The 2010 Football Season – It Was A Record-Breaker

The 2010 football season was a record-setter as the Varsity Football Team became the first football team in Prep history to win 10 games in one season. Undefeated during the regular season, their only loss was 39 – 14 to Saint Anthony’s in the CHSAA “AAA” semi-final game.

Congratulations to Coach Pete Gorynski on being named the Bronx – Manhattan Coach of the Year by the New York Daily News. Anthony Bronzo ‘10 was named the Player of the Year in the Bronx-Manhattan by the New York Daily News and to the All-City team by the New York Post.

The 2010 Record

Regular Season
Fordham Prep–19
Fordham Prep–17
Fordham Prep–27
Fordham Prep–27
Cardinal Hayes–6
Saint Joseph by the Sea–8
Xaverian–14
Kellenberg Memorial–14
Fordham Prep–40
Fordham Prep–29
Fordham Prep–21
Fordham Prep–28
Fordham Prep–17
Holy Cross–21
Saint Francis Prep–8
Mount Saint Michael–7
Chaminade–6
Xavier–7
Playoffs
Fordham Prep–14
Fordham Prep–14
Saint Anthony’s–39
Xaverian–7
Athletic Accomplishments
THE 2010 VARSITY SOCCER TEAM
CHSAA North “A” Division Champions
CHSAA New York Champions
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2010 – 2011 JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM
Undefeated Season and CHSAA "A" Champions

Prep Swimming – CHSAA and State Champs!

After winning their 4th CHSAA Championship in 5 years, the swimming team set its sights on the New York State Championships held in Nassau County Long Island. After a great first day of trials, the team went into the finals in 3rd place, overall putting themselves into position to finish as one of the top teams in New York State. With all three of their relays in the final heat and various swimmers making it back in their individual events, just a few break swiims could catapult the team to its first ever State Title.

The day started off with the 200 Medley Relay team of Joseph Casino ’11, Dale Wallace ’12, Billy Fierro Joyce ’13, and Patrick Banks ’11 finishing 6th with a time of 1:36.37 which reset their own school record. The excitement continued in the 200 Free, with Brian Hogan ’12 finishing 9th with a time of 1:42.80 and Joseph Eiden ’13 finishing 10th with a time of 1:43.96. The next Prep race was in the 100 Free where Patrick Conaton ’14 finished 10th with a time of 47.20 which was just short of the school record he had set at the CHSAA Championships.

One of Fordham’s strongest events was the 500 Free. Sean Lyons ’13, in his first state championship, finished 20th with a time of 5:45.10. In the next heat Joseph Eiden finished 5th with a time of 4:38.19 and Brian Hogan finished 3rd with a time of 4:35.66. The 200 Free Relay of Patrick Conaton, Declan Kennon ’14, Patrick Banks and Joseph Eiden moved up to 4th place resetting their own school record.

The next three events turned out to be the turning point of the meet. In the 100 Backstroke, Joe Casino finished 9th with a time of 51.17 setting a new school, League and Metro State record. In the 100 Breast, Dale Wallace finished 10th with a time of 58.63 and senior Dan Murphy finished 15th with a time of 59.84.

With a state title on the line in the last event of the Championships, the relay of Patrick Conaton, Brian Hogan, Joseph Casino and Joseph Eiden dropped three seconds to shock the final heat by winning the 400 Free Relay — setting a school record, league record and metro state record. The first place finish helped the team to capture their first New York State Swimming and Diving Championship Title.

The Fordham Prep Swimming and Diving Team finished the 2011 season undefeated during the Freshman Season and also captured the Freshman CHSAA Championship Title. During the Varsity season, the team was undefeated, captured the CHSAA Championship, was awarded the Spirit Award and Coach Dominick Galimi ’92 was named Coach of the Year. Also, the team set 5 school records and 2 CHSAA records. Congratulations to the team –
From the Chaplain
Fr. Don Devine, S.J.
Chaplain, Fordham Preparatory School, Bronx, New York

Getting used to writing 2011 provides an ideal occasion for reflecting upon Christian aging, the gradual transition from doing to being, from aggressive independence to grateful dependence, from active questing to reflective savoring. A gradual transition from the satisfaction of responsible stewardship to vulnerable trust and receptivity is important to each one’s growth. I once read that a time will come when it is admirable to sit under a tree and simply breathe air. It’s good to stop and stare, to resign ourselves to imaginative, prayerful being and let others be active in doing for us what we can no longer do for ourselves.

When I mentioned to a fellow Jesuit that I was thinking about writing on this topic, he suggested I include Psalm 71. “God, you taught me when I was young; do not desert me. Let me live to tell the rising generation of your power. You will give me life again, prolong my old age, once more comfort me. I will thank you on the lyre.”

Unlike the psalmist, we live in a culture that measures our worth by what we do rather than who we are. We are tempted to do the same type of evaluating of ourselves and others. Questioning our personal value, we can forget we are still a compassionate, caring person. We almost feel guilty when we take time to savor our experiences, to quiet our minds and rejoice that God is God; to simply stop, stare and be filled with the wonder of love, family and different generations.

