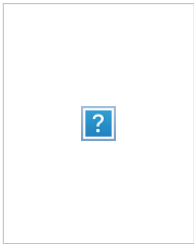




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## **A Note from the Alumni Director**



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Campus is breathing again, for our students have returned. Orientations, for new faculty, rising freshman and new students and their families, are over. Enrolled sophomores and exchange students from our partner schools in China and Japan, respectively, have been welcomed. Classes have begun. Fall sports are well underway. Auditions for the fall musical begin soon. First assemblies have been held, and clubs are being formed. The Spirit Council is determining who will don the Crusader outfit at pep rallies and games.

Dave Faus, our new headmaster, joined our first alumni event of the year, the famous Eastern Shore Crab Feast, at the end of August, and pronounced himself well-satisfied with Maryland crabs and beer. He and his new counterpart at SPSG, Penny Bach Evins, have expressed the desire of both schools' leadership to foster further collaboration between the institutions. Two new alumni are now on the faculty: Ted Watson '05 (Science) and Denmore McDermott '07 (social studies), joining Skip Darrell '60 (math), Alec Shipley '89 (social studies chair), Matt Kasper '00 (English), PK Fisher '02 (social studies), Bryan Trueschler '02 (German), Cliff Low '65 (Ward Center) and Rob Paymer '98 and Collin Majev '09 (Bridges) as teachers who once studied here.



Johnny Mann '46 kindly sent us a signed copy of his new memoir, "The Music Mann: My Life In Song." Johnny, winner of two Grammy Awards and who performed twice at the White House, regales readers about his long career during the golden years of Hollywood choral music, including giving voice to the chipmunk Theodore on "Alvin and the Chipmunks." Johnny's memoir describes the evolution of the Johnny Mann Singers and weaves his story into the fabric of American pop music culture. Another distinguished musical alumnus is Glenn Yarbrough '48 of The Limelites, perhaps best known for his 1965 hit song, "Baby, The Rain Must Fall." Glenn, who played varsity football and lacrosse at St. Paul's, was the choir soloist and sang in both the School's Glee Club and Quartet: "Glenn's voice has resounded throughout the campus for the past six years," reported the 1948 yearbook. Glenn recorded the first album for Elektra

Records and was the voice on the famous Coke commercial, "Things go better with Coke."

Johnny Mann and Glenn Yarbrough are two of our most distinguished choral alumni, and the Crusader musical tradition continues under Upper School Choral Director John Smedstad, who conducts the St. Paul's Singers, Route 81 and the St. Paul's Concert Chorale. Hear them perform if you can, for they are very good.

## **Voices from the Hill: Bill Tanton '49**



Bill Tanton '49 was president of the student council during his days at St. Paul's and editor of The Monitor, the precursor to The Page. Bill also played varsity football, basketball and lacrosse at the Rogers Avenue campus in Mt. Washington, the location of St. Paul's until moving to Brooklandville in 1952. "I went to St. Paul's for one reason—athletics. In the 1940's the school was amazing, in football beating Poly, St. Joe, Loyola, Calvert Hall every year, in basketball winning or going to the championship game every year, and in lacrosse beating everybody every year," Bill recalls. "The Crusaders had the best-looking uniforms in Baltimore, had by far the best school spirit of any school—if a kid didn't come to a varsity game

he was thrown in the shower at school the next morning. Best of all we had the best-looking girls in the stands at every game. They loved St. Paul's boys. What red-blooded boy wouldn't want to be part of all that?"

Bill went on to Johns Hopkins University to play lacrosse; study writing, speech and drama; and serve as sports editor for The News-Letter, the campus paper. His younger brother, Tom Tanton '51, was an outstanding Crusader attackman; when Bill's coach at Hopkins, Fred Smith, saw Tom play at St. Paul's, he informed Bill that he had recruited the wrong Tanton. Following graduation from Hopkins in 1953, Bill spent two years in the U.S. Army. "Because of a football knee injury suffered at St. Paul's, I flunked the physical for Navy OCS," Bill says. "The Army thought my knee was fine, and I was drafted and spent two years in an AAA battalion at various U.S. posts."

After earning his M.S. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in 1956, he followed his journalistic instincts home to Maryland and a job at the Baltimore Evening Sun, where for the next forty years he was a sports writer, editor and columnist. He had what for many were a series of dream jobs, covering the World Series, Super Bowls, majors golf (Masters, Open every year), U.S. Open tennis, racing's Triple Crown, the Olympic Games in 1968 and 1980, football bowl games, NCAA basketball tournaments and numerous games at the Naval Academy and the University of Maryland. In 1990 Bill took second place in the annual journalism awards given by the Society of Professional Journalists.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Bill hosted nightly radio sports talk shows on WFBR and WCBM. He's been at U.S. Lacrosse in Baltimore since 1996, chiefly as a columnist for Lacrosse Magazine. Bill's wife, Linda, just retired as Deputy Comptroller of the State of Maryland, where she oversaw 1,100 people and has a building named for her in Annapolis. His three daughters are alumnae of Roland Park County School, while his two sons graduated from Friends and Gilman. "The tuition in my day—this will break the hearts of any SP parents reading this – was \$250 a year," Bill told me recently. "My father said, 'You better study when you get to this school – it's going to cost me a lot of money. I could send you to Poly for nothing.' Boy, am I glad he paid that \$250."

