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## "ACH NEWSLETTER GOING GREEN"



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**PLEASE READ!!!** The time has come. The Fall 2009 edition of the ACH Alumni Newsletter will be "green". The reasons for this are many. First of all, for the past few years, the Alumni Committee has expressed the need to be more efficient with the delivery of the Newsletter, reduce cost and waste.

Due to the popularity of the online version, and in an attempt to 'save some trees', the Fall edition will be distributed online and a limited 'hardcopy'. Those individuals who have specifically asked for the paper version (hardcopy) to be delivered to their home and those individuals who have provided an email address for online delivery will receive their copies as usual. If you have not contacted us in the last two years to continue delivery, then we will stop sending it.

Canada Post has increased Canadian postage to 54 cents per letter, and approximately \$1.00 for every undeliverable newsletter returned. The Committee has continually tracked down lost or missing persons to update our files. This is a very daunting task. This problem was discussed extensively at the last few Committee meetings, and it was agreed that it is the responsibility of each alumnus to contact the Alumni office, 1100 Huron Church Road, Windsor, N9C 2K7, or (519) 256-7801 ext. 299, or [achalumni@gmail.com](mailto:achalumni@gmail.com), when moving. A change of address form is always on the back page of the Newsletter.

We, as a committee, do NOT want to lose contact with anyone. Over 2100 alumni have provided an email address to receive each issue, which greatly reduces costs. We thank you. Some 500 others have notified us that a paper hardcopy is still preferred, and that is fine. Thanks. However, \$8000 was spent on the 2007 Spring and Fall Newsletter, \$2500 for printing and \$5500 for postage. There are 5678 Assumption alumni registered in Canada, and 675 in the U.S., many of which we have not heard from in years.

Many donations/contributions have been received by the ACH Alumni Association, offsetting costs, and we are very grateful. Others could please consider joining the Century Club (\$100 or more per year), or make any other donation. Tax receipts are not issued anymore, since the government classified the Association as a "club", not a "charity".

The bottom line is, if you do NOT or have NOT already contacted the Alumni Association to declare a "hardcopy" or "email" preference, you will be discontinued delivery until future notification. Please contact us. We must eliminate inefficiency. We very strongly wish to continue the great Raider tradition with the Newsletter, golf tournament, and reunion.

Thank you. Purple and white forever. Hunt Hool '79



Fr. B. Kornacker shows that mission money collected at Assumption is hard at work helping the children of Peru.

### From the Desk of Fr. Ron Cullen "The Wonderful Week That Was"

"I have enjoyed many memorable events in my life: My Ordination, Football, Hockey, Baseball, National Championships; Teaching at Assumption; but the most memorable was the week of November 1st to November 7th, 2008. The occasion was the Annual Alumni Reunion on Nov. 1st and a fundraiser on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> to help finance Kevin Hamlin's Lancers Hockey Team's trip to New Orleans to participate in a Habitat for Humanity building program. I enjoyed my stay at the Royal Marquis Windsor Retirement Home under the administration of Cathy Zucchetto (Nadalin, former student, class of '74) and her efficient staff. Thanks to all who contributed to this cause."



Fr. Ron Cullen, C.S.B.



Al Majauskas, Pat McMahon, Dave Cogliati, Vince Giannotti, Dennis Smith, Greg Horoky, John Bernik, Jack Hool

### '69 OFSAA BASKETBALL CHAMPS HONOURED

On Saturday, January 10, 2009, the Assumption Alumni Association hosted the members of the 1969 Purple Raiders OFSAA basketball championship team. A fantastic dinner and conversation were held at the Market Place. The reminiscing of that memorable season was priceless. After dinner, the honorees watched the current edition of Raiders defeat the Kennedy Clippers in a regular season game at Assumption. The halftime ceremonies included the unveiling of a championship banner hanging from the gym rafters with the '56, '58, and '67 OFSAA banners. Individual plaques were presented to Al Majauskas, Pat McMahon, Dave Cogliati, Vince Giannotti, Dennis Smith, Greg Horoky, manager John Bernik, and coach Jack Hool. What an incredible team and season. Congratulations!



COME ON COACH -- PUT ME IN!



PAST AND PRESENT SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAMS



## MEMORIES OF A GREAT ALUMNUS

By Bill Schiller

**I write this from Cambodia - a country I never dreamt I'd ever visit. I owe it to my friend and classmate Paul Whelan (Class of '69).**

Paul inspired me, as a teenager to take my first independent trip. Later, he personally intervened as a government official to get me my first passport. And finally, he inspired me to board my very first plane. I've been flying ever since, mostly as a foreign correspondent for the Toronto Star, a job I'm fortunately still doing today. But that very first flight -- honestly, I was absolutely terrified. "Never mind!" he crowed. "They take the plane out on the tarmac, they rev up the engines, they have these cylinders with painted landscapes on them that twirl at high-speed outside the windows -- the plane never actually leaves the ground! You just think you're flying!" Paul was crazy -- in the most wonderful way.



William Schiller

He made us laugh and he got us to do things that we would never have done on our own. He made us feel that the world really wasn't all that big after all, and that we could do anything -- absolutely anything we wanted.

Paul passed away a little over a year ago, in December 2007, a loving husband, a proud father and a distinguished Canadian diplomat who had been posted all over the world for his country: Latin America, the Middle East, Europe, the U.S. and Russia.

Last year, a few classmates, Will Novosedlik, Rowland Baxendale, Joe Coughlin and I, decided to establish a bursary in Paul's honour: The Paul S. Whelan Award, to a graduating senior with a burning curiosity about the world -- and a yearning to make it a better place for all: the fundamental qualities, we felt, that exemplify Paul's spirit. Even as I type this I can hear Paul's exaggeratedly hoarse voice -- the voice he borrowed from the actor who did the "Motor City Dragway" radio ads whenever he wanted to throw cold water on anything -- crying out, "Go-wahn!!"

He was a powerful intellectual force -- the first real "thinker" I ever met, a man who could connect the dots between two apparently disparate ideas, and forge them into a convincing argument for whatever point he wanted to make. He was just so incredibly smart. I used to love hearing him talk about anything: city planning, rapid transit, diminishing oil supplies. He was talking passionately about the inevitability of electric cars as far back as the early 1970s.

Paul painted, as they say, on a very big canvass. And yet, in a crowd, even as an adult, he was utterly understated. He never sought the limelight, and never lorded his extensive travels or his ability to speak a half dozen languages fluently over anyone. And his moral compass never wavered.

You never really think, seated in a classroom overlooking Huron Line, in Jack Hool's Grade 10 history class, that the kid next to you -- one of an affable group that included Paul DeMarco, John Rossi and Dennis Smith among others -- might be a major influence on your life. But fortunately for me, and for a few others, Paul Whelan was just that kind of influence.

Aside from the many things Assumption taught us -- "Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge" primary among them -- it also provided an atmosphere in which friendships, real friendships, could take root

and survive the passage of years and even enormous obstacles of geography.

Paul was posted to Argentina, Israel, Austria, Rome, Guatemala, Colombia and Moscow. My posts were fewer but also far flung: Johannesburg, Berlin, London and Beijing. Yet despite the distances, we always kept in touch. When we learned that I would be posted to Beijing (where I live now) while he was posted to Moscow, we



Paul Whelan

secretly began plotting to meet half-way on the Trans-Siberian Express, one of the world's great train journeys, mythologized in Paul Theroux's "The Iron Rooster." It was Paul's idea, of course. "Why not?" he said, palms up, shoulders hunched in that typical way of his.

It reminded me of the moment, years before, that Paul taught me the magic of "Just Do It!" long before Nike ever dreamt of branding it. It was a summer Saturday afternoon, we were both 17, and we were having a coffee at what was then the Seaway Hotel on Ouellette Avenue. Paul was always miles ahead of me and was already consuming an array of news

magazines. He was worldly way before any of us knew what it meant.

Between sips of coffee, Paul was waxing away about architecture -- he dreamt of becoming an architect -- and was describing in detail the beauty of old Montreal. I interrupted him and said, "Paul, you know I have to confess I don't know a damn thing about architecture." "Well," he said, "we should just go there. We should go to Montreal. I could show you." "Sure," I said. "We should plan it. When?" "Now!" he said.

About an hour later my brother Tom (Class of '64) dumped us off on the 401 near Tecumseh and we hitch-hiked 12 hours through the night and arrived in Montreal just as the sun was coming up, and together we raced up the stairs of St. Joseph's Oratory. We were giddy with excitement. I thought I was in heaven. When you're a kid, you think you'll live forever.

Happily, Paul's ideals and example will.

Assumption graduate Melissa Sauro is the first winner of the award named in Paul's honour. Melissa is pursuing international studies at Carleton University and is determined to work abroad on Canada's behalf to try to help shape a better world. I know Paul would approve -- and wish her well.



Bill Schiller (class of '69) is the Toronto Star's Asia Bureau Chief based in Beijing. He recently won Amnesty International's 2008 Award for Canadian print media for his human rights reporting from China. Bill says that while Paul gave him a sense of adventure,

anything decent he has been able to accomplish in his life, is owed to his "eternal mentor" Fr. Ronald Cullen, whose lessons on the hockey rink have lasted him a lifetime.

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO FATHER CULLEN

(Windsor Star, Nov. 3, 2008)

Billed as "An Evening With Father Cullen", the fundraising dinner was an opportunity for more than 300 people to soak up another life lesson as they had in the past. Kevin Hamlin, coach of the Lancers men hockey team, launched the twin ideas of honouring his mentor and helping fund his team's trip to New Orleans over the Christmas break to participate in a Habitat for Humanity build. Now 93 years old and blind, Fr. Cullen said, "It's hard being blind, but I'm happy. I have so many people call me or contact me to tell me how much I influenced them. I didn't influence them, God did. We're just God's instruments." Among his former students in attendance were retired major leaguers John Upham, Reno Bertoia and Joe Siddall, former NHL goaltender Eddie Mio, University of Windsor football coach Mike Morencie, retired lacrosse star Ron Martinello, and orthopedic surgeon Dr. Joe Palazetti. Judge Tom Fitzgerald, of the Michigan State Court of Appeals, spoke of losing his parents at an early age and Fr. Cullen "...was my guiding light...I owe my life to this man...he literally raised me...". Father Cullen came to Assumption in 1948 and so did Reno Bertoia who was to join the Tigers in the 1950s. "He was responsible for my making the big leagues," Reno stated. "He was responsible for my sports, my education and my teaching career"; he described Fr. Cullen as a real disciplinarian and a stickler for fundamentals. In coaching hockey, Fr. Cullen said he was coaching young men and not just hockey: "Better people make better players." Joe Siddall remembered the baseball practices behind Assumption as he returned to the school to help his Alma Mater. Father would pull him aside and point out a player, saying "That shortstop there comes from a tough family background. This is the best two hours of his day." Father Cullen was always teaching more than just sports. Though he knows he had a reputation as taskmaster in the classroom and on the playing fields, Father Cullen always had the remarkable ability to seem to get smarter as his charges matured and they understood his message. It's resulted in him becoming an iconic figure on the local sports scene and a member of both the Canadian Baseball and Windsor/Essex Sports Hall of Fames. What would he like to be remembered for? "That I had an influence on young kids becoming better young men," said Father Cullen. "I dealt with a lot of kids who seemed lost. They were going in the wrong direction. We had a book with rules and penalties in it. There was no conning them. I challenged them to do it right. Later they'd tell me, it was the best thing for them." Now, Father Cullen laughs at his tough-love reputation.



