, Kent State, Notre Dame, Ohio Northern, Capital, and his first choice, The Ohio State University.
Door to Door Service
Senior Andrew Canale enjoyed being chauffeured to and from school one day in May by assistant principal James Lower. Canale’s parent’s had won the bid for the service at this year’s Silent Auction in December.

Excited for a good cause
Sophomores (from left) Kevin Colvin, Benjamin Kukor, and Cameron Illich --along with Robert DeJaclo (far right)-- enthusiastically race by checkpoint parents Dave Wilson and Sheila Gotttron at the corner of Cassidy and Ruhl during this year’s 25th annual Cardi-nal Scholarship Walk.

The Walk is sponsored by the St. Charles Student Council as part of the students’ Circus Day activities. By press time of this issue of the Cardinal magazine the event had raised nearly $33,500 for the school's general scholarship fund.

Fathers and son Mass and Breakfast
Nearly 60 St. Charles “men” spanning three generations gathered at St. Charles April 19 to take part in the second father-son Mass & Breakfast sponsored by the Alumni Association. Campus was awash in color as bushes and trees were in full bloom.

A new generation of young men enjoyed an introduction (or another visit!) to St. Charles while fathers and grandfathers had an opportunity to reminisce about student days of yesteryear and take in the many changes to campus buildings and athletic facilities.

The morning began with a community Mass celebrated by Msgr. Thomas M. Bennett in Mother of Mercy Chapel. That was followed by a complimentary buffet breakfast in the Campus Theater’s Cavello Center and a tour of the St. Charles facilities. Assistant principal Jim Lower, the father of SC graduates Matt ’99, Mark ’04, and Thomas ’08, gave a bright update of the goings-on and future of the school.

Alumnus and Carolian father, Bob Ryan ’69, spoke to guests about the school and fatherhood. A 1969 alumnus, the last of his eight sons just graduated from St. Charles (Bob ’93, Kevin ’95, Philip ’98, Mark ’00, twins Brogan ’04 and Brendan ’04, Patrick ’02 and Michael ’08). He and his wife Mary Ginn, who also have three daughters (Courtney, Kathleen, and Megan), have been vitally active in school activities for years, especially the Christmas season’s Silent Auction. Bob joked: “I’ve probably paid more in tuition at St. Charles than anyone else.”

Newest Varsity Sport
This year marked the bowling team’s first as an official varsity sport at St. Charles. The team was coached by St. Charles religion teacher and junior class moderator, Mike Warner. Front, from left -- Dan Stickel ’11, Ryan Niklas ’09, Jared Bobuloski ’10, RJ O’Neil ’09, and Phil Stickel ’09; Back, left -- Coach Michael Warner, Chris Madison ’09, Kevin Madison ’08, Brian Bell ’08, and Team MVP, Patrick Rupp ’08.
Joe Radoszewski, in requesting tickets for this year’s St. Charles graduation ceremony, wrote:

“Greetings to you (Mr. Cavello) and to the St. Charles family from Texas: Life has been good since I left the halls of SC, but no matter where I go in life my love and loyalty will stay true to St. Charles. The knowledge that I gained and the solid Christian values taught to me while I was a student there have helped me become a better man. I was very honored to call myself a Cardinal, and miss dearly the brotherhood I shared with my classmates. But most importantly, I am thankful for you and the other men and women who were caring mentors, supportive teachers, magnificent role models, and even friends.

--Yours in Christ and Cardinal Pride -- Joe”

2007

Jeremy Sanders is completing his freshman year at The Ohio State University where he’s on the wrestling team. Jeremy was red-shirted for OSU this season, one in which the Buckeyes finished as team runners-up at the 2008 NCAA wrestling championships.

Sanders was a two-time state qualifier for the Cardinals’ wrestling team. He compiled a career 113-47 record, which included a high school career-best 38-6 mark his senior year. A two-time team captain, Sanders was voted the team’s MVP in his junior and senior seasons. He also played baseball and rugby.

In the winter edition of The Buckeye Wrestling Report, in a feature named Battling Buckeye, the coaching staff praised Sanders for his hard work. Pointing out how each day OSU wrestlers work toward reaching the pinnacle of an NCAA team championship, the article noted that it’s usually the starters who get the highlights. The article went on to say:

“But it is the ... majority of the team who does not see the varsity spotlight. The work ethic, and unselfish demeanor are the overall characteristics of a Buckeye Wrestler.

Congratulations to Jeremy Sanders. Jeremy, a true freshman, is currently red shirted and competing at 174 pounds. Daily he competes in the room with Buckeye Starters Mike Pucillo and Alex Picazo. Not only is Jeremy improving every day, but his aggressive style and work ethic is pushing Pucillo and Picazo to become better wrestlers.”

Matt Jepsen ’05 continues to nurture in his college experience the exceptional aptitude for languages he displayed at St. Charles. Last year while a junior at The Ohio State University he used his language talents to earn an internship with the American Embassy in Bern, Switzerland. He’ll spend this summer in Germany, probably Berlin, working within the German parliamentary system.

He says that the emphasis on excellence and individual development, an idea central to St. Charles, has had a lasting effect on him. “What I learned from St. Charles and whatever since has been made more clear is the importance of pushing myself to do my best whenever possible, and that hard work in the moment has its rewards in the future. My success at St. Charles has given me a heightened confidence to be able to succeed in any situation if I really work to my potential.”

Both of his internships resulted from independent research on the internet regarding opportunities abroad that would blend his interests with his language ability.

Last year he chanced upon the U.S. State Department’s website describing its student programs, many at embassies abroad. In the application process, he indicated a preference to work in Switzerland, solely based on the fact that two of the country’s official languages are what he’s majoring in: French and German.

“Sure enough I found myself using French and German on a regular basis once the internship began. I worked mostly in public affairs, specifically reviewing the coverage of international and American events in local media sources, but also contributed to the development of contacts between the American and Swiss governments,” Jepsen said.

Jepsen received a Huntington International Fellowship, which helped fund the Swiss internship. It was through another search on the web that he located a family to stay with in Bern just 10 minutes away from the embassy.

Matt is still in the placement process for his summer internship in Germany, so he doesn’t know specifics yet. What he does know is that it will take place within the German Landtag system, or the regional-level government. “There are 16 regions altogether, so the possibilities are quite varied,” he said. He’s currently following up on a lead on an opportunity in Berlin, where he’d be working in the public relations office of the city’s parliament. “This is particularly exciting for me, as it would involve my working in my very favorite city and handling similar tasks to what I did last summer.”

Matt said he chose to attend OSU for its vast array of academic paths and because he was already familiar with and comfortable on its campus. During his senior year he participated in the Academy Program which involved taking college level French and German classes.

Pierrette Pena teaches both languages at St. Charles and remembers Matt as an extremely talented student. She said he was so skilled that after taking only two years of French he was able to place in the 200 level classes at Ohio State and after a year of German placed in the 104 level.

Although he’ll graduate next year with degrees in both French and German, he says he still isn’t quite sure on a career. “I honestly don’t know what I want to do in life. That’s been quite possibly the biggest motivator for me to go abroad. I want to be able to experience as much as possible, and in effect, hopefully gain insight as to what jobs I find most satisfying, as well as where I might consider relocating,” he said.
Stephen Evans ’03

The report also noted, in what sounded like it could have come from the St. Charles student handbook itself: “As a coaching staff we recognize the importance of team and the time and commitment that every individual has to put in. We do not demand victories or undefeated seasons. We demand and expect all of our student-athletes to reach their potential in this sport and in life.

“For some their future may hold NCAA champions and successful international careers following college. For others, it may be competing at open tournaments as a part of this outstanding University. Regardless of each individual path we are all part of something great, something bigger than all of us, and every individual is appreciated and a crucial component to the success of Ohio State wrestling.”

Asked what was his motivation in practice since as a ‘red-shirted’ athlete he had to sit out all competitions this year, Sanders replied “learn something new everyday in practice. I know it’s my job to push the starters and help them prepare to win each week. I know that good things will happen for me if I continue to work as hard as I can.”

Jeremy has two brothers who attend St. Charles - Ryan, a freshman, and Kyle, a junior who was a state qualifier for Ohio University’s wrestling.

2003

Stephen Evans just graduated from Vasser with a degree in biology and has been accepted for Ohio University’s medical school Class of 2012. This spring he was a starting outfielder for Vasser’s Brewers baseball team.

2001

Andrew Landgraf is working as a statistician for Accent Energy in Dublin, Ohio.

Kevin Kuhn married Michelle Klever on March 2008. He is currently pursuing a construction management degree from Columbus State Community College while working for his family-owned commercial construction business. Groomsmen of the bridal party include St. Charles graduates: Eric Kuhn ’03, Adam Kuhn ’06, Jose Garabis ’01 and Nate Samuelson ’01.

2000

Jeffrey P. Voytko and his wife, Jane (nee Bluestone), were married July 14, 2007 and live in Westerville. He earned a degree in business from The Ohio State University and is employed with Frazier Financial Advisors.

1997

Dan Hickey has been accepted into The Ohio State University’s College of Optometry and will be starting the four-year program in the fall.

1993

Chris Rike has been a lawyer working in private practice since 2007 and says that nearly 90% of his caseload focuses on family law (divorce, custody, etc.) with a sprinkling of estate planning and business transactions/formation. He earned his law degree in 2005.

