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THE 86th COMMUNION BREAKFAST A HIGH SUCCESS

On November 5, 2006, over 500 Burrs and family members gathered to celebrate the 86th Annual Communion Breakfast. Once again, the annual Mass and Communion Breakfast was a fitting demonstration of our Catholic heritage and provided the Association and our members with an opportunity to publicly demonstrate our devotion to the Holy Eucharist, while socializing with friends and honoring fellow alumni and others who have contributed to West and the community at large.

The Mass

This year's Mass and Breakfast had many new features, including holding both the Mass and the Breakfast at the Springfield Country Club in Springfield, Delaware County; a beautiful liturgical music program presented by West Catholic alumni; the inaugural presentation of the 25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award; and the use of the Offertory collection to fund a new scholarship.

The principal celebrant for the Mass was Rev. John McVeigh '44, together with other priest alumni, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Joel Ziff. The

homilist was Brother Raymond Murphy, F.S.C. '57. The solemnity of the occasion was heightened by the beautiful liturgical music program arranged by violinist Bob Rossi '55. In addition to Bob Rossi, the program featured cantors Richard McCann '68 and Sarah Agnew, celloist Dr. Stephen Framil and pianist Allen Brennan '53. Dr. Framil, the Director of the West Catholic Music Program, is also a world renowned cellist.

Once again, Tom DeFelice '64, presided over the Awards Ceremony. Tom, a well-known athlete and coach and member of the West Catholic Sports Hall of Fame, kept the event moving with a mixture of humor and nostalgia. Brother Tim Ahern '65 addressed his first Communion Breakfast as President of West Catholic. Members in attendance ranged from classes in the early 1940's to the 1990's!

The Awardees

This year's ten award winners were selected from a very strong field of almost forty well-qualified nominees! The honorees were: **John Mullen '57** (William McGarvey Award); **Brother Raymond**

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); **Al Dezzi '65** (Brother G. John Owens Award); **Bob McCann '60** (Brother Aloysius Award); **John Delaney, Esq. '74** (Brother Martin Strickroth Award); **Bill McDevitt '76** (Golden Burr Award); **Joe Dukes '82** (25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award) and **Tim McNally '82** (25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award).

The Committee

The Communion Breakfast Committee (co-chairs Chris Martin '60 and Fran Crowley '77, along with Charles Lamb '53, Jack Lister '45, Ed McMerty '52, Bob Mullin '84 and Jay Sawyer '59) would like to extend their thanks to the many persons who helped make the 86th Communion Breakfast a success! Special thanks to Ed Kerr '60 for his assistance with the last minute details of the event!

Turn to pages 4 and 5 to view a pictorial of this year's event.

Burrs at the Beach July 8, 2007

The 1800 alumni, alumnae and friends of West Catholic who were there will agree that Burrs at the Beach at Westy's Irish Pub in North Wildwood, NJ in 2006 might have been the best ever. As a result the Burrs at the Beach Committee contributed \$37,000.00 to West Catholic for catholic student tuition assistance. Well, we again will be returning to Westy's on Sunday, July 8, 2007 for what is shaping up as possibly the greatest one of them all. The feedback from the people who were there last year raved about it. A lot of people didn't think Westy's was big enough. We had 1800 people attend and still had plenty of room for many more Burrs. Westy's Pub is air conditioned inside but most people stayed outside under the enormous tent or sat upstairs on the huge outside deck. Do yourself a favor and get your tickets early at \$20.00 for 2 reasons; (1) Tickets cost \$25.00 the day of the event and (2) this assures you that you will get in.

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Alumni Fund Campaign



Clifford F. Roberson, M.D. '71

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce that the 2007 Annual Fund Campaign letter will be mailed to all members of our proud Association in early March. Serving as Co-Chairmen for this Campaign will be **Tom Bazis, class of 1962** and **Clifford F. Roberson, M.D. from the Class of 1971**. Once again we have set our goal at \$125,000 and believe with your help that we can realize or surpass this. Your Association is committed to the students attending West Catho-



Tom Bazis, '62

lic High School and to our members by providing you with the *Emissary* and an active Alumni office to serve your needs when planning a reunion or other class function. We also provide information via our web site and our voice mail phone system. Please watch for our Annual Fund Letter for 2007 and do your best to support the Alumni Association. We have provided service for West Catholic High School students and our members for over 85 years.

West Catholic Conservatory

Bringing Quality of Life through the Performing Arts

By Robert Rossi, '55



Dr. Stephen Framil, West Catholic Conservatory Founder & Director

Music at West Catholic has meant many things over the past near-century. The Boys' School, with its athletic program *par excellence*, sported a rallying marching band. The Girls' School enjoyed much success and citywide recognition for their exceptional orchestra, band, and glee club. Furthermore, the Girls' School noteworthy off-campus achievements included performances at the Tanglewood Music Festival in Massachusetts with the late-Pierre Monteaux, and at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia with late Arthur Fiedler of the Boston Pops. Yet, after the merging of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and later constriction of the combined music department, the program floundered, as did many music programs

throughout Philadelphia. Did the modern times call for new methods and out-of-the-box approaches?

This decline took an abrupt turn for the better when in September 2004 Dr. Stephen Framil (DM, Indiana University) came onto the scene as Music Director. With an ongoing teaching career in higher education (University of Delaware, Lincoln University, among others), and stature as a concert cello soloist worldwide, Dr. Framil brought his high standards of musical excellence and achievement to a wilting program.

With all of his educational degrees in *music performance*, Dr. Framil understood the value and necessity of bringing private music lessons to each of the students in the West Catholic Music Department – something that no other high school in Philadelphia currently offers. Many of the music students at West Catholic begin their instrumental studies as incoming Freshmen—far from the ideal age—of 5 or 6. Yet, the individualized attention that they receive from the private music lessons has demonstrated dramatic results.

