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A Note from the Alumni Director



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One late morning in late February, I lost the man who's to be our new Headmaster. I was to meet him at the dining hall, where he was finishing a meet-and-greet with families of newly accepted St. Paul's students, and escort him to the chapel, where he would speak with the senior class. But he wasn't there. No panic on my part, but a sense of befuddlement. "What will they say?" I wondered. "The new Head hasn't even started yet and I've lost him."

Of course Dave Faus turned up. His itinerary had said "dining hall," but it was the Lower School's; I was vainly searching the main dining hall in the Ward Center. Mr. Faus was visiting campus to meet with St. Paul's parents, families of newly accepted students, faculty and alumni—many of whom he would see at the Bull Roast that evening, all part of the transition from one head of school to the next. This change will, of course, bring new perspectives to bear on the many challenges of operating a first-class independent school with a rich tradition such as ours. Mr. Faus has shown early interest in the Crusader alumni program, and he's keen to learn about our programs, communications and leadership. I think he'll be a good partner as we continue to find new ways to connect with our alumni, with social media tools an increasingly effective channel.

The early spring is vibrant in many ways, and so it is for our alumni program. The 42nd annual Bull Roast and Auction, sponsored by our Alumni Association, attracted close to 800 guests, raised more than ever for St. Paul's, and saw a salute to Tom Reid. On May 3-4 we will welcome hundreds of alumni back to campus for two days of activities, including their class dinners, which we hope will help them reconnect

with one another and their alma mater. Weekend programs will include opportunities for alumni to interact with students, by participating in oral history interviews (conducted by the students) and guest-speaking stints in classes to share career advice and great stories—as John Pforr '56 did when he recently regaled the Middle School students with tales of his time in the U.S. Secret Service, protecting seven U.S. Presidents and various foreign heads of state. Our alumni have great stories, and I look forward to hearing more of them at Blue-Gold Reunion Weekend in May.

Anecdotes from Jack Tucker '37, in “The Spirit of St. Paul's,” offer flavor of student life on the Mt. Washington campus: Here's the start of one: “Having Mondays off from school made a number of people downtown wonder why we were not in school, especially city truant officers—and undoubtedly the ticket seller at the old Gayety Theater on East Baltimore Street...” [click here to continue reading](#)

Voices from the Hill: Von Millard '59



August von Born Millard '59 has spent more time living outside the U.S. than inside since leaving the hill at Brooklandville. “Von,” as he's known to his classmates since graduating from Johns Hopkins, spent his first 30 professional years in naval intelligence. He since has worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development in both India and Nepal; directed emergency management programs in Northern and Central Europe; and taught English to disadvantaged kids in Casablanca (where, befitting a Crusader, he also introduced them to lacrosse, which he describes as “wildly popular” there). Von now volunteers with the Public Diplomacy Section at the U.S. Embassy in Kazakhstan, a former republic of the Soviet Union.

Von's prior assignments have included stints as Senior or Deputy Intelligence Officer at various commands, including an Operational Special Warfare Team and on the staff of the Director of Naval Intelligence. He served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence of U.S. Naval Forces in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean, now known as the U.S. Fifth Fleet. He managed a Task Force of

roughly 350 Navy and civilian men and women who provided specialized intelligence support to naval fleet operations. Von also helped coordinate and manage overseas Presidential visits (Bush One in Finland, Clinton in Prague) and in 2008 landed a senior-staff position on the McCain presidential campaign. He helped brief various Secretaries of Defense, Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chiefs of Naval Operations and the National Security Council Staff and their principal deputies, as well as numerous General and Flag Officers.

Early in his career Von was an intelligence analyst for operations covering the Dominican Republic, the intelligence analyst for Special Operations teams in Vietnam and the Aviation Recon Officer for naval operations at the end of the Vietnam War. During that war, Von and a colleague created and initiated operations that identified the North Vietnamese supply system and attacked it. This led to a spectacular series of air strikes on North Vietnamese convoys in late 1972, further pressuring North Vietnamese leaders to begin serious negotiations with the U.S. that in turn led to the cease fire and the release of the

U.S. prisoners of war.

