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## ALUMNI HOMECOMING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005 COME SEE THE RENOVATED ASSUMPTION!!!

All former students, friends of Assumption, their wives, husbands, etc., are invited to this gala evening. A sit down dinner by prepaid reservation only will be served in the NEW cafeteria. Socialize with the many friends in attendance. Mass at 5:00 p.m., then enjoy a cool cocktail in the Armstrong Gym before enjoying an incredibly delicious dinner prepared by our Senior Culinary Class led by Chef Diane Nehmetallah. Connect with your classmates, other alumni and former staff members until the wee hour of 12:30 a.m. Class pictures begin at 9:00 p.m. with the 1955 class.

### WE NEED YOU!!

Our reunions have always been crowded with happy people. To continue these successful and memorable events, your help is needed to encourage your classmates to join in the fun. Though much of the focus is on the 5 year anniversary groups, ALL ALUMNI are welcome to attend.

### YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer to organize or help organize your class by phone, fax, email or other means. Provide and/or organize the picture displays for your year.

### WHAT TO DO

If you can help in any way, contact the Alumni Office by phone at 519-256-7801 ext. 299. So far, the following have generously volunteered to be a class contact for the following Grad Years:

1955	<b>Pat McHugh</b> <b>Norm Rice</b> <b>Bernard Willis</b>	734-671-9013 586-776-6900 email	<a href="mailto:normanjrice@yahoo.com">normanjrice@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:bernard_willis@yahoo.com">bernard_willis@yahoo.com</a>
1970	<b>Dwight Barron</b> <b>Gary Predki</b> <b>Mike Girard</b>	519-945-7501 519-265-2639 519-736-5192	St. Rose School <a href="mailto:mikegirard@mac.com">mikegirard@mac.com</a>
1975	<b>Peter Hrastovec</b> <b>Frank Iatonna</b> <b>Dave Roberts</b> <b>Lil Dumouchelle</b>	519-966-1300 519-969-7933 519-971-9213 519-969-7419	ext. 421 Daytime / 519-256-2160 Evening <a href="mailto:jfsiat@sympatico.ca">jfsiat@sympatico.ca</a> <a href="mailto:roberts@wincom.net">roberts@wincom.net</a> <a href="mailto:lil_dumouchelle@hotmail.com">lil_dumouchelle@hotmail.com</a>
1980	<b>Bev Nadalin</b>	519-966-8859	
1985	<b>Joe Siddall</b>	519-969-8903	<a href="mailto:jojosid@aol.com">jojosid@aol.com</a>
1990	<b>Joe Barile</b>	email	<a href="mailto:jbarile@martinibarile.com">jbarile@martinibarile.com</a>

Grad Classes of 1960, 1965 and 1995: we still need to hear from you so that we can fax or mail out current addresses and phone numbers for you to get started on organizing your class. We will gladly put you in touch with successful organizers of other ACS classes who have had fantastic reunions. GOOD LUCK and see you on Nov. 5th, 2005!!



Golf Winners – (left to right) Brad Fahringer, '85, Frank Iatonna, '75, Steve Norton, '77, Joe Ivan, '76

## FR. SHEEDY REMEMBERED ON THE LINKS WEATHER HEAVEN SENT

On Saturday, June 4, 2005, the 24th annual Assumption Alumni Golf Tournament took place at Roseland Golf Course. With a full field competing on another beautiful sunny day provided by Fr. Sheedy, a great day was had by all. Can you believe that three foursomes were from the class of '54? They traveled from British Columbia, Florida, Texas, and California, to play with their classmates.

The defending champions of Joe Ivan, Frank Iatonna, Steve Norton, and Brad Fahringer, once again prevailed with a score of thirteen under par. The longest drive, 330 yards, was won by Tom Flynn. Closest to the pin on hole #13 was won by Jim Palazetti, while furthest from the pin was shot by Ron Sooley. The highest scoring team honour was repeated by the team of Laurie Browning, Carol Dywelska, Lucille Caron, and Sherri Peltier.

The meal provided by Michigan Tavern was delicious again. Thanks to Gary Ulicny for his time, organization, and emcee duties. Special note to the Flynn foursome: The side wager has been paid as a donation to the Alumni. (Yes, Fr. Armstrong, there was some betting going on. Sorry! However, generous donations were made to the Missions).

Mark your calendar for the 25th annual Assumption Alumni Golf Tournament to be held at Roseland G&C Club on Saturday, June 3rd, 2006. Notice and entry form will be in the Spring 2006 Alumni Newsletter. Reserve your tee time immediately because you never know how many from the class of '54 will show up next year.

Hunt Hool '79

### MESSAGE FROM FR. CULLEN

On Oct. 19th, 2005, Fr. Cullen C.S.B., will endure his 90th birthday. Because of arthritis and diminishing eyesight, he retired from the Alumni Association three years ago. Still intensely interested in Alumni affairs, he begs you to send your email addresses to the Alumni at [acsalumni99@hotmail.com](mailto:acsalumni99@hotmail.com). Visionaries predict that computer technology will change how Alumni will stay in touch. So please, email us today!

# RESERVATION

## ALUMNI REUNION MENU

### APPETIZER:

Creamy Hummus with pita bread  
Cold cuts, cheeses and veggies

Creamy Squash Soup

Garden Mix Salad

### MAIN ENTRÉE:

Roast Beef served au jus  
Roasted Baby Potatoes  
Bean Medley

### DESSERT

Assorted Fruit Platter  
Individual Cheesecake

### BEVERAGES

Coffee/Tea/Water  
Wine available at Cash Bar

**(please note on reservation if vegetarian  
and accommodations will be made)**

## SCHEDULE

**5:00 p.m.**

**HOLY MASS** (in school Chapel)  
This will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

We invite all the Priests in  
attendance to concelebrate.

**5:45 p.m.**

Cocktails in Armstrong Gym

**6:45 p.m.**

Dinner Served in New Cafeteria  
(by prepaid reservation ONLY)

**9:00 p.m.**

Class Pictures in Armstrong Gym  
(Starting with Class of 1955)

**5:45 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.**

Good Fellowship in the Armstrong Gym

**Cover Charge \$5.00 at the door**

## '56 OFSAA BASKETBALL CHAMPS HONOURED

The Assumption Alumni are planning to honour the Purple Raider team of '56 that won the All Ontario Basketball Championship. Do you remember the players from that fantastic squad? Tom Mailloux, Byron Rourke, Leo Innocente, Bucky Parent, Jim Broderick, Dave Kuchta, Ralph Paterson, Ed Marcuz, Bob Gardner, Carl St. Pierre, Pat Bueker, Coach Fr. Sheedy and Assistant Coach Fr. Donohoe. Details are unavailable at this time for this edition of the Alumni Newsletter. However, please telephone or email the Alumni office after November 1, 2005, to get the particulars for this celebration. It is hoped to have a reunion at a home game with the current team sometime during the season, probably in 2006, marking the 50th anniversary of that momentous achievement. Past players and others are invited. See you there. Go team!

Hunt Hool '79

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Assumption Alumni Committee is pleased to announce the addition of Rick Dumouchelle '74 to the position of Chairman of the Alumni Information Committee. Rick has been very hard at work for the Alumni over the past year and more in setting up and updating our computer system. He has also provided valuable information and discussion at the monthly meetings. Yes, he is married to Liliana (Caira) Dumouchelle '75. In this case, two is better than one, and the Alumni are the benefactors of their pride, dedication, and hard work. Thanks for joining the team. Anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact the alumni office.

## MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY THURS. OCT. 27, 2005

Former students and their friends are invited to an evening of fun, reliving "almost" forgotten memories - the excitement of meeting old friends - the jogging of memories, viewing of memorabilia, etc....

All friends of Assumption are welcome; organize your own party. Make your reservations now for Nov. 5, 2005

**Mass at 5:00 p.m.**      Cocktails in Gym **5:45 p.m.**  
**Dinner \$20.00 (by reservation ONLY)**      **6:45 p.m.**

**COVER CHARGE  
\$5.00  
AT THE DOOR**

RESERVATION - I enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

DINNER \$20.00 per person, includes cover charge      PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Tickets can be picked up at the door that evening)      (Tickets will NOT be mailed to you)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRAD YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROV/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF A SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT STUDENTS OF ASSUMPTION.  
MAIL TO: ASSUMPTION ALUMNI, 1100 HURON CHURCH RD., WINDSOR, ONT. N9C 2K7



**Longest Drive in Annual Alumni Golf  
Tournament June 4, 2005**

**Tom Flynn**

## PRIEST HAS NO 'REGRETS' ABOUT VOCATION - FR. TED GATFIELD, '41



**Fr. Gatfield**

Marty Gervais, Windsor Star

Father Edward Gatfield sat across from me in a room overlooking the mouth of Lake Erie, and smiled when I asked why he ever became a priest.

