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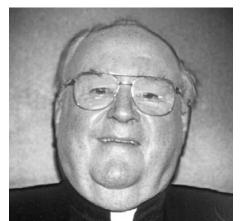
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# 86th COMMUNION BREAKFAST - NOV. 5, 2006

**Principal Celebrant** 



**Reverend John McVeigh** Pastor Emeritus St. Anne Parish Las Vegas, Nevada

Join your friends and classmates at the Springfield Country Club on November 5, 2006!

This year, for the first time, the annual Mass and Communion Breakfast will be held at the beautiful Springfield Country Club, on Sproul Road in Springfield, Delaware County. Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and the awards ceremony will be immediately following. Ticket prices remain the same as last year- \$22.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door.

As in recent years, in addition to awards to other deserving alumni and members of the West Catholic community, members of our 50-year class - the Class of 1957 - will be honored and will be involved in all aspects of the Mass. This year, members of the Silver Anniversary Class - the Class of 1982 - also will be honored!

The Communion Breakfast Committee chose ten award winners to be honored from a large field of well-qualified nominees. The honorees are: John J. Mullen '57 (William McGarvey Award); Brother Raymond T. Murphy, FSC '57 (Brother Edwin Anselm Award); Craig O'Brien '57 (50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award); Joseph Mylotte '57 (deceased/posthumous) 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award; Alfred L Dezzi '65 (Brother G. John Owens Award); Robert F. McCann '60 (Brother Aloysius Award); John P. Delaney, Jr., Esq. '74 (Brother Martin Strickroth Award); William S. McDevitt '76 (Golden Burr Award); Joe Dukes '82 (25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award) and Timothy McNally '82 (25th Anniversary). Silver Burr Award. Individual articles on each award winner are featured elsewhere in this edition.

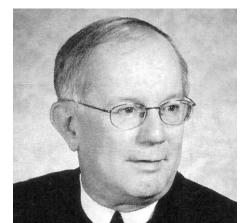
The main celebrant for the Mass will be Rev. John McVeigh '44. Father

McVeigh has spent his career ministering as a chaplain in the United States Navy and in the Diocese of Las Vegas. As always, it is hoped that a large number of priest-alumni will serve as concelebrants for this special occasion. Brother Ray Murphy '57 will be the homilist. Special arrangements are being made to provide a beautiful musical program for the liturgy.

Although all activities on November 5th will take place at the Springfield Country Club, the Mass will be celebrated in a separate room within the Club in recognition of the solemnity of the occasion. All proceeds from the Offertory Collection will be used for a new scholarship fund to benefit Catholic students who wish to attend West Catholic. Details on the new scholarship will be provided in a future edition of the Emissary.

The decision to move the Communion Breakfast was made by the Association for many reasons, including convenience for the majority of Alumni. More Alumni live in Delaware County than any other county, including Philadelphia. In addition, the poll taken at the 2005 Communion Breakfast showed that a majority in attendance favored moving the Breakfast

**Homilist** 



**Brother Raymond T. Murphy FSC Faculty Member Hudson Catholic High School** Jersey City, New Jersey

to a location in Delaware County.

The Springfield Country Club, in addition to its elegance, is convenient to those living in Delaware County and adjacent counties and is easily accessible from I-476 (the Blue Route) and Route 1. It is located at 400 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, Delaware County. Parking is free.

For more information, please call the Alumni Office at 215-387-8560. See page 5 for ticket coupon and directions to the Country Club.

# **Alumni Association Award Recipients**

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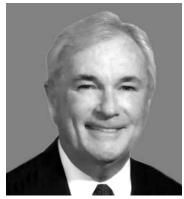
Lumley, F.S.C. Award

Brother Edwin Anselm, F.S.C. **Award** 



Bro. Raymond T. Murphy '57

William H. McGarvey **Award** 



John Mullen '57



Robert F. McCann '60

Golden Burr

**Award** 



Brother G. John Owens F.S.C.

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Brother G. Martin Strickroth,

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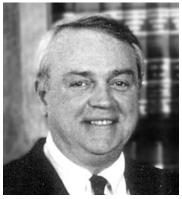
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Craig O'Brien '57

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Joseph Mylotte (deceased)



William S. McDevitt '76



Joe Dukes '82



**Timothy McNally '82** 

# Alumni Association Award Recipients

#### Bro. Edwin Anselm, FSC Award BRO. RAYMOND MURPHY '57

Brother Raymond Murphy has upheld the highest traditions of the Christian Brothers, devoting almost 50 years to educating young people. His many teaching assignments have included St. John's College High School (D.C.) from 1962 to 1975, two years of service at Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, and thirty years at Hudson Catholic High School (Jersey City).

While at West, Brother Raymond participated in Speech and Debate and also was the manager for the Band. His favorite classes were Latin and Algebra, while Geometry was his least favorite. He recalls Brothers Flavian Gregory and Florence Nicholas as his favorite teachers. Best friends included Pat Cassidy, Tony Sproule and Clarence McMerty. Brother stated that he has "too many [memories] to narrow down to one" but fondly recalls the enthusiasm and concern of the Brothers.

Brother Raymond entered the Juniorate in 1955 and received the Brothers' habit in September 1957. He continued his education at LaSalle University, receiving his BA in 1961. Subsequently, he received Master of Arts Degrees from Georgetown University in 1971 and Villanova University in 1983.

Brother Raymond would like to remind his classmates to "never take any day or person in your life for granted." He would like to especially thank his parents, family, friends and religious community for their support.

#### William H. McGarvey Award JOHN MULLEN '57

John Mullen came to West from M.B.S. Parish at a time when larger parishes were annexed for the High School. However, in eighth grade, the big announcement came: "no more annex, but on to the big campus." At West, he treasured the feeling of being treated as an adult. He credits the Christian Brothers with playing a huge role in his development; they helped him grow up fast!