Chris and his brother-in-law began a radon gas measurement and mitigation company, Radon Control Services, in 2002, which they still operate. Chris and his wife, Karen, live in Phoenix where they enjoy the great weather and fantastic mountain biking. She is a physical therapist and owns a clinic in Scottsdale.
Semper Fi

Note from the Cardinal magazine staff:

Our stories of SC alumni soldiers seek to focus solely on their heroic efforts (and those of all members of the U.S. Armed Forces). These men (and women) have placed themselves in mortal danger while dedicated to successfully completing the mission assigned them. We honor them and pray for their safe and healthy return. “Freedom is never Free!”

In Mid-May, Marine 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry Officer, Jay Mangone ’02 returned to the United States from a seven-month deployment in Iraq, during which time he commanded a group of 37 other soldiers who worked and lived side by side with members of the Iraqi police force in Karbala.

Jay is the son of Mr. Robert and Mrs. Gretchen Mangone, and his younger brother Chris is a 2005 SC grad. Mr. Mangone originally contacted St. Charles alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83 with news of his son’s deployment to pass on to faculty member and former (Always!) Marine veteran, Ted Hummer ’60 -- as well as the St. Charles community in general. Mr. Mangone wanted to remind everyone that Jay’s story is also the story of all those serving in harm’s way-- as well as those who served previous to him (especially Carolian alumni).

“We know that St. Charles has a proud history of service to its country, and you can be assured that Jay has and will always keep the influence and life-lessons acquired at St. Charles at the core of who he is,” Mr. Mangone said. “I think we can agree, the Facta non Verba Borromean creed is best manifest in all of our alum G.I.’s. We would appreciate your prayers of support. May God Bless and keep our soldiers safe.”

In November Jay reported that he and the 37 Marines he commanded were responsible for two towns of 25,000 people and three Iraqi police stations of about 10 officers and 150 policemen.

One of the things, he says, that indicates that his Marines are doing their jobs well is that they could eventually walk into the marketplace there and the shop owners knew he and the other Marines by name. “The fluctuating nature of this conflict and the necessity to reconcile with those who would have wished us (harm) two years ago are aspects of this type of warfare that are difficult for young, 19-year-old Marines to cope with,” Mangone said.

“The willingness of these young men to show the amount of maturity it takes NOT to (use military force), and be willing to compromise, interact, and yet always keep up their guard, is what has allowed us to achieve the progress we have thus far. I can say that I am truly impressed with the actions of my Marines.”

“Everyday, we patrol with, live with, eat with, and train the Iraqi police,” he said. “They truly are in command of the towns we live in. Literally, if the people here see something that is wrong, they tell the police, the police tell us, and we oversee and advise how the police handle the situation.”

Mangone and his fellow Marines patrolled four times a day with the Iraqis and the police in the lead. These men “risk their lives to establish security and ultimately allow their towns to participate in the rule of law.”

As far as living conditions, Jay’s patrol base had one satellite phone, 12 hours of internet on one computer everyday, and were allowed to shower once every four days. “We have one washing machine, no dryer, and one donkey (seriously, he carries some of our heavier gear on long patrols). We eat (Tray-rations) once a day and beyond that eat lots of cereal and hot pockets.

For lunch, we usually go into town and buy lamb kebabs or chicken or goat stew from the markets.” Once a week or so, he said, wives of the Iraqi police make them a home-cooked meal that they share. All in all, the cost of the sacrifice in living conditions is well worth the return of autonomy.”

Going into college, Jay said he knew he would end up in the military, although he did not know at the time which branch. He directly enrolled in Officer Training School right after graduating from Boston College in 2006 with a degree in political science.

“My family is relatively new to the country, having immigrated in the late 1950s. I felt like my grandparents had to work to get to this place, whereas I was simply born into it—I suppose that I looked at my volition to join as paying the rent.”

He reports he has one more deployment before his enlistment ends February 1, 2010. After that he plans on going back to school to seek a masters degree in international studies.

Mangone says that he and several 2002 SC classmates keep in close touch with one another — Joe Bello, Andy Quinn, Mark Warren and former Marine, Pat Ryan (3rd battalion, 25th Marine (Reserve) Regiment, Lima Company).

He credits St. Charles for teaching him the value of hard work and discipline. He says there are two lessons he carries with him from St. Charles everywhere he goes. The first is “that in order to do well you need to be passionate about something. Once you know what you love, pursue it passionately.” But he adds that “we should always be passionate about helping others.”

The second was something he took away from the entire St. Charles experience, “but I think the point was driven home in Mr. O’Neil’s Latin III class. It is that while you are pursuing your passion, you cannot operate out of fear of failure; rather, you must become familiar with your shortcomings and, once cognizant of them, mitigate them.”

Welcome home!”
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1988

Andy Rogerson, who recently was enrolled in the new Cardinal Society at St. Charles by making a pledge, reports he and his wife Nicole were married in Mother of Mercy Chapel at St. Charles (also known as the lower chapel). For his pledge, St. Charles sent Andy a commemorative gift section of the old wooden kneelers from the chapel that were replaced last summer. In response, he wrote: “I still get comments from my family and friends about the horrible unpadded kneelers and they wonder how we survived going to Mass there every week through school. They just don’t understand how it is just another fond memory of my time at St. Charles. The kneeler section is greatly appreciated. Every time my wife looks at it she is reminded of our wedding day, and she laughs remembering all of the moans every time people had to kneel.”

1987

Joe Wolf moved back to Columbus in November and took a position with The Kirk Williams Company, a sheet metal contractor. He reports that two other SC alums work there as well: Mike O’Ryan ‘82 and Pat Williams ‘99 (related to the owners). Wolf sold his ownership share of a sheet metal company in North Carolina where he worked previously. That job required a long commute every week and being away from his family. Joe is developing a new division with his new company, concentrating on custom/specialty metal applications. He said his new company can serve the needs of custom sheet metal design operations, fabrication and installation needs, heads of maintenance departments, purchasing agents, and owners of companies that may need repair and or service work done in the sheet metal, HVAC or piping areas of construction.

Others who can benefit include individuals in the restaurant, healthcare/hospital, manufacturing, warehousing, electrical or retail industries as well as architects, engineers, project managers, general contractors, landscape design — basically anyone who needs custom metal work done. Joe invites anyone reading this update who is interested or knows someone who might be, to contact him at (continued on page 33)
‘84 grad advocates fund-raising activities

Tim Hamburger ’84 reports that his employer, Pfizer, has provided him a “lateral move” to Columbus where he’ll now take over the district manager position with the Columbus North District. He and his wife, Sharon, have two sons, Luke (5 ½) and Jack (2 ½).

Since graduating from St. Charles he’s become an unrelenting fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (and more recently the Lance Armstrong Foundation) by participating in physically demanding racing events.

His latest test and triumph came in October when he participated in a one day, 200-mile bike ride through Death Valley in memory of several friends and family members and raised money for both the society and foundation. He and 138 other cyclists started the race, 97 completed it before the 17-hour cutoff. Tim finished 12th in 12 hours and 59 minutes! “More importantly...thanks to the generosity of friends, family and co-workers, he raised more than $9,000 from this event.

Hamburger first got involved with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society back in 1998 and, since that time, has raised over $69,000 for cancer research and patient aid.

Through his involvement on behalf of cancer patients, he says, he has come to appreciate the importance of volunteer work. It’s what inspired him to establish the Timothy Hamburger Volunteerism Award eight years ago at St. Charles. The award each year is presented to a graduating senior or seniors who best exemplify community service and volunteerism. The award carries with it a $500 cash honorarium and is accompanied with a special certificate.

“My goal in creating this scholarship was to encourage the young men of St. Charles to seek out volunteer opportunities. I thought that by getting involved with volunteer work as high school students, they would be more likely to continue volunteering as adults. Based upon the letters I have received from past recipients of this scholarship, I have to say the results have greatly exceeded my expectations.”

Tim Rankin ‘83 seeking election to statehouse

“Rankin for Ohio Rep”

Along for support at Tim Rankin’s ’83 kick-off campaign event were a number of family members. In this photo are, from left, nephew Dan ’96, brother Tom ’82, Tim and parents Dan “Doc” ’53 and Nancy.

For Tim Rankin, November 4 is a date that looms much larger on his personal calendar than -- dare I say -- his 25th Anniversary Class Reunion celebration at St. Charles in August. He is the Republican candidate on the ballot that day competing to represent the 24th District in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Rankin won his party’s March primary by gaining 79% of the vote. Rankin just completed eight years as a member of the Upper Arlington City Council (2000-2008) and is a shareholder and vice president of the law firm Onda, LaBuhn Rankin & Boggs Co. LPA, located on North Fourth Street in downtown Columbus. Tim graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in chemistry (1987) and earned his law degree in 1992 from The Ohio State University Law School. He and his wife, Maria, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in December and live in St. Agatha parish with their four children: Nicholas (13), Maxwell (10), Alex (8) and Stella (6).

“My wife and I have always been active in our community,” Tim said. “Ever since law school I have been active in politics.”

As with most parents, much of the Rankins’ free time is devoted to their children’s many activities. They enjoy traveling to Greece to visit Maria’s father who lives there, and feel blessed for the chance to travel and see firsthand many of the world’s historic sites their children learn about in school. They also enjoy spending time outside and at the Rankin family farm in Fairfield County.