Consider the excerpts from the prayer of an ailing Italian Jesuit. “Bid me of the illusion that I am indispensable. Let me still be useful, contributing my optimism to those who now take their turn at the helm. Let my lifestyle now become one of humble and serene contact with a world in change, shedding no tears for the past. Let my freedom? Can I feel your joy? “Okay. Where are you?”

“Very little. I just spend long periods in church. I asked him what he said during those hours and he responded, “Very little. I just enjoy being with someone whom I love and who loves me.”

What better place to pause and begin a new year in gratitude for the past and in trust that the best is yet to come.

The Social Justice Committee

The fifth characteristic of the “Grad at Grad” states that the Fordham Prep student should be a person who is “committed to doing justice.” But what does this actually mean? How should one think and act if he or she is truly committed to doing justice? Part of the response to this question has come in the formation of the Social Justice Committee, a group of students and faculty who gather to discuss what a more just Fordham Prep—and world—might look like, and how we can arrive at both. Initiated through conversations between Mr. Comprecht and a number of faculty members, the Committee has been in existence for approximately three years.

The Committee first addressed the thorny and complicated issue of immigration, asking the Fordham Prep community to consider what the Jesuit and Christian way is trying to raise money to put solar panels on build- in the United States and more conscientious in the use of the earth’s limited resources. The Committee recently met with representatives from the Let’s Share the Sun Foundation, a group that is trying to raise money to put solar panels on buildings in Haiti and Nicaragua. Members of the Committee attended a March 19th fundraiser for Let’s Share the Sun, which took place in our own Hall of Honor and featured the vice president of Axio Power, Paul Curran, as the guest speaker.

The Committee remains excited and animated toward helping Fordham Prep become more committed to doing justice. We have linked ourselves with the Ignatian Solidarity Network, a Jesuit organization that organizes Jesuit high schools, colleges and parishes around various social justice issues. We have become involved in advocating for the Dream Act, a legislative initiative that would allow the children of undocumented parents who are born in the US to have full legal status. Our work is challenging on many levels, but we are committed to living a faith that leaving the field of action be simple and natural, like a glowing, cheerful sunset.

Selcetation means living more humbly and simply, at this age in my life. We must be rescued from a cultural obsession with youth, apologizing for my present age. I need not deny nor hide my age because I like who I am right now. True friends love us as we are, flaws and all. In God’s eyes, we are lovely. It’s not our good works, achievements, or even penitence that magically renders us lovely. It is in being loved, as Chesterton says, that we become lovely.

I grew up with my maternal grandparents. When I was ten, I became aware that my grandfather would spend long periods in church. I asked him what he said during those hours and he responded, “Very little. I just enjoy being with someone whom I love and who loves me.”

What better place to pause and begin a new year in gratitude for the past and in trust that the best is yet to come.

CORRECTIONS
In the Fall 2010 Annual Report issue of Ramview, we neglected to list to list Robert L. James as a contributor in the Class of 1953. We neglected to include Charles A. Garvin as a guest speaker. We neglected to list members of the Prep community who have made gifts for twenty consecutive years.

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Our curriculum covers all of the topics considered essential by the U.S. Bishops in their recent guidelines and then some. Our retreat programs are vigorous and age appropriate — we give the students the tools to build a mature life of faith as they move forward into maturity. Service permeates every year with increasing requirements as part of the qualification for graduation.

Last year we had a wonderful intersection of the old and the new as we sent a group of boys with two faculty members to spend time with the “Shoeshine Boys” of Quito, Ecuador. This great outreach to the poorest of the poor in Quito was established over forty years ago by Fr. John Halligan, S.J., Fordham Prep class of 1947. The same ideals which inspired Jack to enter the Jesuits and commit himself to working with the poor motivate our students to serve the needy whether at home or abroad.

Many schools educate boys to be successful men. We try to form them to define their success as “men for others.”

With your continued help, we keep the dream alive.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Boller, S.J
President

Fordham Prep has been a “hot” school in the area for several years now. Families recognize that their sons have the opportunity for the challenge of first class academically along with an extensive and successful sports and activities program, all of which are worth the investment of premium tuition. What truly distinguishes us from a number of other prominent prep schools is our commitment to the spiritual formation of the young men and our ability to offer a diverse environment.

The diversity is part of our Bronx heritage. Since 1841, we have welcomed the immigrant and the established, the rich and the poor as essential to our mission. While “sticker price” is intimidating to many of our families, we continue to be committed to working with them to see that their sons get the best education and formation possible. Many of our families from more affluent suburbs report that they chose the Prep over the highly taxed local schools precisely to expose their sons to a larger, more diverse world with the added bonus of value centeredness.

Formation today is adapted to the times but as intensive as it ever was in our best days. Religion is a regular academic subject on a par with all the others and not merely a period a week attached to homeroom. Our curriculum covers all of the topics considered

From the Principal’s Desk

Fordham Prep has many moving parts. One job of administration is to organize and coordinate those parts and provide the support and resources to keep them moving. Not unimportant work. But the real work of the school, where the rubber meets the road, if you will, occurs on retreats, at liturgies, at service sites, at club meetings and athletic events, and, of course, in the classroom. Anywhere and everywhere that students are engaged.