Graduation from West was followed by a stint in the Army, seven years of Temple University night school and an initiation to the airline industry with United Airlines and later Lufthansa. In 1969, he opened Atkinson & Mullen Travel, specializing in Group Tours. Operations grew by providing wholesale travel vacations exclusively to travel agents. His new company, Apple Vacations, provided tour packages to Hawaii, Cancun and the Caribbean and broke the cruise monopoly held by New York City by offering the first regular cruise departures from Philadelphia and Baltimore. Apple started a scheduled airline, USA 3000, and became fully integrated through its new hotel division, AM RESORTS, which now operates ten hotels in Cancun, Puerto Vallarta and Punta Cana. Apple Vacations is the largest fully integrated travel company in the U.S. with over six thousand employees.

John and his wife Joan ('59) have supported West Catholic as Chairs of several Blue Ribbon Galas and are active in West's Capital Campaign. Four children and fourteen grandchildren are sharing in the lesson John and Joan learned at West; "freely you have received, freely you shall give." He sits on the board of numerous charitable and civic organizations. Motivated by, and proud of, the sacrifices made by the nuns and Christian Brothers who influenced his early development, he often reminds students today: "Whatever your goal you will always need a strong foundation. West Catholic helps build that foundation."

#### Bro. D. Aloysius Lumley FSC Award

#### **ROBERT McCANN '60**

It would be hard to find anyone who is more proud of his West Catholic education or more loyal to or loving of the Christian Brothers than Bob. In school, he was a record-setting, All-Scholastic, Champion swimmer who also participated in many of the school's other activities while being a fine student.

Bob's professional life has been stimulating, varied and a success. He has been the President and/or Chairman of several very successful companies both in terms of financial success and contributions to the community. Bob also has served on a number of prestigious Advisory Boards. One example was his tenure as a member of the Fannie May (National) Board. In that capacity, he personally influenced a significant increase in the number of cultural groups served by such mortgages.

Bob has been a life-long, ardent supporter of Catholic Education and West Catholic High School. He has contributed much to both, in many ways. Currently, he serves on the following Boards: West Catholic Alumni, Friends of West Catholic, the School's Finance Committee, the Cardinal O'Connor Golf Outing and the Blue Ribbon Gala.

Bob has much love for and devotion to his wife Carol, especially, and his son Bobby and his wife Eileen, his daughter Michelle and her husband Derrick and his four wonderful grand-children (soon to be 5).

#### Bro. G. John Owens FSC Award AL DEZZI '65

Al is from Southwest Philadelphia and loudly and continually professes how proud he is to be a West Catholic graduate and Christian Brothers' Boy. He has continually supported the School over the years in many ways. One example is the strong support he and his wife, Eleanor, have given, since it's inception, to the Blue Ribbon Gala. Al is also very proud of the fact that he and Eleanor entered the West Catholic Hall of Fame together.

Al has had a varied and very successful career since leaving West. He started out as an Architect but then became a Criminal Justice Planner for the State of Pennsylvania. Rising rapidly, he became the Deputy Commissioner of Streets and the City Recycling Coordinator for Philadelphia, the Director of Policy and Planning for the Pennsylvania Auditor General and his current position as Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff at the Pennsylvania Department of the Treasury.

In addition to Eleanor, Al is most proud of his two sons and their wives

#### Bro. Martin Strickroth Award JOHN P. DELANEY, Jr. '74

John Delaney has been a member of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office for approximately 25 years; since 2002, John has headed the Trial Division, the largest section of the D.A.'s Office, with 140 attorneys and 100 support staff.

At West, John learned a great deal from, and has fond memories of, each teacher, especially Brothers William Johnson, Allen Johnson, Leo Leary and Lawrence Monroe, as well as Bill Mastalski, Bill McCusker and Jim McKay. Favorite memories include "befriending the best guys that Southwest and West Philadelphia had to offer, many of whom are friends to today." John participated in the Crew Team (Manager), intramurals, Newspaper, Yearbook, National Honor Society and World Affairs Council.

John received his B.A. in Government and International

Relations from Notre Dame and then attended Villanova School of Law. As an Assistant D.A., he has spent many years protecting and seeking justice for victims of serious crimes. After prosecuting child abuse cases, John rose to leadership positions in the D.A.'s Office, and helped improve the juvenile justice system in Philadelphia. On behalf of D.A. Lynne Abraham, he helped launch and co-chairs Philadelphia's Youth Violence Reduction Partnership. John is an instructor for the Pa. District Attorneys Institute and has taught prosecutors from across the country for the National District Attorneys Association.

John reminds his classmates that "West Catholic was very good to and for us. We should do what we can to continue the West tradition. Kids from Southwest and West Philadelphia, and the many other areas from which today's students come to Chestnut Street, need our help." John is "very grateful to God for the many blessings in my life" including his wife, Beth, and children, Katie, Colleen and John Patrick, as well as his "parents and brothers and sisters and the rest of my family. I am most appreciative of the education I received from the Christian Brothers and the lay teachers at West Catholic."

#### 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award CRAIG "ACE" O'BRIEN '57

Craig "Ace" O'Brien has devoted his life to two passions - teaching and Crew. Introduced to Crew while at West, Ace remained active in the sport until two years ago. He taught in the Philadelphia Public School System for 25 years.

Ace was on West's Varsity Crew for three years. He counts Crew practices, the dialogue between students and Brothers, driving for the Basketball Team and his Student Officer duties (particularly as a 4'2" Officer) among his fondest memories. Asked to name his best friends, he replied "There were so many - I would like to say 'thank you' to everyone!" He recalls Brothers Patrick Ellis, Alexis Kirk, Nicholas Pollakis and John Owens as his favorite teachers.

Ace went onto LaSalle University, obtaining his B.A. and winning the Dad Vail Regatta in 1958 as part of LaSalle's Freshmen Eight! He served 2 years in the U.S. Navy, and then taught for 25 years at Morton Elementary School in Southwest Philadelphia. After retiring from teaching, Ace spent 10 years in the credit business and 10 years in the automobile business.