## LANCERS HELP KATRINA FIXUP

(Windsor Star, Jan. 07, 2009)

The Windsor Lancers men's hockey team spent the holiday season helping to rebuild Our Lady of the Sea elementary school, preparing it for restoration. The school was located in a poor area of New Orleans and had been inundated by 8 or 9 feet of water. The team replaced 60 to 70 broken windows, painted every classroom and removed debris. In Harvey, Louisiana, they laid sod and built fences and decks alongside Habitat for Humanity so residents could move in. The devastation from hurricane Katrina happened nearly four years ago yet the team met someone who hadn't been in a house since 2005. "This trip gave the guys an opportunity to think of those who have it worse than us" said Lancer coach Kevin Hamlin, '78. Lancer Dan Anger, expressing the impact of this trip on him, said "You can't take life for granted."

Father Ron Cullen, C.S.B. wishes to thank all those who worked so hard to make his visit to Windsor a wonderful experience and memorable occasion. Special thanks to Mark & Cathy Zucchetto (Nadalín) both from class of 1974 and the Alumni Association who arranged for his stay at the Royal Marquis for the week. Also, thanks to the staff of the Royal Marquis who were so caring and thoughtful. Father wishes to thank those who took time to visit him at the Royal Marquis: Frank Jeney, Bruno & Emily Limarzi, Barb Billey, Lois Stanwick, Kevin Hamlin, Stuart Ellenburger, Marlena Deluca, Bob Marchand, Godfrey Janisse, Pete Wawrow, Harold Remark, Liliana Dumouchelle, Steve Palumbo, Richard & Raymond Solomon, Joe Donlon, Gary Deehan, David Mastrodicasa, Adriana & Anita Deluca, Christina Novakovich, Denis Malette and Rudy Feimer. A special thanks to those who invited Father Cullen to dinner: Mr. & Mrs. Tony Deluca and family; Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Hamlin & their boys; Ray & David Mastrodicasa; The Basilian Fathers at O'Connor House; and Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Carlini (Anita Deluca & husband) and their lovely children.



John Noonan, '72 and Louis Nicoletti, '73



## Long Live the Q-Trip

By **Vanessa Shields (Beaulieu), '97**



The truth is that once you go on a Q-trip, it never really ends. It never really leaves you. It becomes a part of who you are, a piece of the best parts of your soul. Rarely does a beautiful day go by in the spring, summer or fall that doesn't have my mind paddling back to those amazing weekends/weeks spent canoeing and/or hiking with Father Johnson and a group of like-minded Raiders on a Q-trip. It only takes one Q-trip to get hooked.

It wasn't just the luscious greenery, the blackness of the Algonquin lakes, the grayness of the rumpled rocks, the deep browns of deer poop or the patient eyes of the moose (if we saw them) that kept me returning. It was Q himself. He was (is) as affective in bringing peace to a heart and soul as is a shimmering sunset on the lake after completing an Algonquin portage. And what would a Q-trip be without his trusty pal, Mr. Murray? The best poet-portager I ever met.

I can remember Q pulling out a rather large chunk of the canoe gunnel wood from my finger one trip. He was a patient doctor in outdoor surgery. I was a fearful patient trying to be tough and not cry. He got the chunk of wood out. I didn't cry but I didn't because I knew in that moment it was just about being with Q, being in the situation, in the moment, on a rock in Algonquin getting a giant splinter from working hard and challenging myself to lift that canoe over my head...

It seemed like there was never a good time to go Q-tripping, and yet the time we went always ended up being perfect. The weekend we left was always the weekend before a huge test/paper/event that we felt was the end-of-our-worlds stressful. That always happened. But we packed our backpacks, the canoes, those 100-year-old food packs (that's what they always felt like to me!), piled into the white van, and left the comfort of our beds for what we knew would be time not wasted.

All of the Q-trips I went on have melded into one. I don't remember how many I went on in total. I don't remember the names of the lakes we canoed or the trails we hiked. I don't remember all the names of the others who went, except, of course that one trip when my mother joined us. It was truly an amazing experience for us, both as mother and daughter, and as individuals. I remember the feeling deep inside that catapulted this happiness out of me that I never felt anywhere or anytime else when I was in high school. It was all encompassing, challenging, breathtaking and beautiful. Like being in love. I guess that's what we did each trip. At least that's what I did. Fall in love with nature,

with the freedom of the pull and push of my paddle in the water...

Long live canoe-heads. Long live bug juice. Long live salsa ketchup. Long live the Tilly hat. Long live dew on my sleeping bag in the early morn...Q-trips will live forever in me.



**Vanessa (Beaulieu) Shields, Fr. Q. Johnson**

## And It Was Cold Back Then Too

They say that the first half of this winter has been the snowiest in recorded history for this area, a whopping 147 cm and counting. It has also been the 6th coldest January in recorded history again for this area. You can not go anywhere without hearing the mandatory weather conversation.

With all the talk of snow and cold it began to rustle up some memories of the not so warm winter Q trips. There might not have been many of them, but yes Virginia they really did exist!

Snowshoeing was the method of travel, and that being said, one can only travel forward if one stays on the snowshoes. One false step and you were snacking on a mouthful of snow, albeit it was wonderfully clean, white and fluffy. I was fortunate enough to have experienced one of these said excursions.

The adventure took place up at Egan Lake which is west of Algonquin Park. We arrived late at night and had to empty the van of our food and belongings and load it all onto toboggans which we then had to tow to the cabin that which fortuitously was not located anywhere near the road. So now picture if you will that after the long ride up to Egan Lake, the hike to the cabin in the wonderful cold outdoor atmosphere, we were then greeted with a delightful rustic cabin that was heated with a fireplace that required actual wood and flamage to heat. After all was said and done it can be said that the cottage did heat up to a balmy just above freezing temperature, and when all else failed a free for all pile up for warmth.

The next day was met with map and compass work. We were to determine the angle of declination using a map, and then set the compasses to find the cabin. The reward for again finding said cabin was lunch and then more tobogganing and if you fell off, you had an adventure of digging yourself out of four feet of snow.

I believe that as we age, a person earns the right through their wisdom and life's experiences to once in awhile voice their opinion. Father Johnson I feel safe to say prepared quite a few of us for map reading, dexterity with a compass, fire starting, the experience of snow shoeing and the indelibly earned right to occasionally complain about the cold and snow.

There may have been some cold fingers and toes and frozen noses and iced eyelashes, but the interaction between frozen Popsicle people and nature is a wondrously embedded image that many will long remember, or at least have their memories jarred every winter when the conversation once again waxes and wanes with the snowflakes and temperatures.

Until next time, may your snowshoes and toboggans glide along winter's wonderland. **By Tessy (May) Kenney, '75**



**John Ouellette, '72 and John Kiss, '77**

**THANK YOU CLASS VOLUNTEERS !!**

It really DOES make a difference when class volunteers make the effort to call and organize their fellow graduates for their special reunion. Thanks to all those volunteers for making this year's reunion such a success.

Class of 1948: Hugh Montpetit and Gino Fracas. Class of 1958: Gerry Bondy. Class of 1968: Anthony Panicia and Ken Billey. Class of 1973: Alma Hogan (Kraniauskas). Class of 1978: MaryJo Demarco-Jacobs, Mike Seguin, and Jeanne Sauro (Menard). Class of 1983: Jake Ladouceur, Margot (Gravelle) Wasyluk, Dave Scaddan, and Darcy Kaput. Class of 1988: Dwayne Brunet. Class of 1993: Antonio and Jessica (Hupalo) Guglietti, and Tiffany (Coulter) Walls. Thanks also to Lois Rindlisbacher, '76 and Tessy (May) Kenney, '75 for helping out with contacting the 1958 and 1963 classes. **WON'T YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH YOUR REUNION FOR NOV. 7th, 2009?**

Please call the alumni office at 256-7801 ext. 299, if you are interested in helping to organize your class. Don't worry!! We will help you get started. So far, the following have generously volunteered to be a class contact:

1954	Leon "Digger" Durocher	519-969-8132
	Joe Matz	1-519-542-3187
	Lido Sandre	519-979-8391
		<a href="mailto:lido.sandre@sympatico.ca">lido.sandre@sympatico.ca</a>
1959	Hector Marinacci	519-735-5200
		<a href="mailto:hmarinacci@sympatico.ca">hmarinacci@sympatico.ca</a>
	John Upham	519-258-9661
		<a href="mailto:jupham@cogeco.ca">jupham@cogeco.ca</a>
1974	Mike Morencie	519-253-2836
		<a href="mailto:morenc@uwindsor.ca">morenc@uwindsor.ca</a>
1979	Janice McCarthy	519-736-2350
		<a href="mailto:jmccarthy000@sympatico.ca">jmccarthy000@sympatico.ca</a>
	Hunt Hool	<a href="mailto:hunthool@hotmail.com">hunthool@hotmail.com</a>
1984	Lisa Stroud (Friesen)	1-519-882-3275
		<a href="mailto:gradsof84@hotmail.com">gradsof84@hotmail.com</a>
	Louanne White	<a href="mailto:lousboys@sympatico.ca">lousboys@sympatico.ca</a>

Come on out for the next reunion, Sat., Nov. 7th, 2009. We are trying something different for the next reunion. The cover charge will be \$10.00 at the door.

We will celebrate Mass at 7:00 p.m. in the school chapel followed by good fellowship in the Armstrong gym where a cash bar will be available and hors d'oeuvres will be available until 10:00 p.m. Class photos will begin at about 8:30 p.m. with the class of '44 and '49.

**ASSUMPTION COLLEGE HIGH  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE**

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 Tessy Kenney, '75 and Leon "Digger" Durocher, '54



Fr. Labute, Fr. Johnson and Fr. Stortz

**ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION A GREAT SUCCESS!!**

On Nov. 1st, 2008 the Alumni of classes 1948, '58, '68, '73, '78, '83 and '88 had the gym "a rockin' like old times". Chef and teacher, Mrs. D. Nehmetallah and her loyal staff of teachers, parent council members and volunteers served an incredibly delicious meal. Thanks to Kimberlyann Morris, PAC IB rep, Chris Morris PAC member, Rob Muscedere and Tina Gelinas, ACS teachers and Tessy Kenney, '75 and Alumni Committee member. Later in the Armstrong gym, Alumni gathered for their class picture and those interested were led on a tour of the school and new school board offices. They returned to the gym to continue with their reminiscing of past and present memories.

