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A Note from the Alumni Director



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Rare is the Crusader, student or alumnus, who does not recognize the name of the Rev. Arthur B. Kinsolving. Consider: Kinsolving Gymnasium, Kinsolving trip, Kinsolving Award. Nonetheless, suspicion abounds in the alumni office that many in the St. Paul's community don't know precisely who the Reverend Kinsolving was, and the role he has played in the illustrious story of our School.

Arthur Barksdale Kinsolving was born in Virginia the year the Civil War broke out—his father survived both that conflict and a Union prison camp. An alumnus of Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA, and Washington & Lee, where he received a Doctor of Divinity, Kinsolving became Rector of Old St. Paul's in 1906, taking responsibility for the School in conjunction with Miles Farrow, vocal-music instructor and headmaster (perhaps in that order) until the latter's departure in 1909. At the time of Kinsolving's arrival, St. Paul's, located on Franklin Street, consisted of five dormitories to accommodate the approximately 30 students (all of whom lived on campus), two bedrooms for teachers, two dining rooms, two school rooms (one doubling as a choir room) and a library. A piano, Ping-Pong table and billiards table were available for recreation.

Kinsolving dedicated himself to "the proper training of boys in body, mind and spirit," according to his *Parish Notes* from that time, and with the assistance of the choirmaster and parish music committee, he scoured the parlors and streets of Baltimore for "boys of intelligence, and promise, between the ages of 10 and 12...(especially) boys with voices." Kinsolving labored to improve academic standards, employing monthly examinations to assess progress. In 1914 St. Paul's awarded its first diplomas, called "Certificates of Proficiency"; the following year saw the first

valedictory address, by Charles Kloman '15. The boys acknowledged the Reverend's efforts by presenting him with a ham on his 80th birthday, in February 1941. Kinsolving retired the following year, explaining to the Baltimore Sun that he was not stepping down for reasons of health or "any conscious failure...(but) when a man reaches the age of 81 it is better for the work in which he is involved to command the services of a younger and perhaps better equipped man."

"The churchman himself wears the sideburns popular with dignitaries of another day," wrote the Baltimore Sun in a February 1948 story marking Kinsolving's 87th birthday. "He is fond of telling amusing incidents from his life, and he has a way of grasping the listener's arm (with) the gleeful comment, 'This is delicious.'" Kinsolving and his wife, Sally, had seven children, one of whom was Anne Seddon Kinsolving Brown, a respected military historian whose collection of 5,000 miniature military soldiers is housed at Brown University. One of their sons was director of the National Gallery for 23 years, the other director of the Baltimore Aquarium for 12. Another Kinsolving offspring was the Rev. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, who retired in Baltimore after a career as a pastor.



Arthur B. Kinsolving served St. Paul's from 1906 to 1942, a tenure that left a lasting legacy on the School we know today. He died in 1951 at Fisher's Island, NY.

A Kinsolving Glossary

- *Kinsolving Gymnasium*: 1) 1937 structure on the Mt. Washington campus , used by students for athletics, chapel, dances, proms, speakers, assemblies, films and bazaars; and by faculty for badminton; 2) 1954 structure on the Brooklandville campus, used by students for athletics, dances, proms, speakers, assemblies, graduations and bazaars; and never by faculty.
- *Kinsolving Award*: given to the graduating senior who, among other virtues, best exemplifies academic achievement, contributions to school spirit, participation in athletics and promotion of the honor system, given annually since 1933, and possibly as early as 1906.
- *Kinsolving-Hamilton Award*: given to a student in each division who best embodies the sentiments embodied in the School prayer.
- *Kinsolving Trips*: outdoor, service-learning and community service trips and activities, begun in 1982 for Upper School students and now including Middle School students (first trip leaders included Skip Darrell '60 and Mitch Whiteley).
- *Kinsolving Memorial Endowment Fund*: created in 1982 to fund Kinsolving Trips.

- *Kinsolving/Hamilton Memorial Endowment*: new name given in 1985 to Kinsolving Memorial Endowment Fund.
- *Kinsolving Scholars Program*: Merit-based scholarships awarded annually

Voices from the Hill: Winston Wood '68



Winston Wood '68 got his start as a writer and journalist at St. Paul's, where he was in the debating club and worked on the Monitor staff, then more a newspaper than the literary publication it is now. He kept at it in college at the University of Virginia, where he worked as a sports reporter, sports editor and editorial page editor for the school newspaper, The Cavalier Daily. He was graduated in 1975 with a degree in History/Classics, then in 1978 earned an M.A. in journalism from American University.