The greatest achievement to date since Dr. Framil's (continued on p. 6)

West Catholic Captures Blue Division Football Championship

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60



Coach Brian Fluck

1965-2006...quite a few years...41 to be precise with some very good football teams representing West Catholic High School over the years. The last four teams played for the Championship under head coach, Brian Fluck, a 1988 graduate who along with his staff has built a program that is constantly improving. When you review the enrollment you truly realize that there is a commitment here. This commitment to excellence finally realized

fulfillment on December 2, 2006 when West Catholic High School defeated the defending Champions, Archbishop Wood of Warminster, PA by the final score of 20-12.

The road to the Championship began in Pre-Season when the Burrs went up against three very good teams and started the league season 0-3. These pre-season games helped them to gain experience, to improve and compete in the Catholic League Blue Division, suffering only one defeat at the hands of Conwell-Egan High School. Following this loss, the Burrs would not face defeat again during the 2006 regular and post season competition. Prior to the Neumann-Goretti game, Coach Fluck made a few changes that helped to key the results of future games, including the rematch with Conwell-Egan High School in a playoff game...Result, West Catholic the victor by the score of 42-7.

Nominations for the Alumni Association Awards

The Communion Breakfast Committee is soliciting nominees for the awards to be presented at the 87th Annual Communion Breakfast on November 4, 2007. The awards and criteria are as follows:

Brother Edwin Anselm Award; Brother D. Aloysius Award; Brother G. John Owens Award; and Brother G. Martin Strickroth Award: (a) Catholic gentleman; (b) graduate of West Catholic; (c) proven "Loyal Son of West Catholic"; (d) achieved outstanding success in chosen field of endeavor; and (e) has made a contribution to West in any form. (Additionally, the Brother Edwin Anselm Award honoree typically is a Christian Brother).

Golden Burr Award: (a) Catholic gentleman; (b) graduate of West Catholic; (c) proven "Loyal Son of West Catholic"; (d) achieved outstanding success in athletics and in chosen field of endeavor; and (e) has made a contribution to West in any form.

Bishop John J. McCort Award: (a) Outstanding Catholic person; (b) not necessarily a West Graduate; (c) has contributed to West Catholic in ethical manner; and (d) outstanding success in chosen field of endeavor.

William H. McGarvey Award: (a) Catholic gentleman; (b) graduate of West Catholic; (c) proven "Loyal Son of West Catholic"; (d) achieved outstanding success in field of endeavor; and

(e) has made a major contribution to West in any form.

50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award: (a) a Catholic gentleman; (b) graduate of West Catholic and member of the 50 year class (this year, the Class of 1958); (c) proven "Loyal Son of West Catholic"; (d) achieved outstanding success in field of endeavor; and (e) has made a contribution to West.

25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award: (a) a Catholic gentleman; (b) graduate of West Catholic and member of the 25 year class (this year, the Class of 1983); (c) proven "Loyal Son of West Catholic"; (d) achieved outstanding success in field of endeavor; and (e) has made a contribution to West.

Please take the time to nominate any person worthy of any of the awards by sending nominations to West Catholic Alumni Association, c/o West Philadelphia Catholic High School, 4501 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139, or by sending an e-mail to franciscrowleyesq@verizon.net by April 15, 2007. Nominations should include the name and class of the nominee, the award(s) for which they should be considered and the reasons for the nomination, as well as a contact name and number should more information be needed. If you would like more information concerning the awards, please contact the committee by e-mail or by telephone (610-246-1020).

NOMINATION FOR AN AWARD

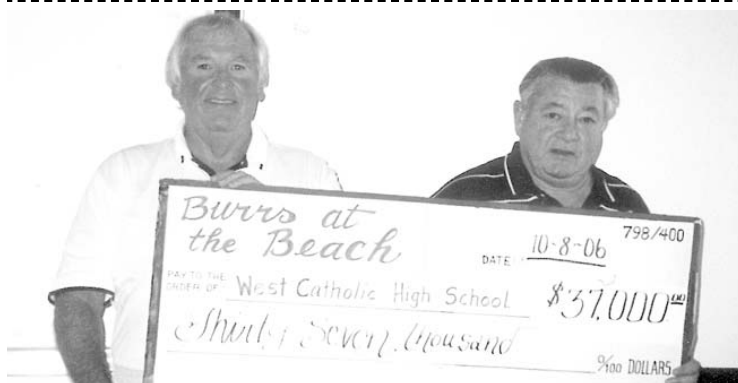
Nominee _____ Class _____

Award _____

Reason(s) _____

Contact _____ Phone _____

Deadline - April 15, 2007



Tom Dorrian and George Light present West Catholic High School with \$37,000 check, income generated from Burrs at the Beach.

Remembering...

Father Tom Shea, Class of 1941

A true blue West Catholic man from the great class of 1941... Father Tom was always happy to be with his classmates whenever they gathered for quarterly lunches organized by classmate Ray Theilacker. A recent luncheon that celebrated the 65th anniversary class of 1941 was featured in the 2006 fall edition of the *Emissary* and had a photo of Father and our president, Tom Dorrian, enjoying the festivities. Father Shea came to West Catholic from St. Barnabas parish as did his sisters, Jean and Catherine. He was honored by the Alumni Association in 2004 with the Brother G. John Owens, F.S.C. Award, one he cherished and was most proud of. While attending West Catholic, Father was an Honor student who actually had Brother G. John as a rookie teacher. A faithful and loyal priest for over 54 years this Augustinian will be missed by his family, classmates and anyone who had the opportunity to be in his company...*May he rest in peace.*

Peter Boyle, Actor, Class of 1951

Peter Boyle, known by many as a TV star on the hit show *Everybody Loves Raymond*...had a wonderful acting career. Who can ever forget his contribution as the monster in the movie *Young Frankenstein*? A bright and very funny man who actually returned to Philadelphia to be honored at our annual Communion Breakfast about 15 years ago, he was proud of his West Catholic education and *Proud to be a Burr!* His classmates were always speaking of his work and of him. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Peter's wife and his two daughters, *May he rest in Peace.*

Tom Van Kirk, Class of 1944

He was the starting Center on the 1943 Catholic and City Championship football team that defeated Northeast Public High School for the City Title by the final score of 21-0. Tom never forgot his West Catholic days and even before passing, he requested that donations be made to the West Catholic Alumni Association for which we are most grateful. These donations will help to educate a student at West Catholic. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Tom's family...Tom Van Kirk '44 will not be forgotten.