He thought about it for a moment, shook his head, then began to speculate. It could've been the result of the tragic accidental death of a fellow pilot in training during the Second World War, and how Gatfield was the one chosen to accompany the body of his dead friend back to Windsor to inform the family. Or it could've been his close association with the Knights of Columbus and his desire to help others. Or it could've been the influence of the Basilians from Assumption College where he had gone to school.

But the truth is, Gatfield finally explained, "there wasn't any big explosion from Heaven, or anything like that- I think God just picked me."

### A Belief in Faith

As simple as that. A belief in faith. A belief that all of us are led by something more powerful than us. Some call it fate. Others see it as the work of God. For this 83-year-old priest from Amherstburg, it was the latter: a means of putting one's faith into a decision that would make it the right choice. "I have no regrets," says Gatfield. "I'm happy I became a priest." On that day in June, 1955 when he joined 21 classmates at St. Peter's Seminary to be ordained, Gatfield had a sense of calmness and confidence in where this choice would lead him. "I thought this was a beautiful way to spend the rest of my life - doing things for others. I thought, 'Gosh, I'm a lucky guy.'"

His work for the London Diocese took him to Windsor shortly after ordination. He served in a number of positions, and at a few churches and retreat centers. Gatfield was at St. Clare's before being sent to Holy Cross Retreat House where he remained for five years. He was finally sent to Harrow's St. Anthony's where he stayed for 17 years. Unlike many who became priests in the 1950s, Gatfield didn't spring right out of high school. He had already received a B. A. through the University of Western Ontario. He had also signed up to fight in the Second World War and did "commando" training. "I could eat nails," he said sarcastically. But after the war, Gatfield was in no hurry to rush into the church. He opened a photography business with a friend. "I didn't know anything about it. I was still going to school, but we figured we could do this. And we did."

### Life-Altering Change

They specialized in candid photography but by 1949 Gatfield decided it was time to make that life-altering change. "In looking back at that time, you would think there had to be something that made this happen. But I'm still not sure." In any case, June 5th, Gatfield celebrated his 1965 ordination at St. John the

Baptist Church here. In the 50 years he has served as a priest, Gatfield doesn't shy away from talking about the sexual abuse scandals that have rocked his church. "There's no defence," he says matter-of-factly but with obvious sadness. "We have all suffered fiercely because of it. We're all tainted." As far as the controversy over the election of right-wing theologian Cardinal Ratzinger as Pope Benedict XVI, Gatfield figures on living long enough to prove all the nay sayers are wrong about him. "Give me an intellectual any time," said the elderly Amherstburg priest. He maintains that the turmoil in the church today is "a good sign" that change is going to happen. And it'll be a change we need, one that will heal wounds and usher in "renewal in the Church," Gatfield adds. This kindly, more liberal-minded priest predicts Pope Benedict will seize the challenge that faces the modern church, and affect change that will be good to everyone. "Of course, I just have to live long enough to see this happen," Gatfield says with a smile.

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Nov. 5, 2005

Relax with your friends

Talk to your teachers

Visit with everyone

Gossip - who needs it?

Learn the latest news

**ALL FRIENDS OF**

**ASSUMPTION**

**WELCOME**

### NEWSLETTER TWO A YEAR

We regret that a lack of volunteer workers  
has forced us to cut production.

### CLASS OF '90

Remember your fifteen year reunion, November 5th. Let us know of any address changes. Helpers needed to contact your class. Call **256-7801 ext. 299**.

## DR. CARMAN IANNICELLO '68, HE'S SO VEIN



*Dr. Carman Iannicello '68*

In December 2004, Dr. Carman Iannicello, '68, was featured in The Windsor Star. He and Dr. M. Ristic established the Windsor Vein Centre to provide comprehensive evaluation and treatment for a large number of people who suffer from different forms of varicose and spider veins. "It's a genetic thing. Ninety percent of the time, varicose veins are inherited. It's a defective gene. The defect may be stronger in some people than in others, but it's still there, and you can't alter genetics. We're trying to, but we're not there yet," says vascular surgeon Dr. Carman Iannicello. "Women are 10 to 15 times more likely to have "bad veins" than men because of several reasons. But the good news - yes, there is some - is that you can get rid of the abnormal veins using several different procedures, and you can also reduce your risk factors for creating new ones." The newest treatment for those big, deep veins that hurt so much is called "endovenous radio frequency obliteration", and the Vein Treatment Centre is the only place in Canada where you can have it done. Iannicello and his colleagues have been doing it for more than a year and a half without much fanfare, and clients like the fact there's no anesthetic involved and even better, no pain. "Actually, Iannicello is always looking for new ways to deal with a problem that plagues millions of men and women, especially between the ages of 30 and 60. The newest radio frequency technique is one of the most promising, with an 85-95 percent success rate at six years. The more invasive surgery, by comparison, is 60 percent effective after six years. There's no guarantee you won't create some new varicose veins along the way. That, says Iannicello, all goes back to genetics, with a smattering of lifestyle thrown in." The Windsor Vein Centre is located at 880 North Service Road, Building 300, and telephone (519) 250-4286.

## LABEL ED GYETVAI '62, A WINNER!



*Angie and Ed Gyetvai '62*

(excerpts from Windsor Star - by Sarah Sacheli)

Sarah writes:

Ed Gyetvai has always taken it for granted that a toilet brush shouldn't be used to scrub any part of your body.

So with a contest about wacky product labels in the back of his mind, the Oldcastle man knew he had a winner when his wife came home with a new-fangled toilet brush that read, "Do not use for personal hygiene."

"Why would you ever do it?" said Gyetvai, a

retired elementary school teacher. "Companies have to do this. People are void of common sense."

Gyetvai won the \$500 US first prize in the label contest sponsored by Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, a group with a scornful eye for frivolous liability lawsuits.

He entered the eight-year-old contest for the first time two years ago after hearing about it on a radio show.

Windsor Star

Ed's interest in offbeat consumer issues and press clippings about strange warning labels has been a "hobby" shared by him and his wife, Angie. They would sometimes send in suggestions to "The Jay Leno Show". Many of the greatest lines came from old issues of the monthly "Reader's Digest" from previous eras.

After grade 12 graduation from A.H.S. (as it was known then), Ed went on to the new Windsor Teacher's College in the fall of '62. He began a career with the Separate School Board in Sept. 1964 as a teacher for over 20 years at H.J. Lassaline - specializing in "shop" courses such as woodworking, cabinetry, crafts and even cooking. Ed retired from St. Alexander school seven years ago after a rewarding and innovative career spanning 35 years.

The Gyetvais count their blessings with a family of one daughter (28), a M.D. in London, Ontario, and two sons (26 and 20 years old) - one who played for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the younger one for the Michigan State Spartans. Their oldest son, Steve, had suffered with arrhythmia for many years and died 3 years ago at age 29.

Ed also takes care of a large, old family farm near Chatham - a big job (he says) and regrets not having attended any of the early November annual reunions because they're always at "Harvest Time" and his hours extend into nighttime. See you this coming November, Ed.

## JOHN PARENT '89, WORLD TRAVELER HOME AGAIN



**John Parent '89**

John Parent '89 is someone who believes in living life to the fullest - and then goes out and does so. The sum of his life experiences is far greater than that of most people twice his age. He never stops trying to live by the Assumption motto of "Teach me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge".

John has always had a keen and active interest in politics and business so naturally he continued his

education by obtaining Bachelors degrees in International Relations from the University of British Columbia and in Commerce from the University of Windsor.

As a Special Assistant to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, John served as a key advisor in many areas including government and public relations, issues management and policy and economic development and trade. His skills were utilized regularly not only in Ontario, but across Canada and abroad. John traveled the globe to assist in promoting the province as a key place to invest. Trade missions to China and other parts of Asia, as well as Europe, the Middle East, South America and the United States have afforded him with a wealth of contacts and international experience. During John's tenure with the Premier, the Province of Ontario led the G8 nations in economic growth and job creation. John's work has afforded him the opportunities to meet world leaders from China, US President George Bush Sr., Nelson Mandela, Benjamin Netanyahu, the Queen of England and her husband the Duke of Edinburgh as well as His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

John's zest for life has allowed him to partake of such unique experiences as hiking the Great Wall of China and being in the middle of the on-field pandemonium at B.C Place during a Grey Cup victory celebration. John has also traveled to many countries in Europe with his companion Jill. John

unequivocally states that not only is Jill the strongest pillar and foundation in his life but that she is also his best friend.

Working for over a decade alongside media, the communications industry and with government leaders across Canada and around the globe, John has a wealth of experience and leadership from his previous position with the Ontario government. Since the fall of 2000, he has worked as a consultant providing executive counsel to a number of clients in both the public and private sectors.

As the founding partner of Parent and Associates, John is currently engaged in several projects including improving trade relations within the region of Ontario and Michigan, assisting in the manufacturing sector and working effectively with several local municipalities on a variety of issues, such as economic development and infrastructure improvements to strategic communications counsel and planning.

John and Jill live in historic Walkerville with their Portuguese Water Dog Charlie and are both active in outdoors and water sports. John also counts carpentry, running and golfing as activities he thoroughly enjoys.