Administrators see all these areas, but the view is often that of a spectator. Prep administrators are almost always former teachers, and as much as we enjoy our current responsibilities, we never forget how much pleasure we took in our work on retreats, as coaches and moderators, and as teachers. For a few years, I have weighed the possibility of teaching one class. The realities of the principal’s job, especially the inevitable unexpected issues which make following a daily schedule almost impossible, always tipped the scales away from teaching. However, several years ago Mrs. Theresa Napoli joined the Prep administration as the Assistant Principal for Academics and Student Life. She, too, was interested in teaching and her background, like my own, was in science. At the end of last year, we decided to join forces and take the plunge, team-teaching one section of Freshman Biology Honors.

One of the biggest benefits of being in the classroom is that it gets us directly into work which is central to the Prep’s mission. The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius provide us with a guide to the beliefs, procedures, and techniques he felt were important in developing the religious experience which is at the heart of Jesuit ministries. The Exercises provide a retreatant with an opportunity for guided reflection which allows him or her to choose future directions and continue to grow. A parallel process, the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP), is used in Jesuit schools as a model of how our students should learn. The retreat director and the teacher both act as guides, assisting the retreatant or learner in the art of honest reflection as a way to understand the past and make decisions for the future. In Jesuit education, facts are important but they must be viewed as means to an end. We want our young men to analyze, to synthesize, to think. The IPP is a wonderful device to help achieve this. Strong in these skills, we believe our graduates are equipped to handle the academic challenges of college.

Beyond this, teachers in Jesuit schools are missioned to develop moral habits and character. Ignatius saw education as an instrument to achieve religious goals. Ultimately, we want our students to discover the presence of God in their lives and to make choices which bring them closer to Him. We believe, as did Ignatius, that this is why we were created. This understanding of the human spirit develops not only on retreats, at liturgies, and in Religious Studies classes, but in every activity at the Prep, including Biology class. The way we frame issues, the perspectives with which we discuss them, and the very way we deal with the students and with each other, coalesce to create a consistent model of our purpose in life.

Certainly, as an administrator, there is pride and fulfillment in helping to guide faculty and students towards these ends. But being in the classroom is important and special. Of course, it reminds us of the frustrations and challenges our teachers face. Preparation of class activities, labs, online resources, the evaluation of assessments, and periodic appraisal of our own teaching take up immeasurable time. And then there is the frustration of referring to something taught earlier in the year and realizing the students seem to have little memory it. However, is also a gift which bestows splendid minutes each day immersed in activity which is at the core of our mission.

As we know, especially those of us who attended a Jesuit school like Fordham Prep, teachers are at the heart of every good school. It is a privilege to be a colleague in that ministry of teaching.

Robert J. Gomprecht ’65
Principal

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Boller, S.J
President
From the Development Office

New VP for Development and Alumni Relations

It gives Fordham Prep pleasure to introduce John L. Kahl, who will serve as its Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations. John came to Fordham Prep in November after an extensive search by The Sinon Group.

John will report to Father Kenneth J. Bollee, S.J., President, and will direct the school’s fundraising, alumni relations, and communications activities. In the coming year, he will focus on completing the Prep’s capital campaign, The Campaign for Fordham Prep, and will support the school’s efforts to strengthen its endowment, and increase annual giving and financial aid for deserving Prep students.

John has an extensive institutional advancement background, having served as Director of Development at Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, CT, Executive Director of Development at St. John’s University, and as Director of the Archdiocese of New York’s Cardinal’s Committee of the Laity.

His background also includes significant experience in management positions involving consumer product sales, marketing, sales promotion, operations and administration.

John holds a BBA in Marketing and a MBA in Organizational Behavior from Iona College. He and his wife, Jane, live in Scarsdale, NY and have three grown daughters.

Discover the Benefits of Giving Wisely – Visit the Prep’s Planned Giving web site for details.

www.fordhamprep.org/plannedgiving

Gifts for Scholarships and Financial Aid

Gifts that provide scholarships and student financial aid are among the most important contributions that an alumnus or friend can make to Fordham Prep.

- Gifts for scholarships and financial aid mean important educational opportunities for students who have earned the privilege of attending Fordham Prep, but who lack the resources to accept offers of admission.
- Gifts for scholarships and financial aid help families who can muster a portion of the costs, but who cannot manage the full burden of even a modest tuition charge.
- Gifts of scholarships and financial aid allow the Prep to recruit the brightest and the best to its student ranks, in keeping with the School’s 170-year-old tradition of educational excellence.
- Gifts for scholarships and financial aid preserve the tradition of ethnic and economic diversity in the student community as the keystone of Jesuit education at Fordham Prep.

Ways of Making Gifts for Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Gifts in any amounts may be made to the Prep’s General Scholarship Fund. This Fund is a central resource that the President and the Director of Financial Aid may draw from in addressing the needs and merits of individual students.
- Gifts in the amount of the current rate of tuition ($15,060 for FY 2011) will ensure that a worthy but needy student can attend Fordham Prep for one full year.
- Gifts (single or cumulative) in the amount of $300,000* will serve to endow a full scholarship in perpetuity at Fordham Prep. Awards from named endowed scholarship funds are the most prestigious form of recognition for students at Fordham Prep. Only students who give evidence of genuine financial need and outstanding academic performance can be the recipients of funds from one of the Prep’s fully endowed scholarships.

