A Note from the Alumni Director

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The death in December of Mr. Paul Long, who served St. Paul’s from 1948 to 1967 (with a three-year absence for a stint in the CIA) as teacher, athletic director and Middle School head, calls to mind the faculty members whose tenure had great influence on how we alumni conduct ourselves in our worlds of family, business and community. The alumni office is continually gratified by stories of particular teachers who were surrogate fathers to Crusaders, or who had other lasting effects on us.

Rarely did we realize that many such men—and, as St. Paul’s grew over the years, women—had other careers before teaching. Many lived in, and grappled with, turbulent times in remarkable ways. Paul Long in the CIA—who knew? (I reckon we weren’t supposed to.) Louis Clark, history teacher and school historian/archivist, commanding a Liberty Ship in WW2 (having left St. Paul’s for three years to serve in the war), crossing the U-boat-infested Atlantic numerous times and winning a Bronze Star. Sam Williams, math teacher and college counselor, flying bombers over Italy during that war. Gertrude Wolf, French teacher for 20 years, relaying messages to members of the French Resistance, at great personal risk. Margot Reiling, a French teacher for 30 years, hiding from the Gestapo in the countryside outside Brussels for two years, leaving high school to do so. Farnham Warriner, English/lit appreciation teacher and progenitor of the “Clue Game,” sailing the high seas in the merchant marine, and later becoming half of the top-ranked senior doubles tennis team in the nation. Fred Leist, history teacher, piloting WW2 spotter planes over the Pacific and landing on Inchon during the Korean War.

Any number of obstacles stood between us and these stories back then, youth and immaturity foremost among them—speaking for myself, of course. The next generation of “lions” on campus now—Messrs. Darrell, Schindler, Whiteley, Thorpe, Brocato, Low, Collins, Baird, Shipley and others—are today’s Tom
Longstreths, Mitch Tullais, Mike Rentkos, Louis Clarks and George Mitchells. Their back stories may pleasantly surprise our future Crusader alumni.

Please send me stories of the St. Paul’s teachers and coaches who had positive influences on you, for illumination in future issues of the Crusader Connection.

A Look Back at St. Paul’s

January 26, 1895: former members of the “Boy’s School” gather for drinks in the study of the assistant minister and establish the Alumni Association, whose members are known as the “Old Fellows.” Formal recognition occurs in 1913, with Robert Nelson ’10 as first president of the “Association of Old Boys.”

Sometime between Fall 1927 and Spring 1932: David Scott ’32 is accidentally shot in the stomach by a classmate showing off a pistol in the dormitory. Scott survives, graduates and vanishes.

December 3, 1947: The first meeting of the Father’s Club of St. Paul’s convenes. A 1949 turkey dinner and bazaar fundraiser is a great success; Headmaster Appy Middleton notes that “the School cook, whose figure was an advertisement for her cooking” prepares numerous delectable items.

Winter 1979: A record crowd enjoys the production of George Washington Slept Here, directed by faculty member Al Cauffman and starring Jeff Park ’79, Chris McShane ’79 and Faye Taylor SP’sG ’79. Cliff Low ’65 is technical director.

Voices from the Hill: Andrew Farrand ’03

Algiers, Algeria is home to Andrew Farrand ’03. He’s lived there since 2013, after almost a decade in Washington, D.C., punctuated by frequent travels and over a year living in Morocco. His love of languages has led to fluency in French and intensive study of Arabic, with stints in Damascus and Amman—and even a summer in Tanzania studying Swahili. “I owe Catherine Eiff for all that,” Andrew says. “She was my French teacher through much of Upper School, and offered me my first trip abroad: an SP exchange visit to France. That trip was when I first realized I had a knack for languages, and that it was a path to a whole world out there.”

Today Andrew works as a Program Manager in the Algerian office of the National Democratic Institute. (NDI is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that works on five continents to strengthen democratic institutions.) Highlights of his work include advising Algerian political parties on integrating public opinion research, such as surveys and focus groups, into policy-making. (Algeria, a constitutional republic, has a multi-party political system with numerous parties.) Andrew also trains young party leaders and civil society activists in political organizing and communication techniques.

Daily life in North Africa has its challenges, Andrew reports, “but then again, back home I didn’t have a view of the Mediterranean out my window every morning, so there are perks.” He credits his years at St. Paul’s for helping him get there. “Traveling in countries with less developed education systems, you realize how valuable critical thinking and writing skills are. I was lucky to have them drilled in at an early age.”
Andrew, a magna cum laude graduate of Georgetown’s School of Foreign Service, has just completed a practical guide for expats relocating to Algeria, and blogs about his travels at Ibn Ibn Battuta.

**Alumni Association News**

- Final touches are being put on our 44th annual Bull Roast and Auction (February 20). The new mobile bidding this year is sure to be a quantum leap in both excitement and funds raised for our alma mater. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! [Click here](http://www.stpaulsschool.org/cf_enotify/view.cfm?n=1774)
- The Crusader Network is up and running! More than 80 alumni are signed on as mentors, to help with networking and career advice; and a handful of young alumni are already taking advantage of the CN. Let the alumni office know if you would like to be a mentor, or would like to contact one. David Cornbrooks ’03, Brent Hargest ’02 (Alumni Association Secretary) and Mike Rosolio ’00 are chairing this new initiative.
- Alumni receptions in November at the Waterbar Restaurant in San Francisco and at the Los Angeles Tennis Center on the UCLA campus, hosted by Brian D. Riley ’91 and Dimitri Hajimihalis ’08, respectively, reunited a number of alumni, most of whom met Headmaster Dave Faus for the first time. The alumni basketball and hockey games and the Young Alumni Pancake Breakfast in December enabled many young and more experienced alumni to catch up with one another.
- We welcome Dave Hughes ’74 to the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Dave fills the slot created by the resignation of Frank Collins ’47, whom the Association thanks for eight years of devoted service. Nominations for prospective board members may be submitted to the alumni office.
- The alumni office thanks Ms. Tracy Cioni of the Business Office for her gift of “About the Training of Boys’ Voices” by Miles Farrow, the School’s choirmaster of the late 19th/early 20th century. This book was published in 1898 and is a welcome addition to our archives.

**College Crusaders Share Campus Adventures with Current Students**

The St. Paul’s college counseling office is enlisting our young alumni to describe their experiences to juniors and seniors. This new program of “virtual tours,” through Skype discussions, opens another window through which our students can glimpse the attractions of various colleges and universities. College Crusaders choose a spot they believe shows off their campus—a quad, an intriguing building—to show on screen during the Skype session. St. Paul’s is one of the first schools in the country with this technology—if you’d like to participate in this exciting new program, contact Denmore McDermott ’07 in the college counseling office: dmcdermott@stpaulsschool.org

**Crusader Connect**
Need to find fellow Crusaders in Kansas City? 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 database. 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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To the Editor

“Your account of the not so infamous streaking incident (Fall issue), stating that the venue was the Girls’ School campus, is inaccurate. If those who participated have not come forward to correct this error, it is probably out of fear that the statute of limitations for indecent exposure has not yet expired. The fact is that it was the Maryvale campus where the streaking took place, something I learned about shortly after the event when Miss Lorenz came into my office to announce that a nun had arrived to see me…at the chapel service the next morning, I said that the Maryvale headmistress had agreed not to make an issue of the unwelcome trespass if it were understood that the event would not be repeated…there were no further streaking incidents involving St. Paul's boys, and I heard that an offer to allow the girls of Maryvale to retaliate for the indignity of having been streaked by trespassing on our campus in like manner was not accepted.” John T. Ordeman, Headmaster 1966-1985

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