"My first job out of college was as a general assignment reporter in Richmond," Winston says. "It was a buttoned-down, boring place in those days. The state legislature met for only 90 days a year and, unlike in Baltimore, most local politicians were

unfailingly honest, and business was dominated by just two or three industries. So except for crashes on the interstate and the occasional mugging in the gentrified neighborhoods, there wasn't much of interest for a scrub reporter to write about."

While in grad school, he and two classmates helped start a newsletter company covering education, urban affairs and municipal finance. He later sold his interest in the venture to report for a chain of 19 small to medium-sized newspapers owned by Dow Jones. Eventually he became the group's Washington bureau chief, supervising a staff of eight covering Congress. "Few newspapers will pay for a Washington office now, but for years there was a small army of reporters keeping an eye on what their local lawmakers were up to. I'd argue that one reason Congress has become so dysfunctional, aside from the intense partisanship, is no one's reporting how most of these guys vote and the deals they make. "

In 1997, Dow Jones shifted Winston to the Washington bureau of The Wall Street Journal, its flagship publication, where he worked as a reporter again, covering organized labor. Two years later he was named Washington desk editor, then was promoted to Washington news editor supervising 30 reporters covering government, politics and foreign policy in the nation's capital.

In 2007, Winston left the Journal to join the government as assistant director of the International Broadcasting Bureau's Office of Policy. The office prepares and broadcasts editorials explaining U.S. foreign policy to radio listeners around the world over the Voice of America and Radio Marti. "The pieces are translated into 43 languages and reach about 144 million people. Several nations try to block us out. Cuba and North Korea hate us, and the Chinese jam our broadcasts into Tibet. But using proxy servers over the Internet and computerized transponders that shift radio frequencies around the jamming, we generally get through. We also have a plane, an old AWACs, to serve as a flying radio station to broadcast into tough places. Even The Wall Street Journal didn't have its



own air force!"

Over his career, Winston was recognized by the Associated Press in 1986 for a series of stories detailing an urban bias in federal anti-poverty programs, to the detriment of the rural poor. In 1989, he received the National Press Club's Award for Distinguished Reporting in Consumer Affairs, for stories exposing problems in the life-care industry. And in 2002, he was one of the Journal's reporters and editors in Washington and New York awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Reporting on Breaking News, for the paper's coverage of the 9/11 terror attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"My mother was a journalist, so I suppose I always had the bug. But it was our ninth grade English teacher, Skip Frey, who encouraged me, showing us on the Monitor staff and in an after-school book group that writing not only could be expressive but fun."

A Look Back at St. Paul's

Spring 1932: George S. Hamilton, age 28, arrives at the Mt. Washington campus with his 20-year old Brazilian actress bride, Vyvyanna. Following mint juleps on the porch of the manor house, Hamilton becomes the School's headmaster.

Baltimore Sun, December 1934: Edith McCormick McAdoo Keith, daughter of Isaac Emerson, owner of Brooklandwood, is granted a divorce from her husband, Walter Keith, whom, she alleges, has been



"extremely cruel (and) used alcoholic beverages to great excess." Mrs. Keith testifies that her husband threatened her with a pistol in the living room in Brooklandwood.

February 1991: The Crusaders defeat Boys' Latin in an overtime thriller at the Baltimore Arena, 55-42, to win the C Conference basketball championship. The Rick Collins-coached team's 29-3 overall record (17-0 conference) remains a school record.

Upcoming Events

- February 21: 43rd Annual Bull Roast & Auction, 6 PM Pollock Gym [click here](#) for tickets
- Blue-Gold Reunion Weekend, May 2-3 (some events held jointly with SPSG reunion classes)

Alumni Facebook Page

Please "like" the [Alumni Facebook Page](#)! Check it for goings-on of fellow Crusaders and mildly amusing asides related to our alma mater.

School Store

The school store, on the south side of the Middle School adjacent to the squash courts, has a wide range of St. Paul's gear: jackets, fleeces, caps, sweats, mugs and more. Too far away to shop in person? [Check out some items here.](#) Order online or phone the store directly at 410-821-2005. The store's a great venue for holiday shopping!

Crusader Connect



Headed to Boise 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. Saturday's family cookout and Reunion Cocktail Party will be joint affairs with the reunion classes of St. Paul's School for Girls. Thanks to all class reunion chairs who are making plans for class dinners and other activities.

In Memoriam

Richard Moore '53 (October 2013)

Richard C. McShane '48 (January 2014)

William H. Stone '51 (January 2014)

Correction

Due to a proofreader's error, the last issue of "Crusader Connection" gave an incorrect season record for the 1966 football team, which was inducted into the St. Paul's Athletic Hall of Fame in November, 2013. The correct record was 8-1. Thanks to Coach Mitch Tullai for catching this error.

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