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87th COMMUNION BREAKFAST - NOV. 4, 2007

Join your friends and classmates once again at the Springfield Country Club

The Alumni Association's 87th Annual Communion Breakfast will be held again this year at the beautiful Springfield Country Club, on Springfield Road in Springfield, Delaware County. Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and the awards ceremony will be immediately following. Ticket prices are \$25.00 in advance or at the door.

Our principal celebrant will be the Reverend Richard J. McAndrews. A member of the Golden Anniversary Class of 1958, Father McAndrews attended St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and has served the members of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia through positions in many parishes. Currently, he is the pastor of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish in Plymouth Meeting. Father McAndrews also has a Masters Degree from LaSalle University.

Brother Kevin Stanton, FSC, will be our homilist. After graduating from West Catholic in 1956, Brother Kevin obtained his BA from LaSalle University; he also received a Masters Degree from the University of Notre Dame. Brother has held many teaching and administrative positions through out the Christian Brothers' ministries, including Principal of West Catholic and President of Calvert Hall. Currently, he is teaching at St. Gabriel's Hall, Audubon, Pennsylvania.

Once again, deserving alumni of West Catholic will be honored for their many accomplishments and contributions to West Catholic, the Alumni Association and society in general. Members of our 50 year class—the Class of 1958—will receive special awards and will be involved in various aspects of the Mass.

The Alumni Association is continuing the new tradition started last year by also honoring the Silver Anniversary Class—the Class of 1983.

The Communion Breakfast Committee chose ten award winners to be honored from a large field of well-qualified nominees. Nominations were received from many members of the Alumni Association as well as from Board Members and from West Catholic.

The 2007 honorees are: George Light '58 (William McGarvey Award); Ed McGinn '48 (Golden Burr Award); John J. Gallagher '58 (50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award); Harry Mirra '52 (Brother G. John Owens Award); William McMackin '62 (Brother Edwin Anselm Award); John Kraft '57 (Brother D. Aloysius Award); David Joslin '67 (Brother Martin Strickroth Award); Daniel P.

Dorrian '56 (Golden Burr Award); Peter J. McNamara '77 (Golden Burr Award) and Martin Crothers '83 (25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award). Individual articles on each award winner are featured on Page 2.

All priest-alumni are invited to serve as concelebrants for this special occasion. Special arrangements are being made to provide a beautiful musical program for the liturgy.

All activities on November 4th will take place at the Springfield Country Club. Because of the large attendance last year, the Mass will be celebrated in a separate, larger room within the Club in recognition of the solemnity of the occasion. All proceeds from the Offertory Collection will be used for the Communion Breakfast fund to benefit Catholic students who wish to attend West Catholic.

The Communion Breakfast was moved to Springfield Country Club last year for many reasons, including making it more convenient for the majority of alumni to attend, since more Alumni live in Delaware County than any other county, including Philadelphia. Last year's enthusiastic and large attendance demonstrated the popularity of this change.

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 coupons for tickets and program advertisement see Page 3. For further information please call the Alumni Office at 215-387-8560.

For Detailed Biographies on Award Recipients See Page 2

Is MENTORING in Your Future?

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

While attending the opening meeting for the West Catholic Alumni Association earlier this month, a presentation pertaining to the students attending West Catholic High School was made to the Board of Governors by Brother Tim Ahern, '66, President of West Catholic High School. He said that attracting students to West Catholic was not the problem but retaining those same students for the second year was.

The fundamental skills required including reading, writing, comprehension, knowledge of the English language, better study and organizational time management skills are required to help these Students bridge the adjustment from grade school to high school.

This call is being made to West Catholic graduates to HELP! Should you have skills in any of the above areas and believe that the time you can afford would make a difference in the future of a West Catholic student...please contact Brother Tim Ahern, President of West Catholic High School, at 215-386-2244. When you call, please state that you are calling about the Mentoring Program and wish to speak with Brother Tim Ahern. He will gladly listen to you to see if a match can be made. YOU can make a difference...Your HELP can go a long way toward assuring that there will be a WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL for future generations. PLEASE CALL BROTHER TODAY!

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Religious Graduates' Reunion

Over 1,900 persons have dedicated their lives to serving the Lord since graduating from West Catholic High School. This distinguished group includes Sisters, Christian Brothers, Priests, six Bishops and Cardinal John O'Connor '38. Over 180 returned to West on April 25, 2007 to attend a reunion Mass and social. It was the first time than many had been back to the school since graduation.

The idea for the unique celebration came from the Rev. David Engo, the school's Chaplain. The homilist for the Mass, Rev. Msg. James T. McDonough '49, urged students to give careful consideration to a religious life. Brother Timothy Ahern, School President, was surprised by the turnout and suggested that the large number of religious graduates may be a record for any Catholic high school in America. Students, staff and teachers all attended this joyful reunion.

Successful Fund Drive Comes To A Close

The 2007 Fund Campaign ended on September 30th and raised a substantial amount in response to the two appeals mailed to all alumni. Co-chairmen Thomas A. Bazis, '62 and Clifford Roberson, M.D., '71 reported that the final total will amount to just over \$90,000.

Although this is not a record it is due to the continuing generosity of our members who gave approximately \$4,000 more than in 2006.

As is the custom the proceeds will be used to fund the activities and projects of the association and to aid the school for certain specific needs.

Brother Timothy Ahern, the Fund Chairmen and the Board of Governors express their thanks to all contributors who helped to make the 2007 Campaign a success. Your financial support will help to keep the West spirit alive and growing.

'58 Classmates Enjoying B@B



L to R: George Light, Bob Bell, John Gallagher

Alumni Association Award Recipients



DANIEL P. DORRIAN '56
GOLDEN BURR AWARD

Dan has many fond memories of West, including winning the interclass football championships in his sophomore and junior years. He greatly appreciates the efforts of all of the Sisters and Brothers that taught him through grade school and high school. He also considers himself fortunate to have attended West with so many classmates "who were solid, principled individuals".

Although the need to hold a job throughout high school prevented him from participating in varsity sports at West, he excelled in college athletics at Drexel and graduated in 1966. He also was a member of the US Marine Corps Reserves.. He followed up his athletic success in high school with success in the business world.

Dan and his wife, Patricia, have five children—Dan, Kevin, Kelly, Colleen and Meghan.



JOHN J. GALLAGHER '58
50TH ANNIVERSARY
GOLDEN BURR AWARD

John possesses many happy memories of his years at West Catholic. He "liked Every class", although his favorites were Business and English. He fondly recalls Brother D. Patrick, Moon Mullen, Brother Gregory Cavalier, Brother Patrick Ellis and Mr. John King. John was very active in NHS and the Marching Band. He remembers the daily walks around the school track after "eat and get out" lunches in the cafeteria.

John and his wife, Laura, now live on Long Island. They have three children (John and twins Beth Ann and Christopher) and five grandchildren (Amanda, Lauren, Kristin, Thomas and Michael). John devotes much time and effort into maintaining and improving communications between his fellow members of the Class of 1958, through such endeavors as the *Brag Rag*.