John may be reached at Parent and Associates by calling (519) 253-2612. John would love to hear from his former classmates at [JohnnyWindsor@hotmail.com](mailto:JohnnyWindsor@hotmail.com).

## Nespolon '60 named "Cartoonist of the Year" by OCNA

Local cartoonist's work appears in each issue of Shoreline Week

by Bill Chapman - Shoreline Week

Editorial cartoonist Tony Nespolon '60 has drawn attention from the Ontario Community Newspaper Association for his biting commentary using pen and ink. Nespolon, whose work appears in each issue of Shoreline Week, was recently named "Cartoonist of the Year" in the OCNA's 2001 Better Newspapers Competition.

Rebecca Ryane, associate editor of one of our sister publications, the LaSalle Post, submitted one of Nespolon's cartoons for the competition. The winning cartoon, entitled "A Pie in the Sky Gondola", was one of 31 entries received and featured the noble idea of linking Detroit with Windsor with a gondola system.

The OCNA wasn't the only group to honour Nespolon for the award. Earlier at a LaSalle Town Council meeting, Nespolon received his plaque and a medal in recognition of his achievement. Nespolon has been drawing editorial cartoons

since 1997. His work focuses mainly on satirical images of local politicians. Thanks to his style and word of mouth, his work has drawn attention throughout southwestern Ontario. His cartoons can be seen in 12 publications, including Shoreline Week.

A retired teacher with the Greater Essex County District School Board, Nespolon taught both English and Art. Since retirement, he has continued to remain active in his community and keeps his interest in art alive with his editorial cartoons.

Nespolon remembers travelling to Italy and sketching what he saw. He recalls of his early days as a hobby artist.

Today, give him a story line and he'll come up with an 'appropriate drawing.'

"I really enjoy satirizing politicians," he explains.

Satire comes easy for Nespolon. The hard part, he says, is researching "hot topics" in the news.

Those selections of "hot topics" have paid off with this most recent honour. However, this is not his

first brush with the OCNA awards. In 1999, he won the award for "Best Local Cartoon". The enduring picture of Mayor Mike Hurst as a hungry dragon and Warden Pat O'Neil as a gladiator ripped from the annexation fight between the City of Windsor and the County of Essex.

"This is not just an editorial cartoon, it's entertainment! commented OCNA judge Bob Muirhead.

Nespolon continues to concoct editorial cartoons in his home and says he will continue with the folk art that serves as therapy.

Nespolon says that there are two quotes he admires and tries to follow when drawing: "What you really want is a cartoonist that makes you nervous," from Halifax editor Bill Turpin and "La bete d'humanite ... not owned by one political party" from Montreal La Presse's Serge Chappleau.

The OCNA is made up of 265 member newspapers throughout the province.

We have heard that Tony has retired and moved. If so, call Fr. Cullen 256-2337.

## RYAN PERROTTE, '95 GUEST SPEAKER



Ryan Perrotte, '95

Ryan Perrotte of the class of 1995 was the guest speaker at the 134th Commencement Exercises on Tuesday, June 28th for the 2005 Graduating Class of Assumption College School.

During Ryan's years at Assumption, he excelled at basketball and volleyball, winning many championships and being part of many All City teams. He won a full scholarship to IPFW (Indiana Perdu at Fort Wayne). He returned to IPFW recently as the assistant coach of the men's volleyball team. A former four-year starter for the Mastodons, Perrotte presently holds the block assist record at IPFW with 429. He is also the current record holder for highest hitting percentage in a match (.850 vs. Ohio State, 1999). Perrotte played an integral role for the team that won the MIVA championship and participated in the 1999 NCAA Final Four at UCLA. That same year, he was selected MIVA All-Conference Second Team. In his four-year playing career for IPFW, Perrotte helped the Mastodons amass a 67-33 record. Since 1999, Perrotte has been a broadcaster with College Access Channel 56, providing outstanding play-by-play and insightful colour commentary for various IPFW athletic events. Perrotte received a bachelor's degree in business accounting, and just recently completed his master's degree in communication.

At the graduating ceremonies, Ryan emphasized to the graduates that he doesn't measure success in life by the position he has attained in it, but rather he measures it by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

Here are some excerpts of his speech to the Assumption graduates of 2005: I cannot believe that it has been ten years since I graduated from Assumption. And really, when I think about it, a lot has changed since I first attended Assumption some fifteen years ago. Things were so different then. You

know how different it was? The Canadian dollar was flourishing above 80 cents, the Canadian government was at a political deadlock, Bush was president and the U.S. just finished a war with Iraq. Isn't that amazing? Wow, things have changed.

Honourable Mary Margaret Parent, Members of the Assumption Graduation Committee, the Basilian Fathers, the graduating class of 2005, distinguished guests of yours, staff and administration, ladies and gentlemen, I am truly delighted and honoured to be the special commencement speaker this evening.

### Greatest Achievement?

There is a saying that goes: the greatest achievement of the graduate is sitting through the commencement address. It's not at all hard for me to remember that vivid day of my own graduation exactly ten years ago. Strangely enough, the two things about that day that I cannot remember are, who the commencement speaker was, and what the commencement speaker had to say. My thoughts, like you, were targeted upon my family and my friends and my plans for the summer.

When I was asked back in April to provide an inspiring, inviting, and invigorating speech to you, the 2005 graduating class of Assumption, I was very hesitant because I thought that I really didn't have any magical words to motivate you about entering the next phase of your life, whatever that may be: whether college, university, the working world, whatever.

### "Never, Never, Never give up!"

Initially, I thought that maybe I should just come up here and say those magical "Winston Churchill" words, when he was asked to give the commencement address at Oxford University decades ago - "Never, Never, Never give up!" So I thought about it for awhile, and then realized that the answer to my vexing issue was right in front of my face. I am constantly berated by the question: How did you become so successful in life? Great question. However, unlike many people, I do not measure my success in life by the position I have attained in it. Instead, I measure success in this fashion, as described perfectly in this quote by Booker T. Washington: 'Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which she or he has overcome while trying to succeed.' But how do we overcome these barriers to reach that sought after position in life? The answer to this question, as I have just recently discovered, has provided me the foundation with which I've become successful in life. Simultaneously, the answer to this question has also been before each one of you during your tenure at Assumption College School, and is now the founda-

tion for which each one of you can build upon as you enter the next phase of your life.

### The answer is this:

**Bonitatem et Disciplinam et Scientiam doce me.**

Teach me Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge, Assumption's motto.

... Your achievements during the past several years have been nothing less than extraordinary. Your outstanding scholastic achievement today brings forth responsibility and a civic duty to now enter a new phase of your life with the constant reminder that anything is possible, no matter how great the odds. Follow your dreams, follow your heart, follow the Holy Spirit. Let your soul be your pilot on the journey of life. My dream to you as leaders of tomorrow, as people who will be in positions to make decisions of consequence, is to allow morality and a sense of fundamental concern for humanity guide your decisions. You are the products of greatness.

Through your hard work, sacrifice, faith, the making of good choices, with the support of family, friends and teachers, you have all succeeded. During your time in high school, some of you have experienced great obstacles along the road to graduation. Through it all, you've managed to overcome them. Through the virtues of Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge, your experience here at Assumption has prepared each one of you for the next chapter in your lives.

### Special Gift

Each one of you have been supplied with a gift, a special gift, unique to only you and you alone. You must utilize this gift in a magical way for others to see and to be touched by your gift.

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which she or he has overcome while trying to succeed."

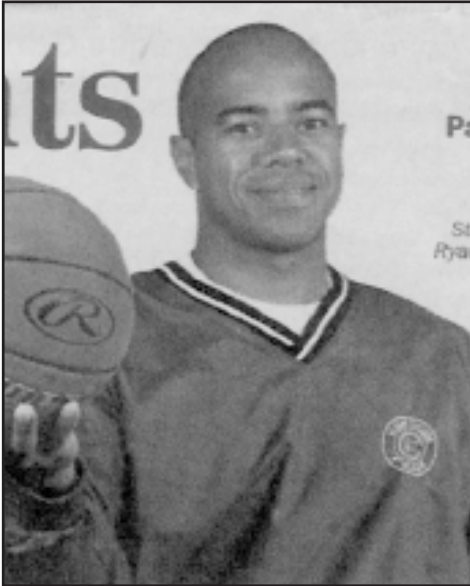
You all have succeeded. You are all successful. It is with great honour and privilege that I say to you now, the graduating class of 2005, Congratulations. Now go forth and change the world and remember along the way to always **be proud of the PURPLE AND WHITE FOREVER!**

### CLASS OF '95

10 YEARS! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?! COME HEAR WHAT YOUR CLASSMATES ARE UP TO NOVEMBER 5TH. LET US KNOW OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGE. HELPERS NEEDED TO CONTACT YOUR CLASS.  
CALL 256-7801 EXT. 299.