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Live Strong

Tim Hamburger ’84 in October at the Death Valley Double Century, a one-day 200 mile bike ride through Death Valley. The photo was taken at a mandatory checkpoint (Ubehebe Crater) near the 135 mile mark and he finished the event in 12 hours and 59 minutes (12th place). But he says, more importantly, due to the generosity of friends, family and co-workers, he raised more than $9,000 for cancer research and patient aid from this event on behalf of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

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Tim Rankin ’83 with sons, from left -- Nicholas (13), Alex (8), and Maxwell (10) with daughter Stella (6) and wife, Maria.
It has been a very, very good spring for John Bosworth (St. Charles Class of 1970) and Bosworth Steel Erectors, Inc., the steel erection company he heads. Innovators in steel construction and modification, Bosworth Steel Erectors just won class III project of the year honors at the recent SEAA Convention (Steel Erectors Association of America, (www.seaa.net) for steel erection on the new Nationals Ballpark in Washington, D.C.

Their work on Nationals Stadium also earned Bosworth Steel 2008 Craftsmanhip Awards from the prestigious Washington Building Congress (www.wbcnet.org).

Nationals Ballpark in Washington, the 41,888-seat,$611 million plus stadium complex is the new home park for the Major League baseball team, the Washington Nationals and the centerpiece of D.C.’s massive, new Ballpark District—a billion dollar, multi-use riverfront development little more than a mile away from the U.S. Capitol. The ballpark opened officially March 30.

Steel erection on the stadium began in October 2006. The skeletal design and construction was divided into nine stages, a procedure that allowed the production and installation of one section of the stadium. At the peak of the project, a team of 45 ironworkers worked with two heavy lift cranes (a 330-ton and 300-ton) to put the steel structure in place in record time. A third-generation union ironworker himself, Bosworth came up through the ranks, following his father and grandfather in that trade and commitment to union principles of being the best and doing the best.

Today Bosworth is on the owner/manager side of the equation; with revenues above $30 million, Bosworth Steel (www.bosworthsteel.com) is one of the top erectors in the U.S.
Life-long interest in arts fuels grad’s design career

When Tim de Fiebre ‘74 moved to Columbus from Chicago with his family, the 7th grader brought with him a love for art which he subsequently nurtured at St. Charles. It grew into a passion through a variety of impressive college work experiences and matured into an award-winning career. Since 1998, he has become a renowned furniture designer. He runs his own firm, Timothy deFiebre Designs, which he established in 1998 with his wife, Dorothy Cononas, a renowned designer in her own right and creative director for Knoll Textiles.

In an online story by Holly Richmond for the website Contract, Tim said that chairs are the pieces he usually chooses to tackle, but he likes to experiment with aesthetics. When asked what exactly the deFiebre imprint is, he responds, “It's beautiful, functional and all components work together. Beautiful and not functional is sculpture, not chair design,” he explained.

After graduating from St. Charles, Tim earned a fine arts degree in theater and cinema from Denison University. While attending college he worked at the Hartford Stage Company and with various summer theatres as a scenic carpenter.

St. Charles was a good setting in which to foster his general artistic interests, de Fiebre said. His love for things artisitic was served through his involvement with the In The Know Team where he began studying the history of art and architecture with moderator and faculty member Father (now Monsignor) Bill Dunn ’57. He credits his ability to talk in front of an audience from participating in the St. Charles Drama department’s plays and musicals. And Tim says that he always enjoyed the age of the main building and its details along with going through old books and magazines in the library. “I guess I always appreciated the past more than I did the present.”

In his junior year at Denison, he apprenticed in London at the Royal Opera House working with stage management. After college while working at the Julliard School, he became interested in furniture design and built his first pieces. Convinced there was more to learn, he studied technical design and production at the Yale School of Drama and attended the Parsons School of Design in New York. But, he said, the book, Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain by Betty Edwards, brought a unity of purpose to his interests in craftsmanship, architecture, and furniture design.

While working at a frame facility that produced Bennetts’s chairs, de Fiebre’s talents caught the eye of renowned designer Ward Bennett at Brickell Associates. He became a design assistant and model maker for the company and subsequently rose to director of design for the furniture division, responsible for all furniture development. He later joined the ICF Group (a company comprised of four leading furnishing makers: ICF, Unika Vaev, Nienk-mper and Helikon.) in New York as vice president of design. After creating several award-winning designs, he worked and consulted for Geiger Brickel in Atlanta where he created updates of his earlier Brickel work and new table and seating designs.

Tim in 2004 introduced two major product lines for Harter, which is based in Middlebury, Indiana. That same year he curated and updated the Ward Bennett Business Classics Collection for Geiger. In 2006 he created a wood seating collection for Cumberland and in 2007 introduced an extensive lounge and occasional table collection for Tuohy. Tim truly enjoys his national speaking engagements for both Harter and Geiger that focus on design development.

Anyone wishing to make a career in design, de Fiebre says, must be passionate about the field and enjoy it. “And just as important, they need to know what has come before – know the history of design. He adds, “Books are the most valuable tools you have as a designer; they are the inspiration for most new projects.”

Tim’s awards include an ID Annual Design Review honorable mention for tables, two IBD Gold Awards for seating, three Roscoe finalist awards for seating, and two Acclaim awards for seating. In 2004 he won Best of Neocon Silver and Gold awards. His work is also part of the Permanent Collection of the Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum and the Chicago Athenaeum. His designs have been licensed and sold successfully in North America and throughout Europe and Japan.

To see some of Tim de Fiebre’s work, you are invited to check out geigerintl.com (a division of Herman Miller) and look at seating and tables or harter.com (for Sling, Forum and Shapes) or tuohyfurniture.com (lounge seating and occasional tables with NYC names) or Cumberland Furniture. com. Or just Google!
Two new Catholic Foundation board members have St.C. ties

The Catholic Foundation last December elected four new members, including 1974 St. Charles graduate James M. Vonau, and Julia L. Dorrian, the daughter of 1952 alumnus Hugh Dorrian.

Vonau ’74 is a partner in the law firm Decker, Vonau, Sequin, Lackey & Viets Co., LPA. His legal practice focuses on estate planning, probate, business, and real estate matters. Jim has been a member of the Catholic Foundation professional advisory group for over ten years. He is a Third-Degree Knight of Columbus and a long-time member of Charity Newbies. He also is on the board of trustees of Bishop Hartley High School. Jim and his wife, Beth, have four children and are members of St. Matthew Parish in Gahanna.

Gerard was recently elected a Third-Degree Knight of Columbus and a long-time member of Charity Newbies.

The Catholic Foundation provides financial support each year to parishes, schools and Catholic organizations throughout the 23-county Diocese of Columbus by grants from more than 500 separate endowment funds totaling over $115 million in assets. It is one of the oldest and largest Catholic diocesan foundations in the country.

The Foundation’s board membership has many ties with the St. Charles community. Members include St. Charles principal Dominic J. Cavello ’64 and St. Catharine Church pastor Michael J. Lumpe ’78; alumni parents Donald C. Barcza (Ryan ’04), Dr. Marian Kennedy Schuda (Doug ’05), Charles E. Wilson (Rev. Jonathan ’92) and current parent, Edward Kistner (Peter ’09).

Busy volunteer

1974 graduate Jim Vonau is all smiles after donating the “gift of life” at St. Charles’ annual blood drive in April. Jim is a new member of the Catholic Foundation’s board this year.

Alumni Assn. volunteers open hearts and hands

By Sean Whalen ’99

The St. Charles Alumni Association was proud to serve the Central Ohio community in April by volunteering for Project OpenHand Columbus a non-profit organization that provides every-day products to people who suffer from HIV/AIDS. Project OpenHand, a division of the LifeCare Alliance organization, strives to complete its mission of delivering health and nutrition services that meet its community’s ever-changing needs. LifeCare Alliance is under the direction of Charles W. Gehring, a 1974 St. Charles alumnus and member of the school’s Advisory Board.

The Association and other volunteers from the Cardinal community met at the LifeCare Alliance headquarters that Saturday morning, and got busy stocking shelves. We then assembled “Spring Cleaning” buckets to be delivered to LifeCare clients during the month of April. Each bucket, containing essential cleaning products and tools, gives people necessary materials to improve their quality of life.

In addition to our service, the alumni association members donated nearly 100 pounds of food that included juices, canned fruits, frozen vegetables, and soups.

Our volunteer group included Andy Piccolantonio ’97, Michael Probst ’89, Zack Pavol ’00, Lance Jones ’81, and Sean Whalen ’99. Generous contributions were made by Phil Cato ’72, Brian F. White ’85 and Jenny Workman (mother of SC grads Lance ’89, Lucas ’93, and Lincoln ’96) toward purchase of the food.

Many thanks are extended to the staff at LifeCare Alliance for their commitment and service to the community. We appreciate the opportunity that LifeCare gave to our alumni association members to share in service to others and the joy that comes from doing so.

Our alumni group will continue exploring ways to serve the community. Look for new opportunities and we hope to see you there!