Special thanks to the following reunion helpers: (it would not have been a success without you!)

Mr. Ron Lawson and Mr. Norm Soulliere who cleaned the cafeteria before setup for the reunion dinner.

Ms. Mary McNamara for organizing the students to take their chairs to the gym during 4<sup>th</sup> ;

Mrs. E. Hackett and Ms. Denise Hebert, whose classes helped to set up the cafeteria for dinner and cleaned the school yard and gym.

Mr. M. Delisle and the wrestling team who helped set up the gym and then put everything back on Sunday morning after the event! - an enormous job well done!!

Thanks also to members of Assumption's Student Parliament and to the many student volunteers filled in wherever they were needed, i.e. Alumni Reporters, Tour Guides, Parking Attendants, coat checkers, etc..

Mrs. A. Hogan, Mrs. L. Presello, for the beautifully decorated school.

The loyal helpers who return every year to assist anywhere needed: Anna Sisti, Pauline Kenney, Doris Lescanec, Laura Browning, Carole Dywelska, Mary and Frank Gaiarin, Louise Kelly and Sue Walker.

Ms. D. Hebert, our refreshments engineer who took care of every detail, you are incredible! Thanks also to her assistants who are coaches, staff or friends of Assumption High.

Photos – Mike Duchene ('76), Peter Scarpelli ('62) and Marlena DeLuca ('00) for getting you to smile for that group picture.

For your own copy of any picture taken at the reunion, please check the alumni website at [www.achalumni.ca](http://www.achalumni.ca).

Denis Malette who helped get the newsletter out in time and also helped during the evening to close up and secure the building.

Eugene Klymko for his continued support in all aspects of the reunion planning and execution.







**Judge E. Thomas Fitzgerald, class of 1958**, of Owosso, ran for re-election to a fourth consecutive six-year term on the Michigan Court of Appeals. He was unopposed in the non-partisan race. He is one of 28 appeals court judges in the state. A native of Detroit, after graduating from Assumption in '58, he then attended the University of Detroit on a baseball scholarship, graduating in 1963. He earned a juris doctor degree from U of D Law School in 1966. He worked as a general practice attorney in Detroit, then Durand and then established the

law firm of Fitzgerald & Dumon in Owosso, concentrating primarily on the practice of criminal and domestic law, a firm in which he was active until first elected to the appeals court in 1990. He and his wife, Kathy, a Michigan assistant attorney general, have three adult children who are attorneys.

**Raymond Stewart, '87**, finishes 49<sup>th</sup> in the 31<sup>st</sup> Detroit Marathon held on Oct. 19, 2008

"It was pretty emotional for me," said Windsor resident Raymond Stewart, who achieved 49<sup>th</sup> overall place by crossing the finish line at two hours, 54 minutes and 12 seconds.

Stewart's performance was all the more impressive because it was his first full marathon. The 39-year-old Chrysler worker said he was a competitive runner in high school (Assumption) and university, but took a nine-year layoff from the sport when his wife had the first of their two children. He took up training again two or three years ago.



**Former CFL defensive tackle, D.J. Owchar, '95, sworn in as Windsor cop**

**Dalson Chen, The Windsor Star**

Published: Thursday, August 07, 2008

There's nothing easy about law enforcement, but one of Windsor's newest police officers is hoping it's less stressful than the gridiron. Former local football star D.J. Owchar was sworn in along with three other rookie constables at Windsor police headquarters on Thursday. "The funny thing is, when I was on the field, I knew there were 11 guys out there trying to hurt me. Here, I don't think there's

11 at once trying to get me," said the one-time CFL defensive tackle. It's been five years since Owchar left the Ottawa Renegades training camp. Back then, his six-foot-three frame tipped the scales at 280 pounds. Now about 40 pounds lighter, the 31-year-old former lineman doesn't regret trading his football career for a life in a different kind of uniform.



**Sean Shearon, '83** was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma at age 12. Six years later, his mother, Bette lost a ten-year battle with breast cancer. In order to honour his mother and all of the victims and survivors of cancer, especially breast cancer, Sean walked 452 miles/730 km, an incredible 17.25 marathons in only 18 days through Michigan. He called this event "The Victory Walk". It was a celebration of the second chance at life that he received and served as a light of hope and inspiration for others to achieve their own victory over cancer.

The Victory Walk is still dedicated to raising awareness about breast cancer prevention and money for a cure. 100% of all money donated goes toward breast cancer research and related programs at the Karmanos Cancer Institute, a nationally recognized research facility.

Although Sean took the final step of his great trek through Michigan on August 14, 2008, his fight against cancer does not stop there. He continues the struggle as an educator and activist on behalf of people throughout the world by promoting cancer prevention and helping others to secure access to cancer treatment. But no matter how much money was collected, Sean calls the Victory Walk a tremendous success. "I have a great sense of satisfaction knowing I raised awareness and some money for cancer," he said. To send a message or receive updates, email [seanshearon@thevictorywalk.com](mailto:seanshearon@thevictorywalk.com).

**Vince Power, '82:** Sweeping hard drugs and guns from city streets will be a top priority for the Windsor Police Service's new superintendent of investigations. Insp. Vince Power, who starts his new posting Aug. 3, promises to "actively and aggressively search out these people" contributing to some of the worst local crimes. As elsewhere across the country, Windsor's overall crime rate is going down, but crimes involving hard drugs, such as crack cocaine, and firearms, particularly handguns, are bucking that trend. Power, 43, born and raised in Windsor, has been a city cop since joining as a cadet in 1985. Married with a teenaged son and daughter and involved in local organized sports, Power has extensive experience in all aspects of patrol and criminal investigation services. He will be in charge of about 160 sworn personnel in 20 units, including the major crimes branch.



## "Thank You"

To Assumption students for folding the newsletters and the following for labeling them: Pauline Kenney, Carole Dywelska, Louise Kelly, Doris Lescanec, Denis Malette, Sue Rau, and Peter Scarpelli. Thank you also to Denis Malette and three gr. 12 Assumption students, Valerie Beneteau, Courtney Kuang, and Dominika Zygoska for hand delivering about 1500 newsletters to help cut down mailing costs.

## Joe Siddall, '85 inducted in Windsor/Essex County Sports Hall of Fame



(Windsor Star, Nov. 6/08)

Joe Siddall was inducted into the Windsor/Essex Sports Hall of Fame at its 28<sup>th</sup> annual banquet, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Joe began his 13-year professional baseball career at age 19 when the Montreal Expos came calling; at the time he was a red-shirted freshman at Central Michigan University hoping to get a shot at starting quarterback. Four stops in the majors with Montreal, Florida and Detroit began in 1993 when the Expos recalled him from Class AAA

Ottawa. The Tigers signed the left-hander in 1998 in his longest stint of 73-game Major League career. Joe ended his career in 2000 while with Boston's Class AAA team. He then returned to school to obtain a degree in sports management from the University of Windsor. His wife Tamara, '85 and children Brooke, Brett, Mackenzie and Kevin keep him very busy. He still throws on a Tiger's uniform often helping the team during batting practice at home games.

**Denise Hebert, '81** won the Legacy Award. She is the Windsor/Essex Sport Person of the Year!!! This award is presented to her for her significant contribution to sports in the Windsor /Essex area. She was honoured at a banquet October 7, 2008 at which Dorothy Hamill was the guest speaker. Way to go Denise!

Psychology professor emeritus **Byron Rourke, a 1956** Assumption Graduate, has been named a member of the Order of Canada by Governor General Michaëlle Jean, her [office announced on Tuesday, December 30, 2008](#). The Order of Canada, the country's highest civilian honour, was created 40 years ago to recognize outstanding achievement and excellence in all sectors of society. Dr. Rourke is among 60 new members to be formally inducted at a ceremony in Ottawa later this year. The announcement cited Rourke for his "contributions to psychology, notably as a founding father of clinical and child neuropsychology in Canada, and for his pioneering research on nonverbal learning disabilities." Widely regarded as one of North America's pre-eminent child-clinical neuropsychologists, Rourke began his association with the University of Windsor as a student of psychology at Assumption University—he earned his bachelor's degree in 1962. After graduate studies, he returned to Windsor as a member of faculty in 1965. During his tenure at the University of Windsor, he created and fostered an internationally-acclaimed graduate program in clinical neuropsychology—one of only two such programs in Canada. He received an [honourary doctorate from the university](#) upon his retirement in 2004. Rourke was named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1997, and has received numerous awards for his work, most recently the [distinguished career award from the International Neuropsychological Society](#) and the Canadian Psychological Association [Gold Medal for Distinguished and Enduring Contributions to Canadian Psychology](#).

Congratulations, Dr. Rourke!!

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## Prairie boyhood full of difficult lessons