# FEATURE - PARSONS, PATERSON

## JIMMY PARSONS, '95 NAMED HEAD COACH



*Jimmy Parsons, '95*

Jimmy Parsons, '95 named Head Coach of the St. Clair College Varsity Women's Basketball Team.

Jimmy Parsons, a 1995 Assumption grad, excelled at basketball and volleyball during his years at Assumption. He continued his love of basketball when he attended St. Clair College and graduated from the Business Administration Marketing Program, playing 4 seasons of Varsity Basketball earning CCAA All-Canadian and OCAA All-Star status. In 2003, he was inducted to the OCAA Hall of Fame and is also a member to the All-Millennium team as one of the greatest OCAA Men's Basketball players since the league's inception.

Jimmy has been coaching with the Windsor Athletic Association Girls Juvenile and Midget teams in the Ontario Basketball Association for the past three seasons with a fifth place finish in 2003-04. During that time he also was an Assistant with the Harrow District High School Senior Girls Basketball team. He has also led the High-Rise International Basketball Organization since 2003 which has included camps, high school boys' and girls' tournaments and connections with International Development programs.

"Jimmy Parsons is an extremely talented young coach with great accomplishments in the game of basketball", said Manager of Athletics and Recreation, Cynthia DiCarlo. "The St. Clair College Athletics and Recreation Department is very proud to have one of its own to lead and continue the tradition of excellence in the Women's Basketball program. His character and temperament will serve as a great role model for our young athletes." (taken from St. Clair Saints web site)

As quoted in the Windsor Star, June 23, 2005, Jimmy says, "I can't wait to get started. I want to keep the program at the high level it has been over the past few years. That starts with local recruiting. I want to give the kids in the area a chance."

Congratulations, Jimmy. We know you'll continue the excellence and determination you gained as a Purple Raider. Good luck to you!



## RALPH PATERSON, '55 INDUCTED INTO THE LONDON SPORTS HALL OF FAME

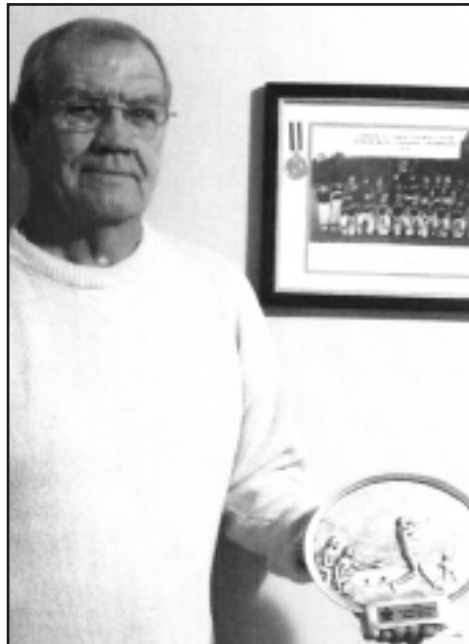


### ATTENTION: RAIDER FOOTBALL ALUMNI

The 2005 Raiders need your help! We don't have enough football helmets on the shelf and we don't have the financial resources to replace the old ones. If you or your company would consider making a donation to cover or partially cover the cost of a new helmet, please contact Denise Hebert '81 at the school 256-7801 ext. 259.

### CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL

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*Ralph Paterson, '55*

**Ralph Paterson**, class of 1955 was recently inducted into the London Sports Hall of Fame along with the London TV Cable Fastball Team, (Sr. Men's Canadian Champions, 1970) of which Ralph was captain and second baseman. Ralph developed his ball skills while playing for the Raiders, coached by Fr. Cullen in the mid 50s. Ralph has been retired from Canada Post for 6 years and in his spare time enjoys being an usher at the Labatt Centre in London. He spends most of his time at the arenas watching his grandsons play hockey. He and his wife, Jeanette (Forester Collegiate, '56) of 47 years have 4 children and 6 grandsons, 5 of whom play hockey as well as other sports, year round. At Assumption, Ralph played for the Junior Football SSWOSSA Champions in 1954. He then played for the WOSSA senior football winners. On the basketball courts he was a member of the Ontario High School Champions. Ralph also played baseball for the Assumption teams. Congratulations Ralph!

## DENISE DUCHENE '78, ACTUALLY AN ACTUARY



*Denise Duchene '78*

Five years with London Life in London, Ontario followed Denise obtaining her Bachelor of Mathematics degree in 1982 from the University of Western Ontario. While with London Life, Denise completed part of the very rigorous course work and ten examinations required by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries towards her eventual designation as an actuary. It generally takes five to 10 years to complete all of the exams to attain fellowship.

Actuaries are business professionals who apply their knowledge of mathematics – particularly of probability, statistics and risk theory – to real-life financial problems involving future uncertainty. These uncertainties are usually associated with life insurance, property and casualty insurance, annuities, pension or other employee benefit plans, or providing evidence in courts of law on the value of lost future earnings. By applying skills to these situations, actuaries help people and organizations to plan better for the future by reducing risk.

The attraction of the west proved too strong for Denise to resist and in 1987 she answered that call and relocated to the Vancouver area. She was awarded her actuarial designation while in positions of increasing responsibility with

William Mercer and with B.C. Hydro, where she oversaw the employee benefit and pension plans for the public utility.

Denise virtually instantaneously embraced the lifestyle that is afforded by the west coast's more temperate climate, abundant natural areas and outdoor activities. She has become a triathlete and was named as the alternate in her age group for British Columbia's women's triathlon team in national competition. Denise is also interested in hiking and has completed the grueling West Coast Trail with her sister Karen ('84) as well as the challenging "Sea to Summit" from Deep Cove to Brookmere.

Travel is an activity that Denise enjoys and finds enlightening. She has been fortunate enough to see much of North America and Europe and has also ventured to the Caribbean.

Since Denise now limits her work schedule to consulting engagements, family activities with her husband David Harris and their eleven year old daughter Alysha occupy more of her time. They enjoy outdoor activities such as golf and downhill skiing as a family. Denise also enjoys performing a significant amount of volunteer work at her daughter's school.

Denise enjoyed her time at the 25th reunion for the class of '78. She is among the class members who traveled the furthest to attend an event that had additional significance to her as it was also her father Jim's ('53) 50th class reunion.

Denise wishes to say "hello" to all her friends and teachers from her days as a Purple Raider. She can be reached at [dgduchene@telus.net](mailto:dgduchene@telus.net).

Denise Duchene '78 has become so comfortable in her "adopted home town" of North Vancouver, British Columbia that she likely forgets at times that she is a native of Windsor.

### CENTURY CLUB - 2005

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### Class of '75

Your 30th Anniversary of Graduation, November 5th. Come yourself. Tell your fellow grads! If you know the whereabouts of any of the '75 Grads, call **256-7801 ext. 299**.

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Please send us your email address  
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## Assumption and McJobs Graduate



**Louie Mele '73**

(Tom McMahan Windsor Star)

Customers at the McDonalds' drive through on Huron Church received special treatment one day in June 2005, when they were served by company president Louie Mele (Assumption grad, class of 1973).

Mele started at that location as a teenager cooking french fries. He was named company president of McDonald's Canada at the end of April 2005. Mele was in town for a visit with his parents, Lina and Saverio, who still live in LaSalle.

Describing himself as the company's best customer, Mele, 50, said he likes to get into the stores. He used his visit to town to check out a number of the McDonald's outlets. "If I'm in a restaurant at lunch time I'll work the drive through and talk to customers. Of course, they don't know who I am which is perfect" Mele said. If you happen to get Louie's business card it comes with a bonus. It can be exchanged for a Big Mac at any McDonald's location.

Mele, who dropped out of the University of Windsor business program after one year, has found his rise to the top also brings academic recognition as he has been asked to speak to an MBA class at the university.

He has one word of encouragement to those toiling over the fries – "I'm a McJobs graduate."

### Want to know about your upcoming Reunion??

Contact one of your class volunteers.

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### CLASS OF '55

Your 50th Anniversary of Graduation, November 5th. Come Yourself. Tell your fellow grads! If you know the whereabouts of any of the '55 grads call **256-7801 ext. 299**.

## LOST ALUMNI FROM CLASS OF 1985 WE'VE LOST A FEW

We've lost the addresses of some of your fellow '85 grads. If you can help us find them, call the alumni office at 519-256-7801 ext. 299. (Please Note: Missing Alumni from classes of '55, '70, '75, '80 can be found in Spring Newsletter 2005, #79)

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Arundine, Nadia  
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Boucher, Darryl Thomas  
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Collins, Christopher Mark  
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Delicata, (Tullio) Michelina Marie  
Del Mul, Andrew Ugo  
Desantis, Reno  
Diet, Douglas Rene  
Dietrich, Mark David  
Digesu, Lori Dana  
Donaldson, (Blonde) Christine  
Doyle, David Nathan  
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Lee-Shanok, Philip Sean  
Licata, Anthony  
Lo, Sam Yam Yin  
Lori, Michael  
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MacDonald, Micheal John  
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Tarte, Rolland Bernard  
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*Remember When?*

## 1954-1955

(excerpts taken from John Kelly's history 'Assumption High School 1870-1995')

High school enrolment was 838 students, of whom 187 were boarders. Fees for Grade 9 were set at \$105 while those for the remaining grades were \$115. Room and board was pegged at \$610. Work was progressing at full throttle on the new high school: "the architect is working on the plans for the first wing of the new high school. It is hoped that it will be ready in September [1955]".