Election of Board of Governors Scheduled for May 21st Meeting

The West Catholic Alumni Association will hold its Annual Meeting at 7:00 pm on May 21, 2007 at the Lamplighter Tavern. The primary purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect members of the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors is the governing body of the West Catholic Alumni Association. Members are elected to the Board by members of the Association for two year terms expiring in May of each odd-numbered year. *Association By-Laws, Art. 4, § D.*

The Board of Governors consists of 16 to 34 members, with up to 32 members elected by the Association, together with the Association's immediate past president and the Faculty Representative appointed by the President of West Catholic. *Association By-Laws, Art. 4, § A.*

Members of the Board of Governors may be re-elected to an unlimited number of terms. *By-Laws, Art. 4, § C.*

The By-Laws further provide that "Members of the Board shall: (a) be elected by the majority of the Association Members present at Annual Association Meetings in odd numbered years. . ." *Art. 4, § C.*

This year's Annual Meeting for the nomination and election of Members of the

Board of Governors will be held on May 21, 2007, at the Lamplighter Tavern, 8 Campbell Ave. (intersection of Darby Road and Campbell Ave.), Havertown, PA, beginning promptly at 7 pm. All members of the Association are eligible to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting. The By-Laws define members of the Association as "all graduates of West Philadelphia Catholic High School for Boys, all male graduates of West Philadelphia Catholic High School and all former male students of either school who have completed at least one year at either school", except that men who attended either school, but did not graduate therefrom are not eligible until their class has graduated. *Association By-Laws, Art. 2, § A.*

Under the By-Laws, the Board Members elected at the Annual Meeting then will elect the Association's President, Executive Vice-President and Vice President of Finance from among the Board Members. The election of the officers will take place on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7 pm, also at the Lamplighter Tavern.

The results of the elections of the Board Members and the Officers will be announced in an upcoming edition of the *Emissary*.

Benefit for Joe Rodia, '71

By: Ed Kerr Jr., '60

Joe Rodia, '71 is in a BATTLE AGAINST CANCER. His family and friends gathered on December 3, 2006 at The Lagoon in Essington for a BENEFIT. The turn-out was outstanding for this well organized affair to help a GREAT GUY! People from St. Barnabas parish and West Catholic made up the crowd that had to be well over 700...I wasn't counting...just very impressed with the love and commitment to helping that I witnessed while attending with my wife Ann. Tom DeFelice, '64, Quarterback/Coach *Excelante* was once again called upon to be the Master of Ceremonies. We are all hopeful that the tremendous effort made will certainly help Joe, his wife Ronnie, also class of 1971, and their four sons, all West Catholic men, Joey, '93, Frank, '95, Christopher, '96 and Matt, 2003 gain the strength necessary to win this BATTLE. Please keep Joe in your thoughts and prayers, Honored in 2004 with the Brother D. Aloysius Lumley, F.S.C. Award, he is well respected and highly thought of for his service to youth in the community.

IN MEMORIAM

Do Not Forget Them, May They Rest In Peace

Paul J. Scullin '27	Edward J. Hartman '48
Col. Howard McGillin '29	John J. Hobbs '48
John C. Costigan '31	John J. Keenan '48
Herman J. Mancini, Sr. '31	Joseph F. McCorriston '48
James L. Holstein, Jr. '32	James L. Tracy '48
Jos. McGettigan Jr., Esq. '35	Eugene B. Kelly '49
Alfred J. Wood '36	Francis X. Rappich '50
Lt. Col. Joseph Baldino '37	Joseph J. Reilly '50
John Hutton '37	Joseph F. McNeill '50
Thomas M. Flatley '38	James J. Blisard '51
Edward L. Langan, Jr. '38	Eugene J. Garvin '51
Neal J. McGranery, Jr. '38	Edward J. Gora '51
Thomas J. Burke '39	Leo P. McHugh '51
Frank M. Volk '39	William A. Farrell '52
John E. Cotter '40	Samuel A. Thompson '52
John J. Hegar '40	Peter L. Boyle '53
Edward J. Leet '40	Hugh J. Gannon '53
Thomas H. Shaffer '40	George Magee '53
John J. Sullivan '40	John F. Reilly '53
Rev. Thomas J. Shea '41	Francis P. Doyle '54
Daniel J. Harkins '42	Richard F. Ward '54
Joseph P. Mulhern '44	George S. Duncan '55
Thomas W. VanKirk '44	John J. Hasson '55
Thomas J. Travis '44	Raymond J. Harley '56
Frank C. Chambers '45	John J. McCann '56
Henry F. Hagarty '45	Stuart A. Miller '56
William C. Young '45	Ldwin L. Williams '56
Edward J. Ahern '46	Charles J. Dougherty '58
Thomas F. Anderson '46	John M. Wagner '59
John T. Duffy '46	Charles C. White '61
John Manion '47	Walter L. Herring '66
John J. Reilly '47	Jerry C. Angelucci '68
Edward J. Devine '48	Gerald P. Pawlowski '70
Francis W. Gavin '48	Charles J. Dietnch '78

The Alumni Association Announces The First Communion Breakfast Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who contributed to the Offertory Collection at this year's Communion Breakfast, the Alumni Association is pleased to announce the establishment of the Communion Breakfast Scholarship Fund! The purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarships for Catholic boys to attend West Catholic. The Communion Breakfast Scholarships are funded directly by the proceeds of the Offertory Collection received at the Communion Breakfast.

The amount of the scholarship(s) available as a result of each year's Communion Breakfast Offertory Collection will vary. This year's Offertory Collection realized \$3,350. In addition, the Board of the Alumni Association has authorized the use of an additional \$4,650 in revenue from the Communion Breakfast tickets, ads and merchandise for the inaugural scholarships. As a result, the Association will be awarding two four-year scholarships (of \$1,000 each person per year)

to members of the incoming Freshman class at West Catholic.

