

Alumni Newsletter

A Note from the Alumni Director



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Though I began as Director of Alumni Relations on April 2, 2012, I've been hanging around St. Paul's pretty much since 1966, when I entered as a sixth-grader and Jack Ordeman began as headmaster. My ties to the school extend to my three brothers, first cousin, nephew and son (also all alums); and the daughter of another first cousin (making her my first cousin, once removed) who teaches in the lower school. Now I sit on the second floor of Brooklandwood, just above my seventh-grade classroom, pondering ways to help other alumni stay connected to one another and to our alma mater. During the summer we will plan activities for the coming year, such as oral history interviews, ROMEO lunches (Retired Old Men Eating Out, for the uninitiated), post-game tailgates, Blue-Gold Reunion Weekend, alumni speakers on campus and the like.

To help you stay abreast of St. Paul's life, I will send a short letter each month with news of interest to the alumni community. To indulge my interest in people's stories—and everyone has one worth knowing—each issue will include a short profile of an alumnus who's out there doing interesting, worthwhile work (we certainly have lots of those). If you know of someone who might fit the bill (and please don't rule out yourself), do drop me a line. Or drop me a line about anything else, and if you're in the area, please come by campus.

Name Needed: You may notice that this letter lacks a catchy name. We invite you to help remedy that by sending us your suggestions for a permanent name. Please send creative impulses to me at cmitchell@stpaulsschool.org or 410-821-3036. A nice gift from the alumni office and public recognition await the winner of this resume-building contest.

“Crusader Connect”: An App to Track Fellow Alumni

Headed to Chicago 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. "Crusader Connect" will allow 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. We hope that this convenient app will help us all stay better connected. Download the app with the [easy steps found here](#).

Alumnus Story: John Steele '93



John received his Ph. D. in Neuroscience in 2011 from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. His dissertation examined the molecular mechanisms of Alzheimer's disease and shed light on areas of therapeutic research. Most notably, John discovered that several early events in the development of Alzheimer's disease pose distinct hurdles for scientists creating drugs to target the disease.

In January 2012 John became a post-doctoral research associate at Rockefeller University in New York City, where he works in the Laboratory of Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience, directed by Dr. Paul Greengard, who received the 2000 Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine. John has published multiple papers in the fields of neurobiology, pharmacology, learning and memory, and Alzheimer's disease. Outside of the laboratory, John has held positions at Mount Sinai on the admissions committee, steering committee, as a scientific reviewer for multiple journals in the field of molecular neurobiology, and teaching positions in middle school genetics and college molecular biology courses.

John, who is married to Lauren Steele, a fourth-year medical student at Mt. Sinai, started at Kenyon College as a modern languages major and "changed directions after my first semester—a luxury of the liberal arts education!" he says. At Kenyon, John was a four-year varsity football letterman and member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. At St. Paul's he was a varsity athlete in football and ice hockey. John looks forward to visiting campus to speak with students about careers in science, and offers to show students "some genetics experiments that are super easy, kind of gross, fun, and I think are great at all levels of science."

A Look Back at St. Paul's

- March 1955: George Campbell '56, "Junior" Kelz '56 and Bob Diehl '57 are named officers of the first St. Paul's Spirit Council
- Spring 1955: Senior Speeches: Brian Jones '55 on the Battle of Midway Island; Charley Mahaffey '55 on W.C. Fields; Brian Haigley '55 on Edgar Allan Poe; Bill Meglitz '55 on clairvoyance
- April 1955: Dr. George Watson, the school physician, administers Salk polio vaccine to St. Paul's first and second graders
- Autumn 1955: Senior Speeches: Brooke Davies '56 on the life of John Wilkes Booth; Skip Horst '56 on the wartime service of the USS Frigate Constellation; Pete Huey '56 on the banjo (which he played); Bob Cheel '56 on the history of small arms
- February 1956: The Anniversary Dance, marking the 107th birthday of St. Paul's, is "highly successful, despite low turnout due to inclement weather, and other possible reasons," recounts that month's *Monitor*

Memorabilia

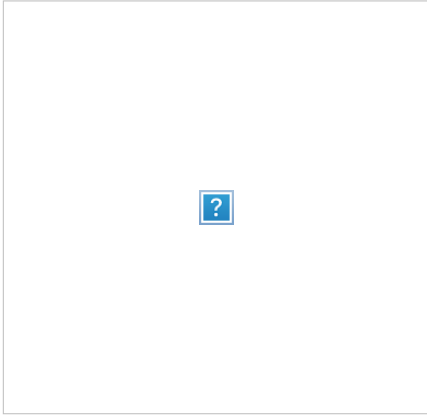


Photo contest—who was that man?: Some months ago we posed an alumni challenge, which was to identify the fellow wearing the St. Paul's shirt on the roof of the bus carrying the 1958 Baltimore Colts into the city from the airport following their NFL championship victory over the NY Giants. Congratulations to Bill Love '60 and (who else?) Skip Darrell '60, who fingered the lad as David Heron '59. Young David was apparently reprimanded for riding the bus in that manner, which represented conduct unworthy of a St. Paul's gentleman. This photo appears on the cover of Michael Olesker's book, "The Colts' Baltimore."

An anonymous donor has given St. Paul's a framed copy of the school's 1943 lacrosse team, which includes legendary figures Ace Adams and George Mitchell. We would be grateful to any alumni visiting campus who can identify others in the photo. The same person has also donated a number of issues of The Monitor from 1955-1956, which include photographs and stories that capture campus life during those years. I have also a photograph of the 1946 football team whose members are unidentified—if you can help with identifying guys from that era, please let me know.

If you have St. Paul's memorabilia you no longer wish to keep, please consider donating it to the school archives.

Blue-Gold Weekend Reunion Weekend 2012 (and Save the Date for 2013)

Click below for the story of the 2012 Blue-Gold weekend in pictures. Please save the date for next year's weekend: May 3-5, 2013, with a special welcome for five-year reunion classes ending in 3 and 8.

[Blue-Gold Weekend in pictures.](#)

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