BY MARTY GERVAIS, WINDSOR STAR JANUARY 5, 2009

Imagine a boy of 10 frightened beyond belief, and scrambling up a tree with his brother because below him on the ground were five howling wolves, frantically circling, desperate for blood. The boys waited most of the day till the wolves tired of their prey and ran off. The other day over tea, that was a memory Harold Rindlisbacher shared with me. This 80-year-old former deputy reeve of St. Clair Beach, who owned Windsor Print and Litho for some 40 years before retiring, never thought of himself as a storyteller. But here he was the other day, weaving for me a story of what boyhood was like in Alberta and Saskatchewan. "Now is the time for me to tell these stories," Rindlisbacher said, pushing a copy of his published autobiography across the table. Between the pages of *Trials and Trails to the West: A True Story of Three Young Brothers* are vivid and rich tales of a wayward kid who would wind up settling in Windsor and becoming a success. Rindlisbacher spent a couple of years writing, shaping these childhood accounts into this autobiography that comes complete with period photographs of life on the prairie as well as stunning illustrations by his wife, Eleanor Rindlisbacher. "I have done it for my children and grandchildren," he said, pointing out that his hope is that his family will appreciate all those stories he never shared during those years while he set a frenetic pace as a businessman and politician. Rindlisbacher feels he should have taken the time to share what it was like to live through his youth out west, and what finally led him to Windsor. Fortunately, he counts himself lucky for being blessed with a fertile and colourful memory that helped him write this book about his youth. Rindlisbacher's early life was marked by the circumstances of a fractured marriage of his parents. His father and mother lived apart for years. At first, he lived with his father in Alberta, while his mother divided her time between Windsor and southern Saskatchewan where she was born. For weeks on end, Rindlisbacher was left with his two brothers to fend for themselves while his father worked in lumber camps. He'd leave the boys enough food, and a cow to milk. "We were lonely," he said. It didn't help that his father didn't get along with his neighbours, who desperately wanted him to move and sell his oil-rich property. Eventually, they would burn down his buildings, wreck his equipment, and make life miserable for the family. "So when he left us alone we were scared a lot of that time," Rindlisbacher said. He recalls how his father once asked him to watch over the cattle on the farm, and how finally after being overwhelmed with boredom, he took off to a nearby creek to fish. When he returned, the barn was ablaze and the cattle had run off. "My father knew who was responsible for the fire. Eventually, his mother snatched her children from Alberta and whisked them away to Saskatchewan. She found us with our clothes dirty, our hair down to our shoulders. We worked hard, milking the cows, and doing chores, completely on our own. We pretty well built the cabin ourselves -- it didn't have electricity or even a floor. We caught fish, picked strawberries, set traps for rabbits." It's not that Rindlisbacher's father didn't care about his children: "He didn't know how. That's the way things were. We had food and shelter, and we learned to work, and understand the value of work. He cared in his own way. He wasn't mean -- but he left us alone." Over the next several years, however, Rindlisbacher divided his time between Saskatchewan, where he lived with his grandparents, and Windsor, where his mother eked out a living. It was in Windsor that he finished his education at Assumption high school. As a boy, Rindlisbacher earned extra money selling Christmas cards, cans of honey, plastic picture frames, calendars and newspapers. "I never saw my father after I left the west, but when I won a car in a raffle, I drove it out west. When I got to the farm -- the first time I had been there in 17 years -- my dad didn't know me. He thought I was a businessman trying to sell him something."

But who can say they have lived a life without regrets? Ask Harold Rindlisbacher. He wouldn't trade his youth for anything. Ask him.





## An 'easy' promise that was hard to keep

**BY MARTY GERVAIS, WINDSOR STAR JANUARY 7, 2009**

Eight years ago, I promised an old priest that if he reached the age of 100, I'd write about his birthday every year till he died. It was an easy promise to make since the odds were clearly stacked in my favour. I was wrong. This guy keeps living and I am reminded everywhere I go that I broke that promise in 2008. I didn't write about him. I let it slip. I'm talking about the spirited Rev. Mike Dalton. He will be 108 in May. I'm writing about him now because, who knows, I may not live that long. Not that I have any reason to think that, of course. The guy is slowing down. From recent correspondence from friends, he has a hard time eating or talking. But at Christmas he sent out holiday wishes to the troops overseas. I miss this old soldier's bizarre letters. I don't know of anyone in this country who could have faith in the post office like this old priest, who would scribble my name on the front of an envelope and include only the name of the city. Somehow it made it to me. No street address. Simply: Marty Gervais, Windsor, Ont. On occasion, these letters would arrive with my picture reproduced from this column. And what did he send me? Clippings cut out of newspapers or magazines. Bits of his memoir, jokes, inspirational quotes, and always with a "God bless you!" Why would he care? Why would he send these to me? I soon learned I wasn't the sole recipient of these letters. He dispatched these to people all over the world. He'd spend his days with a pair of scissors and a stack of envelopes and sit there in a nursing home near Tillsonburg and put in a good day's work letting the world know he cared. I'd sit at my desk and wonder about this legendary Second World War padre, who was there on D-Day riding at the fringes of battles. I guess that's the problem of age. After a while people forget what you accomplished. Friends and family die and people forget or aren't aware. I bet you there's not a kid in elementary school, high school, or for that matter at any university in Southwestern Ontario, who knows this priest was a hero. To visitors who might stumble into Rev. Dalton's nursing home room by mistake, he's just an old man with a twinkle in his eye. They might wonder about the Second World War uniform. They might think he's hanging on to some precious memory and might be pining for a beer with his buddies at the legion. But what they don't know here is a man who sat in his jeep in war-torn France and listened patiently to the laboured, disturbed confessions of terrified soldiers in the heat of battle. Here is a man who walked down a dangerous road with these men on the way to a battle to help ease their woes, lift their spirits and assure them of God's grace. Here was a man who trudged through mud-soaked fields at dusk to bring communion to his fellow soldiers. In the war files at

this newspaper, there are photos of Rev. Dalton saying mass on the hood of his jeep. He told me once he could be so lost in the service itself that when he turned around to face the hundreds of gathered soldiers, there'd be no one there. "Suddenly I was all alone," he said. "The soldiers had all jumped for cover and shrapnel was flying everywhere." And for Rev. Dalton's troubles, he received the Military Cross for bravery. Somehow that's not enough, is it? People forget. I, for one, forgot his birthday.

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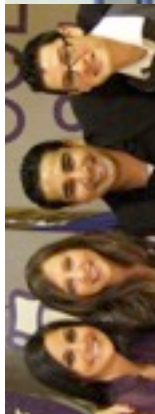
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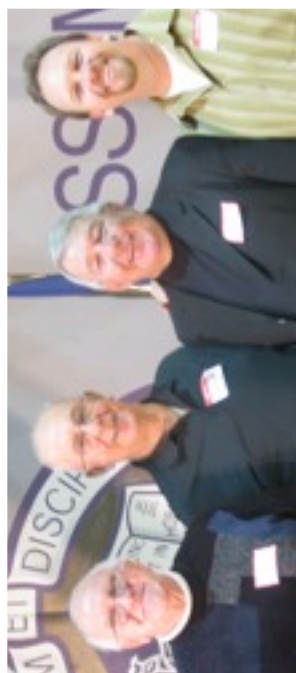


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Plante Men, 193 Years of ACH  
Robert Plante '48, Keith Plante '50, Brian Plante '58,  
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**Montpetit, '48** writes: 'Rick and Lil, It was so nice to finally meet you last Saturday. The general reunion was marvelous and your special attention to detail was amazing. Thank you so much for the separate room up the hall for our quieter, more intimate class reunion. Everyone had a great time and we were able to share a lot of stories and even take some good pictures. The food was very good and we were certainly filled when it was finished. Warm regards.



Fr. Cullen and Lois  
(Stanwick) Rindlisbacher,  
'76

**Claude (Bud) Clouthier '46** – "Would be pleased to hear from any of you ancients of the '46 Assumption High gang. Maybe even get together a few local foursomes for a little golf.....On carts, of course."

**T.A.P. Ryan, Class of '48**, "Just wanted to thank you for all your efforts in pulling together the recent alumni reunion. The class of 48 was pretty well represented and we had a chance to really relive old times in our "private" session. It was good to see everyone. Although our numbers are dwindling the memories are very much alive. I wish you continued success in all your endeavours."

**Ed Alice, '48** is a semi retired attorney, turned author of Old Bold Pilot. Is working on the sequel.

**Gino Fracas, '48** is retired from the University of Windsor after teaching in the Faculty of Human Kinetics for 28 years. He was the head football coach of the Windsor Lancers for 19 years (1968-86). He played football for the Assumption Purple Raiders coached by the legendary Fr. Armstrong. Armie was loved by many and we won the high school championship under his great leadership. "At least he didn't call me Sparky, since he did remember my name. I loved my time at Assumption and played football for the Edmonton Eskimos from 1955-62 and was defensive co-captain."

**Carl Renda, '48** had a great time with great guys. He played football and remembers the championships in 47-48-49. He will never forget the old times.

**Bob Kornacker, '57** says, "Thank you....quite the history in this newspaper this edition. Keep up the GREAT work. I regret that I was unable to attend the 1957 grads day this past fall."

**Randy Marcotte, '59** writes: "It was great seeing Kevin Masterson playing his trumpet with the young Assumption band members. I haven't seen Kevin since our summer school teachers' program in London Ontario back in 1964. Glad you're keeping busy."

**Harold Hanson, '54** updates us: "Good afternoon Rick, thanks for getting back to me in a timely manner. I look forward to

receiving the semi-annual Assumption Alumni Newsletter via the magic of electronics. I continue to be a visitor to Windsor at least once a year as my mother remains alive and fairly well at the age of 98. Brothers and sister reside in Windsor as well. It is always good to stay in touch with family. Had an opportunity to play golf with some of the guys from the class of '54" this past May. It was the annual Assumption alumni golf event held at Roseland CC. Interesting, as I believe our class had the greatest number of players. It was a great day and I am looking forward to next year. As a matter of fact some of the guys are meeting in Florida this coming October to raise a little h--- along with a day or two of golf. Lou Rainone is hosting the event. I believe some of the attendees will be "Digger" Durocher, Bud Murphy, Dominic DePalma, myself and hopefully others. As for me I am pretty much retired from my career in banking. Went into politics 8 years ago and got elected as a city councilperson for the City of Bakersfield, Ca. For those who do not know Bakersfield, we are the 11th largest city in California with a population of over 325,000. Keeps me busy. Life has been good. Thanks to God my family of 4 children are well including my grandchildren. Have one grandson in Iraq which gives me some heartburn as he is in the action area. Good health to all. God bless everyone."

**Roy DelCol, '58** remembers phys. ed. class when they were picking rocks off the front yard so grass could be planted.

**Joseph Cundari, '52**. "The newsletter brings back many memories. I read it from beginning to end and enjoy it very much. Keep up the good work."

**From Jim Oss, '63**: "Hi Rick, thanks for the reply. My Latin teacher way back in the 60s was Fr. MacGinn, a redhead of obvious Scott heritage. He was also the school's disciplinarian, and an avid Toronto Maple Leafs fan so I kept my loyalty for the Detroit Red Wings close to the vest so to speak. Here's a story: I knew that if I didn't pass Latin, I would not graduate, and at the time of the senior prom, I still didn't know the result - I thought I had flunked it. So to hedge my chances, I wore a kilt to the dance - much to the consternation of my date. Well, I went up to Father and asked him if I passed. He checked my attire, hesitated a while, and then said with a grin, "Yes Mr. Oss, you passed." Thank you Father!

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and all the 'Alumus, Alumni'."

**Siegfried (Freddy) Marx, '62** writes: "I live in Meridian, Idaho just 5 miles from the capitol Boise. I am married to Linda Chesnut and we have been married for almost 39 years. We have two sons (Eric and Andy) and five grandchildren. I am a retired telephone tech, working for the Bell System for 32 years. Would love to hear from old classmates. I have found my former roommate Jim Nurse from Waterford Michigan. We roomed and boarded from

1958 to 1962 at the old AC High."

In the school newsletter, I noticed that Fr. Cullen is alive and living in retirement. Sorry to hear the good Father is now blind. Besides being the Assistant Principal, Fr. Cullen was our varsity Hockey and Baseball coach and he was the best. He was a Detroit Tiger fan and he coached former shortstop Reno Bertoia (Tigers) and John Upham who was in the Chicago Cubs organization. I am sure he is now a Blue Jay fan. I really enjoy reading the Alumni newsletter."

