



## A Note from the Alumni Director

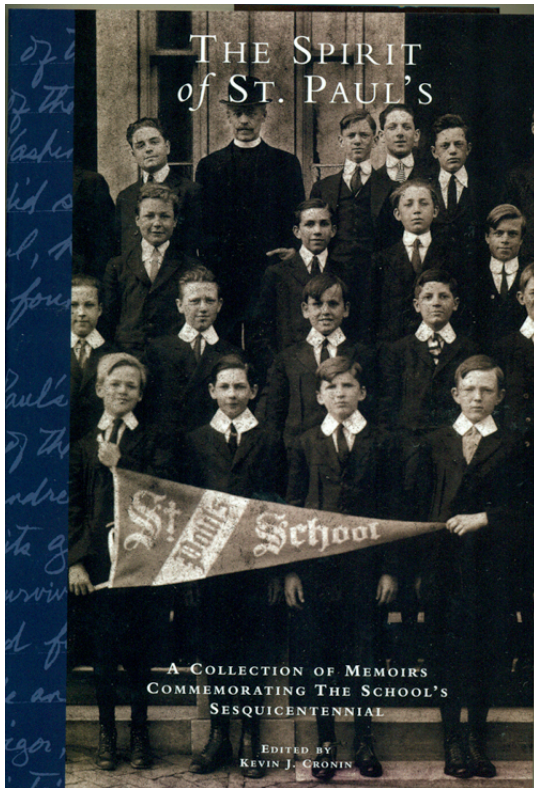


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Upon arriving at Brooklandwood in April, I delved into "The Spirit of St. Paul's," a colorful collection of stories and memoirs by former Crusaders that describes life at St. Paul's across seven decades and two campuses. This collection was published in 1999 to mark the sesquicentennial of our alma mater.



I had read a few of these stories over the years, having contributed to the volume a remembrance of long-time English and literature-appreciation teacher Farnham Warriner. But reading them together offers a sense of historical continuity that shows how much the school, over its long life, has at once changed and remained the same. Changes one might expect: larger and more modern buildings; more students; significantly more class, athletic, artistic and club opportunities. I was struck, however, at what has little changed about St. Paul's: the commitment to integrity and the values of a gentleman, as expressed for so many years in the School's honor code.

These short memoirs of life at the Mt. Washington campus and, beginning in 1952, at Brooklandville, are amusing, endearing and poignant. Some are well-written, others less so. Some offer an engaging narrative structure, others do not. But they share a distinctive vision of St. Paul's over the decades, as their authors write of Draconian punishment for hurling "rotting" apples from street car windows and trying to sell a school dance ticket to Al Capone. The "Crusader Connection" will periodically

introduce these stories to a wider audience of alumni. The first voice speaks here:

**A Tribute to George S. Hamilton, by Lou Shroyer '37:** "I suppose that the St. Paul's commencement program in 1937 probably included some words on graduating seniors like Louis Walls Shroyer III: Honor Roll, lettered in football, basketball, and lacrosse; Spectator Club; Spirit Award; choir; and all that good stuff. What it didn't include was that I had been expelled in April 1937...[click here for the complete story](#)

## **Voices from the Hill: David Schwartz '76**



David Schwartz '76 has been working in the area of instructional design and e-learning for most of his career. His first e-learning adventure was developing a training product called "Know Your Apple" for the Apple II, back in 1982. David sees e-learning as "a strong adjunct to classroom education, especially as we can now deliver it in high quality to phones and tablets."

After earning a degree in English at Connecticut College, David received an M.A. in Instructional Systems Development from UMBC. He has worked for Arbitron; the University of Maryland; Verizon; and Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, a publishing company in medicine and health science that is part of global, Dutch-based Wolters Kluwer. David currently works at Johns Hopkins Medicine, where he manages a team of e-learning developers and instructional designers that works on projects for clinical education. He

also has a small consulting business that focuses on revising and improving existing e-learning.

David is a board member of United Ministries/Earl's Place, a two-year transitional shelter for homeless men with addictions, and volunteers there as well. "I got involved because I had heard that some of the men wanted to learn how to get online," he says. "What I found at Earl's Place inspired me. These men, all homeless and with addictions, are committed to getting back on their feet, and Earl's Place provides them the love and support they need to do that."

David is a member of an improvisational theater troupe, Pronto, and has told a couple of stories at the Stoop Storytelling series at Center Stage. "Improv and storytelling are related," he says. "Trying to be clever, funny or inventive almost invariably leads to failure. You're going for honesty and authenticity. In improv, of course, the action is created, but ideally the characters behave authentically."