Throughout the years, he stayed heavily involved in Crew. In 1964, he coached LaSalle University's Crew Team. In the mid-1970's Ace served as the Director for West's own highly successful Crew program. He is known throughout the Philadelphia Crew community for his many years of dedication to the Dad Vail Regatta, the largest collegiate regatta in the United Sates and one of the largest in the world! Ace dedicated 49 years of volunteer service to the Dad Vail, the last 20 as the Director of Awards.

He is proud to say that "the four years I spent at West Catholic were definitely the best four years of my life in every respect!" To his classmates, he says: "Thank you for being the Class of 1957!"

#### 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award JOSEPH MYLOTTE (decd.) '57

Joseph Mylotte (deceased), '57, will be one of this year's 50th Anniversary Golden Burr awardees at the West Catholic Alumni's Annual Communion Breakfast. A graduate of St. Francis deSales school, Joe was active in many activities at West including the

News staff, JV and varsity football teams and the Student Association for 4 years. In his senior year, he served as the Student Council Secretary.

After graduation, Joe achieved degrees from LaSalle College and continued his education at Notre Dame Law School, receiving his Doctor of Law degree in 1964. He then entered the Army and rose to the rank of Captain during his service in Vietnam.

Returning to civilian life, he began a very successful legal career which included serving as Solicitor for the Borough of Collingdale and Upper Darby Township and cofounding a law firm that had offices in Philadelphia, Media and Wilkes-Barre. Joe earned a reputation as an excellent trial lawyer and was admitted to practice before the Superior and Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as well as the Supreme Court of the United States.

In the early '60s, he and Dottie Smith, a West Catholic girl, were married and had three children, Lisa, Christy, and Joseph. His wife and children are truly indebted to West Catholic for instilling in Joe a strong faith and emphasizing the importance of Catholic schools. To this day, his family still continue to be the beneficiaries of the values inculcated in Joe by the education he received from the Christian Brothers and lay teachers at West Catholic.

#### Golden Burr Award WILLIAM S. MCDEVITT '76

Bill McDevitt has combined success in athletics with success in business. A former Division I college basketball player, Bill now owns and operates the very successful B & E Sportswear in Broomall, supplying uniforms and clothing to schools and sports organizations thorough out the Delaware Valley.

Academically and athletically talented, Bill recalls AP European History (with Mr. Bill McCusker) as his favorite class but was not so fond of Physics! His favorite memories at West include "shooting hoops with coach (now Bishop) Joe McFadden, bagels at Ann's, respectful relationships with many teachers and freshman basketball practice at 7:00 am!" His best friends at West included Joe Rush, Buzz Wood and Ed Heron. He admits to listening to Mott the Hoople in the Bookstore with Bro. Jerry Fitzgerald.

Bill's talent and tenacity on the basketball court earned him many honors while at West and also enabled him to win a Division I basketball scholarship to St. Peter's College. He continued his basketball career at St. Peter's, obtaining his degree in 1980. More recently, Bill started B & E Sportswear from scratch and has built it into a thriving business in the heart of Delaware County. Bill also generously supports many of the athletic endeavors at West. In addition to his sports, academic and business success, Bill considers his career highlights to be his marriage to his wife Christine and being the proud father of five children: Jacqueline, Katie, Molly, Billy and Annie.

Bill would like to remind his classmates that "West is Best" and that he is always proud to be a Burr! He extends special thanks to "Mom for all her support during my years at West" and "[Bishop] Joe McFadden and the numerous wonderful teachers at West."

#### 25th Anniversary Silver Barr Award JOSEPH DUKES' 82

Joseph Dukes is a true and proud American; he may in this edition of the *Emissary* read in a foxhole in Iraq! Now on his 3rd tour of Iraq, Joe served his first tour in Desert Storm and an earlier tour for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is due to deploy home in early November. When

the Alumni Association contacted Joe to inform him about the 25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award, Joe replied: "This has truly lifted my spirits as only the 'West Catholic Spirit' can do!"

At West Catholic, Joe was heavily involved in sports, playing football (4 years), as well as basketball, baseball, track and crew (1 year each). Joe participated in Student Council for 4 years, ending his tenure as Student Body President in his Senior year.

After West, Joe went to Lycoming College. He then joined the Army, where he also has received an extensive education, attending the Army's Armor School, Drill Instructor Academy, and Inspector General School.. His assignments have included Tank Gunner (Desert Storm), Drill Instructor (Fort Knox), and Tank Platoon Sergeant and Tank Commander (1/57th Armor). He was awarded the Order of Saint George Medal in 2002 and the Bronze Star Medal for actions in Iraq.

Joe resides in Texas with his wife, Karen, and three children, Thomas, Sarah and Allison. Joe would like to say "Hi" to his classmates, especially John Hanlon, Russ Gianforcaro, Gus Cippiloni, Bill Manion, Melvin Smith and Fran Murray, and hopes to see them at Burrs at the Beach '07 and the 25th Class Reunion. He would like to send a special "Thank You" to his wife and children, his Mother and Father, sisters Theresa and Jackie, as well as Father Michael Hegarty- "May God bless you all." Joe also states that the "West Catholic spirit will never die"; PRO DEO ET PATRIA" will forever be his battle cry.

#### 25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award TIMOTHY MCNALLY '82

"Timmy Mac" (to many West grads) started at West as a nervous Freshman determined to make the best of his high school days. Although falling prey to one of the oldest tricks played on freshmen (buying the 4th floor Pool Pass), he never let it bother him. He excelled in Mathematics and Business; Mr Nemitz and Mr McMackin were his favorite teachers. He played Baseball for the Burrs and participated in Mathletes and Shalom.

After West, Tim received his B.S. (Accounting) from Penn State and then his Masters Degree from St Joseph's. For nine years, Tim excelled at a Tax and Audit firm; he then spent 12 years in Client Relations for a Retirement and Investment Company. Tim currently is employed at The Vanguard Group in Institutional Client Relations. Despite the time demands of his career, Tim has been an active volunteer in his community. He has volunteered for several years in The Special Olympics and serves as a volunteer consultant for the United Way of Chester County.