(Sean Whalen is a board member of the St. Charles Alumni Association)
Geyer ’57 retires after “storied” coaching and teaching career

Reprinted from the 12-16-08 edition of The Catholic Times

by Tim Puet

It took 50 years, but Columbus Bishop Hartley High School football coach Dick Geyer finally has a letter jacket of his own. Geyer retired at the end of this season after 44 years in coaching, all but one of them at Hartley, and received a letterman’s jacket as a farewell gift.

“I played at St. Charles, but never got enough playing time to earn a letter, so I’ve never had a jacket,” he said. “This was a thoughtful surprise, something I really appreciate, and I’ve been wearing it to school just like the players.”

Geyer, 68, began his coaching career in 1964 at his alma mater, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, while still attending The Ohio State University. St. Charles dropped interscholastic athletics the following year as it became strictly a seminary for a time. Hartley then hired Jack Ryan, the longtime multiple-sport coach at St. Charles who had moved to Hartley in 1964, and Geyer has been there ever since.

“This seemed like a good time to retire because coaching was starting to wear me down,” he said. “I have my license to teach social studies for one more year, so I’ll be back here at Hartley next year strictly as a teacher. After that, I don’t know.

“It’s going to be unusual to be able to go to whatever game I want to on a Friday night, or not to go if I don’t have to. Maybe I’ll get the itch to coach again after a year off and someone will hire me as an assistant. We’ll just have to see.”

Like Ryan, the only member of the state high school coaching halls of fame for football, basketball, and baseball, Geyer switched sports with the season.

He spent 16 years as Ryan’s assistant in football and the next 27 seasons as head coach, was head basketball coach for 23 years and was an assistant in baseball for 21. His Hartley teams had records of 181-112-1 in football and 280-219 in basketball. The Hawks won the state Division IV football championship in 1986, were state runners-up in 1984 and made the state semifinals in 1988. The basketball team finished second in the state in 1974, and the baseball team made it to the state semifinals in 1991.

“There can’t be many coaches who have made the final four in all three sports, so that’s pretty neat,” Geyer said. “Of course, it would have been neater if we had won more.”

At one time, Hartley’s Hawks and five other Columbus Catholic high schools — St. Francis DeSales, Bishop Ready, Bishop Watterson, St. Charles and the now-closed Father Wehrle — played each other every year in football in the Central Catholic League. The rivalry continues in other sports, but Hartley now plays only Ready among those schools in football because Watterson, DeSales and St. Charles have bigger enrollments.

Geyer said he misses the other football rivalries because they were so intense.

“The competitiveness and the effort in every CCL game was at such a high level that it was different from anything else,” he said. “It was as good as it gets from a competitive standpoint.” Ready finished with a 9-1 regular-season record this year and advanced to the state Division V semifinals. The Silver Knights defeated Hartley 24-7 in Geyer’s final game as a coach, giving Hartley a 5-5 record for the year.

Geyer said the backing he’s received from others has been instrumental in his longevity. “I’ve got to put in a plug for my assistant coaches in particular, especially Tom Coss and Phil Petrosky, who have been with me for 35 years. They have been the loyalist, hardest-working group any coach could have been blessed with,” he said.

“Another one of the reasons I’ve been able to keep coaching is the support I’ve gotten from my wife, Mary Ellen. We’ve been married 44 years, and she’s been willing to work all that time to help me keep going,” Geyer said. The two have a son, Tom, who played for his father and assisted him coaching baseball and basketball, and a daughter, Betsy. Geyer said the atmosphere at Hartley has kept him coming back year after year, and he’s had no desire to coach anywhere else. “I couldn’t have been luckier than to settle where I did,” he said.

Ohio High School Athletic Association president, Dan Ross ’67 with St. Charles faculty member and athletic director David Lawler ’80.

SC tourists and 1956 graduates Jim Lehman (left) and John Tracy stand amid the many artifacts being assembled in the school’s Tower Room as work on the St. Charles Museum gets under way.

Dick Geyer ’57 and his wife, Mary Ellen, stand beside a bronze plaque dedicated to his years of service at Bishop Hartley High School as a teacher and coach. The plaque will be placed near the entranceway of the newly-renamed Dick Geyer Gymnasium.

Former faculty member (left) James F. Cooney (1959-1961) outside Mother of Mercy Chapel on a walk through campus with Father Bernard McClory ’45 (center) and James Kraus ’44 (also a past faculty member from1954-1965).
SVDP Society gives top hat award to St. Charles 1945 graduate

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Society of the Diocese of Columbus has honored William “Bill” Killilea, a 1945 graduate of St. Charles Prep who also earned a liberal arts degree at St. Charles College, for his long and ongoing volunteer work of providing assistance to people in need. Because of his dedicated charitable efforts, Killilea was voted winner of the Society’s 2008 Top Hat Award, which was presented by the Society’s president, Patty Doyle.

The priest’s presentation of the annual award, consisting of a formal top hat and a suitably engraved plaque denoting the award, was made at the Society’s annual awards luncheon April 20 at St. Francis de Sales High School, which was attended by 68 SVDP members. Two others among the Society’s 1,100 members from the 23 counties that comprise the Diocese of Columbus also were nominated for the award.

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Killilea has been a SVDP Society member for 18 years and has been president of the SVDP conference at St. Anthony Parish in Columbus for the past 10 years. He said that when he retired as a manager in 1990 after a long career in the phone business (AT&T and Ohio Bell) he looked around for something to keep him busy and decided volunteer work through the St. Vincent de Paul would be a good fit. “It’s been very rewarding, proving again that with age comes happiness,” he said.

As president of his parish’s SVDP conference, Killilea keeps very busy most days. He has expanded the organization’s work in the community “and personally has affected the lives of many people in need,” according to the nomination submitted in his behalf. The parish food pantry, for example, has been expanded to provide home deliveries of 20-25 per week.

On the phone frequently, Killilea coordinates the payment of utility, rent, and mortgage bills, helps with transportation requests, and fields job assistance requests. He arranges for volunteers to work at St. Lawrence Haven for which his conference provides more than 300 sandwiches a month for its food line. Under his direction, the St. Anthony SVDP conference collects and donates clothing and household goods and works on special holiday events providing Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, and conducts a toy drive.

Killilea attends Mass nearly daily at St. Anthony Church, is a lector and eucharistic minister, takes communion to patients at St. Ann Hospital, is on the board of the Knights of Columbus. He was married 48 years (his wife, Gerri, is deceased), and is the father of four children including one deceased.

Class of 1958 to headline St. Charles Class Reunion Weekend August 15-16


“Save-The-Date” letters have been going out to members of those classes, so if you haven’t received your letter yet, or have not updated the school with a new mailing address, please let us know!

Participating classes are scheduling their own Friday day/night and Saturday morning activities. Formal activities will take place Saturday starting at 3:00 p.m. with campus tours originating from the stage of the Robert C. Walter Student Commons. An All-Classes Reunion Mass will be celebrated in the Mother of Mercy Chapel at 4:30 p.m. followed by a catered reception starting at 5:30 p.m. in Walter Student Commons, during which class pictures will be taken. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. during which school principal Dominic J. Cavello ’64 will give a “State of the School” presentation.

This ideal location will provide each class a space of its own while still allowing an atmosphere filled with camaraderie and 54 years of special St. Charles memories. Details about specific times and costs will be announced in individual class letters that were mailed in June.

If you are a member of one of the reunion classes listed, and would like to participate on your reunion committee, contact Louis J. Fabro ’83 by e-mail at lfabro@cdeducation.org or by phone at 614-252-9288 ext. 21.

**Ladies, let’s set a Lunch date!**

St. Charles alumni moms, mark your calendars! The annual St. Charles Alumni Mother’s Social will be held on Sunday, October 19, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the Campus Theater’s Cavello Center. Details to follow! For information, contact Candy Clougherty by e-mail at Hockeywifemomcc@aol.com or by phone at 614-794-0752.
St. Charles Prep School (1947) and College (1951) graduate, Father Charles R. Griffin presented St. Charles alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83 a check for $2,500 which he pledged toward the construction of the St. Charles Museum in the school’s Tower Room.

Mystery person identified!
In last fall’s issue of the Cardinal we published this photo of a young man attending the Mary Altar in the former Seminarian’s (Upper) Chapel, located on the school’s third floor. It wasn’t long after the photo was published that we got a call from the “mystery student” himself: It was Class of 1948 graduate Dick Fenlon, (right), former sports columnist for the Louisville Courier-Journal and Columbus Dispatch. The photo was taken his freshman year at St. Charles in 1944.

St. Charles Museum project moving forward
By Louis Fabro ’83

In the Cardinal magazine last fall, I expressed a desire to establish a St. Charles Museum in the “Tower Room” of the main school building. To help accomplish this project, I asked for gifts of time, talent, and treasure from you, the members of the St. Charles community.

It was during a three-year effort to complete the St. Charles Archive suite that it became alarmingly apparent the fragile nature of our school’s history. Memorabilia gets discarded, memories are lost when alumni pass away, and expansions bring physical changes to our campus. And with time vital pieces of the St. Charles story are hopelessly lost.

I am happy to report that thanks to Father Charles Griffin ’47 and Father Kevin Lutz we are on our way to creating space for a museum that all can appreciate and take pride in.