**Donald Hamelin, '61** writes: "I graduated from Assumption High School in 1961 and I was ordained a Permanent deacon for the Diocese of London on Nov. 5 2005."

**Gary McGonigal, '67** gives "a strong hello to the gang from the mid-1960s. I still have an anchor in Windsor -- wife patiently waiting to get back out west here (one girl left to get through university). P.S. working in the blackness of the heavy oil country, 100 kms north of Fort McMurray."

**Ron Stephens, '62** is an assistant Director of Cortona Academy in Herndon, Virginia. He was ordained in June 2008 and is associate pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Reston, VA.

**John Balga, '68** writes: "I am presently retired from the WECDSB as an elementary school principal and am thoroughly enjoying my time off with my new grandson and my family. My fondest memory of Assumption centers around the pep rallies and the football games. Saturday night dances were a great venue, when the girls from the Academy ventured over. It is so good to enjoy Assumption again after 40 years."

**Joseph Evon, '65** retired from Enwin Utilities in 2003 (33 years there). He is now employed part time by Black and MacDonald Electrical contractors as a safety officer. He is married to Joanne Lafleur for 35 years and has 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

**Mike Ratko, '78** writes: "Thank you for the hard work you and the others do to keep the Assumption spirit alive over the years. As I travel the U.S. and Canada, I relate to people our continuing High School Experience and no one can believe that we get together EVERY year to celebrate the accomplishments of staff and students past. Thanks again for all your hard work...."

**John Mullally** writes: "Hello Rick, I am John Mullally and I was a boarder at Assumption for 2 years 74-75. Do we have a group for the live-in Alumni? I think of my time at Assumption as too short and not of my choice but defining just the same. Yours is a name from those years and nice to hear from you. God Bless"

**Editor's note:** All you 'flat rats' from the 70s, please send in your favourite memories to share with the 'day dogs' and other 'flat rats'.



**Terry English, '74** writes in: "Hi Rick, I've been doing some consulting work and I'm repping for a few companies. It definitely keeps me busy and doing different things, versus sitting down to the same job in an office every day, as I once did. It also has me traveling all over the world, which is something I enjoy. Other than work, I've been spending most of my time either landscaping or working on remodeling the kitchen (the weather determines which one I put my efforts into.) It's hard to believe that it will be 35 years next year since we graduated. How time flies....."



Alma (Kraniauskas) Hogan, '73  
and John Hogan

**Tim Broughton, '75** writes: "Hello, first of all, thank you for the work you are doing. As someone who worked on the ACH newspaper a long time ago and as someone who writes IEPs and report cards and such stuff, I appreciate the time this labour of love takes. The best part of all, of course, is seeing how old my classmates look! I, of course, have not changed at all... truthfully, it was great to see some of my old classmates from '75 in the last issue, including some I have known for upwards of forty years. ACH is really a community that includes a wide age spectrum, and that is not always something we get to take part in very often. As a teacher, it is encouraging to see how a school dedicated to Christ can make such an indelible mark on the lives of so many for such a long period of time. ACH is the best evidence I know that Catholic education can be about something very, very different than public education. May God bless and protect you."

**John Girard, '73** writes: "I am currently the principal of St. Pete Canisius Catholic School in Watford, which is a small town just outside of Sarnia. Starting to feel old as three teachers on staff are former students from my teaching days at St. Patrick's HS in Sarnia. For the past five years I have convened the high school football league in Lambton County. Also, I have just been appointed to the Board of Governors for Lambton College. Lastly, I had a wonderful chat with Fr. Cullen in June. Looking forward to the 35th reunion on Nov 1. I have not been back to ACS since the renovations."

**Tony Blak, '73** writes: "Great Job on the newsletter again, a small correction though, in John Burford's letter he talks of our fellow classmate Kevin Blok, but spelt it

wrong as Block. It was interesting that his name and mine were usually spelt wrong many times during our days at ACS mine would be spelt Black instead of the correct way Blak, in both our families we lacked the c. I get the online edition, and it's great to see it in colour but the picture of Mike's Holiday, it is hard to make out who is in the picture and when I zoom in it is pixelized. Nice to read about Father Zakoor - is there any truth to the story that he was seen running down an unruly student in his cassock behind the school and doing an open field tackle? It would be great to see a web page with "where are they now" for teachers and students, something like a Wiki Year Book. Keep up the great work.

**Anthony A. Farah, '79** updates us: "Hi Rick, thanks for your prompt reply. It is true that in '79 I was in Grade 12 but what is also true is that back then students were able to do their first year University in High Schools (known as Grade 13). This is why I indicated that I graduated in the summer of '80. Also, you were right, I have a brother called Alan and he graduated from Assumption in '83 (he did not do Grade 13, he went to St. Clair). As for my current situation, I am working in Dubai for a company called Universal Knowledge Solutions (UKS). It is the Middle East's leading learning solutions enabler, with years of experience in the fields of education and training. Before that I was an instructor (of information systems - IT) at various higher education and K12 institutions in the Gulf and Lebanon (my home country). Also I worked as an IT Director for two high schools in Lebanon. Currently I am specialized in E-Learning and hold the position of Academic Division Manager at UKS (that is Higher Education and K12). On the social level, we just moved back to Windsor. My eldest daughter is doing her second year in Biology at the University of Windsor while my youngest daughter was registered in Grade 10 (IB program) at Assumption just last week. Unfortunately, I had to leave my family back in Windsor and return to Dubai in order to secure a continuous income. The plan is to try and get a job in Canada or the US and this will shorten the distance between me and my family. Otherwise, I will continue to work in this part of the world. It is amazing the sacrifices we are willing to pay for the sake of our children. The irony of it, is that when we were kids (at Assumption) we never stopped to think about the sacrifices our parents paid for our sake!! exactly like our kids feel today... hehehe. In closing, it felt kind of strange walking into my old school last week. Everything looked small (the hallways, lockers, classes, etc...) but one thing for sure: It gave me great sense of belonging. I look forward to staying in touch with you. Best Regards."



**Lil Dumouchelle, '75** remembers when Assumption beat Kennedy in a Sr. Boys' Basketball game at Kennedy. The crowd was wild!! We played kazoo's and cheered our Raiders on. GO RAIDERS!!!! To infinity and beyond!

**Mark Daoust, '77** remembers five great years as a student from 1973-1978; the City Championship Football 1977 is still a highlight of his life. He also remembers 16 years of teaching at Assumption from 1987-2002- great classes and great memories.



Denise Mailloux, Pat Kozak (Cogliatti), '78  
and Paul Plante, '83

**Ingrid Porter (Seidl), '78** writes: "My favourite memory of Assumption is working on the yearbook staff and being co-editor with my friend Carrie Vitale. The football games bring back fond memories too!"

**Virga Baltrusinas, '78** is now working for Canadian Blood Services in Hamilton as a quality Assurance Associate. Her fondest memory is running across the parking lot in winter time to get to the rec hall where math was taught.

**Michael Taylor Dubauskas, '88**, writes: "Hi Rick, thank you for getting back to me. I attended Assumption from '84-'88. I then left for a year before returning to Detroit where I went to Wayne State University and graduated with a BA in Communications in '95. After graduating, I worked at NBC affiliate WDIV in Detroit for a short time before I moved to Toronto and decided that Canada was where I wanted to live and work. I now reside here with my wife of two years. Professionally, I have worked on numerous commercial, TV and film projects in the Toronto area and now feel that Toronto will be my home for years to come. Thanks again, Michael Taylor Dubauskas

Producer for *Restaurant Makeover*, Tricon Films & Television

**Jennifer Sullivan, '84** writes: "I am a faculty member at St. Francis Xavier University. I teach in the Psychology department. I am married to Joe Siegfried. I have two children, Emily and Julia. Emily just graduated from Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School here in Antigonish NS. Julia is just finishing grade 12."

**Mary Kane Boucher, '82** writes: "Thanks for all the hard work you and the rest of the alumni committee put into the newsletter and other alumni activities. It is my experience that all the grads love to read the newsletter. Great job."

**Jim Beland writes:** "I teach math at Massey High School. One of my favourite memories is watching a lot of senior Boys' basketball games. I had a great seat ... right at the end of the bench."

**Doris Lescanec**, retired teacher and Alumni volunteer and supporter remembers the wonderful Activity Days.

**Jerry Philp**, retired teacher and coach, taught 19 years at Assumption and 10 years at Holy Names. He taught science and coached football. He retired in 1994.



Bruce Walker, '73 and friends

**Norm Innocente**, former Assumption teacher, remembers that he won the best storyteller in his 4<sup>th</sup> year of teaching Law, by student council.

**Joan Potvin, '83** says the best thing about Assumption was her grade 12 year hanging out in the athletic office and laughing until her stomach ached.

**Maryann Perry (Srokosz), '83** says her favourite memories of Assumption happened when she was in the musical productions.

**Jim Broad, '83** remembers the football games, especially the night games, the after school practices, weekend retreats and working on fundraisers.

**Diana Broad (Gatto), '83** says her favourite memory is of her friend Clair Murphy (Lanno) falling UP the stairs. Diana laughed so hard that she cried!

**Michael Curcione, '88** is currently an optometrist in Saline, Michigan. He fondly remembers winning the basketball city championship in 1984.

**Nancy Mackay-Dietrich, '87** is married to Tim Dietrich (Essex H.S.) and living in Ottawa with their two daughters, Claire (6) and Ella (4). She is a program Manager, Africa Branch, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). GO RAIDERS!!

**Jolene Brignall, '95** updates us, "I have a lot going on right now, but I will only mention a few things. My daughter MaryLou is now 8 and my son Max is now 6 years old. I am taking some classes to prepare myself for a part-time job. I can't wait for my 15th year reunion. I am also still writing two poetry books, but I hope to get them finished really soon!"

**Sean Stephens, '95** – "Currently most of my time is spent with my 17 month old daughter, and enjoying life."

**Anita DeLuca Carlini '94** says, "I'm happier than ever as a Domestic Engineer. I've been happily married to my husband, Dennis (Villanova graduate, '94) for 9 years and have 4 precious children, Lauren 7, Lucas 7, Micaela 6, and James 2. I have so many favourite memories of Assumption. Some that come to mind are the exciting and grueling moments experienced on the cross-country and track teams as well as the basketball and volleyball teams. My most special memory is having been privileged enough to celebrate Fr. Armstrong's, "Sparky's" 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with him in our gymnasium!"

**David DelDuca, '98** was recently hired by the Wellington Catholic District School Board as a secondary teacher in many different departments. He is finishing a master's degree in molecular biology. He is planning to be married in September 2009. He was also recently cured of testicular cancer.