JOHN F. KRAFT '57
BROTHER D. ALOYSIUS
AWARD

John is thankful to the Christian Brothers for giving him the "knowledge to succeed in business and personal life." He had a very successful career at West and afterward!

At West, John recalls his favorite teacher as Brother F. Gregory, with World History as his best class and, like so many others, with Latin as his least favorite! John ran track and cross country, played football and was involved in Student Council.

After his graduation John continued his education at the University of Colorado, St. Joseph's University and American College.

John and his wife, Mary, have five children: John Jr., Michele, Chris, Mary-Lyn and Ken. John has remained very active in his class activities and keeps in contact with many from the Class of 1957.



GEORGE LIGHT '58
WILLIAM H. MCGARVEY
AWARD

George entered West Catholic from St. Francis de Sales Parish. He literally ran onto the scene, earning his first varsity letter as a freshman competing on the cross-country squad. His track accomplishments helped West Catholic win three Catholic League Championships and two City Championships. He was inducted into the West Catholic Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

George is entering his seventh year as Assistant Development Director at West.

He met his lovely wife Barbara, a West Catholic graduate, while they were rehearsing for the West Catholic School play, *Plain and Fancy*. Married forty-six years and living in Havertown, George and Barbara have four daughters: Barbara, Julia, Jennifer, and Missy. They are also greatly entertained by six grandchildren.



WILLIAM McMACKIN '62
BROTHER EDWIN
ANSELM AWARD

In addition to being a proud graduate of West Catholic, Bill has been a fixture at the school - both at 49th & Chestnut and at 45th & Chestnut, where he has been a devoted member of the faculty for many years!

From his days as a student at West, Bill fondly recalls his Junior and Senior Literature classes; his favorite teachers were Brother Kevin Strong and Mr. Mike Sikorski. He ran track and participated in the Newspaper, Basketball and Intramurals. His greatest memories include the 1959 Catholic League Championship Game and graduation.

Bill and his wife, Susan, have two children, Molly and Kevin. Bill says that he is thankful to "my wife and family, the students that I have met over the years, and fellow teachers, staff, and administrators that have made my years at West so rewarding."



DAVID F. JOSLIN '67
GOLDEN BURR AWARD

Dave's four years at West can be described as active and well rounded! He recalls Brother Daniel and Brother Larry Monroe as his favorite teachers with Mechanical Drawing as his favorite class, but his memories of English class are not so fond! In addition to his academic pursuits, Dave was a Student Officer and a member of Student Council. He played Varsity Football and ran Varsity Track. His best memory of West was winning the City Football Championship in 1965.

Dave and his wife, Dawn, have three children (David Jr., Brian and Aimee) and five grandchildren (Colleen, Kyra, Brian, David and Sarah). He especially would like to thank his wife and family, as well as the West Catholic Loyal Family!



HARRY T. MIRRA '52
BROTHER G. JOHN
OWENS AWARD

Harry characterizes the education he received from the Christian Brothers as "outstanding" and states that it was obvious that "they really loved to educate their boys". Harry is proud to be a member of the "Class of Champions" that won four league championships—Football, Basketball, Track and Cross Country! He recalls English as his favorite class, while his memory of History classes is not so favorable! He fondly remembers Brother G. Martin and Brother F. Boniface.

For many years Harry has been an active participant in many community organizations particularly those devoted to veterans.

Harry and his wife, Elizabeth (Halyburton, West '62) have 3 children (Donald, Michael and David) and one grandchild (Annabelle).



EDWARD J. MCGINN '48
GOLDEN BURR AWARD

Looking back on his many memories and successes, Ed is very thankful for his "16 years of scholarships" – that is, free tuition – to Good Shepherd, West Catholic and the University of Notre Dame.

From his four years at 49th and Chestnut, Ed fondly remembers Brother Fabian as his favorite teacher, as well as friends Harry Henry, Ernie Beck, Jim Toner and Jack Elwell. Ed played Basketball at West and was a miler for the track team.

After West, Ed served two tours of duty in the United States Navy, first as an enlisted seaman (1949-1950) and then as an officer in Japan in (1954-1955). Ed retired in 1995.

Ed and his wife, Jean, have two children, Ed Jr. and Maureen. They continue to live in Philadelphia.



PETER J. MCNAMARA, '77
ESQUIRE
GOLDEN BURR AWARD

Hailing from Good Shepherd Parish, Pete has achieved success academically, athletically and professionally. While at West, Pete was both an academic standout and a senior standout. He was elected to Student Council and was a member of the National Honor Society. He rowed for the highly regarded West Catholic crew team and was a manager for football.

Several years ago, Pete convinced his siblings to start the "Peg and Bob McNamara Scholarship" fund at West. The highlight of this year's Burrs at the Beach occurred when he and his family met the parents of a student attending West on the Peg and Bob McNamara Scholarship.

Pete proudly gives "thanks to my Mom and Dad, to whom I owe all my success."



MARTIN CROTHERS '83
25TH ANNIVERSARY
SILVER BURR AWARD

Growing up in Southwest Philadelphia, Marty was a member of Good Shepherd Parish and Good Shepherd School. He comes from a true West Catholic family - his father (Martin, Sr.) and brothers (Joe and Steven) each are Burrs and his mother (Charlotte) is a graduate of West Girls!

While at West, Marty followed a tradition set by many other Good Shepherd alumni in joining the Crew Team. Marty was a coxswain for the Crew Team for four years, from 1980 through 1983. The team was a power house on the Schuylkill River, winning many honors - - including the Stotesbury Cup and the Manny Flick Championship (1982). Marty continued his devotion to West Crew as an alumnus, serving as a crew coach from 1985 to 1988.

Brothers' Boys Share An Afternoon With a West Catholic Legend

On April 21, 2007, members of the Class of 1954 shared a unique experience at The University of LaSalle in Philadelphia. Twenty members of that class had the honor and a rare opportunity to eat lunch and reminisce about many pleasant memories with none other than Brother John Owens, AKA "Handsome John," "Hanse," "Brother John", or "Brother West Catholic". He is now retired and living at LaSalle.

If you attended West Catholic Boys High School during the years from 1939 through 1963, you knew him either as a teacher or as the Principal, and he knew you. If you didn't know him, you obviously did not go to West. After the luncheon, with his Irish wit as sharp as ever, Brother John fielded many questions from the twenty Burrs in attendance.

The son of a policeman from the tough Fairmount section of Philadelphia, Brother John has many admirable qualities, but his unique trait is an amazing memory. He can recall events and names not only from his years at West but also from his early childhood. It was a treat to hear his many stories, as well as those of his former students. With a twinkle in his still clear blue eyes, Brother shared many antidotes about his teaching experiences, which had the "Brothers' Boys" laughing.

Of course, all former Burrs can recall those piercing blue eyes when they were not laughing. Who else could

quiet an auditorium full of rambunctious teenage boys by merely entering the area? One glare from those eyes and every student lost the power to make a sound. No student ever wanted to meet The "Handsome One" about a discipline problem either, although Brother John was always fair in his judgment and in meeting out the appropriate punishment for the student's infraction.

