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A Note from the Alumni Director



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A simmering debate has heated up recently; to wit, did the 1946 St. Paul's lacrosse team—the last in that vaunted run of seven consecutive undefeated teams from 1940 to 1946—face off against the Princeton varsity team twice that year—and wallop the Tigers both times?

The background: The Crusaders, boasting a rich lacrosse tradition and almost unparalleled success in the game, especially during the postwar years, played college freshman teams most every season: Game results (mostly victories) against Navy, Princeton, Army, and Johns Hopkins adorn most every yearbook from those decades. But none indicate that our boys played a college varsity team.



Recently this issue was taken up on Lax Power, with experts, sideliners and the uninformed all weighing in. The detailed lacrosse-season summaries in our 1946 and 1947 yearbooks do not mention games against Princeton. The omission of victories over the Tiger varsity seems inconceivable—perhaps explained by a publishing staff of high-school boys, looking ahead to prom and graduation, overlooking them; or the freshman conveying the results to the sports editor of the yearbook losing the information on the #62 bus he took to school.

And Crusader alumni report having played in those games. Classmates and lax greats Bill Hooper '47 and Bill Keigler '47 remember. George Mitchell '46, legendary teacher-coach at his alma mater and a dominating three-sport athlete, told of beating the Princeton varsity twice in 1946. (These three are in our

[Athletic Hall of Fame](#).) Bill Tanton '49, the longtime Baltimore sportswriter now at U.S. Lacrosse, remembers; so does legendary midfielder Jim "Ace" Adams '46 (another [Hall of Famer](#) and later St. Paul's head coach): "We played them twice in 1946. We beat them, 11-1, in a scrimmage on Rogers Ave.," Jim said recently. "Princeton hadn't much practice but weren't happy to have lost to a high school, so they invited (SP coach) Howdy Myers to Princeton for another 'scrimmage.' And we beat them again, 16-6."

But a search of the *Baltimore Sun* online archive (which goes back to 1837) yields nothing—a surprise, given the Sun's heavy coverage of high-school and college lacrosse during that era (and Crusader wins over the Tigers would have been a significant story). George Chandlee, the long-time Gilman coach, compiled detailed scrapbooks of every season for decades, but his 1946 book, in the U.S. Lacrosse archives, has nothing about these games—but that particular tome is relatively skimpy, perhaps because of his service in the war.

The U.S. Lacrosse Handbook for 1946 shows a St. Paul's win over Princeton (11-1) but sadly does not specify that the Princeton opponent was the varsity team. Both versions of our School lacrosse history cite these games as wins over the Princeton varsity ("The History of Lacrosse at St. Paul's" (1965?) and "Stickwork" (1984?). Where is that objective journalistic source when we need it?

But absence of evidence does not mean evidence of absence. Search terms for the *Sun* archive may be insufficiently specific (one cannot search issue by issue), and some plausible reasons for the silence of our yearbooks are noted above. Evidence from the written record that these triumphs over the Princeton University varsity actually occurred would be definitive, and I encourage readers to send me their recollections of that great 1946 season and any relevant documentation.

A Look Back at St. Paul's

July 1910: "It gives me pleasure to tell you that the trustees of the St. Paul's Boys (sic) School have... ratified the decision of the Executive Committee in appointing you to the position of School Mother...your salary is to be \$400 a year, and you have the privilege of having your mother to live with you at the school." J.B. Noel Wyatt to Miss Thompson._

Fall 1932: First issue of *The Monitor* publishes; by the early 1960's it's a 16-page quarterly with a staff of 25. It goes on to win national competitions for high-school newspapers, including at least one Gold Medal from the Columbia Interscholastic Press Assn.

Trustee Minutes, September 24, 1951: Headmaster Appy Middleton reports to the Board of Trustees that the Father's Club has remodeled the "dressing rooms of the gymnasium at a cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000."

October 7, 1973: The William J. Price III Manual Arts Center is dedicated, in honor of the father of W. James Price '42 and through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. John Engalitcheff.