Father Griffin, a retired priest from the Chillicothe area, visited with a generous contribution of $2,500 for museum-related expenditures. Father Lutz, pastor of Holy Family parish, will help in the reconstruction of the beautiful marble and limestone Mary Altar, which will serve as a focal point in the museum. Formerly located in the Upper (Seminarian’s) Chapel, the altar was taken apart and stored away when the chapel was converted to Holy Angels Library in 1990. Those pieces of limestone and marble have since been transported to the Tower Room steps and await reassembly.

But we still need so much more. Among needs are professional services, building supplies, decorating funds, and donations of memorabilia for display in the finished space. All your help would be sincerely appreciated! (Please see Wish List of needs in related graph).

I previously announced that St. Charles project manager extraordinaire, Hank Sherowski, had agreed to volunteer his expertise for us on this project. Lou Pally ’80, with Karlsberger Cos., has provided conceptual drawings for the museum. Their planning and execution skills are just the kinds of talents we seek in order to achieve the standard of excellence established at St. Charles.

Again, please look over the accompanying chart to see how you might be able to help with a donation of your time and skills, needed items or funding. Contact alumni director Louis J. Fabro ’83 by e-mail lfabro@stcharlesprep.org or by phone at 614-252-9288 ext. 21.

The St. Charles Museum Wish List

Goal: Volunteer donations of building products & skilled labor

Project Needs:

* Finish carpenter
* Track lighting to showcase art on lower and upper portions of wall.
* Licensed electrician to install lights, wiring, etc.
* Glass cases and/or book cases to display historical artifacts.
* Shelving on which to display memorabilia.
* Painters and product to cover space with a fresh coat 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
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, school rings, Carolian newspapers, athletic apparel, school-related photographs, personal photographs, diplomas, and copies of Behind Those Arches, the school’s original yearbook.

NOTHING IS TOO NEW, OLD, OR INSIGNIFICANT!!!!!!

Contact Louis J. Fabro ‘83 at lfabro@cdeducation.org or 614-252-9288 ext. 21 about items or send them to his attention at 2010 E. Broad Street, Cols., OH 43209-1665.

SAVE OUR HISTORY

The family of deceased alumnus, John E. Maher ’33 -- Margie McKinney, Tom Maher, and Pam Chickey -- donated this invaluable copy of the 1930 edition of the school’s Behind Those Arches yearbook. Maher’s grandson, Joe McKinney, is a St. Charles freshman.

The Carolian

LARGEST CLASS TO GRADUATE

Louis V. Fabro ‘49 located this copy The Carolian school newspaper’s 1949 graduation edition.

Alumnus George Vargo ’58 provided the school archives several photos and a number of newspaper clippings. This particular picture of Vargo’s jump shot appeared in the Feb. 19, 1958 edition of The Columbus Dispatch newspaper and accompanied an article on the Cardinal’s 52-50 victory over Bexley thanks to two free throws by teammate Herman Knapp ’58 with 20 seconds left in the game.

1942 alumnus Dr. Bill Gallen, brother of the late Msgr. Thomas Gallen ’40, mailed the school these items which he found at his home in Tucson, Arizona. They include small “keepsakes” celebrating championships in baseball and basketball, as well as a beautiful red, white, and gold belt buckle.

Barrow ’72 takes over top alumni association post

Hello, and welcome to all students, faculty, staff, and alumni of St. Charles. Allow me, Gerard M. Barrow Sr., to introduce myself, your new St. Charles Alumni Association board president. I’ve been an active alumni board member since the late 1990s and served as one of the many class representatives and organizers for past reunions of the 1972 class.

As a member of the Class of 1972, I had the privilege of attending school with classmates whose camaraderie, then and now, means a great deal to me. The lessons of spiritual growth and leadership I learned at St. Charles have sustained me in my 35 years of work and life experiences since graduation. That’s the legacy I hope to share through my participation in the St. Charles Alumni Association.

I live in Dublin with my son, Gerard II, who is in his senior year at The Ohio State University. We are members of St. Brigid of Kildare Parish. After 30 plus years in the communications and service/contracting sectors, I recently joined Time Warner Cable Communications as a lead warehouse person in its Mid-Ohio Logistics/Warehousing.

As your president, I would like to encourage all alumni to actively participate in our upcoming events. I hope to build upon the great accomplishments of our school’s administration and staff as well as all the past presidents of the alumni association.

I wish to acknowledge the accomplishments of past President Mike Probst ’89 and the present board members who have given so much of their time. Their efforts have laid a strong foundation to assist the high school in numerous projects.

I want to welcome the participation of all St. Charles alumni in much the same way that Phil Caito ’72 and Marion Smithberger ’72 encouraged me to become an active member of the alumni association in 1995. And I’m so glad I did! They invited me back to the campus to see the great things going on there. I would encourage you to do the same.

In closing, I would like to send a personal challenge to you: become involved with the SCAA and share in the Carolian camaraderie. Each of us can add so much by sharing some of our time, talents, treasure and our spirit to keep St. Charles the great school that it is!

--Gerard M. Barrow Sr. ’72 -- President
Jerry M. Connor took on a daunting task when he was hired as St. Charles athletic director in 1969. His assignment was to revive the school’s dormant athletics program, recruit a team of coaches, and help attract student-athletes to the school whose once flourishing enrollment had plunged to 65 after it had been converted to a seminary-prep in 1965.

It was a very tough go, especially in his first few years when St. Charles budding teams were forced to travel hither and yon to fill their schedules. By the time he left eight years later (1977), however, St. Charles athletics were back on track.

Connor died April 28 after having retired recently from the real estate business. He was 70.

He was a graduate of Rosary High School where he earned 11 varsity letters playing football, basketball, and baseball for the Crusaders. He earned a degree from Otterbein College. He began his coaching and teaching career at Bishop Watterson High in 1958. He also coached at Aquinas College High and DeSales High Schools as well as at Otterbein College and Capital University.

Several St. Charles community members shared thoughts of former teacher, coach, and athletic director Jerry Connor who died April 28.

I remember Jerry when he coached St Agatha’s varsity football, basketball, and (I think) baseball. I played for Our Lady of Peace against his program. He was an excellent technical coach but what I remember most was that he treated all of us (his competitors) so well - as if we were his own players. He always remembered our names and would rib us whenever we encountered him later. I used to run into him at Watterson High School events and also in the real estate business. He was a very charismatic and warm person. A sad loss for the community.

- John A. Connor, Class of 1963

As a snoot-nosed kid still in college who was interested in teaching and coaching, Jerry took me under his wing from 1971 until 1976 and allowed me to grow by being an assistant football, basketball and track coach. He was demanding but caring of his “kids” and fellow coaches. He was fully professional but knew how to make a sport fun. He held all to high standards (nobody more than himself) but he knew that sports were still something to enjoy. He followed and supported all those he touched even after they left his immediate influence. He gave everything he had to St. Charles. He was a friend and mentor of the “Old School” and his influence will be sorely missed.

- John Row, Class of 1968

He was a friend and a mentor. He always had a way to make me feel like a champion, in the classroom or in sports. Yes, Mr. Connor will be missed.

- Michael A. Giannetta, Class of 1976

Coach Connor was a Great Coach! He was passionate about coaching and St. Charles. He was a teacher of the game and a fierce competitor. He will be remembered and missed. God rest his soul. Our deepest condolences to his family.

- Steve Miller, Class of 1977

Perhaps Jerry Connor’s commitment to St. Charles began long before his personal involvement with our school. Jerry was the nephew of Rev. Francis Connor (1932), deceased; Robert Connor (1936), deceased; and Rev. William Connor (1939), who now is a resident at Mohun Health Care Center on the Ohio Dominican campus.

One memory I have of my cousin, Jerry Connor, is that he always was my super-athlete older cousin, (five years older seemed a lot more then). I respected his abilities way back then. I remember getting one of his hand-me-down baseball gloves when I was very young, and using it for a very long time. I wish I still had it.

- Mike Lorz Class of 1961

We were playing Lakewood St. Mary, I think, back in ’72 or ’73, and I was the outside linebacker, and those guys were having tremendous success running power sweeps to my side. Before leaving the field for halftime, Coach Connor, or “Jaw,” as we knew him then, grabbed my face mask as I came off the field, came to an immediate halt, and was somehow facing him eye to eye in a split second. He paused a moment and asked; “Frankie, what’s happening out there? They are running that sweep down your throat every time.”

Caught without an able defense, I whined: “Coach, that fullback is cracking back on me and cutting me off at the knees.” Jaw looked at me for the longest of moments with the kind of stare that makes your heart race, and then, just as I thought I was going to pass out from embarrassment, he said: “Well, when you get back out there, I want you to go up to him and tell him not to.”

I was so humiliated that it made me up my game in the second half and that character didn’t get me again.

- Frank P. Whyte Class of 1974

I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Coach Jerry Connor. For me personally, with the exception of Father Bennett, Coach Connor left an indelible imprint during those years and remains as a perpetual link to the legacy that is St. Charles.

His influence was immediate. I can recall the day my brother Frank (Class of 1971) indicated that “Coach Connor understands you are going to Bishop Hartley, and wants to meet with you to change your mind, as he thinks you have some talent.” As a shy, but impressionable 8th grader, this was a pretty heady acknowledgement to be recognized as having an inkling of athletic potential. Our first conversation entailed the challenge he and the school would be facing to re-build the athletic program, and whether I would be interested in becoming part of the class that would work toward achieving that goal.