In the winter, the Junior Basketball team won W.O.S.S.A. under the tutelage of Reno Bertoia, who came home to Assumption to garner his first coaching title. But the story of the year was again the Senior Hockey team as they went on to gain their fifth straight W.S.S.A. and third W.O.S.S.A. title in five years. In that five-year period, the Raiders record was 76-6-4. During the season, they won their 18 starts, and outscored the opposition 113-23.

Activities for the year included Student Council, the Social Committee, Weight Lifters, the St. John Bosco Club, the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, the Young Christian Students, the Legion of Mary, the Mission Society, the Band, The Crusader, the Reporter, the Drama Club (which staged "See How They Run", "Monkey's Paw", "Home Sweet Home", and "Arsenic and Old Lace"), the Hobby Club, the Checker Club, the Canadian and American Moms Club, the Dads Club (which packed 1200 people into the gym for a fund raising bingo), the Sea Cadets (only the second Sea Cadets Corps in Canada), and the Oratorical Club (which entered the first ever International Basilian Speech Festival in Toronto). The year also marked the first canned good drive in Assumption's history.

In the spring came the news about the start of construction of Assumption's own high school up on Huron Line. The Reporter noted: The plans are set, the sod has been turned and headway is being made in the building of the new school. However, this undertaking will be done in stages. The first stage will involve the moving of only the ninth and tenth grades. It will be a one-storey building consisting of [the] first ten classrooms. There will be accommodations for a library, offices, activity rooms and locker rooms. Consequently in the new school there will be no lockers in the corridors, but they will be situated in a separate room. Space for a cafeteria has also been made and at one end of it will be a stage which will later open into the gym. The first stage is expected to be ready for next September.

The gym is part of the second stage and will go up as soon as possible. Also included in this operation is the addition of fifteen more classrooms. With the completion of this phase the remaining grades are expected to move into the new school.

In the third and final stage there will be erected a staff residence and chapel. This will complete the operation and it is hoped that this will be accomplished in the very near future. The buildings will occupy a portion of the capacious twenty-three acre property between Tecumseh Road and College Street.



## 1969-1970

(excerpts taken from John Kelly's history 'Assumption High School 1870-1995')

This year marked the Centennial of Assumption and the last year of all young men!. Some 781 students were enrolled of which 145 were boarders (a decrease of 20% over the previous year). The boarders paid \$1700 for their room and board, the senior day students paid \$240 a year and the juniors (grades 9 and 10) paid nothing. The Basilian Fathers sold about 5 acres of land to the Separate School Board. The funds realized by the sale allowed the renovation of the building which was to become a co-educational senior school by Sept. 1971. Fr. Sheedy stated, "We have decided to make a giant step forward... as an example to the rest of the province as to what can be done in faith and hope... Assumption will more or less "fill the void" left by the closing of St.

Mary's Academy, providing Christian education for the girls of the west side of Windsor. "

Grades 9 and 10 fell under the Separate School Board, receiving only elementary school level grants with the Basilian Fathers having complete direction. Grades 11,12 and 13 would still remain private grades paying tuition until the government comes through and removes 'the financial barrier'. The teaching staff would be comprised of the Basilian Fathers, the Holy Names Sisters, Christian Brothers and a regular staff of lay teachers.

ular staff of lay teachers.

Championships attained included: Ed Petryshyn's Junior Varsity Basketball team winning both W.S.S.A. and S.W.O.S.S.A., Fr. Cullen's hockey team winning W.S.S.A., tennis team of the Galambos brothers (Steve and Nick) taking both W.S.S.A. and S.W.O.S.S.A., and the golf team took S.W.O.S.S.A. At the sports banquet, where Notre Dame's legendary coach Ara Parseghian was guest speaker, Mike Naughton was Athlete of the Year and Denis Smith became the first recipient of the Fr. Armstrong plaque as the school's Most Outstanding Student Athlete.



Around the school, a wide variety of activities were accomplished including, the staging of 'Music Man', 'Royal Hunt of the Sun' and 'Barefoot in the Park'; the Mission Society, Bookfair, a Grub Day, Activity day, Academic Assembly, Can Drive (56,183 cans), Pep Assemblies, Poster Club, Art Club, Chess Club, Crusader, Reporter, Boarder Parents Club, Mothers Club, Darkroom Club, Library Club, Oratorical Club and Math Contests.

## 1974-1975

(excerpts taken from John Kelly's history 'Assumption High School 1870-1995')



The school's population continued to rise this year, reaching 1,659 in total, an increase of 8.4% over the previous year. Tuition for senior level students was \$335; while room and board fees reached \$1600. There were 401 freshmen and 125 boarders.

Principal Father Pat Lalonde utilized the talents of a staff of 92 members this year. By year-end, their efforts had led to the graduation of 297 new Assumption grads.

In his annual report, Father Lalonde noted that the school was able to

handle the increased number of students on site by dividing the Boarders Rec. Hall into five different classrooms. He added that \$1200/month rent was received from the Windsor Separate School Board for use of the facilities. His words describe the crunch that was being felt at the time:

....Our Math Department uses the Rec. Hall and seems delighted with the situation....Our teachers seem willing to do anything to make the school run better....The total financial picture is becoming more and more acute as the cost of education rises and the number of Basilians and Sisters dwindles....We will raise the tuition from \$335 to \$400 for the year 1975-76. We hope this will not turn too many students away. I would not want our school to become one that only the rich could afford...

The following sports teams garnered championships for the Purple Raiders athletic program of 74-75: W.S.S.A. titles to Sister Gloria Drouillard's Junior Girls Basketball squad, Mr. Paolini's Freshmen Boys Basketball, and the Girls Curling team. A S.W.O.S.S.A. title was obtained by the Junior Boys Volleyball team (coached by Mr. Renaud) and the Varsity Hockey team, coached by Father Cullen and Ken Billey, which went on to be All-Ontario finalists. Athletes of the Year were Mark Philp and Angie MacDonald, the latter for a third straight year. Mike Morencie and Cathy Miles were Student Athletes of the Year.

School activities included Student Council, Awards Assembly, Grade 13 Dinner Dance, the Christmas Prom and the Senior Prom, the drama students staged "Mame", "Our Town", and a series of "One Act, Plays", the Sports Banquet, Variety Night, the Darkroom Club, Missions, Can Drive, Handicrafts, Hockey Video production, an Activity Day, The Crusader, the Junior Band, the Pep Band, the Concert Band, Ski Club, Poster Club, Outdoors Club, Reach for the Top, Chess Club, Math Contestants and Assumption's first radio station, C.A.C.H. Radio. The Mothers Club, Dads Club and Boarder Parents Club continued their inestimable work in help-

ing the school. Another Canadian Constitutional Conference was organized and run by the History Department.

## 1979-1980

(excerpts taken from John Kelly's history 'Assumption High School 1870-1995')

There were 1820 students registered at the College for this academic year, of whom 100 were boarders. Tuition for Grades 11-13 was \$500; while boarders paid \$2700. The school was so overcrowded that two additional classrooms were created by moving lockers into the corridors.

Father Frank McCabe returned for his second year as Principal, with a staff of 106 priests, nuns and lay personnel. A total of 319 graduates became Assumption alumni as they received their graduation diplomas in June.

Assumption athletes were prominent in their successes during this academic year. S.W.O.S.S.A. Championships were won by the following teams: Mr. Owen's Wrestling team (for the third straight year). Junior Girls Cross Country, and Midget Boys, and Junior and Senior Girls Track and Field Teams. As well, the Midget Boys went on to become the Ontario champs! W.S.S.A. titles went to Junior Football, Badminton, and Senior A Boys Basketball, as well as Sue Montbleau's Junior Girls Basketball squad, and Father Cullen's Hockey team. At the Sports Banquet, Dave Binder and Denise Tower were given Athlete of the Year Awards, while Steve Ratko and Eva Freisinger were noted as Student Athletes of the Year.

Around the school: Father Armstrong's Mission Society received \$8269.54 in donations. The Can Drive pulled in 27,000 cans. Other activities included The Crusader, and the work of its photographers; Reach for the Top, a United Nations Conference, Student Council, the Awards Assembly, the Student Concert Band which won the Centennial Music Festival, the Stage Band, the Pep Band, the Assumption Singers and the Junior Band. Mr. Stephens' dramatists put on the play "Man of La Mancha" and a later series of five one act plays. There was a Bowling League, an Italian Club, an exchange with students from Quebec, Chess Club, Oratorical Club, Math Contestants, Radio CACH, and the work of the Dads Club and the Mothers Club, with the Spring Fair and the Fashion Show.



