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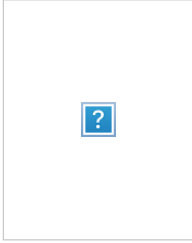
A Note from the Alumni Director

Thanks to those who responded to my queries and speculation about the fate of the small cannon that fired from the hill to mark Crusader scores on the lower field (now Tullai Field). Max Anastopoulos '80 recalls a league ban after it fired at a goal that wasn't—the opposing goalie had saved the shot. “The cannon was great,” writes Max. “It really launched everyone to their feet when we scored.” Mike Seets '74 remembers it fondly: “It shot 10-gauge black powder blank shotgun cartridges that we had trouble finding,” he told me, adding that he once gave it a fresh coat of black paint. Another alumnus, still guarding his anonymity years later, reports that a backfire broke several bottles of Mad Dog hidden nearby. The cannon's last year was likely 1979 or 1980. The search for it, and the white fire engine, continues.

Other spirit stories arrived on my desk. As a freshman, Neale Smith '58 blasted an air horn after goals and touchdowns: “Loud as hell,” he says. Gordon Jones '78 tells of “Spiderman and The Fly,” whence two Crusaders, one dressed as a St. Paul's wrestler and the wearing the rival's colors, took to the mat for a mock match and put a hex on the opposition. “Ed Weber and I played these characters,” Gordon reports, wondering if this tradition continues.



Last month saw a mid-summer eruption of St. Paul's spirit, thanks to a unique confluence of events. Late on the night of August 7, pitcher Steve Johnson '05 was summoned from the Orioles' Triple A team at Norfolk to make an emergency start for the parent team at Camden Yards. Email and social media blasts had by game time on August 8 rallied a mix of St. Paul's faculty, staff, alumni and students to cheer on Steve and the O's from the left field stands. Steve pitched beautifully and recorded his first major-league win as the O's won a key game in what has become an exciting pennant race (Steve is 3-0 for the Birds as I write). The St. Paul's banner wielded by the students made TV and the stadium Jumbotron, and post-game media coverage highlighted the boisterous turn-out from the St. Paul's community. Steve has recorded a radio ad for his alma mater that will air during every remaining game of the season.



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Voices from the Hill: Miguel Vilar '92



Miguel's work as a biological anthropologist has taken him on field expeditions to the South Pacific, including trips to Australia, Okinawa, Fiji, and Vanuatu. "Biological anthropology is the study of human beings as biological species," explains Miguel. "It includes the study of human origins and has genetics and osteology—the study of bones—as part of its foundation." In Vanuatu, an island nation in the South Pacific, he studied the correlation between the spread of the deadly malaria parasite across the archipelago and the human settlement of the islands. Miguel is currently collaborating with the National Geographic Society's Genographic project, which uses sophisticated study of human DNA from thousands of people to better understand human migratory patterns throughout history. "The Genographic project has taken us to places all over the world," says Miguel, "meeting people of various cultures and enrolling them as participants in this attempt to uncover human prehistory by looking at DNA."

Miguel's visits to prehistoric sites in northern Spain sparked his interest in human prehistory and anthropology. During the summer following graduation from Haverford College in 1997, he traveled to East Africa to work on an archaeological dig in a village on the Indian Ocean coast of Kenya. After a nine-month stint as a teaching intern in the Bronx Zoo in New York (and where he met Lisa, who would become his wife), Miguel earned an M.S. in Journalism at Columbia University, which launched him into the world of magazine writing. "After four years writing at Popular Science, Science World (Scholastic), and Adam Magazine, and finally as a grant writer at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C., where I spent lots of time interviewing scientists, I decided that I wanted to be the one answering, rather than asking, life's most interesting questions," he says.

So in 2003 he was off to a Ph. D. program in biological anthropology at Binghamton University, where he specialized in human and animal genetics. A new project in 2005 studying how humans affected the dispersal of domestic animals such as pigs, chickens and dogs throughout the Pacific required a return to Vanuatu. Miguel was awarded his Ph.D. in 2010 following his successful defense of his dissertation, "The Genetic Diversity and the Prehistoric Peopling of the Pacific." His current work looks at specific DNA markers that offer clues to human ancestry. "These markers, found in every cell of our body, can tell us where our ancestors came from, when they arrived, and how they got here," Miguel explains. "Just in the past decade, as molecular anthropology has grown and human genetics has become attainable, we have begun to better understand human prehistory, while at the same time understanding what makes each of us who we are."