Each member of the '54 class had one or more stories about the guest of honor. Surely, all who ever came in contact with Brother John have favorite personal memories.

Class president, Gus Hoban, and fellow '54 classmates, George Weir and Don 'Squeeze' Campbell, were instrumental in arranging this pleasant afternoon. Brother Gerry Molineaux, West '53, and Sid MacLeod, both of the Communications Department at LaSalle University, were gracious, as well as instrumental, in having the question and answer session with Brother John recorded and put on a DVD. Although only those from the class of '54 were in attendance, we are certain that other classes will enjoy viewing the sixty-three minute disk, which is available through George Light at the Alumni Office. Please phone 215-386-2244, Ext. 260 for further information.

We also encourage you to visit the web-site on the life of Brother John Owens, which covers his life up to the present. The address is www.brotherjohnowens.org.

William A. Sheridan, EdD'43, Deceased By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Bill Sheridan from the great class of 1943 has passed and he will be missed. Hailing from MBS parish, Bill would serve his country in the United States Army during World War II following graduation from West Catholic High School for Boys'. He was awarded two Purple Hearts in the name of the President of the United States for his service to his country during war time. Following the war, Bill would attend LaSalle College and continue his education with the Christian Brothers. He loved being an Educator and would earn a Doctorate in this field.

Bill, and his wonderful wife Josephine, have two children, William F. and Beth, they also have eight grandchildren. After his years of service to the Philadelphia School District as a School Principal, Bill Sheridan would turn his efforts and service to his beloved West Catholic High School for Boys'. He served as Alumni Association President for two terms and also initiated the Bob Dougherty Sports Hall of Fame for West Catholic High School Athletics during the 1980's. He fought to keep West Catholic High School for Boys' open, while supporting the new school once it opened in the fall of 1989. Together with J. Howard McCaffrey, his classmate at West Catholic, he got the ball rolling for the annual BURRS at the BEACH celebration.

His commitment to his alma mater was recognized by the Alumni Association when he was signaled out with an award at the annual Communion Breakfast a few years ago. Bill's service should be remembered and embraced by younger BURR graduates who can afford their time and skills to help West Catholic students of today.

Henry C. 'Shag' Crawford, '35, Deceased

Shag Crawford, 90, a National League Baseball Umpire for two decades from Havertown PA and the Class of 1935, died in July. He umpired in the majors from 1956 to 1975. Shag worked three World Series, two National League Championship Series and three All Star Games.

When umpiring at home plate, he crouched especially close so that he could view pitches, his hand resting on the catcher's back to keep his balance. All Burrs who follow Major League Baseball were proud of fellow Burr, Shag and his association with the game.

THE 2007-2008 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Another Successful Burrs at the Beach At Westy's Irish Pub

by Tom Dorrian, '61

Without sounding like a broken record I would like to tell everyone who missed our 20th annual Burrs at the Beach all class reunion, the 2nd at Westy's Irish Pub in North Wildwood, you missed another great one. We again had over 1800 alumni, alumnae and friends of West Catholic attend but still had plenty of room for more. It was a bright sunny day that began with Mass 45 minutes before the noon opening of the gates. All are welcome to attend Mass even if you are not attending the affair. Father John Hand, class of 1984 and also B@B Chaplain, said the Mass and asked God's blessing for great weather and a successful and safe affair.

Once again our hosts, Art and Peg West, warmly welcomed the West Catholic family to Westy's Irish Pub. Westy's is easily the best facility we have ever used for holding the B@B party. They and their wonderful staff were just outstanding in meeting the needs of all our attendees. The hospitality and care they offered was very obvious in all the amenities they provided. The three food courts which were strategically positioned throughout the facility including inside, outside, upstairs and downstairs were laden with choices of delicious food. Also there

were numerous bars strategically placed throughout Westy's to satisfy everyone's favorite beverage. DJ Jerry Smith once again provided music covering the 1940s to current hits to satisfy the music preference of everyone. The dance floor area was jumping all day long.

Because of the popularity of the 50/50 raffle last year we repeated it again this year and it proved to be very successful. Three lucky people in attendance were more than happy to share approximately \$1,800.00 in prize money. We had a few glitches this year in locating the winners but in the end all the original winning number recipients were located and rewarded. Next year we plan to have many more committee members selling raffle tickets to insure everyone's participation.

I just can't say enough about how successful this year's event was and is going to continue to be. I know most people who attend appreciate all the hard work and time that our Burrs at the Beach Committee puts in as volunteers. They spend many hours of their own time attending meetings and doing all the behind the scenes duties that it takes to both present and improve the event every year. Space constraints prevent me from listing all their names but I would

like to extend my profound appreciation to all committee members for all that you do year in and year out. You are the most loyal and hardest working committee of them all. God Bless and thank you for everything you do.

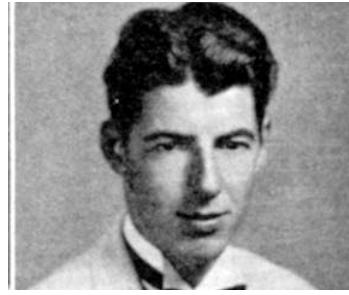
Once again I want to thank all alumni, alumnae and friends of West Catholic who attend Burrs at the Beach. This reunion is the envy of all other schools that sponsor this type of event. They are all amazed at the loyalty shown by the West Catholic family when they hear our attendance record year after year. Thank you for your presence now and in the future.

The donation presented to West Catholic High School as a result of this year's Burrs at the Beach is \$35,000.00 for Catholic student tuition assistance. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to our success.

See you all and more next year on Sunday, July 13, 2008 at Westy's Irish Pub.

The Beach Reunion Founders Loyal Sons from the Class of 1943

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60



J. Howard McCaffrey, '43

Some 20 years ago, J. Howard McCaffrey and Bill Sheridan spearheaded an idea to have a Jersey Shore reunion for West Catholic High School every July to raise funds for tuition assistance. This annual reunion would be called "BURRS at the BEACH" and would be celebrated at the Sea Isle Yacht Club in Sea Isle City, New Jersey. What began with 300 in attendance for a Sunday afternoon in the initial year grew to well over 2,000. Most recently with the third location the attendance is still very close to 2,000.

This dedication to a cause and love of West Catholic High School stimulated both of these men to energize



William A. Sheridan, '43

other West Catholic graduates and friends of West Catholic to join the team that brought about the largest and most successful summer fund raiser for tuition assistance.

When McCaffrey and Sheridan stepped aside, Bob McGovern, '60 stepped in and was responsible for the move to North Wildwood at Moore's Inlet. The current Co-Chairmen George Light, '58 and Tom Dorrian, '61 have moved the event to WESTY'S, also in North Wildwood.

We remember the first "BURRS at the BEACH" and the men who had the vision to see and believe in what could be. We thank both of these thinking men for bringing us a great summer event.