Further Information About Gifts for Scholarships and Financial Aid

To discuss ways and means of making gifts for scholarships and financial aid at Fordham Prep, please contact John Kahl, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations (Tel: 718-367-7500, ext. 210; Email: kahlj@fordhamprep.org).

*The amount required for a fully endowed scholarship reflects the rate of tuition and the Board of Trustees’ policy regarding the stewardship of the Prep’s financial assets.

Letters from Scholastic and Financial Aid Students

I am a thirteen year old freshman at Fordham Prep. My experiences here so far have been wonderful and I am eager to learn as much as I can in these four years at Fordham. I live in an apartment with my two parents and my younger sister. My father has been unemployed since last year which heavily influenced where I would go to high school. I desperately yearned to go to Fordham Prep but it seemed that I could not attend due to the tuition. Thank you for your help, I wouldn't be able to do without your help. I'll always be thankful for your donation and the Board of Trustees’ policy regarding the stewardship of the Prep’s financial assets.

I am a sophomore at the Prep. I come from the Bronx where I live with my mom and dad and my sister. I really wanted to go to Fordham Prep because when I grow up, I want to do well in life and hopefully, I can help a kid who wants to fulfill his dreams. I greatly appreciate that you are giving me a chance to succeed in life. Thank you.

I am a junior. I live in the Bronx with my mom. I am an only child. The past two years at Fordham have been wonderful. I have made so many friends and have had great experiences. My grades have been a little out of place due to my honors and AP courses but I am putting effort into all of my classes. Without your help, I wouldn’t be able to attend such a great school and be part of this great experience. Thank you for all of your help and support.

I am currently in my senior year. I really can’t thank you enough for your donation to the scholarship fund. Without your help, I may not have been able to attend the Prep. I’ve loved my time here and the friends that I have made. It’s all thanks to you. I’ve been a leader on the Freshman Retreat, built a house for Habitat for Humanity in Tennessee and participated in many after school clubs while maintaining solid A’s and B’s in most of my classes throughout my four years. I am applying to Columbia University, something that I would have never been able to do without your help. I’ll always be thankful for your donation and the effect that it has had on my life. I will always keep you in my prayers.
FORDHAM PREP
ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN
Foster Pride at FP

Since its founding in 1841, Fordham Preparatory School has continued to grow. We are proud of our school, and its strength is a tribute to all who have supported Prep over the years. Because our Annual Fund is the lifeblood of the school, we would like to answer some questions you may have about our annual appeal:

Q. What is the Annual Fund and why do we need it?
A. The Annual Fund sustains Fordham Preparatory School’s commitment to quality education. The Fund is designed to help cover the current year’s anticipated operational expenses. Because the Fund covers immediate operating expenses, it is critical that the Annual Fund remains strong and growing. This helps to ensure that the school’s operating budget is not compromised.

Q. Why doesn’t Fordham Prep raise tuition to pay for all of the operating needs?
A. Although Fordham Prep must raise tuition annually to guarantee growth in faculty salaries and school programs, the school could not charge the full cost of tuition without seriously limiting the number of qualified students who could afford to attend. Revenue derived through the Annual Fund allows the school to keep tuition at a competitive rate with independent schools in the surrounding community.

Q. How are the Annual Fund dollars spent?
A. The funds raised through the Annual Fund campaign are spent on budgeted items throughout the school year. In general, the Fund provides support for the professional development of our faculty and staff, classroom materials, student activities and clubs, arts and athletic programs, financial aid and the maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

Q. Who determines the Annual Fund goal? If we don’t meet the goal, will there be cutbacks?
A. Fordham Prep President Father Kenneth J. Boller, S.J. recommends an Annual Fund goal to the school’s Board of Trustees’ Finance committees. The process is a balancing act of tuition revenue forecasting, maximizing Annual Fund potential, and acknowledging the importance of the continued health and strength of the school. If the goal isn’t met, the deficit would have an across-the-board impact, with potential cutbacks being shared by all divisions.

Q. Who should give to the Annual Fund?
A. Everyone who is part of the Fordham Prep community, including alumni, parents, senior class students, and friends should support, if possible, the Annual Fund. Contributions to the Annual Fund range from the $10 or $20 a student or young alumnus in college might send, to many thousands of dollars.

Q. I can’t make a large gift. Does my gift still matter?
A. The Prep needs and values everyone’s support. A gift, regardless of the amount, will provide additional resources and will often serve to encourage others to make gifts. An appropriate gift is one in proportion to a person’s ability to give. Corporate matching gifts enable donors to increase the value of their gifts and provide valuable sources of revenue to the school.

Q. Why is the percentage of participation important?
A. A high percentage of participation in the Annual Fund is an important way to demonstrate the commitment of the Prep’s constituents. Foundations and corporations frequently ask for the percentage of constituent participation in a school’s Annual Fund when considering funding plans.