A Look Back at St. Paul's

Choirboys Sought (sometime between 1895 and 1909): "Choiristerships are offered to boys with voices useful in the choir of Old St. Paul's church," read a clipping found in *The Headmaster's Record Book*. "Candidates should be not be under ten nor over twelve years of age. Address the Headmaster."

The Cotillion Club, 1943: "In spite of wartime difficulties this year, the Cotillion Club remained an active part of St. Paul's social life," reports the 1943 yearbook. The club sponsors three successful record dances, with robust attendance overcoming wartime tire and gas shortages. Graduation losses leave club president Wardlaw Thompson '43 as the group's "only seasoned socialite."

October 22, 1948—St. Paul's Wallops McDonogh: Paul Morgan '49 scores three TD's, one on a 70-yard dash, to lead the Crusaders to a 20-0 shutout of the Cadets (as they were then known). St. Paul's is also led by QB Carl Dean '50, receiver/kicker Chuck Bibby '49, team captain E. Waller (Wally) Wilson '49, Sid Lusby '51 (who has a key interception) and receiver Frank Nasco '49.

Fall 1953: Mitch Tullai becomes Head Coach following the departure of Jimmy "Ace" Adams. The Crusaders, in their second year in Brooklandville, face a difficult six-game schedule and finish the season the opposite of undefeated. Mitch goes on to become one of the most outstanding coaches of his era.

November 1, 1963—Crusaders defeat Boys' Latin, 16-6: After being down an early TD, the St. Paul's eleven handily beat BL. The Boys from Brooklandville score on a Marty Cain '64 pass to Lindsay "Trip" Dryden '65 and a one-yard Cain QB sneak. Blaine "Ebby" duPont '65's fumble recovery at midfield leads to the first score. RB Mike Horner '65 pounds the BL defensive line.

Memorabilia

St. Paul's thanks the following alumni for their kind donations of items to the school archives (including, but not limited to, wooden lacrosse sticks, Crusader pennants, graduation programs and Monogram Club tankards): Jim Tuvin '52, Don Snyder '61 and Daniel Hall '67. If you have St. Paul's memorabilia you no longer wish to keep, please consider donating it to the school archives.

In Memoriam

B.J. Land '78

Craig Unruh '69

"Crusader Connect": An App to Track Fellow Alumni



Headed to Fargo, ND, and want to see which fellow Crusaders are in the area? Our new, free app for the iPhone, iPad and Droid is just what you need. The St. Paul's Alumni App allows you to find contact information easily for any alumnus in the United States who resides in our data base. Alums can update their contact information, share photos and class notes, check news and scores and network with fellow alums via LinkedIn. Over 150 alumni have downloaded the St. Paul's Alumni App; more are doing so each week. We hope that this convenient app will help us all stay better connected. Download it with the easy steps [found here.](#)

Young alumni: Please note that you cannot log in with a St. Paul's email address, for those addresses are deleted shortly after graduation.

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 26: Crusader Golf Outing, Elkridge Club (followed by home football game)

Thursday, November 15: New York City Alumni Cocktail Party (TBD)

Wednesday, November 21: Turkey Bowl, Tullai Field

Wednesday, December 19: Alumni Hockey Game, Patterson Park

Thursday, December 20: Young Alumni Pancake Breakfast

Friday, January 4: Alumni Basketball Game, Pollock Gym

Friday, February 22: 42nd Annual Alumni Bull Roast, Pollock Gym

State of the Reunion: Blue-Gold Weekend 2013

Save the date for next spring's Blue-Gold Reunion Weekend: May 3-4, 2013, with a special welcome for five-year reunion classes ending in 3 and 8. The varsity lacrosse game will be played on Friday May 3 at 4 P.M. and will be followed by a casual Blue-Gold cocktail party. Class Reunion Chairs are contacting classmates now to begin planning. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out with the reunion for your class.

Remember the Annual Fund!

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