Burrs At The Beach Golf Outing

by Bill Simpson '60

A beautiful day at the "Shore" and a great day for golf. This year's outing was a great success. Thanks to all the golfers who participated and to all the "Hole Sponsors." Over \$3500 was raised from the event and will be used to help a student athlete in one of West's sports programs. The outing is in memory of Bill Burns '60, a 1st Team All-Catholic and High School "All American" at "Burr High". The golf committee is grateful to the players and sponsors who helped to make the annual outing both joyful and profitable. "Thanks" to the following sponsors:

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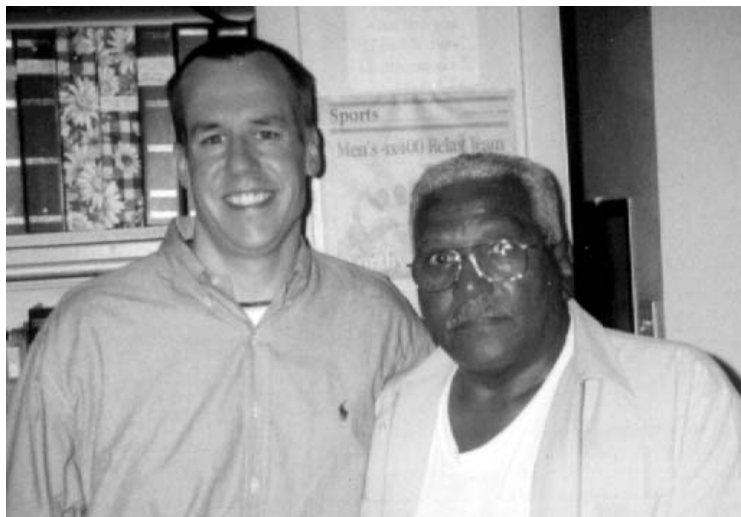


The hard-working Burrs at the Beach Committee



Keeping Track of Coach Franklin Harwell

By: Ben Kerr '95



Ben Kerr, '95 and Coach Franklin Harwell

It was early September of 1991 when my Dad introduced me to Coach Franklin Harwell. I was a freshman at West Catholic who hadn't given much thought to joining one of West's athletic teams. One day, I found myself in Coach Harwell's office looking to be a part of the cross-country team. I was a bit heavier back then and not fast by any means, but, to my surprise, Coach welcomed me to the team and told me to come to the first practice. Although I never competed in a single cross-country event, I always practiced and was a part of the team. Once indoor track season began, Coach believed that the shotput was a better event for me than a relay and he was right. To Coach Harwell, we were more than just his team, we were his children. If you happened to be on one of his teams between 1982 and 1996, then you know that there was a family atmosphere and everyone cared for one another. One thing we learned early on was that laziness was never tolerated. If you were in pain, you didn't 'find a stump to fit your rump' and Coach definitely never wanted to see any 'shuckin' and jivin'. Coach always had his trusty megaphone, stopwatch and whistle at every practice. After each of those practices, you'd feel like you had just competed, but you were ready for when the real thing came along. To Coach Harwell, it didn't matter if we won or lost. What mattered was that we finished and did our best.

A graduate of Overbrook High School in 1947, Harwell ran on the Philadelphia Public High Championship cross-country team in 1947 and on the 2-mile relay championship teams of 1946 and 1947. In 1982, he joined West Catholic as the Assistant Bowling Coach at the boys' school. Come 1984, he took on the role of Head Coach of both the cross-country and track and field teams. When you were on a Coach Harwell team, you learned the importance of self respect, respect for others, getting a good education and finishing what you started. We weren't just being prepared for the next meet, we were being prepared for the rest of our lives. After accepting an Assistant Coach position at Temple University in 1996, Coach didn't sever ties with West Catholic. He continued in a role that he was no stranger to...mentor. He served as a counselor and supervisor for the after school tutoring program until 2005.

Today, Coach Harwell is retired from coaching, but West Catholic still holds a special place in his heart. "West became like a family to me. I was treated so nice by students, faculty and the alumni association. A lot of people were just good to me. Above all, I had the best students."

Being on one of his teams didn't just mean that you had to give your best in competition; you also had to do your best in the classroom. Academics always came first. If you were struggling, Coach Harwell would have another

teammate tutor you to help you improve. Some days he would tell some of his team members that they were being given the day off from practice to be tutored. Coach Harwell added that, "The team took care of each other. They learned how to sit down and talk to each other. How you treated your fellow teammates was what mattered to us." In addition to providing tutors, Coach would also bring in guest speakers and help students get financial assistance information if they were pursuing higher education. He did not have an easy life growing up and added, "I believed I could be a great asset to them because of where I came from."

These days, still a Philadelphia resident, Coach Harwell says with a laugh, "All I want to do is relax!" His granddaughter began her freshman year at Agnes Irwin School in Rosemont, PA this fall and plans to run track and cross-country. She has asked him for some help. Luckily, her grandfather has some experience in those sports. As for his many former team members, Coach Harwell enjoys keeping in touch with a number of his West Catholic "children." He says, "As long as I'm here, they can always call me and are always welcome in my home." Every so often, I will receive a note from Coach with a couple of pictures from my days on the crosscountry and track teams. His notes have always been signed, 'Love you son' which also shows how much he cares.

Looking back on twenty-three years of service to the school, he says, "I'm so happy West Catholic gave me the opportunity to be a part of their lives as much as they were a part of mine. I love West Catholic." Thank you Coach Harwell for all of your years of dedication to the young men and women of West Catholic. You have been a true father figure and friend to so many of us and you are a genuine class act. The school was a better place thanks to your contributions which will never be forgotten.

Class of '58 Second Annual Luncheon

by John Gallagher, '58



Msg. King (formerly Brother Azarias), Chris Gallagher (Dad is John '58) and Brother F. Gregory at '58 Annual Luncheon

A truly wonderful, exciting, refreshing and rewarding time was had by all at our second luncheon held this May. Ever increasing numbers attend these annual events and it's so personally gratifying to witness old friends deeply appreciating the value of each other's company. Everybody felt welcome and were reluctant to see this very important day come to an end. Speeches were kept to a minimum. Our Alma Mater continues to manifest a personal spirit unique to West Catholic.

Over 100 fellow grads were proud to greet our guests and returning teachers, Brother Gregory Cavalier and Monsignor King (best remembered as Brother Azarias). From the podium John Gallagher read a wonderful letter from another of our teachers, Brother Felician Patrick Ellis, FSC who was regrettably retained in Baltimore. In an impromptu moment, Brother Gregory took the microphone and spoke to us, making the point that he STILL is an Eagles' fan (except when they play his Steelers). He recounted so many of his fond memories of our Class of '58 noting often how he remembers most of us as "flakes" and "characters". Monsignor King graciously shared volumes of his specific recollections with most of us on an individual basis.

Similar to last year's event, we've video-recorded this luncheon and we can certainly make a copy available to those of you who request it. Between both events, you can see almost 125 attendees speaking to us on camera. But, nothing can fully "recapture" these treasured moments and obviously we thank all attendees. Next year's Golden Reunion our "50th" will truly be a mind-boggling weekend extravaganza, where, God willing, you and your guests will have the TIME OF YOUR LIVES!