These duties have over the years garnered Von some impressive accolades: a Legion of Merit (awarded by the Secretary of the Navy), a Bronze Star (for his work in Vietnam noted above), two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, two Naval Commendation Medals, five Unit Commendations and the Combat Action Ribbon (also for Vietnam). He's received recognition from two foreign governments, winning a Republic of Vietnam Medal of Honor First Class and the Commander of the White Rose, from Finland, of which he's especially proud.

Von and his wife, Elisabeth, a political officer in the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, have five children and four grandchildren. And his preparation at St. Paul's as a foundation for such a remarkable career? "Mr. (Louis) Clark, then Assistant Headmaster, helped nurture my interest in intelligence, world affairs and national service," says Von. "And as a naval officer himself, Mr. Clark also helped point me toward the U.S. Navy."

A Look Back at St. Paul's

From October 1941 "Parish Notes": With World War II beginning to boil, many St. Paul's teachers depart for military service, severely straining faculty resources. The school scrambles to replace key masters such as Stewart Lindsay and John Neely, and introduces pre-flight training for older students, air raid drills and a "radio and commando course."

From The Monitor, May 14, 1948: "Lacrosse at St. Paul's extends back to 1905. In that year, Dr. Wyatt felt that the boys needed a more active outdoor sport to relax their minds and strengthen their bodies. He consulted Dr. Ronald F. Abercrombie, the school physician, and asked what sport he would recommend. He was very interested in a new game called "The Stick." It was not long before the boys were hiking from Franklin Street to Druid Hill Park daily, so that they might have a soft place to practice. The cobblestones of Franklin Street, although alright for football, were considered impractical for lacrosse." (*Editor's notes: Later histories of our school date the start of lacrosse—or at least the first interscholastic game we played—to 1933. And "hiking" from the Franklin Street campus to the Druid Hill Park would have required considerable time and energy, not to mention the return trek following what were surely rigorous practices.*)

February 23, 2013: Crusader junior Jack Mutchnik '14 wins the National Prep Wrestling Championship in dramatic fashion, recording a takedown for two points in the last two seconds to win the match and become the third Crusader to earn a national wrestling championship. The other two: Mark Horner '63 and David Patterson '80.

Memorabilia



Thanks to Bill Beale '63 for donating to his alma mater "Big Bertha," the cannon fired to mark Crusader goals and touchdowns in the early 1960's. She will live out her years in our school archives, unless, of course, she's called back into service. Chemistry teacher David Chalfoun has invited your alumni director to his lab to prepare calcium carbide for a test firing—gas, fresh air and a spark are the necessary ingredients.

In Memoriam

William Patterson, Class of 1955

“Crusader Connect”: An App to Track Fellow Alumni



Headed to San Francisco and want to find fellow Crusaders in the Bay Area? Our 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 residing 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. Close to 200 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.](#)

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State of the Reunion: Blue-Gold Reunion Weekend 2013

Blue-Gold Reunion Weekend, May 3-4, 2013, approaches rapidly, 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 3:30 P.M. vs. Gilman, followed by a Blue-Gold cocktail party (business casual). Saturday will feature alumni lacrosse and baseball games and tennis tournament, a family cookout and varsity baseball game at 4 P.M. vs. John Carroll.

Class Reunion Chairs are contacting classmates and finalizing venues and menus for class dinners. To register for the weekend, please call 410-821-3049 or jschwartz@stpaulsschool.org (online registration opens early March).

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Update on Our Annual Fund

The Alumni Office is impressed by the many young alumni who have joined the “Young Alumni Leaders Circle” of the St. Paul's Annual Fund: James L. Athey '99, John M. Black '04, Alexander G. Cook '03, John C. Galvin '06, Hayward Howard '02, Charles J. Ilardo '03, Scott M. Marimow '98, J. Nolan Matthews '04 and Gregory M. Seaman '05. The Young Alumni Leaders Circle celebrates graduates from 1993-1997 giving \$2,000 or more; graduates from 1998-2002 giving \$1,000 or more; and graduates from 2003-2008 giving \$250 or more to the Annual Fund. St. Paul's is grateful to them all.

We are still driving for 35 percent overall alumni participation this year. [Click here](#) to see how your class is doing—and, as always, please remember the Annual Fund!



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