## 1984-1985

(excerpts taken from John Kelly's history 'Assumption High School 1870-1995')



Enrollment was up by 10% this year, reaching a new all-time high of 1920 students of which 498

were grade nines and only 96 boarders. Tuition at the senior level was \$720. The greatest change that occurred at Assumption happened when Norfolk Campus opened as an annex for the overcrowded conditions as a one year arrangement until the third Catholic high school opened (Holy Names High school with Fr. Hod Marshall as its first principal). Ten of Assumption's feeder schools have been transferred to the new school. The long range projection for Assumption is a population of 1100-1200 students by 1988 (the original population when the school became coed in 1971). Because of the size of the student body and the fact that there were two campuses, there were two starting times. The seniors' schedule went from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the juniors' went from 9:10 a.m. until 3:10 p.m. The Grad 9 and 11 students were bussed to the Norfolk Campus (i.e. the former St. Hubert's School on California St.) brought back for lunch, and then finished the day at Assumption.

Only two championship teams graced the school's athletic history, the Junior Girls' Basketball team as City Champs (coaches Miss Boretzky and Mr. Fera), and Mr. Hogan's Freshmen Boys' basketball which garnered a W.S.S.A. title for the fifth consecutive year.

In extra curriculums, the Student Council continued its hard work to develop school spirit. The Assumption Players put on two shows: 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat' and 'David and Lisa'. Other activities included: the Blood Drive, Can Drive, the work of the Senior Band, Stage Band, Quintet and One, Pep Band, Choral Group, E.C.K.O., Chess team, Computer team, Reach for the Top, Prom Committee, Italian Club, Mothers' Club Spring Fair, Fashion Show, Dads' Club, Play day, Academic Awards Assembly, Father Q's Trips, Gr. 13 Dinner Dance, Newspaper the Grapevine, the Crusader, Cheerleaders and finally, a Gr. 13 vs Teachers basketball game.

Other changes included Fr. Larry Finke becoming the new Dean of Residence and using lay dons to replace priest prefects on the second and third floors of the boarders' residence.

The most far reaching announcement of the year came from Tory Premier William Davis, who initiated the continuation of funding for Grades 11 and 12 to be inaugurated in September 1985. This would have massive implications for all Catholic high schools in the province, Assumption being one of them...

## 1989-1990

(excerpts taken from John Kelly's history 'Assumption High School 1870-1995')

The writer for the Basilian Annals succinctly commented for this year:

Since the Windsor Separate School Board has assumed control and management of the school, the number of Basilians working within it has decreased, and the work done by the Basilians in residence has assumed a much larger spectrum....

Some familiar faces had gone. Father David Weise, the Chaplain, had been transferred away. Father Vincent Pare had retired. Father Hod Marshall had resigned and was taking an apostolate in St. Lucia in the West Indies. But Father Armstrong continued to raise monies for the Missions and Father Agius did maintenance work at the school. Father Cullen supervised the Alumni and did some hockey and baseball coaching. Father Hart (Vice Principal), Father Stortz (Guidance Head), Father Janisse (Resource Centre) and Father Johnson (Biology) continued active in the school.

...Renovations of the chapel, including the new window and new furnishings were completed in November 1989.... Discussion with the City of Windsor were ongoing for the proposed widening of Huron Church Road, which would include an additional two lanes on the school side of the street. Father Joe Redican C.S.B. began his second year as the school's Principal. His staff for the year numbered one hundred comprised of five Basilians and lay teachers. There were 216 graduates in the class of 1990 who went forth with their Assumption diplomas. Several deaths caused sadness in the school community this year. The greatest outpouring of love and affection occurred upon the passing of Father Leon Hart C.S.B., who had been at the school as Academic Vice Principal (1974-1984) and Vice Principal of Discipline (1984-1990), and who died on January 28, 1990. In fact, the school newspaper The Grapevine, published a "Father Hart Memorial", which, in itself spoke volumes about the many lives he touched while at Assumption.

Other deaths included Mr. Bob Lariviere, a custodian at the school for five years and Joseph MacMillan, an Assumption student for four years, who died at age 18 of bone cancer.

For one of the few years in the school's history, there were no athletic championships claimed. Most Valuable Athlete Awards were given to Jeff Grail and Laura Lapine while Joe Barile and Tina Nikitiuk were recognized as top Student Athletes.

Other school activities included: Academic Awards Assembly, the Blood Drive, Talent Show, Christmas Concert, Annual Canned Food Drive (42,284 cans), the Christmas Float, Q-Trips, French Oratory Contest, Student Council, Debating Team, School Reach Team, Crusader, Students Against Drunk Driving, the Grapevine, Italian Club, Science Olympiad, Peer Helping, newly named Parents' Club (which restarted the Fashion Show), Assumption Players (put on 'Sometimes I Wake Up in The Middle of the Night', and Campus Ministry and its retreats.

The Bingo Club donated \$10,000 during the year for renovations to the cafeteria, books for the Resource Centre and tech programs.



# LETTERS

## Dear Fathers:

It's been a long time since graduation in 1953. I appreciate receiving the Newsletter and find it most interesting. I have precious memories of my school days 'Boys Only' Assumption High School, then housed in a magnificent building off London Ave (University Drive). What strikes me was the discipline that a boy had to have that was enforced. My three sisters had gone to St. Mary's Academy (long ago) - a good school for girls only. You may remember my father who owned White's Restaurant and Elbow Room on Pitt Street.

After graduating from Assumption, I attended and graduated from Walsh Institute in Detroit. Upon graduation, I had worked for a small certified public accounting firm in Detroit.

I am retired from both Chrysler and the US federal government. My job position with Chrysler was with Chrysler Financial in auditing car dealerships throughout the North American Automotive Operations. This would involve flying out of Metro Airport on a Monday and returning usually on Friday. The frequent business trips took me all over the US, including Hawaii and also Canada. My employment with the Federal government included internal auditing as a civilian employee with the US Army Corp. of Engineers- Detroit District and with the Internal Revenue Service - Detroit District as a revenue agent. My life experiences also include service in the military as I was drafted in the US Army and stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky - home of the 101st Airborne Division which is known as the Screaming Eagles.

After my wife Catherine had passed away about three years ago, I sold my house in Detroit and moved to a new condo in the New Center area of Detroit.

The enclosed cheque is a donation to aid in the production and distribution of the Newsletter.

Sincerely, Harry G. Lukas, '53

## News from Doug Wolcott, '45:

For over a year now I have had a newsletter on my desk saying nice things about Tom Zuber. In 1945 Tom had the honour of sitting next to me for all our courses and I would like to believe that all the success he has had is attributable to that circumstance.

Seriously though, I am as impressed by his success as I was by his character, which is everything. As for me, I am long retired as I suspect is true for most of the class of '45. Life has been good, and I say that in spite of recently suffering a stroke which affected my right side, my dominant side. But I am back to walking, with a slight hitch in my giddy-up and have retrained my right hand to do the things it must.

Doug Wolcott, '45

## Dear Fathers:

I was overly excited with the Alumni dinner on November 6, 2004. The new high school was great to see. I read the history book on Assumption High School (1970-1995) by John J. Kelly and realized that the school has a remarkable and impressive history. You and Father Armstrong were excellent leaders in sports, as well as excellent academic teachers that made many students proud that they graduated from Assumption.

As a student during 1950-1954, I never really made too many friends, but

I enjoyed playing football and hockey. Hockey was my first love, which I love to watch on television. Here in Muskegon, at L.C. Walker Arena, there have been many winning teams over the last 45 years. For many years I skated at L.C. Walker Arena, encouraging other children and adults to learn to skate. I remember Sam Sisco, who graduated from Assumption, refereed many games in the 1970s.

Two students that I associated with most of the time were John Lemay, who helped me learn some basics on how to play hockey, and Theodore Warrow, who played the game of chess with me for many hours.

Marty Kubanek '54

## Terry Bachynski, Class of '75 writes:

I was surprised the Alumni organization at Assumption had lost track of me. We have moved several times over the last 23 years, having lived in Calgary, Fort McMurray, Calgary (again) and now Edmonton, and somehow, the alumni machine at Assumption always seemed to find me without any effort on my part. So, when a colleague of mine (who's sister is married to Greg Garbula who also attended Assumption) told me that I was on the "missing in action" list in a recent newsletter received by Greg, I was surprised.

Anyway, you know where to find me now. Hopefully I will be able to attend the homecoming in November. We'll see how the calendar works out.

All is well with our family. Our oldest (Jared) is entering 3rd year business school at University of Alberta this fall. Darren begins his first year of University at U of A in the fall as well and our identical twin girls, Emily and Lana, enter Grade 11 at Victoria School for Performing and Visual Arts in Edmonton.

Laura and I just celebrated our 23rd wedding anniversary on July 10th. Laura is a busy Mom, artist, singer and actress. I do my bit to keep the cash flow ahead of the cash burn rate in our house.

We are both active in our church, participating in the music ministry. Most Sundays you will find us leading or helping with the music at mass.