Class of '46 Holds Summer Luncheon

by Jack Quinn, '46

Well, the weather wasn't the best with some heavy rain and sporadic showers but a good time was had by all at Casey's on Mon., July 23rd.

Regulars Jerry Kane and Bill McGroarty phoned in advance that they would be on vacation and naturally couldn't be with us. Horace Brown, too, phoned, saying he couldn't make it. Maryann Votta, Dick's wife, contacted us to say that Dick was unwell. Dick, another regular, joins us each quarter from Margate. In May, Dick required more surgery. He was to be operated upon on August 2. Remember Dick in your prayers.

Remember, too, Al "Smitty" French. Smitty was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, with a Military Honor Guard. One of the guards who participated in this burial honor was another '46 luncheoner, John Cook. John is a member of the Marine Corps League General Smedley D. Butler Detachment #741 of Newtown Square and participates in

many war veterans' affairs.

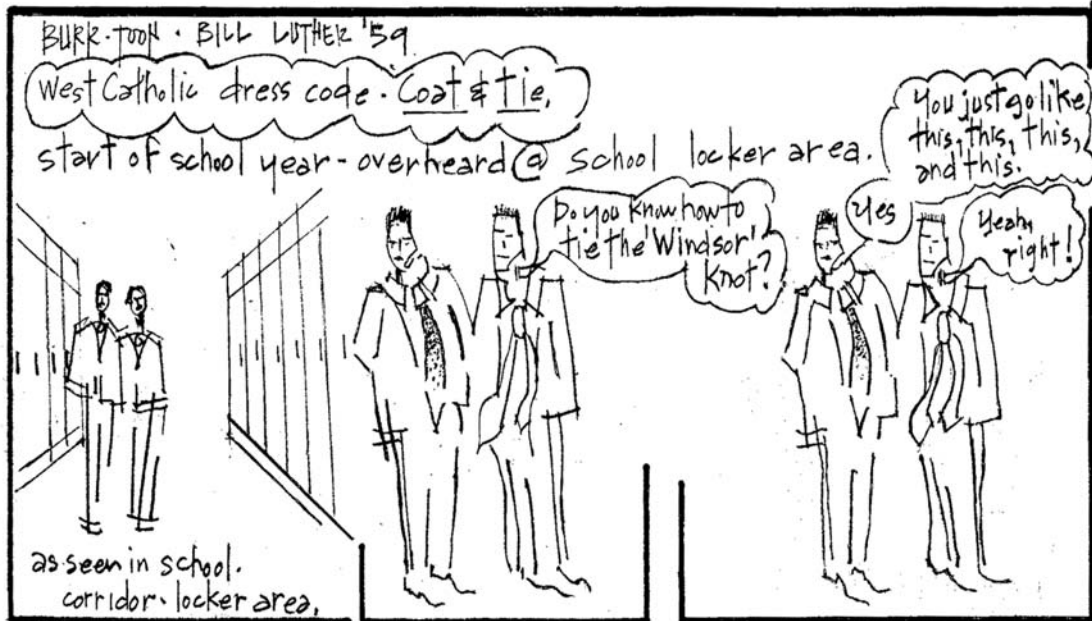
We were joined by two new members at this luncheon: Tom Doris and Hank Velardi. Tom Doris from Our Lady of Lourdes and Sr. Science C now lives in Ocean View, NJ, not far from Sea Isle City and spends a lot of time boating.

Those who were part of the good times on July 23rd were Jack Loughran, Jack Logue, Carl Hough, (Fr.) Tom Donaghy, (Msgr.) Bernard Herron, Tom Doris, Ray Sabatino, Jack Fordyce, Hank Velardi, Joseph Zimmerman, John Cook, Tom Gorman, (Msgr.) James King, Bill Hurley, Bill Johnson, Bill Randolph, Joe O'Brien, Jack Quinn, Phil Girard, Tom Hagenbach and Jack McHugh.

If you're in the area, or are visiting in the area, why not join us? You'll probably have a great time; and.....what has it been?

OVER 61 YEARS
SINCE WE LEFT WEST
AS GRADS !!!

Let's get together again!



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Gary Jackson,'72 sends his best from Philadelphia PA; **Joseph F. Smith,'40** does the same from Haver-town PA. **James Conway,'48** checked in from Hobe Sound FL. **John D. Lythgoe,'66** wrote from Philadelphia PA, while **John & Mary Ann Penza** communicated from Sewell NJ as did **John J. McAuliffe, Esq.,'58** from Lafayette Hill PA.

Francis & Veronica Pedicone,'55 are proud of their West Catholic education and are presently residing in Glen Mills PA. **Robert J. O'Donnell,'54** is Living in Collegeville PA, while **Edward F. Heller,'50** resides in Lansdale PA. **Bill McMack-in,'62** who is a longtime teacher at West Catholic High School resides in Glenside PA with his wife, Susan and their children Molly & Kevin.

Rev. Msgr. Vincent M. Walsh, JCD,'53 is now residing at Villa St. Joseph 1436 Lansdowne Ave Darby PA 19023-1218. **John J. Glenn** from the class of 1954 is in Atlanta GA and **John G. Devlin,'53** is in Renton WA. **James C. Street,'46** reported from Midwest City Oklahoma and **Paul T. Braceland,'53**

did the same from McLean VA.

Joseph W. Nagle wrote from Wynnewood PA where he resides with his wife Rosemarie. **John J. Braccili,'67** now resides in Wallingford PA while **Eugene A. Mee,'47** resides in Encinitas CA with his wife Lucy. **Vincent P. Davis** also a man of '47, the 60th Anniversary class, wrote to us from Glenolden PA.

Mitchell J. Yanak, Sr.,'42 wrote from Philadelphia PA and **H. Nelson Keyser,'36** did the same from Merion Station PA where he lives with his wife Mary. **John R. McCrohan, Jr.,'44** now resides in Broomall PA while **Richard A. Ferry, Jr.,'47** is now in Moorestown NJ.

Frank C. Pollera,'77 communicated from Glen Mills PA where he is residing with his wife Cheryl. **George F. Flocco,'60** and his wife Helen checked in to report that they are very proud to be grandparents for the first time. Three members of the 1960 football team that often reminisce with the writer about the St. James game of that year attended Burrs at the Beach 2007, **Nick Cirone**, (former Head

Football Coach at West Catholic) **Wayne Sulkus** and **Jim Mayo** were all looking good after all those years.

Johnnie Walker,'64 and his wife Kathleen,'65 are now residing in the Villas NJ and enjoying it; their son Stephen a 1994 grad is the owner of Petals in the Park Florist in Ridley Park PA. **William J. Ward, Jr.,'35** is living in Pittsfield MA 01201 at 64 Cleveland Street; he would love to hear from his classmates.