All 8th grade boys that are members of Catholic parishes and who will attend West Catholic High School beginning in September 2007 are eligible for consideration for the Communion Breakfast Scholarship. The students need not attend a Catholic grade school, as long as they are a member of a parish. Potential recipients may be nominated by their parents, their school, their parish or by any member of the Alumni Association. An application form is included in this edition of the *Emissary*; additional copies may be obtained by calling the Alumni Office (215-387-8560).

The applications will be reviewed by the Communion Breakfast Scholarship Committee. In determining recipients of the Scholarships, the Committee will consider each student's academic performance, involvement in school/community/parish activities and family's financial need.

Families are required to provide the Committee with a copy of the student's most recent report card and a copy of the financial aid form that they provided to school. The Committee also may request that applicants receive a letter of recommendation from their pastors. Recipients of Communion Breakfast Scholarships will be required to maintain an academic average of 80 and passing conduct grades at West to retain scholarship each year. The scholarships may be used to pay tuition, fees and costs only at West Catholic.

Applicants must submit the application (along with a copy of the financial aid form they submitted to the school) by **May 1, 2007** to the West Catholic Alumni Association, Communion Breakfast Committee, P.O. Box 889, Ardmore, PA 19003-0889. The Committee will make its decisions and notify scholarship recipients by June 15. For more information or additional copies, please call the Alumni Association at 215-387-8560.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST CATHOLIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COMMUNION BREAKFAST SCHOLARSHIP Deadline - May 1, 2007

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian: _____

School Attending: _____

Catholic Parish of which student is a member _____

Has the student registered at West Catholic? ___ Yes ___ No

Please list all academic honors the student has received _____

Please list all of the student's activities, clubs, sports, etc. _____

Please list any other facts you would like the committee to consider _____

Name and phone number of person nominating student _____

Please return this form by May 1, together with a copy of the student's most recent report card and a copy of the financial aid form and submit to: West Catholic Alumni Association, Communion Breakfast Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 889, Ardmore, PA 19003-0889.

For information, call the Alumni Association at 215-387-8560.

NORTH BY WEST

By: Tom McGrath, '55

In 1949 a small group of 40 boys from the Kensington and Fishtown sections of Philadelphia entered the halls of West Catholic for the first time. Due to the overcrowding at North Catholic, the next decade would see over 450 more North students attending West. They came by way of the "E1" and the steps leading up and down to the "E1" provided an exercise that helped **Jack Hosey, '54** and **Frank Cianfrani, '54** win letters in track in that championship year.

1953 Class

Others who excelled in the 1953 class were **Tony Spodobalski**, wingback on the 1951 championship football team and a letterman in track. **Joe McCartney** was a 3-year letterman in swimming and co-captain of the team. **Francis Bryne** ran varsity track while participating in the drama club, the *West Catholic News* and the *Blue and White*. A 3-year monogram winner on the crew, **Jim Montgomery** was a member of the eight-man shell that placed 4th in both the Stokesbury Cup and the National Regatta held in Washington. Others who lettered in crew were **Jim Behe** and **Hugh Gannon** who later became a sports broadcaster at WCAU-TV and WPEN radio. Also, **Bud Hansen** was a monogram winner in football.

1954 Class

Running up and down the stairs worked for members of the **1954 class**; **Joe Pecic**, a 2-year letterman winner for swimming; **Dave Gehringer** was a straight shooter on the rifle club for 3 years along with **Milton McGuckin**.

Rounding out the group was **Gus Hisler** rated best musician while playing 4 years in the band, earned a monogram in bowling and maintained top academic grades.

1955 Class

The class of 1955 was on a diverse path of activities and accomplishments. Treasurer for the Student Association, **Larry Ott** along with **Bill Dorgan** who lettered in track, found time to also be on the *Blue & White* staff. **Sheriff Dick Lyons** had an important role in the school production of "Finian's Rainbow", while **Larry McCole** worked diligently for 4 years behind the scenes on the stage crew. Coxswain **Harry McConville** guided the four-man varsity shell to victory in the Stokesbury trials and the "Fox" **Jerry Keegan** ran many miles in cross-country and track scoring often and winning letters. The eclectic **Joe Dyer** mastered the organ, played in the band, was on the *Blue & White* staff and was a superior student.

1956 Class

The Class of 1956 includes **Jim Den Haese** who won monograms 2 consecutive years in cross-country. **Joe Marbach** and **Steve Pagliard** continued the track tradition by each winning a letter. **Frank McGuigan** was an active band member for 3 years and **Chuck Downey** helped *Bandstand* get its tradition started, while **Harry Greisser's** serious nature aided him in debating and public speaking.

1957 Class

In 1957, soccer came to

West Catholic with the feet of the North boys and the team record of 7-2-1. The two losses were to the preeminent North Catholic but three players, **George Forster**; **Gerry Gaul** and **Walt Hipple** won monograms. Not all the running was done in soccer as **Charles Lepas** and **Ed Wallace** both co-captains and monogram winners helped the cross country team to a ninth straight Catholic League title. Lepas was also part of the relay team that set Catholic meet records, the Bridgeton relays and the *Inquirer* meet.

Ed McKeoun was a 2 year member of the Student Association. **Bob Michel** was on the varsity tennis team as a letter winner. **Wild Bill Doty** and **Rick Donovan** not only ran but walked to their monograms as band members. **Terrance Cassidy** rowed his way to a varsity letter.

1958 Class

In 1958, the soccer team's record was 11-4-2 with six monogram winners. They were co-captains **Ron Hipple** and **John Stabler** as well as **John Heft**, **George Bohnberger**, **Joseph Zurad** and **Jim Gallagher**. **Dan Dunn** was captain of the bowling team that won the Southern Division Championships. **John Neuschel** was a track monogram winner and member of the *Blue & White* staff for 3 years. **Dan Scullin** made a splash with the band for 4 years and earned a monogram.

With the opening of Father Judge and Cardinal Dougherty High Schools in the mid-50's, the need to send North

boys to West ended. Was it the influence of the Christian Brothers, or would the academic, entertainment, social and sport skills have developed elsewhere.