Tim would like to thank his parents for teaching him about hard work, dedication, unconditional love and respect: "Thanks for sacrificing so much for the benefit of your children. It took a while but I finally understand everything you've done. I promise to pass this on to your grandchildren." Tim also is grateful to his wife, May, and his two children, Delaney and Ethan, for their love and support. He also thanks West Catholic and the Christian Brothers for his high school experience. Whenever he thinks about West, he says it never fails to bring a smile to his face!

Tim would like his classmates and friends (everyone had a nick-name - Vec, Shank, Mull, Billy, Joycie, Tommy, Mac, Frenchie, Jimmer and Matty just to name a few), to know that he looks forward to their 25th reunion!

#### **Class of 1958 Spreads the Word**

John Gallagher'58 who now resides in Kings Park NY, along with members of his class of 1958 Reunion Committee, did all they could to energize their class and all who attended this year's Burrs at the Beach on July 9th. With their WC BRAG RAG TEAM tee shirts all about they did a great job of spreading the word that WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL and the Associations (Alumni & Alumnae) that represent all graduates are thriving and "Keeping the Spirit Alive". The photos below will help to reinforce their commitment to all who attended our great school.



Jim Lynch, Bill Marella, George Light & Jim Clark, all members of the 1958 class.



Class of 1947 friends, Jim Kendrick, Don McGrory and Fran Dwyer.

# Class of 1941 Celebrates 65th Reunion

Saturday, June 10th was Graduation Day for West Catholic High School and the same day that the Class of 1941, West Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys' celebrated their 65th Reunion at the Springfield Inn in Springfield PA (Delaware County). Chairman, Ray Theilacker,'41 advises that including guests, 65 were in attendance. West Catholic President, Brother Tim Ahern,'66 and Alumni Association President, Tom Dorrian,'61 joined Jay Sawyer,'59 and Ed Kerr, Jr.,'60 as guests. A delightful time was enjoyed by all. Photos from this event are listed below:



Father Tom Shea & Tom Dorrian



Laura & Jeanne Kranfeld join their Grandfather and Dad, Ray Theilacker to help with celebration.



Jim Logue & Bill Strain

SPOTLIGHT on

#### Father Albert H. Jenemann, S.J., Class of 1945



By: Ben Kerr '95

We have all taken various roads upon our graduation from West Catholic. Some have become teachers, some have answered a calling to the religious life and some have pursued both. For Albert H. Jenemann from the class of 1945, his road led him to the Jesuit Order and to teaching at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia PA. However, his story does not begin there. Originally from Drexel Hill's St. Andrew's Parish, Father Jenemann graduated West Catholic and joined the Merchant Marine Academy. War time took him from West Catholic to the West coast where he spent two years in San Mateo, California prior to serving one year in South America. Although he had thoughts of becoming a priest while in high school Father Jenemann decided to wait until the war was over. When that time came, he recalls, "I came back in June of '47 and met with the Chaplain in San Mateo. He said, 'You should become a Jesuit. They like books and you like books.' I became a Jesuit in '47." After

earning his AB degree in Economics from Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL in 1954, it was off to Baltimore's Lovola High School to teach math. Father Jenemann's ordination into the Society of Jesus came in 1960 and an STL degree in Theology came from Boston College in 1961. By 1969, he had earned two Doctorate degrees in Philosophy from Gregorian University in Rome. In 1970 he studied as a Carnegie Scholar at the University of Notre Dame and took an academic sabbatical in Melbourne, Australia in

Over the years, teaching assignments included Baltimore's Loyola College, Wheeling College in Wheeling, WV and St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia. Hawk Hill has been his home since 1974 where Philosophy has been his subject. With so many options for higher education these days, people may wonder whether or not a Catholic education is right for their children. Father Jenemann believes that a Catholic education, "tries to give you the church's view; not only morals, but dogma." No matter what the level, a teacher is bound to face challenges. For Father Jenemann, it's "to try and change their (students') minds about things and getting them to see the need."

Father Jenemann has kept busy serving on numerous

educational and medical committees and giving 93 speeches on medical ethics and religion. Since 1990, he has served as Acting Pastor at St. Stephen Church in Sanford, NC for 3-6 weeks in the summer which he says has been, "a pleasure for me." Father also adds, "I've been saying mass for the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus at Rosemont College for thirty years." He gets together with a group of fellow alumni once or twice a year and is supportive of West Catholic High School and Alumni Association itself. We all have memories of our high school days that stand out more than others. One dark day in American history came to mind for Father Jenemann, December 7th, 1941. "West was playing Harrisburg Catholic in football and we didn't know about it (Pearl Harbor) until we got on the bus after the game. "

For over sixty years, Father Albert H. Jenemann, S.J. has been serving God, his country and education. He is proud to be a Burr and we should all be proud to call him one of our own.

#### Class of 1946 60th Anniversary

On September 17th over sixty '46 graduates asssembled at the Overbrook Golf Club to celebrate their 60th reunion. Members of the class, including four religious, were joined by honored guest Brother Timothy Ahern, FSC, president of West Catholic High School, at the receptoin and benquet to mark the occasion. The evening was dedicated in honor of Richard "Dick" Conway who organized and led class activities until his untimely accidental death in February 2005.

It was also noted that Dick's surviving sister and brothers (all West grads) have generously pledged funds to establish a scholarship grant, in his memory, to aid a worthy student during his high school education at West.

The evening ended with an informal after-dinner party at a nearby hotel hosted by committee chairman Jack Fordyce, Everyone enjoyed the chance to see and talk with their former classmates and expressed interest in doing it again for the 65th.



**Pictured above:** Participants in the December 2005 Annual Reunion of students from Southwest Philly, who went to MBS & then on to West Catholic class of 1956.

Standing (L to R): Jack McGowan, Ed McAndrews, Dan Dorrian, Terry McGinnity, & John Federico

Sitting ( L to R ): Frank Murnaghan, Dave Kelly, Tom Hackney ( St.John Bartrum), Bill Andiario, & George McLain.

### GOOD SHEPHARD REUNION

The GOOD SHEPHARD Parish School Class of 1956 will celebrate their 50th Reunion at The SPRING-FIELD COUNTRY CLUB on Saturday, October 14, 2006. For information, please contact either Fran Hanson at 1-856-228-5259 or Marylou Trotter at 1-610-586-4913, please plan to attend and bring a classmate.