**Adriana DeLuca, 2001** is currently at the Faculty of Education and loving it! It was not actually her reunion this year but she supports and volunteers for the Alumni committee and we thank her for that!

### Dear Assumption Alumni Association,

It is obvious that no one who is sending these information packages knows that while I attended Assumption, I made it my personal campaign to eliminate the BAD habit that some of the MALE teachers had of calling people by their last name. Every time I was called upon by a teacher as 'Bryce' (maiden name) I responded with "yes, Hool" or whatever the teacher's last name was.

Why am I responding in this way, you ask? Please look at the form letter (probably a macro) and see the salutation. Truly bad form.

Sincerely, **ANNE Hart, '74**

Anne is referring to the email sent to Alumni about opportunities to support Assumption High School in their latest fundraisers. Here is the response Rick sent to Anne and **we would like to extend to all Alumni the same apology.**

Hi Anne,

Truly my fault. I chose the wrong "Label" from the data-base for the Hello part. My wife pointed out the same thing when she received a "Hello Dumouchelle" as a rather impersonal greeting. I'm willing to take the "F" for this assignment and promise to do better in the future. Thank you for the correction.

Rick Dumouchelle, '74  
Information Chair, ACH Alumni



'83 Grads: Jake Ladouceur, Dave Scaddan, Jim Broad and Art Sartori

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RE: Mr. Robert St. Germain & Fr. Cullen

It is with great sadness to hear that Mr. Robert St. Germain, my Grade 12 and 13 Chemistry teacher, has passed away. One of my greatest teachers was Mr. St. Germain, who taught me that everything has to make sense and that stays with me for life. Teaching from the book, especially on a subject like Chemistry, makes learning extremely boring. Mr. St. Germain taught us to reason through chemical reactions and challenged us to balance chemical equations. His teaching style may have been intimidating to some, but for those who really wanted to learn, it became an inspiration. He will be sadly missed. Father Cullen is another teacher who had a great influence on me and taught me self-discipline. I lived in the residence at Assumption College School when I first arrived in this Country in 1970. Father Cullen, in his regimental style, made all the residents follow a strict routine. There were no radios that operated on batteries (mine got confiscated) in the residence and all electronic equipment had to be turned off after 10 p.m. A strict routine of studying and showing up in the dining room on time (and not too early) forced me to discipline myself. Father Cullen taught English in Grade 13 and he knew that English was a second language for me and it was only my second year in the Country. He gave me encouragement to learn and in his generosity, he passed me in his course so that I could go to University to continue my education. I am extremely grateful for these two men. I decided to offer a scholarship for a graduating student who obtained the highest average mark in Chemistry and English to provide him/her with some encouragement in their academic pursuits. Assumption high school has welcomed me to this great country and helped to shape me and for that, I am forever grateful.

**Dr. Sidney Siu**

## Special invitation to Grads of 1984.

There is a Facebook page created by  
Susan McCrindle (Vancouver, BC)  
**Assumption class of '84 –  
25 year reunion**

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=14740674837>

The plan is to have the  
best reunion ever.

Check it Out



# Fr. Cullen by Ken Lori, son of Elio, '49

Though I knew little of the man, I knew much of the coach and as he was a remarkable coach, he must have been a remarkable man.

I feared him even before I knew him.

I knew him by my father who'd played for him thirty years prior.

I knew of his ways of discipline, those infamous ways many had known.

I knew how he'd coached my brother.

I feared how he'd coach me now, how he'd handle my spirited and raucous ways. I feared he'd cut me.

It was January of '88 when I tried out for the Midget Selects in the High School gym, the darkest and dreariest of places and seasons of ball ...but the season according to Cullen was on.

A wild throw smacks the bleachers. Cullen disregards, instructing a player, taking notes.

His notes and notepad always on him, notes and notepad carry us into the parking lot in March, the players stretching before plodding into the cold soggy grass for a run.

He announces the death.

We are sitting Saturday morning and Kevin has died, killed by a car in the cornfields of the county. Last night, he was killed walking home from a party.

We practice solemnly.

We are seventeen seventeen-year-olds practicing solemnly, no mind of our potential.

Cullen ambles out at dusk, assembling us on a diamond, his practices epitomizing efficiency.

Pitcher versus hitter here, in between pitches, ground balls to the shortstop, third basemen, second basemen, Next pitch, foul ball, fly balls to the outfielder!

Now a game situation.

Which bag to throw to.

Overthrown bag.

Cullen yells.

"He used to push you," someone whispers.

Seventeen seventeen-year-olds on mission from Cullen, a coach with a mission to make the Nationals.

Without the mission, the Championship would not be won.

Six days in seven we are together.

Notes in hand, always in hand.

An expert invited to train the outfielders, an expert to train infielders, expert catchers, expert pitchers, former and current Major Leaguers, Cullen invites all to instruct and inspire.

Cullen slowly shapes a winner that Spring. Incompetent bunters, Cullen shapes into bunters.

"Next practice," he mutters during a game, "bunting, more bunting."

"Their pitcher's curve isn't working," he says, sitting you next to him. "Fast ball misses high, are you noticing?"

In his hand his notes, always his notes, notes on their catcher's arm, notes on their fielder's range, notes on their signs! Yes, Cullen stole signs!

Cullen knew when to shout and when to whisper, when to be patient and when not to be and he knew when to argue.

He would amble out of the dug-out, the man in Blue facing Cullen under the lights of God.

Yes, to many, Cullen was God.

He taught how to run through second base and onto third when your teammate bunted to third.

He taught how to handle men on first and third, to calmly walk the runner back to first while the man on third remained stranded.

He taught the catcher to throw out a runner at first taking an ambitious lead.

A dozen times, Cullen caught a man leaning the wrong way.

He caught you leaning the wrong way. (he caught you *learning* the wrong way too, said bad habits were gotten as easily as good habits.)

Cullen called you on your ways, and got away with it.

If you drank the night before, he called you on it.

If you talked while he was, he called you on it.

If you were late, he called you on it.

If you didn't hustle, if you didn't care ...

He cared enough to carry that note pad to the chapel and masses and classes and out to the field for six o'clock where he would pull it out of a breast pocket.

He'd stand there in the overgrown grass of a long forgotten field beside the abandoned outdoor ice rink and read from a wrinkly paper the duties of the day, calling order, setting up the function of the factory that was Baseball Practice with a remarkable man.

We'd win a tournament in London in May.

We'd win the Ontario Elimination in June. In August in New Brunswick, we'd win the Championship.

It was Cullen that remained calm through eight arduous games in four days. It was Cullen who kept the peace in the eighth inning of the Final when we were down 3-1.

It was Cullen who predicted victory in the heat of the evening's emotion.

Later, one of the players revealed it, that Cullen in his black shirt and white collar, predicted we'd come from behind to beat the home team before its five thousand parents and patrons.

At victory, he stood at the mound amid our hats and gloves about the field and the opposing team and its fans looking on, stunned, and silent.

Cullen would stand before a presenter who'd say, "I've seen this man accept this trophy many times and I expect I'll see him again"... though he never would.

Cullen had won his last Championship.

He had won it with a series of notes on that never ending pad that connected Winter to Indian Summer.

The notes upon notes he made during and after games and practices in the sweat of July, between funerals and weddings in his

tiny room among priests, at his office talking non-stop of us players and our attitudes and needs.

He had won the Championship all along, experimenting with line-ups, bearing the complaints of parents and impressing upon his fielders the proper ways of catching and throwing and uniting and winning...

...hauling out pitching machines, supervising seventeen seventeen-year-olds from six until dark, six days of seven, New Year's to Labour day.

He had won it by serenely yet firmly directing, mentoring, leading, encouraging, yelling, instructing, modeling, ordering, organizing, calling, listening, reminding, preaching, lecturing, and ultimately note-taking...ever writing...noticing...noticing...

He would be last leaving practice as the cars of players or their folks pulled away. He would be standing alone at the door of the school through which he would walk the empty halls of summer, the cluck of his old shoes along the tile floor to his humble unit among the Basilians.

A remarkable man, he would lay his note pad by the lamp by his bed and take off his glasses and lay down alone to sleep, no longer responsible for "the Boarders" long ago dumped on his agenda, his mind, and his nerves.

He would likely waken in the night by a memory of those boarders or to jot a note about a pitcher who's motion needed tooling, whose change-up needed changing, or a hitter whose eye was coming off the ball.

He would rise in the morning to eat a quiet bowl of cereal, and on those aging feet hobble in a cloak and cross and kneel to the Lord.

Only a remarkable man dedicates a life to a Lord and the development of the young and a group of seventeen seventeen-year-olds destined to win a championship, but destined only as lead by a remarkable man.



'78 Grads: Ken and Nikki (Denomme) Eansor, Steve Vollmer and MaryJo DeMarco

Late Chatter:

**Marentette, Stanley, '39** writes that at 86 years old he is still in the income tax-accounting-insurance business in Belleville, Michigan.





**St. GERMAIN, Robert (Bob), '56.** Throughout his lengthy illness Bob kept his faith and believed he was going to a better place. Bob died peacefully at home with his loving family by his side, on September 27, 2008, at the age of 70. Beloved husband of 44 years to Brenda (Belcher). Son of the late Real (1998) and Aline (1996) St. Germain, and son-in-law of Marcile and the late Jack Belcher (1977). Dear father of Michael (Audrey), Brian (Sharon), Ray-Al (1977), Matthew (Amber), Rob (Andria), and Dianne (Noel). Grandpa to Nathen, Joshua, Andrew, and Owen. Brother and brother-in-law to Raimonde and Metro Stebel, Pauline (John 2006) Gottwald, John (Joy) St. Germain, Gerry (Sandy) St. Germain, Ken (Geri) St. Germain, Christine St. Germain, Karl (Christine) Belcher, Jennifer (Kevin) Quinlan, Judie (2006) Woodward, Walter (1995) Belcher. Nephew to Aunt Chic (2006) and cousin to Mary Ellen Clifford. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Bob was a former teacher at Assumption and Brennan High Schools. He will be missed by his many friends. Bob was "a fresh, unique not so ordinary treat". The family would like to thank CCAC, Hospice, St. Elizabeth and Bayshore Nurses and PSW's for their kindness and professionalism. The support is sincerely appreciated by all the family members. A tree will be planted in memory of Bob in the Janisse Marcotte Heritage Forest.

**CURTIN, Wayne '60** died of cancer Dec. 14, 2008. He was a teacher, coach, administrator, husband, father, and grandfather, and a treasured friend. He is survived by his wife Edie (Miller), and children Erin, Jay and Lynn and his two granddaughters. Wayne taught at W.D. Lowe, Massey, Centennial and Forster, and served as vice- principal at Forster and Western Secondary School. In coaching volleyball, basketball, and track and field, Wayne was described as a "player's coach" and "...kids loved playing for him". He coached basketball at the University of Windsor and St. Clair College. Plans were in place to present Wayne with the prestigious OFSAA 'Leadership In Sports Award' at the 2009 OFSAA 'AAAA' Boys' Basketball Championships to be held in Windsor in March 2009. The award was presented to the family at his memorial service.