I stopped practicing law about 15 years ago and have had a varied career working in various senior executive roles with a number of companies. I now head a consulting firm, JDEL Associates Ltd., which secures regulatory approvals for large capital and resource development projects in Alberta and other jurisdictions on behalf of our corporate clients. Oil Sands developments, mines, upgrading and refining facilities, power plants and

other large capital projects are the types of projects I undertake. You can check out my business at our website at [www.jdel.ca](http://www.jdel.ca). The "JDEL" in the company name represents the initials of our four children. Nothing like a constant reminder of why we do what we do!

Hope to see many of the class of '75 in the fall at the homecoming.

God Bless,

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*Furthest from the Pin - in Annual Alumni Golf Tournament on June 4, 2005*

Ron Sooley, '54

## The Lesperance Family

Norman Lesperance ('50) and his wife Lorraine have had many blessings this year. Norm and Lorraine Celebrated Milestone Birthdays, and on May 22nd, they gathered with family and friends for their 50th Anniversary and Renewal of their Vows. Norman retired from the Windsor Police Department in 1986. Norm enjoys Florida every winter, golfing and spending time with his grandchildren. They have 5 children, Susan, Mark and wife Mary, Nanette, Chris and wife Debbie and Linda and husband Frank. Pepe's "little stinkers" range from 23 years to 9 years; Billy, Jason, Bryce, Garrett, Alex, Matt and Michelle.



*Linda Presello, Norman Lesperance, Susan Lesperance*

She has had many successful years coaching boy's volleyball.

Linda Presello (Lesperance '81) is a Campus Minister at Assumption College Catholic High School. She is married to Frank (Kennedy '80) for 19 years, and have three wonderful children, Alexander 13, Matthew 11, and Michelle 9. They attend Notre Dame School, and are looking forward to attending Assumption. Linda worked for the Diocese of London for 12 years before walking back into her "old" school. "I am truly blessed to be working at ACS, Assumption is more than a High School. It is a community of faith, family and friends."

## LETTERS FROM PRESENT DAY STUDENTS TO ALUMNI

(prepared for the Nov. 6, 2004 reunion)

**Dear Class of 1954,**

First of all, let me welcome you to Assumption. I wish that you would have been able to attend classes in the current building, but not to worry, traditions and celebrations that were started in the old high school, have been carried over to the new one and continue now, 50 years after this building opened. I myself, being a graduate of 2004 understand what it must be like to walk into a building that you do not recognize. I also had a bit of a shock walking into the renovated sections, but now, with all the photos of all the great sports teams and graduating classes re-hung, the school is beginning to get the same feeling it did in 2000 when I started. I just hope you have the same feeling and that you enjoy your visit to the newly renovated Assumption College School and I also hope that the traditions will last another fifty years, if not forever. William Cox

Anonymous responses from class of '54:

Time flies – enjoy the next 50 years

Keep the tradition going!! Found Memories are FOREVER!

**Mitchell Odjick, class of '05 writes to Alumni:**

I am a grade 12 student who has attended Assumption for 4 years. I came from St. Frances Elementary School in Windsor. The reason I chose Assumption was because I have always wanted to attend the best high school in Canada. Assumption is known all over the country for its great spirit. It is also know to have the nicest people in the whole city.

I hope you have fun meeting up with old friends and remembering the good times.

Members of the Class of '79 respond: Dear Mitchell, I wish you all the warm, happy memories and experiences that I have felt throughout the years. Good luck to you in all that you do! Jackie Beneteau



Great observations about Assumption. It was the same some 25 years ago! Best of Luck! Cathy Mombourquette

Wherever you end up, you can always come back to ACS for great memories like this weekend. Virginia Z.

It has been a great weekend! I hope you can do the same 25 years from now. Maureen

You know the best kept secret – Purple Raiders forever! This is an important time in your life. Keep the memories – they will shape who you could become. Good luck. A. Knapp

Your memories of Assumption hopefully are as spirited as ours. Keep the faith, good luck and thanks for the letter. C. Tobin



You may never find school memories relived like at Assumption. 5 great years at Assumption, great memories. PN

**Elle Mistruzzi writes to class of '54:**

I am currently in grade 9 here at Assumption. I am sure there have been many changes to this school since your years of attendance. It must have been very fascinating to be in a school where boarders came, to see what it was like to have kids from all over the world taking classes together. In fact, at Assumption there is a new program called The International Baccalaureate, that will give the kids here who are at a higher academic level, a chance to take special courses that are known world-

wide. So, kids all over the world in this program are taking standardized courses and when we graduate, we will all be able to get into just about any university in the world. This is the first year (2004-05) that Assumption has had this program and that is why I decided to come

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here. Thank goodness this program came to this school because otherwise, I never would have come here and never would have been able to see what a fabulous school it is!

**Sincerely, Elle Mistruzzi (Mrs. Dumouchelle's Grade 9 Math Class)**

**John Ashworth, class of '74 responds:** You are in a fabulous school and if you have any doubt about that now, you will not after you have been away for a few years. Good luck with the IB program.



**Katherine Arca, class of '05 writes to All Alumni:**

I have been a student for four years at Assumption College Catholic High School. The grade school that I attended was St. John Elementary School.

The sports that I have joined so far are badminton and ultimate Frisbee. I've enjoyed these sports and it shows how the Assumption spirit is alive. My future plans are to go to University of Windsor and to take Nursing. This semester is a difficult one since I have all my courses that I need to get into University: English, Chemistry and Biology. It's been a rough semester but I am trying my hardest to achieve my goals.

The things that inspired me the most are the people. The students and the staff members have shown me how to keep going by their encouragement to try my best, do well in life, etc. When my father passed away three years ago, my Assumption family was there all the way. They helped me through good and bad. I will never forget my Assumption family after I graduate, since they have helped me all of my years at Assumption.

Well, I hope you have a great weekend at Assumption, reuniting with old friends and teachers. I hope that reading my letter gives you another perspective of high school life now.



John Ashworth, class of '74 responds: Thanks Katherine, we had a great weekend seeing all the old friends. Assumption Spirit is alive and well in the class of '74 as I see it is with you. Frisbee? That's new! Good luck

in this semester and at U of W! Keep in touch with Assumption – it's special.

**Jamie Nykolak, Class of '05 writes:**

**My Fellow Purple Raiders,**

School Spirit! Those two words are what have kept me motivated throughout my high school years so far at Assumption. Those two words have changed my life. Ever since I started grade 9 in 2001, the students on student council have amazed me with their incredible ability to pump up the school. Even with the renovations and all the stress going around the school at that time, the students still put forth their best effort for everyone to enjoy the time they did spend at school. From Frosh Fest to Semi-formal, and cafeteria games to school dances, the student council had brought the word "fun" into Assumption. It's amazing how much enthusiasm these people bring to the school and students with their hard work and dedication to make everyone have "the best years of our lives". I really truly felt like an Assumption Purple Raider who was "bleeding purple blood". It was all of those young dedicated students who helped shape our school and more importantly ...me!



But not only do I give credit to the students who have made my high school years some of the best times of my life but also to the staff. Without the staff, our school would not be half the school it is now. They have helped me grow

and mature as a young woman while not only teaching me what you must learn in order to graduate but real life lessons that I will keep with me forever. The teaching staff is so amazing and they are also part of what I love about Assumption. It's all about the people that make Assumption such an amazing school. From the teachers to the students, they're what make me want to go to school everyday. As a Grade 12 student, I can say with no regret that I will be graduating with pride knowing I went to such an amazing school with such amazing people. Assumption is by far the best high school you could possibly attend. Purple blood will always run through my veins now!

John Ashworth '74, Prime Minister of Student Council in '75 responds: The teachers were amazing when I was there too. How do they do that? Keep in touch with Assumption and you will keep in touch with friends and that school spirit!

## DID YOU KNOW THAT WE SEND OUT ABOUT 8000 NEWSLETTERS TO OUR ALUMNI?

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## Student Just Spoke His Mind

Windsor Star by Jordan Press, July 19, 2005.

On the road to becoming valedictorian at Assumption Secondary School, Bob Tran had to give a speech to his classmates. While the other 14 students nominated for the position had the same messages in their speeches, Tran said he did something different. "I just kind of tried talking to the crowd instead of speaking to them," the 18-year-old said. "I just spoke my mind. I actually didn't have anything written down." After that, he was the one chosen to be valedictorian and give the final address at the school's graduation on June 28th. While maintaining an 87 per cent average, he also played volleyball, was a sprinter on the track and field team, a member of student council, part of the multicultural club and helped out each year with the school's canned food drive. On a rainy night during first semester, Bob Tran showed up at school around 5 p.m. to help in Assumption's final push in its

annual canned food drive. He and other students had teachers drive them to an area of the city that had not already been covered. The students went door-to-door asking people to donate their "can goods for charity." Tran did that for six hours. By the end of the night, the school had broken its previous record set the year before. (46,000 cans with an average of over 63 per student). It's a memory, Tran said, that shows him how all the students at the school could come together to help others. Next year, Tran will be back at Assumption to gain the six credits he needs to attend university. He had planned to go to college, but changed his mind after taking college-stream courses. Eventually, he wants to study human kinetics at the University of Windsor. It wasn't something he wanted to study originally but after taking an exercise science course at school this year, Tran said he became interested in the human body and wanted to study it.