The preeminence in soccer continued with **Bill Donaghy** and **Dave Eck, Class of 1960** as co-captains and members of the All-Catholic and All-Scholastic teams. Along with co-captains, **George Dames**, **Dennis Gaul**, **Carl Krumpholtz**, **Tom Shaw**, **Ray Mission**, **William Kuber** and **Terry McGovern**. Other major sports found letter winners in baseball, **Gerald Merrigan** and football, **Joe McKay** and **Joe Braun**. Both Joes were joined by **Bill Riley** in maintaining high academic marks. **Jim Thompson** was

considered one of the best speakers in the Debating and Public Speaking Clubs. On the entertainment field, **Al Lange**, a Glee Club member, and **John Schmidt** were great singers in the West musicals. **Charley McGlenn** was a member of the Glee Club, Dramatic Club and considered a noted dancer.

The years have gone by since the era of the 1950's when the boys, now men in their sixties, attended West Catholic. For many of us, they are good years to remember. However, a disadvantage of being a North by West cadre is we do not interact on a regular basis with our fellow Burrs. But, we are still part of the West Catholic boys tradition and always will be West.

West Catholic High School Sports Hall of Fame Induction Saturday, March 24, 2007

Ramada Airport Inn, Essington, PA

6:00 p.m. Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Awards Presentation

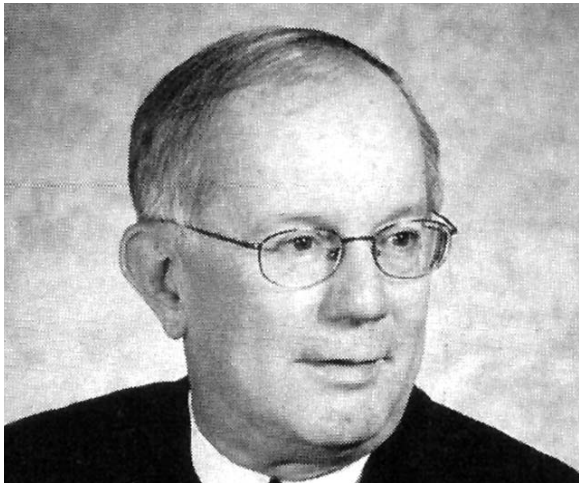
Cost \$40.00 Per Person

Please join with the West Catholic Family as we welcome a new group of outstanding athletes into our Hall of Fame. For additional information; please contact George Light at the School (215-386-2244, ext. 260.)

2007 Inductees:

1952	Chuck Kilbride	Track and Cross Country
1958	Charles Johnson	Football
1963	John Tomosky	Football & Track
1966	Mike DiDonato	Football
1971	Jim Nestor	Football
1985	Stephanie Hughes	Basketball

Awardees, Guests



Brother Raymond Murphy, '57
Brother Edwin Anselm Award



John P. Delaney, Jr.
Brother Martin Strickroth Award



Al Dezzi '65 accepts the Brother G. Owens
Award from M.C. Tom DeFelice '64



Silver Anniversary Burr Award winner Tim McNally '82 and family



Proud Grandfather and Brother D. Aloysius Lumley Award winner, Bob
McCann '60 , with his son and granddaughters



School President Brother Tim Ahern '65
addressed guests



Members of one of the many classes gathered to enjoy the day.



Members of the 50th Anniversary Class of 1957

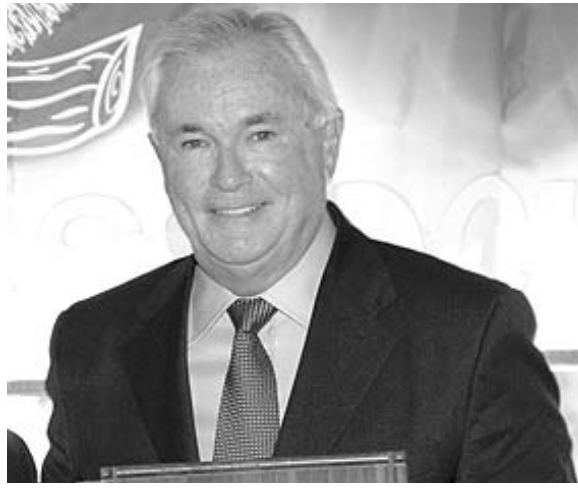


Breakfast and Awards Committee Co-Chairman
Francis Crowley, '77

and Classmates



Theresa Pollard accepts the 25th Anniversary Silver Burr Award on behalf of her brother, Joe Dukes '82, on active military duty in Iraq.



John Mullen, '57
William McGarvey Award



Bill McDevitt, '76
Golden Burr Award



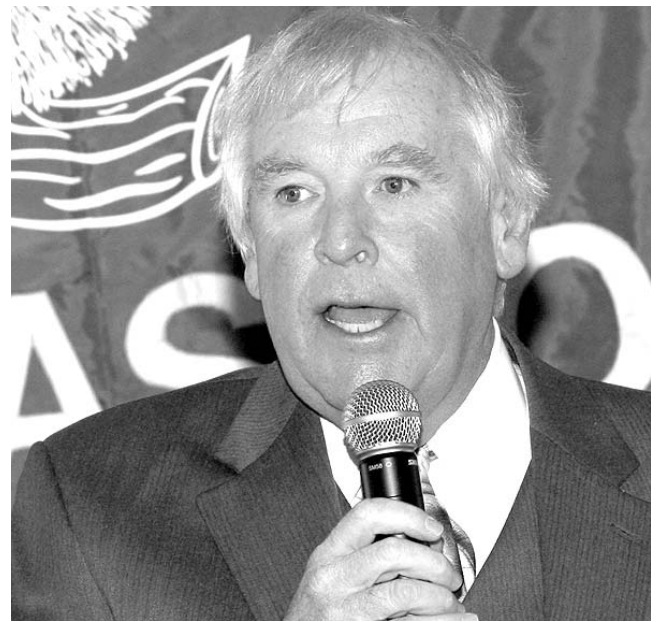
Dorothy Mylotte Donohue receives the 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award on behalf of her late husband, Joseph Mylotte '57 from M.C. Tom DeFelice '64.