**REDDAM, Peter J. D.D.S., '79** passed away suddenly on September 22, 2008, at 47 years of age after battling cancer. Beloved husband of Janet (Johnson). Cherished father of Jacob. Loving son of John and Grace (O'Neil) Reddam, and dear brother of Paul, Patricia (Denis), and James. Peter graduated from Assumption High School in 1979, then the school of Dentistry at the University of Western Ontario in 1987. He practiced at the Eastside Dental Office in Windsor. He will be sorely missed by all of his colleagues, patients, and friends. Under no circumstances would he ever turn away a patient in pain or with an emergency. He led by example, and always had something up his sleeve to get a smile out of you. Peter loved to golf. He remained close friends with several Assumption classmates. Pete will be sadly missed, but always remembered.



**CARON, Therese** (Sr. Bernard-Adrien S.N.J.M.) Passed away peacefully at Devonshire Seniors Residence at the age of 86, on October 13, 2008 with Sr. Corinne Gignac and Ann Hansen by her side. Sr. Therese, daughter of Solomon Caron (1944) and Rose-Anna Faubert (1958) was born in Pain Court, Ontario on July 22, 1922. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in Outremont, Montreal in 1941 and has celebrated 65 years of religious profession. Sister Therese taught in Windsor, LaSalle and River Canard over a period of 38 years. She taught at Assumption College School for ten years, arriving at A.C.S. in 1971 when St. Mary's Academy and Assumption were merged; here she taught French, Religion and English. In retirement Sister Therese served as a pastoral minister for several years at St. Joseph Church, River Canard. She is predeceased by her sisters, brothers and sisters-in-law: Msgr. Augustin Caron (1983), Reginald (1979) and Lucile Adam (1998), Gerard (1974) and Florence Beneteau (1995), Adrien (1969) and Antoinette Brisson (2005), Edna (Sr. Gerard-de-Marie, S.N.J.M.) (1984), Marie-Anna (Sr. Claire-Therese S.N.J.M.) (1980), Leona (Sr. Augustin-Marie, S.N.J.M.) (2003) and Clara (Sr. Rose Edna, S.N.J.M.). The Mass of the Resurrection was held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church on Oct. 16, 2008 with Fr. Joe Quinn officiating. The Holy Names Sisters and the family expressed their gratitude to the Basilian Chaplains and the Devonshire staff and St. Elizabeth, especially Cynthia and Michelle for their solicitous care. Requiescat In Pace.



**TAYLOR, William Coleman (Cole), '49** Born on February 9, 1931, he passed away peacefully in Burlington, Ontario on January 13, 2009, after a 2 year battle with cancer. Cole was an only child and was predeceased by parents Charles and Clarisse (nee Day) Taylor and his daughter Kathleen Marie. Cole worked for Ford Motor Company in many capacities starting in the mail-room and retiring after 45 years as Director of Dealer Affairs. Cole is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Nancy Marie (nee O'Shaughnessy), his son William Sean, his daughter-in-law Debora Ann and three grandchildren Roseanne Katelynn, William Anthony and Benjamin Nicklas. He will be sadly missed by Kitty, Marie, and Peggy, brother-in-law Charles, and many nieces and nephews.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Annan, Harry Sr.  
Arent, Michael, '54  
Cheffins, Grover B., '39  
Courtland, Dana Helen '82  
Lang, Gilbert '56  
Marchand, Ronald Leo '60  
Parent, Jim  
Power, Dolores  
Zorzi, Rev. Daniel, C.S.B.







**Frangella, Danio '93** died on February 10, 2009 after a lengthy seven year battle with cancer. surrounded by his loving family. His parents are Ricardo and Amelia Frangella; he is the brother of Sandra and Gianni. He will be fondly remembered by his colleagues for his contribution to the fashion industry for his unique artistic talents. Mass of Christian Burial for Danio took place at St. Angela Merici Church. You may share memories online at Families First.ca. For more on Danio's life story please see our website at [www.achalumni.com](http://www.achalumni.com)

**Frederick, Frank '41.** A gentle, patient, and generous husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully with family at his side at Leamington Hospital at 85 years of age. He left his beloved wife of 64 years, Connie (Reaume), and his loving children, Vicki Frederick, Frank Frederick, and Marlaine and Robert Campeau. He was a jovial grampa to Matthew Godden, Franki Frederick, Tiffany Frederick, Rebecca Godden, Elise Adams, Brian Campeau, and Joel Campeau. Adding joy to his life were two great-grandchildren, River Godden-Bowness and Jorja Adams. Frank, although blind, could still see the humour in any situation. In his 25 years as a pharmaceutical rep, not only did he make many friends but he also earned the respect of his peers and of the medical community. He loved cars, visiting marinas, following the Red Wings, Notre Dame, and even the Lions. He looked forward to and cherished our family sleepovers at Christmas and on Fathers' Day. We will miss him forever. The Mass of the Resurrection for Frank was celebrated at Immaculate Heart Church, Windsor, Ontario on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009.

**CAHILL, JERRY, '57,** died suddenly December 27, 2008 at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital. Survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Anne and his children, Molly (Randy) Hardy and Chris Cahill; and his grandchildren, Emily and Madison Hardy and Joey Cahill. Mr. Cahill was a retired director for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in charge of the General Motors account.



**Debra Chappell, '77** died suddenly on January 8, 2008 at 48 years of age. Loving companion of Mike MacKay. Cherished mother of Eric and Kristy Chappell. Loving daughter of Howard & Dora Pastrick. Dear sister of Robert & Carolyn Pastrick and Sandy & Michel Ozorak and nephew Jonathan. Dear niece of Betty and Kay Leveille, Martha and Larry Lowney, Pat and Richard Pastrick, Mary Pastrick and many loving cousins survive. Debbie will be also missed by her cat Mittens.



**MacKinnon, April (Palamides), '77** passed away on September 5, 2008 at the Hospice Village, Windsor, with her family close to her. Beloved wife and best friend of Jim. Dear "mommy" to Lisa and Jimmy and her beloved "Bo-Bo". Predeceased by her loving parents Gus (2005) and Velma (1992). Daughter-in-law of Jim (2005) and Daisy MacKinnon. Cherished sister of Noella and Ron Truant, Dennis and Deirdre Palamides, '72 and Joe and Cathy Palamides. Dear sister-in-law to, Sheila MacKinnon and Paul Howard, Sharon and Kevin Menzel, Trenton, Michigan, Sam and Paul Boglitch and Mike and Amy MacKinnon. Special "Auntie April" to her many nieces, nephews and great niece and great nephews. April was a phenomenal mother who would do anything for her children. Her sharp wit, compassion and cooking will be missed by all. We know that April is in a better place now where she can keep watch over little angels Marcus and Catherine.



# **Rev. Angelo Bovenzi, C.S.B.**

died Nov. 3, 2008, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse at the age of 69. Rev. Bovenzi graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1956. In 1968, he received a bachelor's degree in sacred theology from the University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. He also received a bachelor of arts degree from Assumption University in Windsor, Ontario, and a master of arts degree from Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., in 1972. In 1983, he joined the campus ministries staff at St. John Fisher College. He was named vicar general of the Basilian Fathers from 1985 to 1989, and was the congregation's spokesman in the various Basilian apostolates in the United States, Canada, France and Mexico. He was the pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in London, Ontario, in 1989 and came back to Rochester in 2000 to be counselor and a campus ministry staff member at St. John Fisher. Fr. Bovenzi was a scholastic at Assumption High School in the early 1960s.

**FERENCIK, Michael Milan, '56** passed away on January 29, 2009 with his loving family by his side. Adoring husband and soul mate to Janet (McConnell) for 46 years. Devoted father to Debbie and Ron Hochreiter, Karen and friend Eric and Kelly and Steve Bural. Proud "Pa" to Ashley, Nick, Cody, Lucas and Noah. Predeceased by his parents Michael & Anna and his brother John. Sadly missed by nieces and nephews, and sister-in-law Verna Ferencik. Mike retired from Ford Motor Company, and was a well known athlete playing baseball most of his life.



**Billey, Gregory Matthew, '75** passed away on December 8, 2008, at the age of 51. Greg lost an extremely courageous four month battle with complications following heart surgery. Survived by Audrey, his loving wife of over 20 years, and children Kathy (14 years) and Mike (12 years). Dear son of Catherine Billey and the late Matt Billey. Dear brother of long time Assumption math teacher Ken, '68 and wife Barb (Wells), '76.

Upon graduation from Assumption, Greg earned his Bachelor of Computer Science degree ('80) from the University of Windsor. Greg began his Information Technology career with Décor Metal Products in Midland, Ontario as a programmer. Corporate restructuring brought Greg closer to his Windsor roots via a transfer to Clinton Township, Michigan with TRW where he rose to the position of Systems Analyst. Greg was a highly respected and valued member of the TRW team and was tasked to ensure proper software and process integrations. As an extremely devoted father, Greg took a keen interest in both Kathy and Mike and was involved in many of their activities, including serving as a Boy Scout leader with Scout Pack 351. An avid follower of hockey, particularly the Montreal Canadiens, he was also passionate about golf and proud of his son Mike's development as a golfer. Greg was a regular participant in the annual Assumption Alumni golf tournament being the inaugural winner of the tournament's "Sparky Spirit Award" for the foursome's unique Raider-inspired golf attire. Greg's sly sense of humour and his willingness to help anyone at anytime embodied the way that he lived his life. He truly embraced the spirit of "Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge". Greg will be missed by the Assumption family.

Please contact " Families First.ca" for expressions of sympathy.

# M I S S I N G G R A D S

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Durocher, Chase	Hatch, H Clifford	Luther, Richard	Pendlebury, Tom	Tingle, John
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Ferrari, Bob	Hurley, Thomas Joseph	Miltich, Anthony James	Schafer, Garfield A	Zamparo, Secondiano
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Diet, Doug	Henley, Hunter	nan)	Robinson, Richard	Tymec, Althea (Conn)
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Namara)	Kukla, Paul	Pardy, Gordon	Rousse, Larry	Woodall, Gilliam
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Blais, Denis	ford)	Leroux, Pam (Blonde)	Payne, Janice	Taylor, William
Bondy, Shelley Ann	Frassetto, Barbara	Levack Jr, Ron	Plumb, Ken	Thorne, Joseph
(Bury)	(Rohrer)	Malette Jr., Claude	Pope, Michele (Gou-	Tse, Jocelyn
Bordain, Linda	Froats, Michalena (Pare)	Manchurek, Kenneth	dreau)	Vermurlen, Thos C
Bowman, Michelle M	Furlong, Coleen	Marrazzo, Teresa	Power, Chris M.	Viecelli, David
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Campbell, James C	Giles, Robert	(Varosky)	Ridgewell, Lynn (Lan-	Whittal, Anna T (Macri)
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### PRESIDENT IN VEGAS

In September 2008, Hunt Hool, '79 travelled to Las Vegas to gamble with the Alumni funds. "One pull, three bars, and we'd double our money", he thought. As you can see in the photo, taken in the casino of New York, New York, we lost. Just kidding. Hunt just wanted to display the Assumption Newsletter while in Vegas looking for Elvis.