Q. Does it matter when I pledge or make a gift?
A. To help plan the school’s spending, donors are asked to make gifts or pledges as early in the school year as possible. Payments can be made through the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

Q. How do I contribute to the Annual Fund?
A. You can make your tax-deductible donation in any of these ways:
• Pledge now and pay in full or in installments by June 30
• A check made payable to Fordham Preparatory School
• Credit Card: American Express, Discover, Master Card, Visa
• Appreciated securities: call or email the Development Office for transfer instructions.
• Online: by visiting the school’s website at www.fordhamprep.org

Gifts of all amounts are deeply appreciated.

For more information please contact Joan Wollman, Director of Annual Giving, at 718-367-7500 - extension 209, or wollmanj@fordhamprep.org

— 2011 ALUMNI EVENTS —

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011
Class of 1986 25 Year Reunion
6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Prep Chapel
7:00 p.m. Cocktails in the Hall of Honor
7:45 p.m. Dinner in the Hall of Honor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011
The Alumni-Senior Breakfast
8:30-10 a.m. The Garden Terrace Room
at The New York Botanical Garden

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011
6:00 p.m. Mass in the University Church
7:00 p.m. Cocktails in various locations
8:00 p.m. Dinner in the competitive gym

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011
The 16th Annual Golf Outing
10:30 a.m. Registration
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
5:30 p.m. Cocktails & Dinner

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011
Class of 1961 50 Year Reunion – Part #1
10:00-10:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
in the Hall of Honor
10:30-11:30 a.m. Class Visits

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011
Class of 1961 50 Year Reunion – Part #2
4:00-5:45 p.m. Class Conversation in the Library
6:00 p.m. Mass in the University Church
7:00 p.m. Cocktails in the Hall of Honor
7:45 p.m. Dinner in the Commons

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011
Class of 2006 5 Year Reunion
7:00-11:00 p.m. Cocktails & Dinner
in the Hall of Honor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011
Class of 2011 Graduation
4:30 p.m. Fordham University Gymnasium
Ye Olde Prep Shoppe

Fan Cap $15.00

Twill Cap $15.00

Prep Blanket $50.00

Maroon Sweatpants (sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL) $25.00

T-Shirts Maroon, Grey or White (sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL) $12.00

Fordham Prep Vineyard Vines Tie $60.00

Grey Crew Neck Sweatshirt (Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL) $27

Grey Hooded Sweatshirt (Sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL) $35.00

Grey Elastic Bottom Sweatpants (Sizes XL, XXL) $25.00

Grey Open Bottom Sweatpants (Sizes S, M, L) $25.00

Maroon Crew Neck Sweatshirt (sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL) $27.00

Maroon Hooded Sweatshirt (sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL) $35.00

Maroon Sweatpants (sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL) $25.00

Baby Bib $5.00

Baby T-shirts (12 months, Sizes 2, 3, 4) $8.00

Children T-shirts (Sizes S, M, L) $8.00

Ye Olde Prep Shoppe
To place your orders, please call the Alumni Office at 718-367-7500 ext. 208 between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Alumni Reunions

Golden Rams Memorial Mass & Luncheon
Friday, October 1, 2010

Alumni Memorial Mass & Dinner
Thursday, November 4, 2010

Drama Society Alumni Reunion
Saturday, February 5, 2011

Area Reunions

Chicago, IL Alumni Reunion
Friday, December 3, 2010
Hosted by Henry White ’63

Naples, FL Alumni Reunion
Saturday, January 15, 2011

Vero Beach, FL Alumni Reunion
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
Hosted by Jim DiMarzo ’64

Houston, TX Alumni Reunion
Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Palm Beach, FL Alumni Reunion
Tuesday, January 18, 2011
Hosted by Desmond Heathwood ’59
Bill Murphy and Jim Mitchell, both Class of 1942, met for lunch in Stuart, FL in January as is their custom. They are usually joined by their classmate Bill Lutz. Bill & Jim report that “Lutz doesn’t make the get together anymore since he moved to CT. Enjoy the snow, Lutz.”

1943

Vincent De Baun and his wife have moved to Linden Ponds, a retirement community south of Boston. In the spring Vin taught a couple of classes in Charles Dickens in the community’s Lifelong Learning Program.

1952

Charles Barnett wrote a piece about Father William Boyle, S.J. for the October 2010 edition of New Mexico’s Chama Courier Newspaper.

1953

George Duncan following a 40-year career as a being named as a marketing copywriter, returned to school in January to pursue a Masters in Psychology at Antioch University, New England.

1954

John Bray has written a historical novel, entitled The Ballad Of Johnny Madigan, published by BeWrite Books, a small independent publisher. His next novel, entitled The Batled Trap, a more modern mystery thriller is soon to be released by the same publisher.

1957

William LaMonica is “alive and well” and living in Boca Raton, FL. He is working as an associate broker for Century 21 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He welcomes all classmates to contact him via e-mail at William.Lamonica@century21.com.