## **A Look Back at St. Paul's**

Faculty Meeting Notes from Term II, 1939: "The masters think that Sheets should be paddled. He is informed that his Mother will be written to the effect that if he appears again with more than 20 demerits he will be suspended," read notes in the unmistakable cursive of Louis Dorsey Clark. "In addition to being given demerits any master has the right to paddle him any time he deserves it."

"Several masters owe for badminton birds. We don't want to lose money on them."

From the 1942 Crusader Yearbook: Fall 1941 is the first year of competitive Crusader football, and we're in the Maryland A Conference. "The initial call for candidates saw ten lettermen, four regulars, and six reserves report to Coach Howdy Myers early in September for drills on Alumni Field," reads the season summary. "In a short time, a strong team was organized with Davidson and Mitchell on the flanks, Michaux and Johnson at tackle, Compton and MacDermott at guard, and Thompson at center to form a forward wall, while Captain Greene, Anderson, Donohue, and Stewart made up the backfield." The team defeats Loyola and Calvert Hall en route to an impressive 6-2 record.

September 1952: After 103 years as a single-sex school, St. Paul's enrolls 17 girls on its new Brooklandwood campus. Rector Harry Lee Doll proclaims that the "Boys' School" shall now be called "St. Paul's School."

From "We Have Kept The Faith," the sesquicentennial history of St. Paul's: "'The St. Paul's boys are not allowed to enter into contests in the Rugby football games,' wrote Dr. Arthur Kinsolving in 1912, a year before the School joined its first soccer league, 'but they are finding the soccer foot-ball game quite as interesting and beneficial.'" Eleven players appear in the 1959 yearbook, and St. Paul's wins its first soccer championship in 1970 with an 8-2 record.

## **Memorabilia**



Thanks to Hartwell Harrison '68 and John Morton '68 for the return of the large banner that adorned the dais of their graduation ceremony 45 years ago. Hartwell's letter to John, in the Summer 2008 issue of Columns, tells the story:

"We stayed up all night and watched the sunrise from the Brooklandwood hill perch," recounted Hartwell, a boarder who lived on the third floor of Brooklandwood. "To most of you, our ceremony was a dais; but to me it was my home's front porch. So, when the sun had risen over the hill, there I was sitting on my front porch and there was

the banner." Hartwell, boasting a remarkably clear memory at sunrise following graduation festivities, noted appropriate rental due St. Paul's for "possession and use of this property for the past 36 years," and made an Annual Fund gift that year of \$360 that reflected an annual rental fee of \$10.

## **Fall Events**

**October 18-19:** Fall Fest (sponsored by the Parents' Assoc.): Oct 18: Varsity Soccer vs. Calvert Hall 4 PM; Varsity Football vs. Severn 7:30 PM (both on Tullai Field)

**November 1:** Varsity Football vs. Boys' Latin 2:30 PM, Tullai Field. Postgame tailgate with Boys' Latin Alumni Assoc. following the game, Ward Center (alumni only).

**November 2:** Athletic Hall of Fame, induction of class of 2013, 6 PM-11 PM, Pollock Gym.

**November 14:** Washington, D.C.-area alumni cocktail party, Chevy Chase Club (time TBD)

**November 27:** 103<sup>rd</sup> annual Turkey Bowl 11 AM, Tullai Field (students and alumni)

**December 20:** Alumni Hockey Game, Patterson Park (time TBD)

**December 23:** Young Alumni Pancake Breakfast and open squash/basketball courts, 11 AM

## **Crusader Connect**

Headed to Bird-in-Hand, PA (so named for the old tavern sign with a picture of a man with a bird perched on his hand), and want to see which fellow Crusaders are there? Our free app for the iPhone, iPad and Droid is just what you need. This SP Alumni App allows you to find contact information easily for any alumnus in the U.S. who is in our data base. Alumni can update their contact information, share photos and class notes and network with fellow alumni via LinkedIn. We hope this convenient app will help us all stay better connected—download it with these easy steps: [download](#)

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## **State of the Reunion**

Save the date for next spring's Blue-Gold Reunion Weekend, May 2-3, with a special welcome for five-year reunion years ending in 4 and 9. Enjoy the varsity lacrosse game on Friday afternoon and the return of the casual Blue-Gold cocktail party under the tent on Hamilton Lawn. Class reunion chairs are making plans for class dinners and other activities; please let me know if you're interested in helping out with your class reunion.

## **In Memoriam**

Charles J. Froehlich '63

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