John Monsul,'47 recently completed a milestone with his 500th production of a T.V. show where he is the Host. The show, "Communicating Today" is on Channel 10 in Fairfax VA. Following a recent interview and article about John that appeared in the *Emissary*, John took the time to thank us and show a copy of our paper on the show. **Charles Touey,'52** sends best regards from Collingdale PA as does **Anthony J. Asmann,'48** from Phoenixville PA.

Frank A. Brunno,'43 checked in from Wallingford PA and **John J. Giovanni,'49** from Wayne PA and **Herbert F. Steizer, Jr.** of Bethlehem

did the same. **Leo Ryan,'60** and his wife Anna are still residing in the Baltimore MD area while **Joe Brennan,'60** and his wife **Helen Wood Brennan,'61** now reside in Kennett Square PA.

Ed Bernatowicz,'60 and his wife Evelyn McGeown Bernatowicz,'63 are happy to report from Media PA. **Brian Fluck,'88** keeps very busy promoting West Catholic High School as Director of Admissions and as Head Football Coach, **Dennis Fluck,'77** serves as Brian's Defensive coordinator for the West football team while **Stanley Fluck,'75** is a Manager with UPS.

William H. Colden,'43 who attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute is a Retired Electrical Engineer now residing in Virginia Beach VA. **Frank Doorey,'35** a Track star during his days at West Catholic reported in from Cinnaminson NJ.

Michael J. Sheils,'43 recently checked in to tell us that members of the class of 1943 regularly meet at the

Country Squire Diner in Broomall PA, they meet on the last Friday of the month at 12:00 Noon. Michael resides in Newtown Square PA with his wife Elizabeth.

William Kohlenberg,'58 communicated from Haver-town PA where he lives with his wife Lena. **Joe Shannis,'61** wrote to us from beautiful Delray Beach FL where he resides with his wife Rosemarie, as did his classmate **John J. Davis, Jr.,'61** from Boothwyn PA where he resides with his wife Mary.

Immediate Past President of the Alumni Association, **Tom Dorrian,'61** was pleased to hear that many of his classmates continue to support the Association, Tom checked in from "Cooler by the Mile" Avalon NJ following another successful "Burrs at the Beach" celebration and Fund Raiser for West Catholic High School. **John U. Heppler,'62** communicates regularly from Drexel Hill PA as does his classmate and former Alumni

IN MEMORIAM

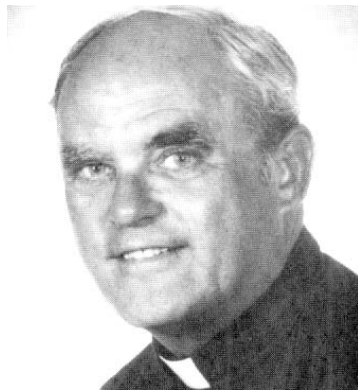
FATHER EDWARD J. FLANIGAN, M.M. 1929 - 2007

Father Edward J. Flanigan, '47 died at Phelps Memorial Hospital, Sleepy Hollow, New York on June 30, 2007. He was 78 years old and a Maryknoll priest for 51 years.

Edward James Flanigan was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 25, 1929, son of Edward and Regina Murphy Flanigan. He is the oldest of five children: his sisters are Maureen, (Sister Regina) of the Immaculate Heart of Mary community in Philadelphia, who spent many years on the IHM missions in Chile and Peru, and Dr. Eleanor, professor of computer science at Montclair State University in New Jersey. Both brothers are physicians, Richard a cardiologist in Denver, Colorado and Donald, a radiologist in Santa Barbara, California.

He attended Good Shepherd and Most Blessed Sacrament elementary schools and West Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys. He entered Maryknoll in September 1946 and received a B.A. degree in Philosophy in 1951, an S.T.B. in 1955, and a Master's degree in Religious Education in 1956.

Father Flanigan was ordained at Maryknoll, New York on June 9, 1956. He then sailed to his mission assignment with the Chinese people on the island of Formosa, now Taiwan. Following language study, he spent the early years in pastoral work in the mission of Chu Shan



where, with the help of State-side friends, he built a new village church named St. Anne's in the Fields and also worked in the large mission of Tien Chung where he helped with the existing goiter eradication program for many affected people in the area. In 1962, after advanced Chinese studies at the University of Pennsylvania, he was assigned as pastor of St. Patrick's Mission of Feng-Yuan, where he worked for the next 12 years. During that time he built a convent for the native Taiwanese sisters, established a county-wide nutrition program for underprivileged children, formed two councils of the Legion of Mary and conducted many parish outreach groups.

In the mid-70's Father Flanigan was assigned to the U.S. and the Society Development Department, working in Los Angeles and New Jersey. On his return to Taiwan in July 1977, he helped complete a common usage English-Amoy Chinese dictionary, and he worked among the mountain aboriginal

tribes in Central Taiwan. In 1980, due to a large influx of Chinese students to Hawaii, he was assigned to a term as chaplain at the University of Hawaii and the East-West Center in Honolulu. When he returned to Taiwan, he was involved in family ministry in Maryknoll's Friendship House in the capital city of Taipei.

In 1986 Father Flanigan was assigned as pastor of Holy Cross mission in Changhua City, central Taiwan, which included pastoral care for two large hospitals, Changhua Christian and SiuThoan. Due to a stroke suffered in the mission there, he was only able to remain a few years and was forced to return to the states for 2 years of intensive stroke rehabilitation at the Society Center at Maryknoll, New York. In 1990 he was able to return to Taiwan, where he served as Director of the Maryknoll Chinese Language School in Taichung, and has been responsible over the past 15 years for the compilation of an Amoy Chinese-English dictionary and the publication of a book of hundreds of common usage Taiwanese proverbs. Due to medical reasons, Father Flanigan returned to the U.S. in the spring of 2005 and took up residence at St. Teresa's.

Fr. Flanigan is survived by his two sisters - Sr. Regina Edwards IHM, Dr. Eleanor Flanigan and his two brothers - Drs. Richard and Donald.

IN MEMORIAM

May They Rest In Peace

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1943 CATHOLIC AND CITY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60



Too many years have passed for us not to mention the great West Catholic football team of 1943. This squad was the first football team from West Catholic to capture both the Catholic & City Championships. Going undefeated with a perfect 10-0 record is something that all graduates of West Catholic should be proud of. This team scored 324 points while their opponents could only garner 58, the 10-0 record also includes three shutouts against LaSalle, Roman Catholic and Northeast High for the City of Philadelphia Championship before 35,000 fans at Franklin Field on the campus of the

University of Pennsylvania. Led by their beloved Head coach Bob Dougherty and his key assistant, Bill McCoy this green inexperienced team was molded into world beaters by the coaching skill of Bob Dougherty...as reported

in the 1944 West Catholic yearbook. With only three seasoned players returning, the Burrs were not given much of a chance of capping the crown in 1943.