Alas I switched allegiances and made the varsity football team as a freshman.
only to have the misfortune of tearing up my knee midway into that first season. While the injury short-circuited the remaining years of my playing time for him, (albeit leaving both of us frustrated each season), he was always supportive during rehab and would constantly encourage me in his own gruff way, “Bobby, keep working on that knee, because I need you back.” While his motivational tactics were not for everyone, that tenacity and perseverance left a lasting impression.

Needless to say the victory (20-14 upset) over perennial AA power Bishop Watterson in 1973 was, in a small way, a culmination of his efforts to restore credibility to the athletic program. In the few instances that I had the opportunity to speak with him since that time, the conversation usually included a fond reminiscence of the game, and how proud he was that it was such a “team” victory. He inevitably would bring up our first meeting and jokingly end with, “and aren’t you glad you chose St. Charles?”

Had it not been for his willingness to reach out during that first conversation, I may have never taken the opportunity to experience the profound and positive effect resulting from a St. Charles education. For that I will be forever grateful to him. God bless you, Coach.

- Bob Iannarino, Class of 1974

### Butler golf team supporter

**Peter Dodd Butler**, age 61, of Dublin, Ohio, father of 2002 St. Charles graduate Daniel “Danny” Butler, passed away Sunday, March 30, 2008. He was born September 6, 1946, to James and Mary Butler. He graduated from Grandview Heights High School in 1964, he served in the U.S. Navy and graduated from The Ohio State University. He is survived by his wife, Jeani McLaughlin Butler; children, Andrew Penn Butler of Columbus, Molly Dodd Butler of Chicago, and Daniel Wilson Butler of Columbus; grandson, Cameron Christopher Butler; sisters, Suzanne Dungan of Houston, and Patricia Stillman of Mt. Vernon; father-in-law, H.W. McLaughlin; brothers-in-law, David (Lynn) McLaughlin of Springfield, Eric McLaughlin and Kevin (Kim) McLaughlin of Columbus.

### Msgr. Spiers spent 34 years at St. Charles

**Msgr. Edward F. Spiers** was directly involved with St. Charles for 34 years – four as a student in the preparatory school, four in the former St. Charles College, and 26 years as a faculty member – on the preparatory and college levels. He shared some of his last years at St. Charles – 1952-55 – with Bishop Watterson High of which he was the founding principal (1954) and where he remained until 1971.

While at Watterson, Msgr. Spiers also was assigned as the first principal of Bishop Hartley, the second interparochial high school built to help replace the former parish high school system that had existed for many years in Columbus. He held that position until 1959. In addition, as head of the high school study commission formed by Bishop Michael J. Ready to create a new Catholic high school system in Columbus, Spiers served as the designer-planner of Bishop Ready and St. Francis DeSales High Schools.

Spiers graduated from St. Charles Prep in 1931 – it was the school’s fifth graduating class – and earned his B.A. degree in philosophy at St. Charles College Seminary in 1935. His college graduation class was the first to attend all eight years on the St. Charles E. Broad St. campus, which was completed in 1925. Msgr. Spiers was the last of seven St. Charles classmates who were ordained priests. (The others were Fathers Charles Curran, Stephen Laca, Michael L. Tabit, William Young, and Msgrs. Robert A. Brown, and Roland T. Winel.)

Msgr. Spiers went on to graduate in 1939 from Mt. St. Mary Seminary in Norwood, Ohio, where he studied theology and was ordained a priest in March of that year in St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop James J. Hartley.

Msgr. Spiers died May 12, 2008. He would have been 98 on June 16. In addition to his teaching assignments, Msgr. Spiers served in weekend pastoral service at various times at St. Aloysius, St. Augustine, St. Thomas the Apostle, and Sacred Heart Parishes, and at St. Therese Shrine.

Three weeks after his ordination, Spiers was assigned to St. Charles by Bishop Hartley to recruit students for the school and to perform teaching and coaching duties. He served as junior varsity basketball coach in 1940-41, for example, and led his team to an unbeaten 27-0 record. In an interview for the St. Charles history book published in 2000, he reported his JV cage team the following year won 27 more games.

Spiers served in many capacities at St. Charles – teacher, disciplinarian, bookstore manager, building and grounds supervisor, overseer of student dormitories, and athletic director. The latter position he inherited from Father Albert E. Culliton, recruited from Boston by Bishop Hartley and who was as Irish, brash, and colorful as they come. As AD, Spiers led the effort to organize the current Central Catholic League in 1950.

As dean of discipline, he used his uncanny stealth in nabbing students flat-footed, no matter where they hid, as they enjoyed their cigarettes in violation of the school’s ironclad ban on smoking. That gained for him considerable notoriety and a nickname, and created many tales that students of old still relate.

Msgr. Spiers continued his own education while teaching at St. Charles. He earned a master’s in math/education in 1945 from Catholic University, and a Ph.D. in school administration in 1950 from The Ohio State University. He studied school administration at the request of Bishop Ready to prepare for his study of the Catholic high school system in Columbus, which led to the formation of the current system.

Spiers, who was named a monsignor in 1954, lobbied in Washington for favorable legislation and federal assistance for Catholic schools and served in the educational planning program at Catholic University from 1972-84. He then retired from active ministry. He became chaplain for the famed 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, at the age of 86 and retired from that position in 1999. He is believed to be the oldest to serve as a U.S. military chaplain although no records are available to confirm that.

He then returned to Columbus where he lived at The Villas at St. Therese. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell at St. Joseph Cathedral. **Msgr. Kenneth F. Grimes ’49** was the homilist.
Tribute to Larry Rosshirt, classmate & friend

By Frank Copeland ’73

One Sunday afternoon last September a small knot of quietly weeping family and friends sobbed in an ICU room at Mount Carmel East. Father James Klima had begun the administration of Last Rites. I stood tentatively just outside the doorway. A beautiful dark haired teenage girl wearing a grey St. Charles sweatshirt looked up at me. Through her tears she motioned for me to come in. Her father, my friend, lay motionless on a hospital bed.

Larry Rosshirt, class of 1973, had suffered a brain aneurysm. He had been working on his oldest daughter's house that day and came home to lie down with what he thought was a migraine headache. His wife, Julie, found him on the floor and he was rushed to Mount Carmel. He was put on a ventilator, but doctors found no signs of any brain activity. With no hope of recovery, Larry’s family knew that he would want to be taken off the vent and have his organs donated to someone awaiting a second chance.

I met Larry at St. Charles nearly 40 years earlier. He was one of the cool guys and I was sort of a nerd. Lots of things made Larry cool. For one thing he had Julie Posey for a steady girlfriend and this certified him as one cool dude.

Shortly after Larry’s death, Bob Dorinsky, another of our friends from the Class of 1973, told me that he truly admired Larry’s carefree attitude. Back in high school guys like Bob and me worried about getting in trouble. That never bothered Larry. Several times during his four years at St. Charles, Larry found himself in a state that might best be described as almost expelled.

Larry was a pretty good athlete. He played both football and basketball at St. Charles, and he had more than one good game where he helped the team win. But he was not driven to win the way some are. Even then, Larry seemed to have the attitude that “Hey, it’s just a high school football game.” I think he played sports more just to be doing something fun with his friends. While Larry did have some moments of glory on the basketball court, he also spent a lot of time sitting at the end of the bench. Larry didn’t let this get him down; he had the team manager get him hot dogs. If you’re going to watch a game, you may as well do it with a hot dog.

One day at school in the spring of our senior year, our friend Mark Kelsey ’73 cut his arm pretty badly trying to open one of the stubborn casement windows. Larry didn’t hesitate to leave school and help Mark to get to the hospital. Okay, Larry wanted to stop at a store to get cigarettes before going to the emergency room, but he was still there for his friend. “Come on, Mark, you weren’t going to bleed to death,” Larry told him.

After high school Larry didn’t have much interest in college and instead went to work. In the early 80s, without much capital he began a small business in Pickerington, Larry’s Painting. Over the years he built the business into a thriving enterprise that supported his family. Though he matured into a responsible adult he never lost his cool or his lack of concern for what others thought. When Larry died, his funeral Mass was held in the evening without showing hours and a paint can labeled Larry's Special Mix kept his ashes. That's what would have made the most sense to Larry and it would’ve made him laugh. If someone had a problem with it, Larry would have probably shrugged his shoulders.

No, Larry didn’t sweat the small stuff, and beyond God, his family, and his friends—it was all small stuff. The Rosshirt family raised him to cherish those things. Besides getting in trouble and having a lot of fun, Larry earned a diploma and more importantly reaffirmed these core beliefs at St. Charles.

Through talent, hard work and prayer, Larry accomplished many things. Three of his greatest achievements (in chronological order): 1. he got Julie Posey to marry him. 2. from nothing he started, built, and maintained for more than two decades Larry’s Painting, a prosperous business. 3. with Julie he raised a beautiful, loving family that was the center of his life. I feel one of my greatest accomplishments is being able to say, “You know that cool guy, Larry? He was my friend.”

Larry Rosshirt II ’73 with his family: Wife Julie and children Colleen, Kelley, Katie, and Larry III.
Scholarship aid zooms up; Director bids farewell

As entering freshmen in 1974, my classmates and I were part of “the largest entering freshman class” in school history. Knowing this school history like I do, that top honor now belongs to one of the recent classes of the 21st century. It sure was good while it lasted and it made us ’78ers feel special. We started at well over 100 boys and graduated 75. In contrast, the Class of ’08 started with 180 and ended up with 139 graduates and their retention rate from freshman to sophomore year was reportedly the highest in school history.