#### West Catholic Luncheon

The Class of 1954 will hold a Luncheon on Thursday, October 19th at noon. The event will be held at the Lamplighter Tavern, E. Darby Rd. & Campbell Ave. Havertown, PA 19083. For information call Gus Hoban at 610-853-3220.

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# Initial Burrs at the Beach held at Westy's Irish Pub 2006 By Tom Dorrian

Whew!!! What an outstanding Burrs at the Beach was had by the 1800 alumni, alumnae and friends of West Catholic who showed up at Westy's Irish Pub on Sunday, July 9th. The weather gods were looking down on us as a cool breeze blew off the Inlet and into the huge tent that covered Westy's parking lot. When you put this together with a beautiful sunny day, great hosts in Art and Peg West, along with their fine food, cold drinks, ample bars and bartenders and a great DJ this could only add up to the best Burrs at the Beach ever. This is not just rhetoric ask anyone who attended. We, the Burrs at the Beach committee, did not hear one, not one complaint all day. Anytime there is a change, especially moving our event to a new venue, there are always concerns. Not necessarily about anything specific but mainly about the unknown including their ability to handle a large crowd. Concerned committee members had many questions for which there were no answers. Well, Art & Peg West gave a resounding answer to all the questions and concerns by throwing the best Burrs at the Beach ever. Everything went like clock work, it was just a truely magnificent job turned in by them and their staff. Thank you all!!!. Father John Hand "84" got our day off with a Mass and a prayer for a successful affair. Well Father John you must have God's ear because he came through big time.

Another change to this years B@B included a 50/50 raffle instead of a trip to Cancun. Well this was also a resounding success. We had three winners, first prize of \$1,070.00 won by John Petterson, 2nd & 3rd prize was \$535.00 each respectively won by Tom Brown and John Mohr "62". While I was walking around looking for the 50/50 winners it seemed like half the people in the place came up to me and thanked me for the great time they were having. It was truely remarkable! Another thing, I never saw so may people dancing to the DJ's music as I saw this year. DJ Jerry Smith had everyone, or so it seemed, rocking and rolling all day long. Of course I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Charlie Gracie kept everyone on their feet on the inside.

I could go on forever talking about Westy's and this years Burrs at the Beach. I know that most, if not all the people who attended this year will be back next year. Rather than go on and on about the great time everyone had I think the only way to see what I'm talking about is to witness it yourself. Please mark your calander for Westy's Irish Pub on July 8th, 2007 and come and help us celebrate the 20th edition of Burrs at the Beach.

At this time I would like to thank the best committee of all the schools who run these affairs. The West Catholic Burrs at the Beach Committee is by far the hardest working and most dedicated committee of them all. Space prevents me from listing their names but George Light and I thank you all for another outstanding job. The utmost accolades and a hardy thank you go to all you alumni, alumnae and friends of West Catholic who supported us this year. Without you none of this would be possible. Your participation and generous financial support will allow the Burrs at the Beach Committee to present West Catholic High School with a check for \$37,000.00 to be used for Catholic student tuition assistance. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this year's terrific success.





Pictured Above: Brother Timothy Ahern, FSC and Tom Dorrian Pictured Below: Members of Burrs at the Beach Committee













They thought I had some-

**BURR PROFILE** 

#### John Monsul, Class of 1947

By: Ben Kerr '95



In this day and age, communicating with one another is faster and easier than it's ever been. When it comes to what's being communicated, John Monsul from the class of 1947 has something to say about that. Monsul has been producing and hosting a television program to the Washington, D.C. area called "Communicating Today" for the past seventeen years on a part-time basis. The thirty minute talk/variety show on channel 10 out of Great Falls. VA has covered a wide array of subjects in its impressive run. Being that it is broadcast in such a large metropolitan area, it has the potential to reach four million people. In 1993, Monsul sat down with former Washington Redskins cornerback Pat Fischer for an episode to discuss the NFL of '93 and of yesteryear. More recently, the show covered the serious obesity problem plaguing Americans today.

When asked if he had any favorite shows, there were two recent ones that stood out for Monsul as being "worthwhile". The first aired last year and he recalled "two mothers with M.A.D.D (Mothers against Drunk Driving) were on and both had lost teenage children because of a drunk driver." The second aired this past June and fea-



tured a retired Marine Corps Colonel who had been a hero in combat. The discussion covered the numerous wounded soldiers coming home from Iraq and that the Colonel "started an organization about a year ago called the Semper Fi Fund to raise money for injured Marine and Navy veterans." These are just two of the programs that "Communicating Today" has featured over the course of almost five hundred shows since 1989! "I'm really proud that I produced them," says Monsul. This is quite an accomplishment for someone who had taken on the job with no television experience. Whether it was football, musical groups or local com-"Communicating merce, Today" has provided a wealth of information and entertainment for many years.

John Monsul has garnered quite of bit of other experience under his belt since graduating West Catholic. Originally from Our Lady of Victory Parish at 54th and Vine, Monsul graduated from Drexel Institute of Technology (now Drexel University) with a B.A. in Business Administration in 1953. The Army came calling soon after. "I wound up in Army intelligence due to the fact that I had a college degree.

thing to offer." After an honorable discharge in 1955, it was back to Philadelphia where he found work with IBM. Over the next thirty years Monsul had a lot to offer other companies as well, including Magnavox, Boeing, Xerox and Tektronix in sales and marketing roles. A management position with Magnavox took him to Washington, D.C. in 1970. During the 80's and 90's, John ran his own consulting business in Washington. This was a unique business because as Monsul explains, "There were companies who wanted to sell to the U.S. Government but weren't sure how. I had the know how to do so and was able to provide my expertise." He joined the Fairfax County, VA Chamber of Commerce and networking led to his television debut. As for his West Catholic days, Monsul is proud to be a Burr. He reflects fondly on the Christian Brothers and on his "association with fellow classmates and my football heroes a year or two older than me." He enjoyed mentoring the younger students and "everybody helping everybody else. It was a great brotherhood." Semi-retired, Monsul works part time for a small technology company called Kidwell McGowan Associates (KMA). The company specializes in developing web sites and software to help web sites run better. He and his wife of over fifty years, Dee, reside in Great Falls, VA where they have been for twenty-five years. When asked what advice he could offer any young people looking to enter local television, Monsul offers the simple advice that his father always gave to him, "Do the very