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## SR. FOOTBALL CITY CHAMPIONS: WAY TO GO RAIDERS!!



Cam Goddard wasn't born the last time the Assumption Purple Raiders celebrated a championship on the football field. It was 1985 when the Purple Raiders won a high school final, five years before Goddard was born. He was front and centre Thursday, carrying the ball five times for 134 yards and a touchdown in Assumption's 26-0 victory over the St. Joseph Lasers in WECSSAA's Arnott Conference final. The 18-year-old ripped off a 72-yard run to set up Assumption's first touchdown. He scored the second on a 51-yard romp into the end zone at the University of Windsor. "We peaked at the right time," Goddard said of Assumption's impressive playoff run following a 3-3 season. "We kicked it in for the playoffs." The Purple Raiders opened the second half with a huge defensive stand. But the Lasers shot themselves in the foot with four fumbles and two interceptions. "Too many turnovers," St. Joseph quarterback Josh Steward said. "We had a roller-coaster season with a lot of ups and downs. Too many downs in this game." After a scoreless first quarter, the Purple Raiders made a statement with 18 points in the second. Kyle Ternosky scored on a four-yard run, Goddard had his major, while Sheldon Ducedre kicked a 17-yard field goal and a single and Eric Silva had two converts.

### BLOCKED PUNT



The Lasers opened the second half with exactly what they needed, a big play in the form of a blocked punt, giving them the ball on Assumption's 17 yard line. Three downs later, they came away empty handed. "We knew our defence had to do it there," Assumption defensive end D'Antoine Johnstone said.

"Defence was the key." Cornerback Brad Milben had both Assumption interceptions. St. Joseph's second possession of the third quarter ended in another lost fumble, which eventually turned into an eight-yard scoring run by Dylan Reynolds. "It's been a while but we got one," Johnstone said of the trophy."

### All Catholic Volleyball Tournament

The Assumption Senior Boys' volleyball team participated at St. Joseph's high school in the "B" division of the All Catholic Volleyball Tournament last Fall. After a tough morning of wins and losses the boys suddenly woke up and really started to perfect their play. They won two games against Neil McNeil from Toronto and finished 1st in their pool of 4 teams. The boys played a tough Nickelson team from Belleville in the semi-final and won 2 out of 3 close matches. The boys then found themselves in the championship game against St. Joe's (1st place team in TIER 1).

The boys were the underdogs in this match, but they played amazing volleyball and never gave up throughout the entire match. THE BOYS WON in two straight matches 26-24, 27-25.

They WON the "B" DIVISION of the ALL CATHOLIC Volleyball TOURNAMENT!!!!!! This was an INCREDIBLE accomplishment for our team and our school. Congratulations to:

Dave Merritt, Jake Merritt, Aaron Evans, RJ Garant, Yeo Ng, Vill Labrado, Serxho Selmani, Shane Jones, Erich Ofner, and Alex Presello.

### SWOSSA Cross Country Results

Raiders participated at the SWOSSA championships and treated their coaches and fans to some great performances that included some of the best finishes that Assumption cross country has seen in many years.

First of all – in the overall title our team placed an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> out of 37 teams.

The midget girls all ran their best just missing the bronze medal by four points but Jacey Steen, Josee Loshusan, Katie Harris, Laura Sauro and Jillian Widjaja finished fourth in Southwestern Ontario and had a fantastic rookie season.

The Midget boys were led by Alex Bacioiu and finished in the top 15.

The junior girls were led by Allie Sippola who had a very good race.

The senior girls closed out their season strongly with a 7<sup>th</sup> place SWOSSA finish while the senior boys finished 8<sup>th</sup>.

The junior boys had the best team result of the day capturing the bronze medal and are the third fastest team in Southwestern Ontario. Congratulations to teammates Reid Mitchell, Dominic Pizzolitto, Simon Giroux and Alex Tesolin.

And then wow did we have some individual highlights...

Among the Junior boys race, Reid Mitchell never let the leader out of his sight, ran a very gutsy race and captured the silver medal while Dominic Pizzolitto followed closely and captured the bronze.

In the senior girls race – Charlotte Marcotte – who was heard to remark, "I've never won a race in my life" – changed all of that yesterday. Racing last week's WECSSAA champion from Villanova all the way to the line, Charlotte proved she is one of the best senior girls in the province – even though she is only in grade 11 – and earned the title of senior girls southwestern Ontario cross-country champion. She was given a gold medal and the traditional first place pumpkin.

And no less exciting, in the senior boys race, J.P. Malette showed his true form yesterday with his best run of the year. He pushed his competitors – an elite group of runners that included four OFSSAA gold medalists - to the limit over 7 km and raced – raced very quickly – outrunning last week's WECSSAA gold medalist – also from Villanova and earned the title of SWOSSA champion. J.P. was also given a traditional first place pumpkin to go with his gold medal. J.P. was also invited to join Team Canada's cross-country team.

It is the first time in the history of Assumption cross-country that we have had two senior individual champions. And considering we have one of the most successful cross-country records in Southwestern Ontario – that is very impressive!

To those runners whose season is finished, congratulations on a great season! To those runners going to OFSAA – Good luck next week in Sarnia.

And a special thanks to Mrs. Hackett's leadership class for your support as well as our volunteers and Mr. Delisle and Mrs. Dumouchelle who came out to cheer us on. And thanks to Mrs. Nehmatollah for the great pasta dinner that energized our runners the night before the race.



## WECSSAA Cross-Country Champions!

Congratulations to the Purple Raider Cross Country Team for the first WECSSAA Cross-Country Championship for ACS since 1992!! At Malden Park, our Raider runners brought tears to the eyes of veteran coaches who have been at this stuff for a long, long time. Thanks to the teachers and administrators who made time in their busy schedules to cheer the Raiders on to victory. Your presence at the park was a huge inspiration to the athletes' performance. Our team score of 46 points was second only to Massey in all 28 WECSSAA schools for the overall team Championship, which afforded ACS the A/AA WECSSAA Championship for 2008!!! There are a lot of great team & individual performances to gloat about:

Midget Girls: 2nd SILVER MEDALS (Jaycee Steen, Josee Loshusan, Katie Harris, Laura Sauro, Jillian Widjaja)

Junior Girls: 4th (Gabrielle Malette, Kayla Bondy, Allie Sippala, Gisele Renaud). Senior Girls: 4th (Chantelle Marcotte-Toale, 3rd ind., Kasia Frak, Alex Noble, Amelinda Yeryk)

Midget Boys: 6th (Alex Bacioiu, Nick Vadiya, Chris Zygowski, Steve Kulesza). Junior Boys: 1st WECSSAA CHAMPS (Reid Mitchell, 1st ind., Dominic Pizzilotto, 2nd ind., Simon Giroux, Alex Tesolin)

Senior Boys: 3rd BRONZE MEDALS (JP Malette, 3rd ind., Spencer Kelly, Graeme Tyrell, Adrian Maciejewski, Kyle Godden)

Cross-country is an underappreciated athletic performance...very few people could accomplish what these athletes did at WECSSAA. Very few people know how hard these athletes train during the season.

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## RAIDERS HAVE 'ART AND SOUL'

Congratulations to our senior students who gave an excellent exhibition in LaSalle last Fall at the Art and Soul weekend show. Our school did very well with Monica Nowaks' work being selected by the judges for the in school best traditional work and Moe Akbar being given the best in school contemporary work. In addition to this Moe Akbar was presented with the best contemporary conceptual award out of 20 schools for his work. This means Moe won the best modern work for all the schools in the city and county. Watch out Picasso!! The judges commented on the outstanding caliber of all the work in our exhibit and congratulated the school. You did us proud Raiders!!!

Ms Carr (Head of Arts, Assumption, Artist in residence CEC, Public Art Project)

## FINDERS KEEPERS - "NO WAY!!"

We received a call in late August of 2008 requesting assistance in locating an Assumption alumnus who had lost his 1978 grad ring. Suzanne Fairchild (Becigneul) informed us that her brother, Lawrence had found the ring in the summer of 1983 in the sand at Point Pelee. They often visited Windsor and area and were familiar with the name Assumption since their grandparents Adolf and Rosalie Becigneul lived on Peter St. and they still had relatives here, cousins Sr. Lucy of Jesus (Yvonne Becigneul) and Sr. Terese Becigneul (taught at ACH) both Holy Names Sisters. They had tried to contact the school that fall in 1983 and again in 1990 but were not able to get help. When Lawrence was visiting Suzanne this past summer, he came across the ring again and thought, "forget it, I'll just get it turned into something else", but Suzanne thought to try one more time to contact the school. Well, this time the school guidance secretary passed this on to our Alumni Association and we went to work. Fortunately, the ring had an engraving on it with the initials DJM. We searched our database and were able to contact the three possible owners. And, BINGO!, Danial James Mayne was reunited with his grad ring. He was stunned that someone would take the time and patience to pursue this. Thank you to Larry Becigneul of Peeple's Valley, Arizona and his lovely sister Suzanne of Attica, Michigan for their persistence and perseverance. It's nice to know that considerate people still exist in this world!



Staff at the 2008 Reunion

Front Row: Laurie Browning, Anna Sisti, John Hogan, Fr. J. Stortz, Terry Snyder, Fr. Beaune

Second Row: Doris Lescanec, Peter Scarpelli, Lil Dumouchelle, Frank Torti, Ken Stephens, John Upham, Carl Spinarsky

Third Row: Mark Daoust, Norm Innocente, Gary Fera, Jim Rodrigues, Ray Renaud, Jack Hool

Fourth Row: Pauline Kenney, Eugene Klymko, Ron Stephens, Sue Walker, Steve Chevalier, Carole Dwyelska, Genevieve Cano

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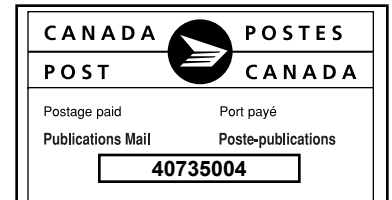
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