This most recent class is unique due to their witnessing a series of historical changes to the buildings and grounds that likely won’t be seen for quite some time. Over their four years at SC, the campus improvement plan culminated with the christening of two spectacular new buildings that gave St. Charles the look and feel of a campus. Last year the student body celebrated the end of the dreaded “Mud Bowl” days with the installation of a new turf field, and the long-awaited retirement of the chapel’s original wooden kneelers, which were replaced with cushy padded ones. As the boys of 2008 learned well through the annual Cardinal Walk for Scholarships (the four most successful appeals in the history of that program), the center of the bulls-eye at St. Charles is scholarship assistance for their brothers in need.

When added with the scholarship endowments and funds collected from Annual Fund, the school’s total awards in 2004-05 went from $500,000 to $850,000 this past school year.

The remarkable growth in scholarship aid and the series of improvements at St. Charles are due to the generous support of the alumni, parents and long-time friends. If you have received this spring/summer issue of “the Cardinal” it means you have committed yourself to St. Charles over these past four years. The school and its students are extremely grateful.

As I complete my sixth year as the school’s director of development, I regret to inform you that I am leaving St. Charles at the end of July. I have accepted a position with the Mount Carmel Health System Foundation as executive director, so I am very pleased that my family and I will remain in this community and I have an opportunity to work at another storied institution.

I could not have been happier at St. Charles because the job brings with it the most supportive group of alumni and parents in secondary education anywhere. It’s also been an honor having two of my three sons attend this school, and being taught by the finest faculty in Central Ohio. Geoff recently graduated and is headed to Ohio State in the fall; Joshua will be a sophomore; and Noah will arrive here in three years. Our daughter Faith will have to wait to be an SC groupie. I feel very fortunate to have worked with an amazing administration, Advisory Board and Development Committee, as well as the campaign committee and Annual Fund volunteer leaders. And I would be remiss if I did not recognize two of my predecessors, John Sauter ’58 and George Gugle ’74, for their good work at St. Charles to build the relationships that continue to serve our alma mater well. Finally, it has been a great pleasure working with two fantastic colleagues in alumni director Louis Fabro ’83 and my “super assistant” Cherri Taynor. I would ask that you continue to give Dominic, Scott, and Jim, and the development staff here your continued time and attention for the betterment of St. Charles. The Saint Charles Family is near and dear to my heart, so thank you for the honor of serving.

Douglas H. Stein ’78
Director of Development

‘08 Annual Fund soars to $1 million

Class of 1964 graduate Tom O’Leary, who is heading this year’s Alumni Annual Fund, and St. Charles parents Robert and Pat Griffith, who are heading up the Parents Fund, report the Fund has reached the $1,000,000 mark for the second consecutive year.

This year’s original goal was $550,000, according to principal Dominic Cavello. The money is being used for need-based tuition assistance, day-to-day school operations, maintenance of buildings and grounds, technology program improvements, and faculty recruitment and retention programs.

Highlights of this year’s fund includes two significant matching-gift programs, six new endowments, a new annual scholarship fund, and two memorial gifts honoring former St. Charles priest faculty members, O’Leary reported.
Cardinal Society members recognized

May 14 Event Held at The Walter Lodge

To end the school year and this year’s Annual Fund on a celebratory note, Bob ’63 and Peggy Walter hosted a donor-recognition reception at their lodge home in Dublin on May 14 for the charter members of The Cardinal Society. The event was attended by 170 of the 289 charter members of the school’s Cardinal Society, which was founded to recognize the school’s leading supporters of scholarships.

The guest speaker was U.S. Air Force General (Ret.) Les Lyles, who praised St. Charles for its excellence, encouraged diversity, and stressed the importance of charitable support for students in need. Earlier in the day the retired four-star general addressed the student body and faculty in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons on the importance of team-building, diversity, and the acceptance of others in today’s workplace and society.

St. Charles freshman John Flis talks with general Lyles following his presentation diversity to students, faculty and staff in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons.

Father Bill Arnold ’70 and Paul Heller ’82.

Kris and Chuck ’74 Gehring, Laurie and Mark Palmer, Barbara and Jack ’57 Murphy, and Paula and George Gummer.

Bill Fannin ’82 and Mike Pione ’93.

From left – Joyce Luther (partially shown), Steve Scherer ’57, Mike and Renee Sherman, David and Jackie Haas, and Al ’78 and Carla Bell.

Don ’70 and Julie Poirier, Susan Finn, Paul ’68 and Susan Mahler, and Mary and Don Barcza.

Mimi and Bob ’79 Horner, and Lisa and Craig ’77 Lee.

Sister Margaret Hoffman, Drs. Mark and Elizabeth Stechschulte.

Mike and Sheila Gottron, and Ann and Ed Evans.

Katy and Lee Paolini, Mairead and Walter ’04 Fyda, and Dan Connor ’57 and Sharon Dougherty.
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Monsignor Paul E. Metzger '35 and Jim Finn '65.

From left -- Andrea Mackessy, principal Dominic J. Cavello '64, John Mackessy '78, Linda Mackessy, and Tom Williams.

From left -- The Pembertons: Joe '00, David Sr. and David Jr. '79.


From left -- Bob Corna '63, John Connor '63, Joe Sabino '63, Jim Saad '63 and Paul Reiner.

John Lavelle '47 and Pat and Bob '49 Albert.

Bette Jo and Mike Feeney and Debra and Joseph Buonaiuto.

From left -- Bob Walter '63, principal Dominic J. Cavello '64, and Peggy Walter.

Greg '88 and Melanie Billhardt.

Greg Kontras '75 and Paula Brooks and Tom O'Leary '64, the 2007-2008 Annual Fund Alumni Chairman.

From left -- Julia and John '84 Tiberi and Brian White '95.

From left -- U.S. Air Force General (Ret.) Les Lyles with Tim '76 and Michael Kelley '03.
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For more information, please contact our Development Office by e-mail at givetosc@stcharlesprep.org or by phone at 614-252-9288.

New endowment honors memory of Kathleen Cavello

The Saint Charles Endowment Fund announces the formation of The Kathleen A. Cull Cavello Scholarship Endowment at St. Charles Preparatory School, with gifts totaling over $100,000 from over 200 alumni, parents, friends, and members of the Cavello and Cull families. Mrs. Cavello died on October 11, 2007 due to complications from a brain tumor. The memorial scholarship will provide partial tuition assistance annually for a St. Charles student from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, which was Mrs. Cavello’s home parish.

Tom Mackessy, Class of 1977, and his wife, Andrea, made a $25,000 gift, which matched each and every gift to Mrs. Cavello’s memorial fund at a rate of dollar-for-dollar.

“This is the school’s first memorial fund to reach endowment status in less than six months,” noted development director Doug Stein. “A second matching gift at the end of 2007 from the Mackessys in six months,” noted development director Doug Stein. “A second matching gift at the end of 2007 from the Mackessys in excess of $40,000 helped push the fund over the $100,000 mark.”

Tom is a member of the St. Charles Advisory Board and Andrea worked as a co-chair with Mrs. Cavello on a previous Mothers Club Silent Auction. Their son, Andrew, graduated from St. Charles in 2007.

‘52 grad makes gift to enhance physics lab and honor brother

Professor Don Schuele, a 1952 graduate of St. Charles, and his wife, Clare, have made a gift of $25,000 to establish The John Schuele ‘48 Endowment at St. Charles.

The Schueles established the fund to enhance the physics laboratory at St. Charles and honor the memory of Don’s older brother, John, who graduated in 1948. John drowned the summer after he graduated in a fishing accident, reported development director Doug Stein.

Don Schuele, a professor emeritus of physics and former university administrator at Case Western University, was straight forward with his assessment of program funds to help his high school alma mater. He feels a strong laboratory experience is essential in the study of physics.

“Physics is an experimental science,” Schuele explained. “It has a well-developed set of theoretical principles incorporated in the language of advanced mathematics. While the theory plays a major role in the study of the subject, it must be validated by experiment. It is important that the students understand the interplay between experiment and theory,” Schuele said. “The purpose of this endowment is to guarantee now and in the future this laboratory experience.”

The Schueles, who live in Lyndhurst, have six daughters and 13 grandchildren and travel to Columbus frequently to visit St. Charles. On some of those visits Don has visited St. Charles physics teacher, Sara Vandermeer, Ph.D.

According to Vandermeer, Schuele’s most recent visits have yielded lab equipment from his former laboratory at Case Western.

“Don and Clare have a long history of supporting St. Charles,” Stein said. “For Don to honor his brother with this endowment means a great deal to our school and our students. The funding also validates the excellent teaching methods of Dr. Vandermeer, who has one of the top physics programs in the state.”

The Class of 1982 Endowment Fund

At its 25-year reunion dinner celebration last August, the Class of 1982 presented St. Charles Principal Dominic Cavello with collective gifts and pledges of nearly $12,250, which is 50 percent toward the minimum goal for a new endowment. In early 2008, Paul Heller ’82, and his wife Renee made an additional gift of $6,500 to The Saint Charles Class of 1982 Endowment which is designed to match the gifts of any class member in hopes the Fund will reach full endowment sooner rather than later.