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best you can." That's advice

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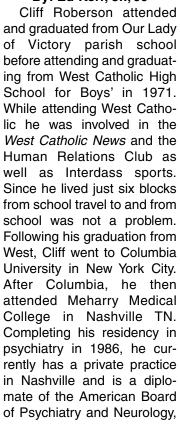
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**BURR PROFILE** 

#### Clifford F. Roberson, M.D.,'71









and Chief of the Medical Staff at Tennessee Christian Medical Center in Nashville. He is also a member of the Clinical Faculty of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Cliff and his wife Sharon will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in May of 2007. They have two children, Cliff, Jr. and Vivian and the Roberson family attends church services at St. Edward's parish in Nashville. Dr. Roberson is grateful for all the good things his education at West Catholic allowed him to realize and he looks forward to continuing his support of the Alumni Association so that he can do his part to ensure that West Catholic is there for future generations. We are proud of our fellow graduate and wish him and his family the very

# William H. McGarvey Alumni Association Scholarship Grants





Wayne Donahue

Whitney Lane

Two graduates from the 2006 class of West Catholic High School were awarded Scholarship Grants recently. Whitney Lane will attend Chestnut Hill College in Chestnut Hill Pa and Wayne Donahue will attend LaSalle University in Philadelphia PA. Our sincere congratulations are extended to both of these fine students who thoroughly enjoyed their West Catholic experience over the past four years.

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#### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

By: Ed Kerr, Jr.,'60
John Patterson,'83 communicated from Collegeville Pa where he resides with his wife Sherry. We also heard from Dan Ferri,'52, in beautiful Fort Myers Fl and William Pyfer,'63 in Plainfield NJ where he resides with his wife Carol.

Board member Joseph J. Perry,'74 took advantage of the Matching Gift Program from his employer when he participated in the Annual Fund Campaign for the Alumni Association.

John M. McCafferty,'56 (Kathleen,'69) of Philadelphia PA join Dennis J. Cramsie, Sr.'64 of Havertown PA and John P. Hanlon,'45 of Concordville PA in their support of our proud Association.

Mitch Yanak from the class of 1970 along with his wife Irene,'67, who live in Philadelphia send best wishes to their classmates. Robert Sarlo,'41 also residing in Philadelphia, with his wife Marta and Daniel Tin ney,'65 of Folsom Pa join with loyal Burr, Louis DiFilippo,'45 of Clifton Heights Pa to sing their praises of West Catholic.

William J. Murphy,'60 and

his wife Loretta,'62 of Williamstown NJ along with Francis J. Flynn,'39 (Mary) of Maple Shade NJ appreciate the good work of Phil Girard,'46 and his *Emissary* staff.

We are pleased to mention proud graduate **Rev. Myron McCormick, OFM,'37** of St. Anthony Shrine #100 Arch St. Boston Ma 02110-1111. Father McCormick would enjoy hearing from a fellow Burr, drop him a line to say hello.

Donald Atkinson,'53, Vincent Davis,'47 and Richard Lafferty, '56 have all enjoyed the distinction of being a 50th Anniversary Burr. Our best to the class of 1956 and the class of 2006, as they both celebrated a very special day on June 10, 2006 at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul. The class of 2006 is the 16th graduating class for the new West Catholic; when you combine the 70 graduating classes from **West Catholic High School** for Boys', 86 years and growing is a number to be very proud of. The future is bright for West Catholic High School. Your support of the Alumni Association Annual Fund will help us to do our

part to keep this special spirit alive and well.

James R. O'Brien,'70 (Teresa) of Huntingdon Valley PA, Joseph T. Gatt,'64 of Stratford NJ and William Hartnett,'65 (Deborah) of Hockessin DE, all support the Annual Fund.

Rev. Mr. George F. McAndrews,'45 (Mary) of Devon PA and Frank Doorey,'35 now of Cinnaminson NJ are proud West Catholic grads of the 1952 "Class of Champions."

Ed Williams, Folsom PA, Rev. Charles Moore of Towson MD, and John M. Cunningham (Patricia) of Bryn Mawr PA join Gary T. Jackson,'72 of Philadelphia PA and Joseph M. McAleer,'65 (Margaret) of Lake Harmony PA in their support of the Alumni Association.

Robert J. O'Donnell'54 (A.J.) of Collegeville PA and Charles J. Linde,'55 (Lorena) of Winter Haven FL remember the West Catholic of the past and salute the West Catholic of today. Lawrence P. Ryan,'54 (Joyce Ann) and Philip D. Pfaffman,'60 (Dorothy) of Galloway NJ join Eugene M. Sullivan,'55 (Mary Ellen) and

Joseph E. Van Kirk, Sr.,'42 of Naples FL with best wishes to their classmates.

Paul & Rita Marano,'71 of Prospect Park PA, John J. Davis,'37, of Secane PA (Gertrude) and John A. Mullin,'68 (Kathleen) of Philadelphia PA support the slogan...Long Live West Catholic!

Paul Sullivan,'74 (Kathleen) of Doylestown and William S. Kain of West Chester PA along with Terrence K. Casey,'75 of Aston Pa and John J. Hargy, III,'59 (Cecilia) of Lake Forest CA promote Catholic Education.

Herb Magee,'59 who just loves Coaching (Philadelphia University) and winning, Herb touts a sensational record of 813 victories against 318 games lost, (update information provided by Tony Berich, Assistant Director of Athletics) at Philadelphia College of Textile & Sciences now Philadelphia University in Philadelphia PA,) checked in to show his ongoing support of the Alumni Association.