1959

Robert Armbruster accompanied a medical mission team to the Philippine island province of Catanduanes in early January. A retired journalist, Armbruster served as a reporter for the group. After the completion of the five-day medical mission, he visited Bohol, Cebu, Leyte and Manila. At the Saint John the Evangelist Seminary of the Archdiocese of Pulo, Leyte, Armbruster, who has a master’s in theology — with a concentration in church history from Seton Hall University, gave a talk on American Catholicism. (Priests from the seminary faculty have served at Armbruster’s parish, Saint John the Evangelist in Bergenfield, N.J., over the past 10 summers.) In the Manila area, Armbruster visited the Ateneo de Manila, the Jesuit university. He attended Mass and had dinner with the Jesuit community. The rector, Fr. Bill Kreutz, a graduate of Brooklyn Prep who entered the Jesuits in 1958, spoke warmly of the Fordham Prep grad who took their Jesuit studies with him. Fr. R.R. Hisano, the principal of the Ateneo de Manila High School, told both the high school and a student body of 2,400 boys. Not surprisingly, it is a sports powerhouse. In addition to the many other wonderful aspects of his trip, Bob missed a lot of cold winter weather in New Jersey. Like Gen. Douglas MacArthur, he says of the Philippines: “I shall return.”

1961

Donald Greio is now an adjunct professor at the NYU·Polytechnic Institute graduate program in systems engineering. John LaRocca is teaching at the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA.

1963

Jenik Radon sent in the following update: “I was honored by the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) of Columbia University by being named as one of the “Top 5” teachers in the spring of 2010. My law school alma mater, Stanford, happily surprised me by profiling me in its new human rights and public interest law handBook. This has encouraged me to expand my international public service internship program and I expect to have law, business and college interns in at least 8 countries (Latin America: Ecuador, Guatemala and Mexico. Africa: Kenya and Uganda, Asia: Bhutan, Cambodia and Nepal) working on cutting-edge extractive industry issues, education and CSR, in all the various projects with which I am engaged. Last summer my program proved quite successful as the MBA-law college team in Cambodia, for example, presented their report on CSR and the Cambodian textile industry to the government. The fall was quite active as I hosted a Mexican Business Independence Conference at Monterrey Tech in Queretaro, Mexico where at the keynote was Nobel Peace Prize laureate Rigoberta Menchu. and I lectured on the environmental and other challenges presented by the extractive industry at the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad, India and at Tribhuvan University Law School in Kathmandu, Nepal and lectured on joint venture creation and negotiation to the business community and the government in Bhutan, the nation that has made “gross national happiness” a national goal. In Bhutan happiness actually means working hard as I gave 14 hours of lectures in 2 days. And I have had the fun of appearing on China Central Television (CCTV) in the program the “Power of the Corporation” which was seen by more people than live in the U.S.”

1967

Joseph Moglia was the head coach of the East Team at the All Star game played in Arizona at Sun Devil Stadium on January 23 televised by Fox – The Eastham Energy East West All Star Game. The game is run by AZ Sports Group, LLC. Joe’s return to football administration as he was selected. President of the UFL and will be the Head Football Coach for the Virginia Destroyers.

1976

Mark Cerbone is chief of the “dual diagnosis” inpatient unit at Silver Hill Hospital, New Canaan, CT.

1977

A couple of years ago, Dean Leslie entered a fiction writing contest in the New York Law Journal, and was selected as a finalist. The New York Lawyer Magazine put his short story up on the web. Here is the web address: http://www.nylawyer.com/display.php?files=fiction/08/leslie

1978

Paul DeMarinis has joined with Vincent Maccorini, of Yorktown Heights, NY to re-establish Beverly Hills Coach, Inc. as a premier Limousine company serving Westchester and Putnam Counties. Based in Mahopac, NY, Beverly Hills Coach, Inc. provides a wide range of services to meet your ground transportation needs throughout the New York Metropolitan Area. Whether it’s just a simple transfer to the airport or to a board meeting, “your ride is waiting.” Paul and Vincent have combined a 30 years in the Limousine industry and have amassed a clientele that includes Celebrities and Corporate Executives as well as personal accounts. Contact Paul or Vincent at 845-803-8993 or online at behalf dlm0@gmail.com to plan your next trip or outing. Michael Ryan is the new Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Geokinetics, Inc., a Houston based global seismic services firm.

Class Notes

Jack Simmeymeyer ’46 and Don O’Connell ’49 got together in Florida on Saint Patrick’s Day 2010.

Hospital Presentation

Last Spring, 7 Prep Alum doctors at St. John’s Riverside Hospital hosted a Day of discernment for Prep students considering a career in medicine. They discussed the academic, economic, ethical and spiritual dimensions of the medical field, as well as giving some demonstrations on different areas of medical specialization.

The day was put together Prep alun, Dr. Michael DiGiorio ’91 and included other Prep doctors at St John’s including Dr. Orest Kozicky ’73, Raj Ramperasad ’89, Dr. Christopher DiGiorio ’91 and Dr. Steven Francoese ’94
Class Notes

Carnegie Science Center announced Jeff Mullen ’97 as a recipient of the 2011 Carnegie Science Start Up Entrepreneur Award.