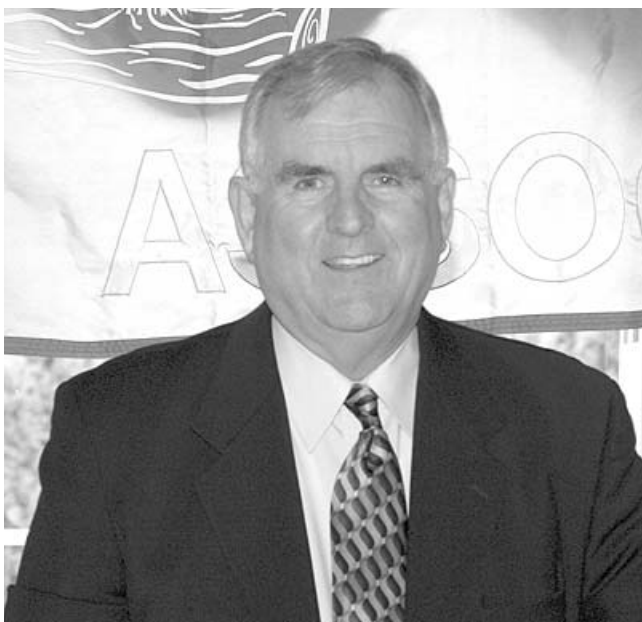
Craig "Ace" O'Brien '57 receives the 50th Anniversary Golden Burr Award from M.C. Tom DeFelice '64.



Long time friends enjoy the festivities



Alumni President Tom Dorrian welcomes guests



Breakfast and Awards Committee Co-Chairman Chris Martin, '60



Members of the Class of 1958

West Catholic Conservancy (continued from p. 1)

tenure has been the performance at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center, New York City. An event that showcased exemplary high school performing ensembles, the West Catholic Sinfonia literally had its fifteen minutes of fame: performing by itself on the very stage home to the New York Philharmonic!

With many of the music programs of West Catholic's feeder schools constricted or phased out, this current formula for success has its limitations. And this is where the West Catholic Conservatory comes into play.

Founded and directed by Dr. Framil, the West Catholic Conservatory is a **community outreach program** that targets the underserved youth of Philadelphia, providing **free** private music lessons to pre-high school children. Currently budgeted for 100 students, the inaugural semester, which

began in early February 2007, has nearly 40 students enrolled. The curriculum will begin with private instruction for string instruments (violin, viola, cello, double bass), and in Fall 2007 instruction for woodwind, brass and percussion instruments will be added, along with the formation of the West Philadelphia Youth Orchestra.

In addition to reaching out to the community through music education, the WCC will be presenting concert events. Professional chamber music ensembles, orchestras, soloists and choral concerts will be part of the WCC's offerings for the alumni, alumnae, and community-at-large.

To learn more about how to get involved with the West Catholic Conservatory, feel free to contact Dr. Stephen Framil at 215-386-2244, ext. 234, or at WCCconservatory@aol.com.

West Point Visits West Catholic

By Ed Kerr, Jr, '60



Captain Anusionwu pictured with Dr. Longo

Through the efforts of Jim Donahue, '63 and the complete cooperation from the West Catholic Administration, Jim was able to arrange an entire academic day visit by Captain Donatus Anusionwu, Northeast Outreach Officer for the US Military Academy. While visiting in early February, together they met with the President, the Principal, the Academic Vice Principal, the Guidance Director and College Counselor, the Development Director, the varsity football coach, the girls' varsity track coach, several teachers and most importantly, about a dozen or so students. They ate lunch in the student cafeteria and Captain Don had some discussions with small groups as well. He was

able to have at least two students indicate interest in West Point by registering on the USMA web site.

During their close out meeting with West Catholic President, Brother Tim Ahern, Captain Anusionwu indicated that he was very appreciative of the opportunity to visit West Catholic and that he was very impressed with the quality of the educational program and of the students that he spoke with. Brother Tim extended an invitation for a return visit in March, with a couple of cadets, for a career day event. Captain Don graciously accepted and will work on a campus visit and tour of the USMA (probably in April) for a select group of students, faculty and administrators.

Guidance Director, Dr. Joseph Longo, thought the visit was very good and indicated that since the process, both academic and physical, is so rigid for admission to West Point that his office would concentrate on preparing and grooming underclassmen that aspire to attend the Academy.

Brother Tim Ahern thinks that both the visit and the opportunity to tour and visit West Point will certainly benefit any West Catholic student.

NAME THESE BURRS



Identify these *Famous Burrs* and you could win an alumni sweatshirt. Send your answers to: "Name That Burr," c/o West Catholic Alumni Association, P.O. Box 889, Ardmore, PA 19003. Please provide your size and return address along with your class.

The Patterson Family and West Catholic Quite a TRADITION!

By: Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Tom Patterson, '51 is known and respected by his classmates for his accomplishments at West Catholic High School as a distinguished member of the Catholic League Championship track teams in 1950 and 1951. Those teams also won the State Catholic Championships for both years. Coached by Brother Luke, Tom was stellar as he captured first place in the pole vault competition during both years against student athletes from the Catholic, City and State Catholic schools. Following West, Tom attended LaSalle College; married his sweetheart Elaine, who graduated from St. John Bartram. They have two children Tom and Mary Ann and three grandchildren. Brother Luke set the example for Tom who would go on to Coach CYO track and other sports at St. Gabriel School in Norwood PA for 32 years. Over the past 16 years, Tom is known as Coach Patterson for the Academy Park Boy's Track team in Sharon Hill PA. Most recently, Tom has become a Trustee for the Basil Wood-

field Class of 1951 Scholarship Fund managed by the Alumni Association.