Kulsik, Blisard, Braccili & Kraft is not a new Law firm but in fact **John F. Kulsik,'50** (Grace) of Springfield PA, **James J. Blisard,'51** of

Drexel Hill PA, John J. Braccili,'67 of Wallingford PA and John F. Kraft, CLU,'57 (Mary) of Washington Crossing PA, are all proud West men who Love to Spread Her Fame! John Kraft is planning the 50th Reunion Celebration for the great class of 1957; the celebration will be combined with that for West Catholic Girls'.

James F. Pastore, Jr.,'57 (Mary,'58) of Springfield PA hopes to join John for this event next year. Daniel J. McNerney,'54 communicated from Chandler AZ as did former Hoopster and Track & Field man Ed McCafferty,'57 from Maryland.

Stephen J. Purdy,'81 checked in from Yardley PA as did George E. Lion,'45 from McKeesport PA.

Major Thomas R. Maguire,'71 always loyal to the Alumni Association wrote to us from his overseas assignment in Greece.

Bill Hunter, 68 retired Ironworker of 25 years enjoys his summers selling hotdogs on Wildwood NJ beaches, while Helen, his wife enjoys her vacation time at the beach working on her ten

#### **BURR BRIEFS**

#### West Grads Make the List

Richard Pagano is a sport historian and teacher in the Upper Darby School District in Pennsylvania. His new book, Delaware County Sports Legends, Published by CHOICE MARKETING has 154 pages of photos and information about Delaware County sports heritage. Five West Catholic men made the first edition and they are Dan Barrow, Jr. for Crew and the Olympics, Jim Tuppeny for Track & Field, Francis "Dixie" Dunbar for Track & Field, Bill Reynolds, Jr. for Officiating (NFL) and Jack Sherry for Football.

#### Suffolk University Law School Announcement

The American Bar Association has published the tenth book of **Charles Kindregan**, **Jr.**, **'53**, Distinguished Professor of Law at Suffolk University, Boston, Massachusetts, titled Assisted Reproductive Technology: The Emerging Law and Science. Kindregan also wrote articles recently published in The Family Law Quarterly and the Villanova Law Review.

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FRIDAY, November 10, 2006 - 7:30 PM \$40.00 Per Person Includes Buffet Dinner Drexelbrook Catering - Drexel Hill. PA



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#### **WEST CATHOLIC FOOTBALL-2006**

By: Ed Kerr, Jr.,'60

Head Coach Brian Fluck,'88 has taken his teams to the Philadelphia Catholic League Blue Division Championship game for four straight years 2002-2005. Although the Burrs did not win a title in any of those four years, they reestablished themselves as a viable program. When you consider the current enrollment, Coach Fluck, his staff and players have provided us some very exciting and entertaining football in a very competitive league. The 2006 season should offer more of the same with perhaps a younger cast of players and a few coaching changes. Coach Fluck's classmate and teammate Albie Crosby,'88 has moved from West Catholic running backs coach to the same responsibility at LaSalle University under Head Coach, Tim Miller. Joining Coach Crosby at LaSalle will be 2006 West grads Wayne Donahue and Tyrek Smith. Other recent West grads that have moved on to College include Curtis Brinkley a starting running back at Syracuse, Derrell Hand, a defensive lineman at Notre Dame, Marty Blithe, an offensive lineman at Ursinus, Chris Farmer a defensive end at Villanova and John Maddox a defensive back/wide receiver at West Virginia.

George 'Bud' Southcott,'62 has added to his duties as QB Coach and will now Coach the running backs as well. Newcomers to the coaching staff include Tony Beaty, Dan Lundle, Ronald Turner and Lincoln Townsend. Coach Fluck, as usual scheduled difficult opponents for the pre-season schedule to include Roman Catholic and LaSalle from the larger Red Division of the Catholic League and St. John's Washington D.C. West did not win any of these games this year, but competed and did gain valuable experience for the task at hand, the Philadelphia Catholic League Blue Division Schedule that begins with Bishop McDevitt and finishes with current Champion Archbishop Wood.

West Catholic's starting offense includes five underclassmen, two sophomores, right tackle, Victor McNair and split end, Haleem Hayward. They also have three juniors, quarterback, Eric Brennan, Flanker, Rodney Blango and left tackle, Earl Griffiths, Jr. The defensive unit includes seven underclassmen; Frederick Ruff at nose guard is a freshman. Free safety, Haleem Hayward, strong safety, Raymond Maples and kicker, Mike Henderson are all from the sophomore class. Weak linebacker, Marquese Sanders and defensive tackle, Derrick Greene are juniors.

Senior Tri-Captains Marc Holloway, at middle linebacker, Isiah Edmond, at right guard and weak defensive end and Anthony 'Tony' Rhoades, a strong defensive end, punter and tight end, join returning running back Dennis Straw, center, David Walker, left guard, Ode Evans, fullback, Jackie Mason, strong linebacker, Chris Booker and right corner, Khiry Carter to provide the senior leadership and experience that West Catholic will rely on during the season. The last pre-season game had West facing LaSalle, rated #2 in the area, West led at halftime only to fall 42-34. Please support West Catholic Athletics, the balance of the League Schedule is provided for your consideration. As of now there will not be a Thanksgiving Game this season; however that could change.



Tri-Captains, Marc Holloway, #54 Anthony Rhoades, #44 & Isiah Edmond, #51, at the site of former West Catholic Grotto, next to the current practice facility at 49th & Chestnut Streets, The original Grotto was dedicated in 1945 as a gift from the West Catholic Mothers Club.



Defensive Coordinator & Linebackers Coach, Dennis Fluck, '77 and his brother, Head Coach Brian Fluck,'88.