Considered one of the country’s most prolific young inventors, Jeff Mullen, Carnegie Mellon University College of Engineering, Tepper School of Business, New York Law School and most recently founded Dynamics Inc., a company specializing in next generation payment devices. Under Mullen, Dynamics sold arguably the largest paid pilots for on card technology in the history of banking.

Carnegie Science Center established the Carnegie Science Awards program in 1997 to recognize and promote outstanding science and technology achievements in western Pennsylvania. Celebrating its 15th year, the Carnegie Science Awards have honored the accomplishments of more than 275 individuals and organizations that have improved lives through their commitment, courage and contributions.

“Our honorees are extraordinary researchers, educators, and entrepreneurs who have achieved amazing success in their respective industries,” said Ann Metzger, his wife Jessica recently announced plans to run for Mayor of Yonkers in November 2011. John’s campaign website is at www.johnmurtagh.com.

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In September, 1980, John McBride announced his 25th wedding anniversary.

Richard Toscano is a managing director at Morgan Stanley.


Joseph Stewart-Pirone is a law student at the Salomon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. He expects to receive his J.D. degree in 2012. Jorge Medina received the Bronx Chamber of Commerce’s Community Service Award.

In September 2010, Chasen Darris was selected New Yorker of the Week by The Amsterdam News. Daniel Ambrose recently graduated from the Culinary Institute in Manhattan. Michael Bolesta is the assistant sports media relations director at Fordham University. Mike hopes that “everyone from the class of 1994 is doing well” Andrew Ryan is spending the 2010-11 academic year as a visiting professor at the University of the District of Columbia.

John Viano is working with English language development in Thailand.

Craig T. Wood is the personal manager for Aaron Goldfarb, author of the new novel How To Fail: The Self-Hurt Guide. He will also be producing his second feature film Breakhead this summer in Detroit.

Joseph Crotty is a candidate for the 9th Council seat on the Bronx City Council.

Births/Adoptions

1978 Brendan John, to Thomas and Kristin Dolan
1985 Samantha Maria, to Anthony and Jennifer Lanni
1989 Elin Dolores to Philip and Jenni LoScalzo
1992 Neil Patrick, to Brian and Evelyn HARpur
1992 Dylan Cambria, to Kevin and Angie Leahy
1995 John Philip, to Neal and Tara Denning
1999 Molly Rose, to Niall and Debra Henry
2001 Landon James, to Sean and Amanda Quinn

Gwyneth Noelle, to Technology Department member Christopher and Trish Salatari

IN MEMORIAM

Anthony J. McNally ’31
Theodore N. Troxta ’34
James J. Brog ’41
Cornelius F. Sullivan ’41
Joseph J. Hallman ’43
Charles J. Regan ’43
Norman W. Kelle ’45
Raymond Zutell ’46
Robert J. Bush ’47
John A. MacKenzie ’47
Genaro A. Santangelo ’47
Robert J. Themack ’47
Theodore P. Acac ’48
John A. Byrne’48
John H. Gray ’48
Christopher J. Donfield ’49
Bernard F. Gaffney ’49
Richard E. Kaler ’49
James A. Loughran ’49, brother of the late John ’50, the late William ’52
Donald J. Pedersen ’49
Thomas E. Stoton ’50
Daniel J. Sullivan ’50
James T. Hewitt ’51
James F. Mullen ’51
Otto G. Spamer ’52
James J. Carroll ’53
Alexander F. Burke ’54
Rev. George W. Hunt, S.J. ’54
Christopher C. McGarr, Jr. ’54, brother of Michael ’70,
Terence M., Kevin ’55, grandson of Christopher ’74
Pasquale A. Servodidio’55
Robert T. Farrell ’56
John S. Power ’57
William P. Gaines ’58, brother of Thomas ’56
Joseph J. Hallinan ’58
Kevin J. Maloney ’60
Michael J. Feeley ’62
Frank Gratteri ’62
Peter F. Dyryfuss ’70
Edward H. Gore ’72
Kevin E. Gallagher ’73
Cornelius J. Lyons ’85
Sean M. Collins ’95
Maria Dominguez, mother of the late Robert ’72,
the late Frank ’77
George Foley, father of Todd ’79
Teresa Brennan, mother of Patrick ’80, John ’83, James ’85
Teresa Kerrigan, mother of Adrian ’80
Marques Miller, son of Cornell ’82
Patricia Stapleton, mother of Paul ’83
Patrick Foley, father of Christopher ’86
Martin Keefe, father of Martin ’86, Timothy ’88
Carlyle Johnson, father of Prep faculty member Daryn Johnson ’99
George Bobo, M.D., father of Prep faculty member Matthew Bobo
Robert W. Havrhiorn, former faculty member and coach,
father of William ’79, John ’81

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Faculty Honored at October Dinner

The Prep faculty gathered in the Commons to honor their colleagues on reaching significant milestones.

August A. Stellwag '49 and Father Charles D. Sullivan, S.J. received their Double Bene Merenti Awards for their 40 years of service to the Prep.

Richard A. Langellotti and Stephen F. Traendly received their Bene Merenti Awards to acknowledge their 20 years of service to the Prep.