Major contributors to this great team included John

Tulskie, fullback, Tom Graham, left halfback, Bob Connor, quarterback, and Bill Thomas right halfback. Captain Dan Brown was at right end while Mike Bogan was positioned at left end. Peter Murphey was the right tackle and Joe Topper, played opposite at left tackle. Tom Van Kirk, was at the center and Charles Ward at left guard while John McCoach at right guard completed the starting eleven that outscored their opponents by an average of nearly 27 points during this undefeated Championship season. Other contributors to this eventful season included Jack Convery, Robert Keily, George

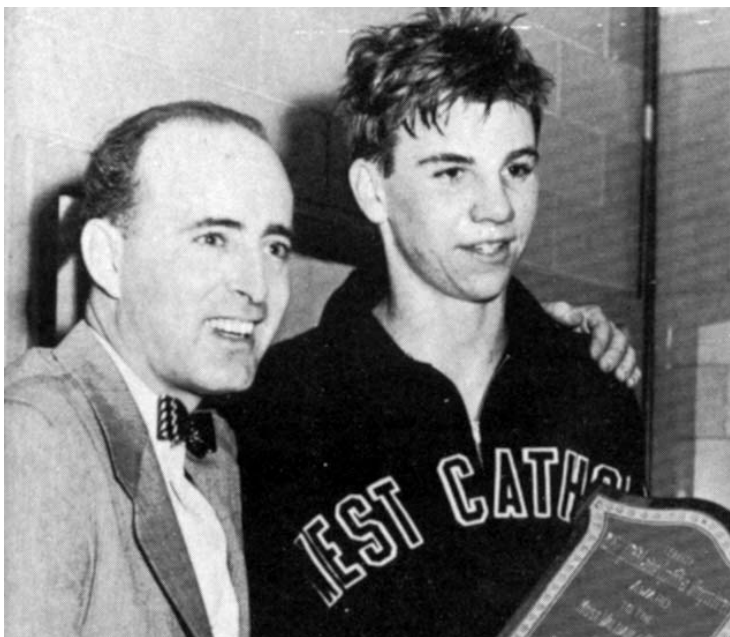
McAndrews, Joe Dougherty, John Diver, Jim King, John Hennessey, Dan Gallagher, Francis Kirkman, Leonard Hope and Francis Mullarkey. Peter Murphey had a superb season as the point after specialist, and was perfect on that Championship day against Northeast High. 1943 a year to remember and a team to celebrate one more time. These undefeated young Burr men of the gridiron certainly contributed to the proud history of West Catholic Athletics and the legend continues with the Burrs of today under their head coach, Brian Fluck and his Championship Burrs of 2006.

Schedule

Sept. 26-2:30	LaSalle, 20th & Olney	44- 0
Oct. 10-2:30	St. Thom. Moore, 54th & City Line	44- 6
Oct. 17-2:30	South Catholic, Municipal Stadium	31-13
Oct. 24-2:30	Roman Catholic, Shibe Park	14- 0
Oct. 31-2:30	St. James, 20th & Olney	38- 6
Nov. 7-2:30	North Catholic, Municipal Stadium	26-13
Nov. 14-2:30	St. Joseph's, Municipal Stadium	14- 7
Nov. 19-2:30	St. John's, 54th & City Line	59- 6
Nov. 26-10:00	West Philly, Shibe Park	33- 7
Dec. 4-2:30	Northeast, Franklin Field	21- 0

1952 BURR HOOPSTERS CATHOLIC & CITY CHAMPIONS

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60



Coach Usilton with Marty Milligan

The West Catholic basketball team of 1952, the Class of Champions, is considered by many West grads to be the best West Catholic basketball team in the 90 year history of the school. Coached by Mr. Jimmy Usilton, Jr., these 19-2 hardwood hustlers brought home both the Philadelphia Catholic league title by defeating defending champion St. Thomas More, 50-46 in overtime and then captured the Philadelphia City Championship, defeating Ben Franklin High School, 57-46.

Enthusiastic, extremely talented and poised this cast featured a starting five that included Ed Williams, Walt

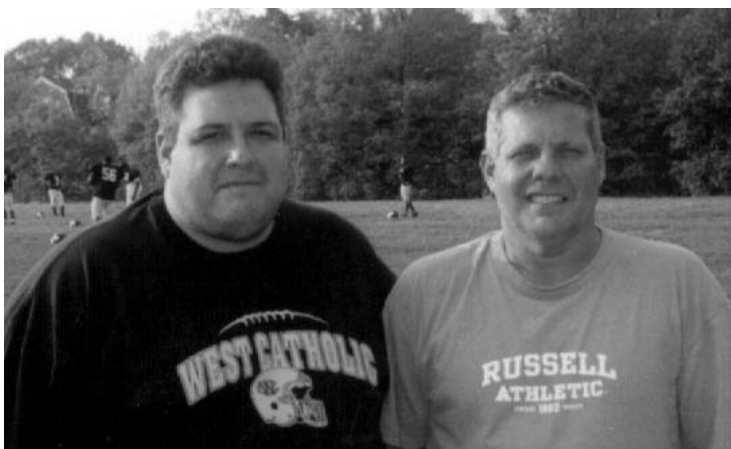
Maxwell, Joe Sturgis, Charley Singley and Marty Milligan, who would go on to be named the MVP of the City Championship game. This team played a two platoon system against Ben Franklin bringing a tight press defense that included Burr energy and determination together with the excellent fan support from the West students and Alumni. Being a part of this special season, that 1952 would bring, provided memories that have lasted a lifetime. Every game was competitive, school gymnasiums were standing room only, team and school spirit were proudly displayed

and good sportsmanship was exhibited by opponents. Father Kehoe, Director of Athletics at St. Thomas More, sent the West Coach and team a Telegram following their overtime victory over his Golden Bears, wishing them luck against Ben Franklin.

Other key performers on this wonderful team included Jimmy Smith, Joe Gardler, Bill Lindsay, Michael 'Gerry' McGinn, Don Haley, Drew Denmead, Tom Kuchma, Bobby Devine and Jim McNicholas. Brother E. Anthony, was the Moderator. Managers included, Tom Powers, Jim Seitzinger, Bill Beam and Frank Webb.

WEST CATHOLIC FOOTBALL 2007 SEASON

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60



Brian and Dennis Fluck, 2007 Coaches

West Catholic captured the Philadelphia Catholic League Blue Division Championship last year by defeating the defending champs,

Archbishop Wood in a hard fought contest at Charles Martin Stadium in Northeast Philadelphia. Now as the new defending champions of this

2006 title, Head coach Brian Fluck, his coaches and his team must prepare to do just that. Returning 17 players from the Championship squad, Coach Fluck is confident but realizes that in the Catholic league, every game is a big one. As is the case each year, West Catholic plays a competitive preseason schedule to help prepare for the difficult league schedule.

Roman Catholic, a Red Division, opponent was first on the preseason agenda and they proved to be ready to play in the heat on September 1st in Wildwood NJ. The weather was hot and Roman came away the victor

by the score of 34-18. Next up was Upper Moreland High School, coming off a very successful 2006 season; West Catholic came away with this game by the score of 40-0. Now after splitting the first two preseason games, the next opponent would be the defending champions of the Red Division Catholic League,

LaSalle High School. An away game for West Catholic on September 14th went to the Burrs by the final score of 24-14.