The Patterson family has a connection to West Catholic dating back to Martin T. Patterson, Sr. who was a proud graduate from the class of 1921. Martin, Tom's dad, was Catholic League and City Mile Champion. Francis B. Patterson, class of 1930, was Tom's uncle and he played basketball for 4 years. Others from the Patterson family who graduated from either West Catholic Boys' or West Catholic Girls' include John F. Pat-

erson, 1940, Martin T. Patterson, Jr. in 1948, Mary Jane Hussey, class of 1958, Raymond C. Patterson, 1960, Cecilia Patterson, 1960, Rosemary Patterson, 1964, John Williams, 1968, Martin T. Patterson, III, 1973, Kathleen Patterson Atkins, 1977, Michael Patterson, 1982, (a goalie on the hockey team), and Dawn Patterson, class of 1988. Fourteen in all...The Patterson Family is very proud of their West Catholic education and to be a part of its great tradition...Long Live West Catholic!



Tom Patterson, Class of 1951

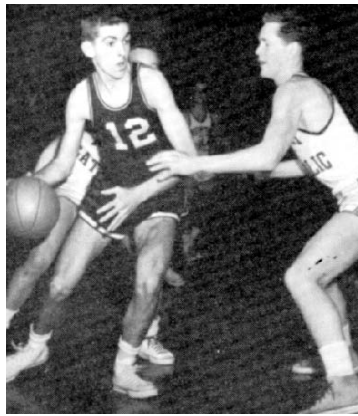
1955 Record-Breaking Season For West Catholic Hoops

By Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

Reflections of West Catholic Boys' Basketball during the years 1949 through 1959 brings to mind the five Catholic League Championships and three City Championships. They include City Titles in 1949, '52 and '53 and Catholic League Titles in 1949, '52, '53, '55 and 1959. The 1959 title was the last and such title and ended the greatest period for the school's basketball program.

The 1955 team would set two records in one day when they scored a record 96 points (47 by All-Catholic Pat Carey), in a home court 96-72 victory over Roman Catholic. According to Pat Carey, '55, home court advantage was important because of the exuberant West Catholic fans that always turned out to support their Burr hoopsters. This record breaking day for Carey had him passing Joe Ryan of St. Joe Prep, also an All-Catholic selection, who had scored 45 points during a game earlier in the season. Shooting either from the top of the key or driving the lane for a lay-up, Carey wishes they had the three point rule back then!

Coach Jim Usilton, Jr. put together the Burrs of 1955 with All-Catholic Pat Carey, Honorable Mention All-Catholic selections, Joe Spratt, Jim McNichol and Jack Rowan who joined Rick Clune as the probable starters. His key reserves included Joe McGinn, Jim Dunn, Paul Wallin, Jack O'Reilly and Gerry



Pat Carey tries to charge past North's tight man-for-man.

Donaghy. This team would defeat North Catholic and LaSalle High to win the Catholic League Championship before losing to Wilt Chamberlain and his Overbrook team for the 1955 Philadelphia City Championship at the University of Pennsyl-

vania Palestra on March 10, 1955. For those West grads who recall these glory years of consistent competitive basketball, they will remember the other members of the All-Catholic Team, along with record breaker Pat Carey. They included Joe Ryan, St. Joe Prep, Jim Grazione, Southeast Catholic, Buddy Kline, Northeast Catholic and Nick DiCiurcio, St. Thomas More. Also remembered will be Brother D. Aloysius, the moderator for the West Catholic team. When West Catholic Sports Hall of Fame nominations are made, perhaps the name Pat Carey, '55 should be considered!

Trish Carey, Pat Carey's daughter provided information for this article.



First row: Jin, Dunn, Ed McCafferty, Gerry Donaghy, Captain Joe Spratt, Bob Fagan, Ray Brown. Second row: Jack Rowan, Pat Carey, Jim McNichol, John Driscoll, Rick Clune. Joe McGinn

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Football Championship *(continued from p.1)*

When summer practices began in August and Tri-Captains Marc Holloway, (Columbia University), Anthony Rhoades and Isiah Edmond posed in front of the former grotto at 49th & Chestnut, one got the feeling that together with Coach Fluck's high expectations...this would be a Special Year...A Championship Season!

Both Holloway and Rhoades would be selected to the All-City Team and youth would be served as freshmen and sophomores would find a way to help this team win the big game. Our Congratulations go out to Coach Fluck who made his 100th career

coaching game at West Catholic very special, to his assistant coaches for their long hours of providing teaching and encouragement, to the players for striving to realize the dream of winning a Championship, to the students, alumni, alumnae, administration and teachers for their support and for having faith in the program.

Hail to the Champions for year 2006...West Catholic High School! Hail to all Burrs! And to the former West Catholic players who didn't win a Championship—this season and title are dedicated to you. Long Live West Catholic!



Pictured L to R: Tri-Captains Marc Holloway, Anthony Rhoades and Isiah Edmond



Mrs. Eric Rutherford (Eric, '81 is an Assistant Coach at West Catholic) and their daughter celebrates West's first football Championship in 41 years.



Coach Virnest Beale shares a moment of celebration with West Catholic player after the Championship victory.

Highlights of the 11th Annual Alumni Soccer Game



In October, 2006, 40 current and former members of the West Catholic Men's Soccer team met on the field at Penrose Park, 74th St. and Lindbergh Blvd., to compete in the 11th Annual Alumni Soccer Game. Those present represented over 40 years of soccer, with alumni from the 1960's through recent graduates playing a tough fought game with current Varsity and Junior Varsity team members. To make it fair to all concerned, the teams were divided by even and odd graduation years. Many graduates showed off their skills to today's players, while current team members demonstrated their own talent and abilities. As always, a fun time was had by all. Afterward, the alumni socialized at a local tavern, spending several hours with

friends while nursing aching muscles!

Each year, the soccer alumni gather for fun and competition, getting a chance to show off talents they may not have used for many years! The games give the graduates a chance to catch up with friends while also giving current West Catholic players a sense of the strong and proud athletic tradition in which they are participating. Proceeds for the game support the West Catholic Men's Soccer team.