Margaret A. Bratt of the English Department, Louis J.P. DiGiorno '88 of the English and Classics Department, Craig W. Dwyer '98 of the Religious Studies Department, William J. Magner, Jr. of the English Department and Steven C. Raptis of the Guidance Department were awarded tenure for their five years of meritorious service to the Prep.

New Faculty and Staff

The Prep welcomed four new faculty members in September 2010. Three of them may look somewhat familiar.

Stephen Distinti returns to the Prep as a full-time member of the Classics Department. He taught at the Prep for a semester after Father Cregan’s passing. Steve, a Xavier graduate, received his B.A. in 2005 and M.A. in 2006 in Classics from Columbia University.

Meghan Gavin is the new assistant Prep librarian. She graduated from Boston College in May 2010.

Thomas O’Sullivan ’98 joins the full-time faculty at the Prep as a member of the Guidance Department. T.J. received his B.S. in Psychology from Fordham University and his M.A. in School Counseling from Manhattan College in 2008. He returns the Prep for the second time having previously served as a leave replacement guidance counselor.

Michael Viele ’01 is the newest member of the Prep’s Social Studies Department. Mike received his B.A. from Providence College in 2005 and his M.A.T. from Manhattanville College in 2008. He previously taught at Bronxville High School.

R.I.P.

Bob Hawthorn

The Prep community was saddened by the sudden passing of former mathematics teacher and golf coach Robert W. Hawthorn on Sunday, March 6, 2011. Bob served on the Prep faculty from 1958 to 2005. Besides teaching math, he coached the Prep golf team. His compassion for others was not only in the classroom and field of play but also in his work in organizing groups of Prepsters to work at Calvary Hospital and Rosary Hill Nursing Home, two hospice facilities. He was a familiar face to Prep alumni who competed against him in high school, with him and against him in college, and for him as a coach. When the news of his passing started to spread, many alumni took the time to send e-mail messages telling their favorite Bob Hawthorn stories.

He achieved national prominence as the squash and tennis coach at Fordham University. His programs were very successful and many of his former players spoke of Bob as their friend and mentor. He was a nationally ranked squash player and member of the Fordham University and Men’s College Squash Hall of Fame.

Bob is survived by his wife Eileen and their eight children. Sons William ’79 and John ’81 are Prep alumni.

Last October 21 and 22, the faculties and many of the staff from the seven high schools and several of the Jesuit middle schools in the New York Province met for two days at the Prep. This Province Colloquium was titled Companions in Mission.

During the Colloquium, there were three sessions in which faculty and administrators from the schools offered workshops and discussions on a wide variety of topics. Over thirty workshops were presented during each session. Faculty and administrators also met by departments and in groups based on years of experience.

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Down through the years, the teams have had a variety of colorful, intriguing names. The Live Oaks was the first Prep team which evolved into the Invincibles in 1862, and, in turn, the Tyros, a team for the youngest boys of the Third Division, Fordham’s grammar or middle school. The University would ultimately close its grammar school division in the early 1920s.

The early Preppers of the Live Oaks were apparently a team to be reckoned with. In 1861, the Live Oaks won all three games they played against their big brothers, the Rose Hills. The scores (quite mind-boggling by today’s standards) were 35-11, 22-11, and 38-36. It was this victorious year that prompted the Live Oaks to change their name to the Invincibles. Living up to their new name, they would beat the Rose Hills once again in 1862 by the score of 22-6.

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Incidentally, Bellán was not the only Latin American Prep grad who helped to bring baseball to the Caribbean. Two brothers, Carlos and Enrique de Zaldo, both Class of 1877, returned to Cuba after graduation to found La Liga General de Base-Ball de la Isla de Cuba. Their younger brothers would also attend Fordham in the years following. Together, the de Zaldo brothers would be instrumental in the construction of Atletismo Park, which opened in Havana during the late 1800s. Prep alumni and former shortstop, the Honorable Carlos G. de Zaldo would go on to become the Secretary of State of Cuba in the early 1900s.

And so, with baseball already a thriving tradition, Fordham Prep would enter the 20th century, a century in which Prep ball would see the likes of “The Fordham Flash” Frankie Frisch ’16, “Fordham Johnny” Murphy ’25, George “Snuffy” Sternweiss ’36 and Larry Miggins ’43 to name a few, names that certainly came to mind in 2009 when the Prep Varsity boys, CHSAA ’16, “Fordham Johnny” Murphy ’25, George “Snuffy” Sternweiss ’36 and Larry Miggins ’43 to name a few, names that certainly came to mind in 2009 when the Prep Varsity boys, CHSAA Champions, were on hand at Yankee Stadium to celebrate their league victory, and to help Fordham University commemorate its 150th baseball anniversary, a season before our own.

The history of baseball at Rose Hill goes nearly back to the school’s opening day, June 24, 1841. Of course in the 1840s, baseball as we see it was still slow but surely coming together, born of the various bat-and-ball games that had preceded it. Instead, it was the English game of rounders, one of the forerunners of our national pastime, that was played on Fordham’s fields for the first decade or so of the school’s existence.

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Registration Fee

- Golf, Caddie Fee, Brunch, Cocktails and Dinner - $400
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