David has two kids, 19-year-old Michael and 16-year-old Natalie, and they live in Stoneleigh, where their back yard meets the yard of Michael Gettier '75.

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

From the first St. Paul's Yearbook, 1941: "About Our Choir": "It has many friends who love it fondly and treasure happy memories of it warmly in their hearts. They remember the work it has done and revel in the glories of its past. They will tell you of our soloists—Gaskill who became a star on our varsity, McDorman, who became an excellent organist. And they will remind you of Slater, killed in the first World War, and of a little girl, who to hear him sing, attended some perfectly inordinate number of services at Old St. Paul's, but then they will sigh sadly and say 'So today she's the Duchess of Windsor.'"

From the 1961 Yearbook: A third of the Senior Class belongs to the Spectator Club, named for Addison & Steele's popular 18<sup>th</sup>-century daily, which was "to enliven morality with wit, and to temper wit with morality...to bring philosophy out of the closets and libraries, schools and colleges, to dwell in clubs and assemblies, at tea-tables and coffeehouses." Members give 20-30 minute speeches, which in 1961 include the topics of Russian anarchists and the "Bahama" Islands. Johnson Couch is President, Richard Peterson Vice President. Louis Clark and Burris Young are faculty advisors.

November 1966: The Crusaders defeat Severn, 46-6, to win the C Conference football championship, with a record of 8-1. On one of the most talented football teams in St. Paul's history, five members of the class of '67 garner first-team All -Conference honors: Harry Pollock, Bo Weisheit, Bill Conkling, Hank Smith and Bart Ellinger. Hank Smith earns All-MSA honors, gaining over 1,000 yards rushing. Coaches Mitch Tullai, Tom Longstreth and Neale Smith '58 are well-satisfied.

October 1972: Before a raucous homecoming crowd, the Crusaders defeat Wroxeter, 20-12, in a hard-fought game that leads to a second consecutive Tri-County championship for St. Paul's. Stellar pass blocking by Scott Franklin '73, Kirk Culbertson '73 and Bill Cook '73 helps QB Wick Sollers '73 toss two TD passes to your alumni director. Nose tackle Neville Martin '73 helps shut down the Wroxeter passing game. When Wroxeter downs a punt and walks away from the ball before the whistle blows, your alumni director scoops it up and returns it for a TD, in a bizarre bit of Crusader sports history.

Fall 1988: The Crusaders win a third consecutive B Conference Cross-Country championship, led by Tom Stone '88 and Frank Martien '88. Chad Curlett '89, Stefan Beittel '90 and Jeff Springer are also vital to the team's success.

**Fall 2000:** On the heels of an overtime semi-final win over Boys' Latin, the St. Paul's varsity soccer team defeats Gilman, 2-1, to win the B Conference Championship, behind goals from Colin Welsh '02 and German exchange student Ken Krauss. Michael Mitchell '01 turns in a spectacular goalkeeping performance. Led by captains Reed Bouchelle '01 and Jack deVillers '01, and standout players Tyler Tracy '01, PK Fisher '02 and DJ Andrzejewski '02, the Crusaders dominate conference play as they defeat every team in the league. Coach Howard Schindler is named both All-Metro Coach of the Year and All City/County Coach of the Year.

## **In Memoriam**

Cary Nicholas deRussy, Class of 1960

## **Athletic Hall of Fame**

Nominations are open for the third class of the St. Paul's Athletic Hall of Fame. Both individuals and teams are eligible for induction. The primary criterion for selection is an individual's or team's contribution to the rich athletic history of St. Paul's. To nominate a person or a team, please [click here](#). Nominations will close December 21, 2012, with winners to be announced on Blue-Gold Weekend in May 2013 and inducted in the fall of 2013.

## **Upcoming Events**

Nov 15: New York City Alumni Cocktail Party, New York Athletic Club

Nov 21: Turkey Bowl, Tullai Field

Dec 19: Alumni Hockey Game, Patterson Park Ice Rink

Dec 20: Young Alumni Pancake Breakfast

Jan 4: Alumni Basketball Game, Pollock Gym

Feb 22: Bull Roast & Auction

May 3-4: Blue Gold Reunion Weekend (Years ending in 3 or 8)

## **"Crusader Connect": An App to Track Fellow Alumni**



Headed to Plains, GA, 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](#).

Please note that you will not be able to download if your email address does not match the one in our records. If you are so advised, please email me at [cmitchell@stpaulsschool.org](mailto:cmitchell@stpaulsschool.org) with your preferred email address, so we can make the change and advise you when we have done so. Young alumni:

You cannot log in with a St. Paul's email address, as those addresses are deleted shortly after graduation.

## **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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