#### WEST CATHOLIC 2006 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Remaining League Games Philadelphia Catholic League - Blue Division

Fri., Oct. 6 Conwell-Egan High School @ Truman High 7pm Fri., Oct. 13 Kennedy-Kenrick HS@Conshohocken Field "A" 7pm Sat., Oct. 21 Neumann-Goretti High@12th & Bigler Sts. 2pm Sat., Oct. 28 Archbishop Carroll High@ Kerr Field/Yeadon 2pm Sat., Nov. 4 Archbishop Wood@ Widener University 7pm

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT



# Tom Dorrian, '61 President West Catholic Alumni Association

Hello again!! Hope everyone enjoyed their summer season as much as I did. I retired from Lockheed Martin in King of Prussia after 31 years of service. I've been living in Avalon N.J. since March 31st. I couldn't begin to explain to you how much I am enjoying my retirement. If anyone comes through Avalon anytime of the year please look me up as I'm the only Dorrian in the Cape May County phone book. This year will also be my fourth and final year as President of the Alumni Association . I'm becoming a real man of leisure.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Alumni Association's Annual Fund Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and as you well know if it's not the only reason it is defintely the main reason that we can stay in business. Thanks again for all your generous support.

I take great pleasure in announcing the 2006 Burrs at the Beach at Westy's Irish Pub in NorthWildwood was a total success. It's always a concern when you change venues as we did this year. Going into the unknown defintely adds a lot more anxiety and pressure. The only thing that makes it a success is the presence of all the Alumni, Alumnae and Friends of West Catholic who attend each year. This year 1800 of you made it the best B@B ever. For additional information on this event please see the article on page 4 concerning the affair.

In case you are not aware Sunday, November 5, 2006, 9:00 AM The Alumni Association will be celebrating our 86th annual Communion Breakfast. This year we are moving it to the Springfield Country Club in Delaware County in hopes that it will be a convenient location so that more alumni can/will attend. Hope to see a lot of new faces along with our faithful core of attendees. Alumni Association merchandise will be available for purchase.

I was happy to see a quick and amicable settlement to the Archdioceses and Teachers Union Contract. School started on time and everyone, especially the seniors, were very happy.

ATTENTION CLASS of 1961. We are holding our 45th class reunion on Saturday, October 14, 2006 at the Ramada Airport. Mass will be at 5:00PM. Hopefully all classmates are planning on attending. For ticket information see Class Reunion Schedule in this edition.

Pray for our men and women in our Armed Services and pray for peace. Slainte and God Bless

# 2006 Annual Fund Campaign



Joe O'Halloran

Co-Chairmen Joseph O'Halloran,'59 and Joseph McGowan,'71 together with members of the Executive Committee report that the 2006 Annual Fund Campaign raised a total of \$84,000.00. We thank all members who supported this year's worthy campaign that assists the Alumni Association with our efforts to sustain the success of West Catholic High School



Joe McGowan

for today and the future. Although the campaign ended on August 31st, donations continue to amount that will help us with the 2007 Annual Fund. All who contributed were remembered at the Alumni Assodation Mass celebrated in the Chapel at West Catholic High School in September before the opening meeting for the Board of Governors.

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#### **Class Reunion Schedule**

Only your Alumni Association office can provide your Reunion Committee with a current listing of your classmates—Call (215) 387-8560.

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Class	Location/Date	Contact
1947 60th	Planning Stage	Tom Simpson 610.356.9199 or John Donoghue 610.738.4121
1956 50th	10/27/06 Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy. Essington, PA	Jim McLaughlin 610.566.2225 or George Madonna 610.565.1000
1957 50th	9/28/07 Combined Springfield CC Spoul Road Springfield, PA	Jack Kraft 215.493.5899 or Joan McGinn Woods 610.356.2831
1961 45th	10/14/06 Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy. Essington, PA	Tom Dorrian 484.431.0781 or Joe Manfre 610.543.1792
1966 40th	11/24/06 Embassy Suites Philadelphia Airport 9000 Bartram Ave. Philadelphia, PA	Frank Tallon 610.446.3512 or Dot McShane 215.755.4354
1971 35th	11/10/06 - Combined Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy	Maureen Tipping 610.284.0650
1976 30th	Essington, PA 11/18/06-Combined Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy Essington, PA	215.467.0981 Joe Hasson 215.386.2244 484.431.3554( C)
1980	Planning Stage-Combined	Yolanda Braxton
1986 20th	Planning Stage-Combined Oaks Ballroom	
1996 10th	Planning Stage	Marcia Turner 215.474.1110 or Nick Voight 610.941.0592
2001 5th	Planning Stage	Jackie Fritz 215.409.523

NOTE: ALL OTHER CLASSES WHO ARE PLANNING A REUNION OR WOULD LIKE TO PLAN ONE, PLEASE CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT 215-387-8560.

#### **Alumni Golf Outing - July 8, 2006**



(L to R) Bill Simpson '60, Ed Kerr '60 and Tom Dorrian '61

By Bill Simpson

The Burrs at the Beach Golf Outing at the Wildwood Golf and Country Club turned out to be great fun and a huge success. Some 50 "Loyal Sons" took on the challenge at this pristine golf venue. There were particpants from the '50's to '90's classes. The 19th hole had stories of long drives, great chip shots, and putts that just missed. Also, for the first time "sponsors" were solicited and we would like to thank the following: Procure Practice Mgmt. Services, Inc., (Bernard Faia '88); Dawn & Dave Joslin '67; Class of '61; Class of '60; Fitz's Follie.com (Irish Shirts, etc.), Phil Pfaffman '60; Joe Manfre; '61; Tom Dorrian '61; Elmwood Sporting Good, Tom Carberry '67; J.D. McGillicuddy's Pub & Restaurant; Judge James Beadley '64; Casey's Saloon, Drexel Hill, The Melvin Family; Info-Graphix Systems, Rich Colvin, CFC & Joe Manfre '61; B&S Sports Wear, Bill McDevitt '75; Fran Crawley '77; McCann Family, '46,'49,'51,'53,'60,'62,'65,'66,'68; Ed Kerr '60; Simpson Family, '47,'52.'60; Newman Family, '54,'61; Jim Mulhern, WC Development Director; Mullin Family '69,'70,'72,'84; Fraser Advanced Info Systems, Karen Mullin.

Again for the participants and sponsors we appreciate your patronage. See you next year.

Joe Manfre '61, Bill Simpson '60, Bob Mullin '84