We hope to see even more soccer alumni at the 12th annual game this Fall (date to be determined). To be added to the mailing list for the Alumni Soccer Game, contact Coach Fran Crowley '77 at 610-246-1020 or wcburrs.soccer@verizon.net.



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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.

1947	5/1/07	Tom Simpson
60th	Springfield Country Club Springfield, PA 19064	610.356.9199 or John Donoghue 610.738.4121
1957	9/28/07 <i>Combined</i>	Jack Kraft
50th	Springfield Country Club Springfield, PA 19064	215.493.5899 or Joan McGinn Woods 610.356.2831
1958	9/28/07	John Gallagher
50th	Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy Essington, PA	610.269.5340
1967	10/27/07	David Joslin
40th	Airport Ramada Inn 6 Industrial Hwy. Essington, PA	610.259.0753
1986	Planning Stage	Mike Ward
20th	<i>Combined</i> Oaks Ballroom	<i>momkenmk@msn.com</i> or Maureen Buckley Ward 610.544.3142
1996	Planning Stage	Marcie Turner
10th		215.474.1110 or Nick Voight 619.941.0592
2001	Planning Stage	Jackie Fritz
5th		215.409.5232

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

CLASS LUNCHEONS

Class	Location	Contact/Date
1946	Casey's Restaurant Newtown Square	Noon - April 23 July 23 & Oct. 22
1950	Luncheon Casey's Restaurant Lansdowne Ave. Drexel Hill, PA 19026	May 14, 2007 and Sept. 17, 2007 Jim Tobin 610.284.0749
1959	C.J. McGee Springfield, PA	June 20 Sept. 19 & Dec. 19

GREAT WEST CATHOLIC CLASS OF 1960

By: Bob McGovern '60



The great West Catholic Class of 1960 had another successful lunch on November 15, 2006 at Sam's Restaurant. The number of classmates continues to grow. We had 29 men at this event. One of our classmates came all the way from Arizona - Rich Wehbe. Rich came to town on business and paid us a visit. What a great Surprise!

Plans are already in the making for our next lunch. If you wish more information on the Great Class of 1960 Lunch call the alumni office at 215.387.8560 and leave a message with your name and telephone number and I will get back to you.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Tom Dorrian, '61
President
West Catholic
Alumni Association

Hello once again to all fellow Alumni. Well, good things continue to happen at West Catholic High School. Although it happened three months ago I would really be remiss if I didn't congratulate West Catholic's football team for winning their first Catholic league football championship in 41 years, yes, 41 years. Think about it! The last time West won it all was the 1966 team. The seniors on that team weren't even in West when I graduated (1961). So let's put this into prospective. I was a year and some months over the legal drinking age when it last happened and I am now retired. That tells you two things (1) it been a long time between football championships and (2) I'm really getting old. Speaking on behalf of the Alumni Association I wish to congratulate Coach Brian Fluck, his fine coaching staff, the school administration and all others who contributed to this most significant accomplishment. But the biggest accolades go to our Championship Football Team. Congratulations to all for an outstanding achievement! Not only has Coach Fluck built a fine football team he also has built a great football program. Go Burrs!!

As we go through the last days of winter and as spring is approaching it signifies to me that the end of my four year tenure as president of the Alumni Association is getting closer. The Alumni Association will hold elections for the Board of Governors at our May 21, 2007 meeting at the Lamplighter Tavern on Darby Rd, Havertown, Pa. at 7:00 PM. All interested alums are encouraged to join us and possibly become a new Board member. We are openly recruiting our most recent grads, especially anyone from the last 25 years, but will welcome any alumni interested in attending or joining our Board of Governors elections. That same evening the newly elected Board will then take nominations for elections to the office of President, Vice President and Vice President of Finance of the Alumni Association. Based on the nominations the newly elected board will hold elections to these offices on Monday June 4, 2007 at the Lamplighter. The new Executive Board candidates must be nominated from the membership of the newly elected Board of Governors.

The Alumni Association would like to see more alums get involved especially those who could help us market ourselves or that have an interest in writing or assisting our Emissary.

If anyone wants more information about the alumni elections or has questions about our association please feel free to email me at tomdorrian@verizon.net or call me in Avalon NJ at 609-368-3395.

Pray for men and women in uniform especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan. God Bless and Slainte!

Christian Brothers Honor Brother G. John Owens

By Ed Kerr, Jr., '60

The Christian Brothers could not have selected anyone with more appeal than "Handsome John", when they honored Brother G. John Owens at a sold out formal dinner in November. The result of the celebration was a most generous donation to the San Miguel School, a Christian Brothers school in Camden, NJ. Brother John, the former Principal of West Catholic High School for Boys, is part of us, The West Catholic Family. The dinner was attended by Brother's family, fellow Christian Bro-

thers, West alumni, LaSalle University alumni and many more. Jim Murray '56 served as the Master of Ceremonies wearing a West Catholic hat with a WC. Jim used the WC to plug West Catholic but also did not fail to promote the work of women and the love and guidance and care required for children. Of course, Jim has done great work with the Ronald McDonald House for Children, and is always available for the Christian Brothers.

Brother John McDonnell, '67, the first President of the

new West Catholic was responsible for populating the event and did a great job. Also attending was Brother Richard Kestler, President of LaSalle High School and immediate past President for West Catholic High School. Together, they were joined by current West Catholic President, Brother Tim Ahern, '66. An enjoyable evening was had by all and Brother Bill Johnson, '60 of the San Miguel School is most appreciative to all who supported this wonderful cause.

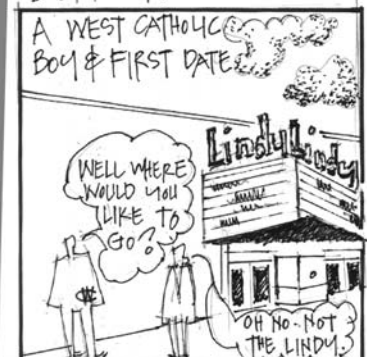


Pictured l to r: Brother Richard Kestler, Brother Tim Ahern and Brother John McDonnell



Brother G. John Owens with Connie Newman, '54 and George Light, '58

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