Voices from the Hill: Brian Jones '00



Brian Jones '00 doesn't sit still for long. He's a mechanical engineer (Vanderbilt) with an MBA who has plunged into the start-up world of programming, software engineering, and search engines. He's founder, president and lead developer of Industrial Interface, which maintains the largest and most accurate source of U.S. manufacturing data in the world. Brian's outfit helps companies make executive-level, data-driven decisions in sales & marketing, supply chain management and engineering R&D.

"I'm responsible for the strategic direction of the company, leading a team of programmers and business development professionals," says Brian, whose professional experience sprung in part from

defective golf clubs. "My first job was at the primary manufacturing facility for a major international golf club manufacturer, and a surprising problem arose one day: the grips were coming off in extreme weather," he explains. "You can imagine a golfer's frustration when, having paid a lot for a premium club, the grip slides off on the first drive because the clubs are fresh from a scorching car trunk."

Brian launched a global search for a new tape that would properly anchor the grips to the club shafts. He spent months finding and sampling dozens of tapes via rigorous mechanical and thermal testing and eventually found a local, custom solution. This experience prompted Brian to delve into the world of global supply-chain management; he started a firm with a few friends from college, lined up investors and began working out of his apartment in San Diego. He taught himself computer programming to create a proprietary search engine that could help locate manufacturers and suppliers of obscure parts and technologies anywhere in the United States—this engine now generates huge amounts of supply-chain data, vital to manufacturers.

"We're Dun & Bradstreet's official manufacturing data provider, with a reach into nearly every fortune 500 company via D&B's team of hundreds of international salespeople who resell our data," Brian explains. "My company has had contracts and partnerships with Fortune 100 manufacturers and retailers, the U.S. Department of Defense and many B2B business resellers who create dozens of sales channels for our data and services."

Some of the robotic systems Brian designed are still used in manufacturing facilities around the globe. Brian is also a semi-professional photographer who loves volleyball, surfing, yoga and playing guitar and piano; he spoke to the juniors and seniors about his life and work during Blue-Gold Reunion Weekend in May when he was back for his class reunion. "Creativity and confidence are two of the most important aspects of a successful person," Brian says. "Everyone has these characteristics, but both require tremendous focus, practice, and encouragement from mentors to fully develop. Not a day goes by that I don't think about formative experiences at St. Paul's, in Ed Brown's photography classes or working on the Page with friends and teacher-mentors like Aerie Treska."

[Alumni Association News](#)

- [Upcoming alumni receptions](#) include Charlottesville, VA (hosted by Jack Darrell '60 and Headmaster Dave Faus, October 17), Washington D.C. area and New York (both TBD). [Click here](#) to see our Alumni Calendar.
- We're resurrecting the former [SP class agent system](#). If you'd like to help plan events for your classmates, and help them stay connected to each other and their alma mater, this is the post for you. Please [contact the alumni office](#) if interested.

- The fourth annual [Legacy Cup alumni golf outing](#), benefiting the Alumni Scholarship Fund, is October 8 at noon at the Elkridge Club. The needs-based ASF, which supplements our financial aid budget, has grown to \$550,000 and is generating sufficient income to help two children of alumni attend St. Paul's. [Click here to register for the Legacy Cup](#)
- The [Bull Roast Committee](#) is already at work planning for this gala event in February. [Please let the alumni office know](#) if you would like to be a sponsor or donate an item to the live or silent auction.
- [Austin Sauter '11](#) has joined our team as Alumni Giving Coordinator, working closely with our younger Crusader alumni
- The [Crusader Network](#) is flourishing! Close to 90 alumni are signed on as mentors, to help with networking and career advice, and seven seniors used the CN to connect with alumni hosts on senior projects. Crusaders in college are tapping it for internships as this is written. [Let the alumni office know](#) if you would like to be a mentor, or would like to contact one.

Crusader Connect



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Memorabilia

Thanks to Skip Darrell '60 for his gift of two handsome white Monogram Club jackets.

In Memoriam




B. Dixon Evander '47 (August 2015)

Roy M. Norris '66 (October 2010)

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