The Burrs will move to a new home field this season, Widener University Stadium in Chester Pa, where they will play three games. Try to support the program by attending the games.

2007 Varsity Football Schedule

October 6	Conwell-Egan	LaSalle University 7:00 p.m.
October 14	Neumann-Goretti	Widener Stadium 2:00 p.m.
October 20	Card. Dougherty	Widener Stadium 7:00 pm.
October 26	Archbishop Carroll	Radnor High 7:30 p.m.
November 4	Archbishop Wood	Away 1:00 p.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Francis X. Crowley, Esq. '77
President
West Catholic
Alumni Association

Dear Fellow Alumni:

I consider it to be an honor and a privilege to have been elected as the President of the West Catholic Alumni Association. I also consider it a great challenge, because out-going President Tom Dorrian '61 and all my predecessors as President have set a very high standard of commitment and effort for me to meet! Tom Dorrian and Bob Mullin, our outgoing Executive Vice President, deserve the thanks of all alumni for their generous commitment of time and talent to our Association! Luckily, Chris Martin (our Executive Vice President) will still be able to benefit from their advice and suggestions since both are continuing their membership on the Board of Governors. We also are fortunate to have the support of returning officers Ed Kerr '60 (Vice President - Finance); Phil Girard '46 (Vice President - Communications); Bob McGovern '60 (Recording Secretary); and Jay Sawyer '59 (Executive Secretary). They each have devoted many years of service to the Alumni Association.

As my Class of 1977 approaches its 30th reunion, it is an appropriate time to reflect on the many, many friendships and benefits with which I have been blessed as a result of my four years at West! Like many other Burrs, I attribute whatever modicum of success I have achieved to the excellent education, formal and informal, that I received from the Christian Brothers and dedicated lay faculty at West. In my tenure as President, I consider it my obligation to help preserve the many traditions and memories that we share as alumni of West Catholic. I also consider it not only my duty, but the duty of the entire Association, to endeavor to help make sure that the same academic excellence and spiritual development that we experienced remains available to students for many, many years to come! As the Men's Varsity Soccer Coach since 1994, the father of two graduates (Caitlin '03 and Terry '05) and a current student (Matt '10) and the guardian of another graduate (Dennis '07), I know first hand that the current West Catholic continues to uphold and enhance the traditions of excellence that originated at 49th & Chestnut Streets!

I look forward to the next two years as an opportunity to renew many friendships and to meet, and work with, as many Alumni as possible. We graduated from a high school that had . . . and still has . . . no equal! I am a firm believer that "West is Best." We should strive to make sure our Alumni Association also deserves recognition as "Best".

I invite and challenge every alumnus to become involved in the Association. The Board of Governors is always looking for new ways on how to better serve our membership, whether through improved communications, more events and activities or other ideas. If you have any suggestions, comments or criticism, please contact me or any member of the Board of Governors. My e-mail is listed elsewhere in this issue of *Emissary*. I also may be contacted at my law office (215-569-5627) or by cell phone (610-246-1020).

The next major event for the Alumni Association will be the 87th Annual Communion Breakfast to be held November 4, 2007 at the Springfield Country Club. This special event provides us individually and as an Association to publicly affirm our commitment to our Faith while at the same time honoring our fellow alumni and renewing friendships! Details can be found in other articles in this edition. I hope to meet many, many Alumni at this important affair.

In future letters, I will describe some of the goals and plans that the Officers and the Board are setting for the Association for the next two years. In the interim, if you have any thing that you would like the Board to consider, please contact us.

Drama Club Reunion

A gathering of performers (directors, actors, singers, dancers, musicians and stage crew members) will be held at Tavola Restaurant & Bar in the Springfield Country Club, 400 Sproul Road Springfield from 1 to 3 p.m. on October 28, 2007.

Send your name the shows in which you performed and the years to epcarey@verizon.net or by mail to Ed Carey, 1030 Eve Drive, Apt. E., Pittsburgh, PA 15216.

West Catholic Luncheons

Class of 1960

West Catholic Class of 1960, will hold their last lunch for the year on November 14, 2007, at Llanerch CC. If you are a classmate from the class of 1960, and would like to find out more information regarding lunch please call and leave your name & your telephone number for Bob McGovern 610-583-4469, or contact the West Catholic Alumni office at 215-387-8560, & leave your telephone number and Bob will get back to you.

The last lunch drew a good group of classmates, and

Bob has already received word that a few more 'new' classmates plan on coming.

Class of 1951

West Catholic Class of 1960, will hold their luncheon meeting on Wed., Oct. 17, 2007. All are Welcome!

It will be held at Casey's Restaurant, 812 Lansdowne Avenue, Drexel Hill PA 19026 at 12:30 P.M. The cost is \$15.00. The speaker will be Rev. Dan Meehan, '51. There is parking on premises.

Rsvp: By October 10th by e-mail at w257rww@worldsharenet or telephone Ron Walsh @610-853-2056.

Class Reunion Schedule

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

Class	Location/Date	Contact
1952	10/27/07	Ed Malloy
55th	Barnaby's of America 1901 West Chester Pk Havertown, PA	610.459.3520
1957	9/28/07 <i>Combined</i>	Jack Kraft
50th	Springfield CC Sproul Road Springfield, PA	215.493.5899 or Joan McGinn Woods 610.356.2831
1958	5/15,17,18/08	John Gallagher
50th	Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy Essington, PA	631.269.5340 or Frank Adolph 610.344.0716
1967	10/27/07 - <i>Combined</i>	David Joslin
40th	Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy Essington, PA	610.259.0753 Kathy Kelly 610.853.2501
1972	11/24/07	Jim Corey
35th	Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy Essington, PA	610.449.2165 or George Overton
1977	11/2/07	Pete McNamara
30th	Oaks Ballroom Oak Avenue Glenolden	215.922.1400 westcatholic77@gmail.com
1982	11/17/07	Bill Manion
25th	Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy Essington, PA	856.797.6916
1986	Planning Stage- <i>Combined</i>	Mike Ward
20th	Oaks Ballroom Oak Avenue Glenolden	momikenmk@msn.com Maureen Buckley Ward 610.544.3142
1996	Planning Stage	Marcia Turner
10th		215.474.1110 or Nick Voight 610.941.0592
2001	Planning Stage	Jackie Fritz
5th		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.

Class of 1952 Reunion in Florida

by Harry Mirra, '52



For the past ten years a West Catholic reunion has been held at Stan's Idle Hour, Goodlands, FL. This past year, it was held on February 18, 2007. Mike Mangiolo '64 and his wife, who live in Marco Island, FL., attended the event. Next Year (2008) plans are set for February 17, 2 to 5 p.m.

1952 Class of Champions



The Class of Champions holds a class luncheon every April and October at C.J. McGee, Springfield, PA. Chairman Bob Simpson reported they had 27 men present. These luncheons are used to plan upcoming West Catholic events. Bob further stated our 55th Reunion will be held at Barnaby's, 1901 Old West Chester Pike, Havertown, on Saturday, October 27 between 12 noon and 4 p.m.