“Our Class of 1982 has very dedicated leadership and the members are stepping up to get this endowment funded as soon as possible,” said director of development Doug Stein. “Paul Heller and his
classmates are to be commended for their generosity.”

For additional information on supporting this Fund, contact the Development Office at: givetosc@stcharlesprep.org or go to www.stcharlesprep.org and click on the “online gift” link for a convenient and secure transaction.

The Class of 1965 Endowment Fund

The Saint Charles Class of 1965 Endowment Fund is being initiated thanks to a leadership gift of $10,000 from Jim Finn ’65 and his wife, Susan, as a way to recognize all members of the class. To date the Fund has raised an additional $1,600 from two other alumni. The goal for each class endowment is $25,000.

According to Annual Fund chairman Tom O’Leary ’64, the purpose of the Class of ’65 Fund is to help a needy St. Charles student meet his annual tuition, which will be over $7,000 next year.

“I want to congratulate the members of the Class of 1965 on this new class endowment. The fund honors each one of them,” O’Leary said.

O’Leary praised the Finns for their role in giving the new fund a start. “Our Annual Fund continues to provide tuition assistance to students who otherwise would not be able to attend St. Charles. Over time, the members of the class can help build the fund by going to the St. Charles Website and designating their gift to the Class of 1965 Endowment.”

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Scholarship honors Igel parents and pays tribute to education

Wishing to honor the memory of his parents, and with a desire to pay tribute to the great education both his sons received from the school, parent Joe Igel and his wife, Linda, have established The Joseph & Pauline Igel Scholarship to provide annually scholarships to a St. Charles student who demonstrates financial need.

Joe said the scholarship is named in honor of his parents because they not only were extremely supportive of his and their grandsons’ education, but chose to support others beyond just family. “Education was a priority for them and they realized that it is an investment that pays dividends exponentially beyond the actual investment itself,” he said.

Joe said that while he and his wife Linda received excellent educations at Bishop Watterson and St. Francis DeSales, “we saw the educational value as parents and still see it today in the ongoing development of our sons.”

Son Andy ’96 is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati and is practicing architecture with a firm in that city. David ’99 graduated from Xavier University and is in restaurant management in Cleveland.

Memorial gifts honor early faculty members

Former priest-faculty members, Monsignor Francis J. Schwendeman and Father Raymond A. Bauschard, were remembered by two sets of St. Charles parents who made generous contributions to the school’s tuition assistance program.

Francis “Wally” and Liz Wallenfelz’s gift was made in memory of Frank’s uncle, Msgr. Schwendeman, who taught English at St. Charles from 1935-48. After teaching at St. Charles, Msgr. Schwendeman went on to parish work at St. Leo and Christ the King in Columbus before serving in London and Granville. Wallenfelz attended St. Charles his freshman and sophomore years before graduating from Rosary High School in 1949. He and Liz’s sons, Fred ’82, and David ’84, are SC grads.

Sandra and John Nadalin, parents of Matt Nadalin ’08, wished to honor Fr. Bauschard, who was on the school’s original faculty, was the school’s first director of athletics, and the school’s first football and basketball coach. He taught at St. Charles from 1923-29.

Mrs. Nadalin said they chose to honor Fr. Bauschard because her father was attending Sacred Heart School while St. Charles was being constructed in the early 1920s. (Note: It was in the former Sacred Heart School building near downtown Columbus that St. Charles held classes its first two years (1923-25) when the school’s current Broad Street building was under construction.)

Nadalin said her father wanted to attend St. Charles, but unfortunately when the school opened, he was unable to. “My dad played football for Fr. Bauschard, calling him “Bulldog.” The two men remained great friends throughout their lives. Fr. Bauschard also was her father’s pastor at St. Mary Magdalene parish, she said.

“I told [St. Charles Guidance Office director] Ted Hummer ’60 that my husband and I were very appreciative that St. Charles paid for Matt’s entire German Class at Columbus State this fall,” Mrs. Nadalin said. “Mr. Cavello had called me personally, and said St. Charles will take care of this. I was very impressed! So, what I did was split the cost of tuition at Columbus State by giving back half of the tuition to St. Charles,” she said.

Engrave-A-Brick Program

For a charitable contribution of $500, Saint Charles alumni, parents, and friends can now pay tribute to their favorite Cardinal. Dedicate one of the 120 bricks that make up the four walkway insets that are part of Sean P. Reed Plaza just inside the entranceway to Walt Plank Field.

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Name A Column in Our New “West Colonnades” – $10,000 pledge
Description: 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 & 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. For more information, please call (614) 252-9288 or email givetosc@stcharlesprep.org

Limestone Benches on the St. Charles Campus – $5,000
Dedicate one of the new limestone benches located outside the new Robert C. Walter Student Commons; outside the Campus Theatre Building; or inside the Msgr. Thomas M. Bennett Courtyard. The benches can be engraved in any manner you wish. This is a tax-deductible gift. For more information, please call (614) 252-9288 or email givetosc@stcharlesprep.org

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Dedicate and engrave a paver brick at Sean P. Reed Plaza located at the front gates to Walt Plank Field. This is a tax-deductible, lump sum gift. For more information, please call (614) 252-9288 or email givetosc@stcharlesprep.org

Helpful Tips on Making Tax-wise Donations
There are several online “giving calculators” to help alumni and parents make informed decisions on tax-wise charitable giving. One such tip that has come to our attention is the giving calculator featured on www.CharityNavigator.org You can plug in the amount of the gift, enter your tax bracket and the calculator determines the “true cost” of your donation. This is a handy tool that is quick, easy and useful.

SUPPORT A ST. CHARLES STUDENT IN NEED

St. Charles Adopt-A-Student – $1,000 to $7,190 (tuition assistance)
Description: You can support one of our 120 students in need by sponsoring one or more students. All gifts are tax-deductible as provided by law. Pledges of $1,000 or more can be paid over a 9-month period.

The Cardinal Society – $1,000 and above for St. Charles Scholarships
Description: Gifts of $1,000 or more to our Parents Annual Fund or the Alumni Annual Fund qualify for an invitation to our Cardinal Society. All members will receive handsome St. Charles memorabilia and an invitation to a year-end celebration.

St. Charles General Scholarship Fund – $1 to 1,000
Description: Help one of our 120 St. Charles students in need who qualify for some level of financial aid. Please note that all gifts of $1,000 or above qualify for membership in our Cardinal Society. Gifts to our scholarship fund are 100% tax-deductible.

For additional information on the opportunities listed above, call the Development & Alumni Office at (614) 252-9288 or email us at: givetosc@stcharlesprep.org

Graduate offers letter of thanks for St. Charles experience

Dear Mr. Cavello:

When I was preparing to graduate from St. Charles, I did not think that I truly understood how the time that I spent there was going to affect me in the long run. Four years later, I have begun to see how my experiences at the school have shaped and guided me on a daily basis. I learned, most importantly, the value of hard work and service. I could not imagine being any better prepared for starting college, having spent my high school years at St. Charles Preparatory School.

Villanova has been fantastic in giving me opportunities to challenge myself, take on leadership roles, and pledge my time in service to others. I know that many of my fellow students have had great college experiences, but I can all but guarantee that I was better prepared to get the most out of mine. I am finishing my undergraduate education at Villanova University, which has been a wonderful experience. I would even venture to say that Villanova has (been) a perfect segue for me.

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I received the first part of my signing bonus for accepting the position. For having such an impact on my life, I want to share this bonus with St. Charles.

I also want to thank you. Each day, St. Charles never let me take an easy way out, always pushing me to go the extra mile, take the road less traveled, and stretching me to be a better person. I am eternally grateful for the effort and love that you put into making St. Charles what it is, a place that has the ability to get the best out of young men. What you do for so many students year after year is truly remarkable. I believe that what I learned at St. Charles directly contributed to my early success in college and will continually contribute to greater successes later in life. I will always remember what you and St. Charles have done for me. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Alumni Association Events

Homecoming
The St. Charles Alumni Association invites you to attend its annual complimentary Homecoming Tailgate and post-game Pizza Party, to be held on Friday, Sept. 19, 2008. Come and see the beautiful Walt Plank Field and cheer on the Cardinals to a victory over Sandusky! The tailgate party starts at 6 p.m. with brats, hot dogs, chips, and cold drinks being served alongside the Theatre Building. After the game the Association is holding a Pizza Party in the Theatre Building’s Cavello Center.

Alumni Golf Outing
The 2008 St. Charles Alumni Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday, September 28 at Glenross Golf Club, host of last year’s event. A shotgun start is set for 12:30 p.m. Cost for the day of fun is only $65 which includes golf, cart, refreshments, prizes, a deluxe picnic meal provided by Bob Selhorst ’74 and Mass Appeal Dining Services, an event keepsake, and lots of camaraderie. Interested parties are also invited to advertise your business or honor your class by sponsoring one of the Open’s 18 holes for $100 each. Your information will appear on one of the eighteen 16” x 24” tee box signs.

For more information, to become a hole sponsor, or to reserve your spot or a foursome, please contact Louis J. Fabro ’83 by e-mail at lfabro@stcharlesprep.org or by phone at 614-252-9288 ext. 21.