**Bob Tran**



**Richard Stolarski (Forester '74), Chrissy Vanderheide-Stolarski (Stodolny '80), Nadine Duggal (Stodolny '76)**

**Chrissy Vanderheide-Stolarski** (Stodolny), '80, married Richard Stolarski (Forester, '74) on October 20, 2001. Richard works for Greenshield Canada as a computer operator and Chrissy is a director and has sat on the Board with the Windsor-Essex Humane Society for the past 8 years. Chrissy also is actively working with the IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare) to stop animal cruelty and has a petition active now to end the Canadian seal hunt. Contact her at chrssyblonde@yahoo.com. Richard and Chrissy have 2 beautiful dogs, Heidi and Gustav.

**Nadine Duggal** (Stodolny), '76, married Raj Duggal (Regina Mundy, '78) on May 17, 1990. Raj works for a computer firm in the U.S.A. and Nadine keeps very busy with their daughter, Lauren Victoria, born December 17, 1997.

Lauren keeps her cat, Sasha, very busy every day.

**Andy Vasily, '86**, writes:

I have been the Physical Education Coordinator at the Hiroshima International School in Japan for the past three years. Japan has been a wonderful experience for my wife, Neila Steele (Mississauga, Ontario) and my son Eli. We are expecting baby #2 in July. To all my ex Raider football teammates, I'm still tossing the ball around here in Japan. My flag football team, Hiroshima Force, recently played in Japan's national championship at the Tokyo Dome - unfortunately coming up 6 points short in the end. It would be nice to hear from you. Drop me a line at andyvasily@yahoo.ca. Thanks.

**Christopher Richard, '90**, married **Sherry Sliepenbeek, '89**, in April, 2005 on a beach in St. Lucia. Chris works in retail sales at Freeds in Windsor. Sherry has been a registered nurse for 12 years and works in a Recovery Room in Dearborn, Mich. "We would love to hear news from classmates from '89 or '90 in the Newsletter."

**Joelle Pecz-Homes, '86**, writes: "After 18 years I've moved back "home". My husband, Mark was transferred to Windsor and we couldn't be more thrilled. We're still getting used to how much slower the pace is in Windsor compared to Toronto. My children, Joalithe and Ahnuka are excited to start at their new school

in September. I'm looking forward to getting reacquainted with my old friends."

**Mrs. Margaret Gerard** (Boughner), '73 is a registered practical nurse for 31 years, Reiki master, pro-base fisherman, married since 1983, has two daughters.

**Alan Marentette, '55** writes: "I was told that Louise Kelly is working for the Alumni so I send my regards as a long lost soul. I have lived in various parts of Ontario including Sarnia and Ottawa before settling in Burlington. I retired a year ago after working for 40 plus years in the credit union system and retired as the President and CEO of HEPCOE Credit Union that served Central Ontario. At that time the company had 26 branches and over 400 employees. I am enjoying retirement which Donna and I spend between our home in Burlington and one near Wiarton on Georgian Bay. I have never received a newsletter and since 1955 have only met two classmates serendipitously in Ottawa and in Algonquin Park. My sister Gayle Broad told me about your search for ex students. If Louise reads this, howdy! I would love to hear from you as it has been years." Alan's email address is amarentette@sympatico.ca.

**Dan Budnaruk, '88** writes: I have been teaching mathematics at F.J. Brennan since 2000. I also taught in London, England in 1998 and 1999. I took a leave of absence in the school year 2004-05 to travel in New Zealand and Australia.

# ATTENTION

## ATTENTION: ALL MUSIC LOVERS!!

The Assumption Band is back and on a mission to restore some of its former glory! Approximately 40+ students in the concert and jazz band have been practicing hard all year, even practicing during their lunch hours. Many of these students do not own their own instruments and have to rely on those that the school owns. Unfortunately, these instruments are old, broken beyond repair, and more of a hindrance than help to the students. Therefore, we are in desperate need of funds to purchase new ones. We would also gladly accept any used instruments that you may have. We especially need brass and woodwind instruments. Please contact me, Brian Zanier, Music Teacher, at the school, 519-256-7801 if you can help. Thank you!

## ATTENTION: CLASS OF 1975

Are you ready to celebrate our 30th reunion? It promises to be the greatest one yet! Remember, our class was the first COED class to attend all years of high school at Assumption.

### Tentative plans are:

**Friday Evening Nov. 4, 2005  
(after 6 p.m.)**

**Saturday Morning, Nov. 5, 2005**

**Saturday Evening, Nov. 5, 2005**

**Lilly Kazzilly's Crab Shack & Grill**

**Golf at Roseland Golf Course  
(contact : Frank latonna, Dave Roberts)**

**At Assumption High**

**Then later for our post party at a location t.b.a.**

Be sure to check out the Assumption website in the fall for more detailed information. A committee will also be calling you to give you any up-to-date information.

You may contact any of the following:

Frank latonna	519-969-7933
Dave Roberts	519-971-9213
Lil Dumouchelle	519-969-7419
Peter Hrastovec	519-966-1300
	519-256-2160

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ext. 421 Daytime  
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## CLASS OF '70

Your 35th Anniversary of Graduation, November 5th. Come Yourself. Tell your fellow grads! If you know the whereabouts of any of the '70 grads call **256-7801 ext. 299.**

## CLASS OF '85

Your 20th Anniversary of Graduation, November 5th. Come Yourself. Tell your fellow grads! If you know the whereabouts of any of the '85 grads call **256-7801 ext. 299.**



## CLASS OF '80

25 years ago - a long time - you have many stories and anecdotes. Tell your classmates. Relive your high school adventures. Remember your fun days on Sat. Nov. 5th. If you can help call **256-7801 ext. 299.**



*Remember the fun?*

## DO YOU KNOW ASSUMPTION HISTORY?

It is now in book form. John J. Kelly, '68 has completed his study of our school's history. On sale at Assumption \$25 CAN. by mail-add \$5 to mail in Canada, \$6 to mail in the U.S.A.

## THANK YOU

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Preney Print & Litho Inc. for a great job printing the newsletter. Special thanks to Mary Wilson for the super job on details.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Pat Cunningham '53**  
**Art Drobitch '53**  
**Pat Garvin '49**  
**Bernie Gignac '63**  
**Richard Kroskie '58**  
**Brian Naughton '75**  
**Alan Rettig '73**  
**Gary Sorenson '59**

## WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO ????

Is there that one person (who has never come to one of the reunions) that none of your former classmates knows of his or her whereabouts?

Ask us.

Email us at [acsalumni99@hotmail.com](mailto:acsalumni99@hotmail.com) asking about one of your former classmates and we will try to contact them to send us a note of where they are and what they are doing.

**Editor**

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# AWARDS

## ASSUMPTION COLLEGE SCHOOL - ACADEMIC AWARDS

### SUBJECT AWARDS

The following academic awards have been made available through the generosity of the families and friends of Mrs. Anna DeMarco, Dr. Frank DeMarco, Sr., Stanley Fister, Robert Beneteau, Keith McCullough, Gabriel Menko, Bud Odette, The Graduating Class of '86, Joan Scarfone, Fr. W. Sharpe, The Basilian Fathers of Assumption College School, Alphonse Poitras, Joan Arens, The Assumption Dads' Club, The Graduating Class of '75.

Arts	Danielle Bouchard
Business Studies	Kathy Lien, Rob Lafleur
Religious Studies	Heather Richards, Amy Guttridge
Co-Op Education	Calen Hamelin
English	Daniel Tilo, Heather Richards, Bob Tran
Mathematics	Meaghan Renaud, Olivia Miliucci, Edgar Chan
Modern Languages	Andra Nicolescu
Physical and Health Education	Sarah Favot, Emily Limarzi
Science	Heather Richards, Hakim Rahim
Social Sciences	Lucy Le
Technological Studies	Ryan Ramirez, Brad Labutte, Romeo Tilo

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Advanced Level Proficiency	
The Dr. R.J. Coyle Award	Sarah Favot
General Level Proficiency	
The Juliette Rondot Award	Bob Tran

### SPECIAL AWARDS

Basilian Fathers of Assumption Bursary (for Academic Excellence)	Danielle Bouchard, Edgar Chan
Fr. "Jakie" Donlon, C.S.B., Bursary	Morgan Eagan
Fr. Vincent Guinan, C.S.B, Bursary	Laura Stannard
Joseph Pelletier Award	Andra Nicolescu
Jack Murphy, Class of '45 Award	Michelle McInnis, Danielle Bouchard Edgar Chan
Louis & Lorraine Merlo Award	Sarah Favot
Frank Mascarin Bursary	Laura Stannard, Calen Hamelin
Frank Mascarin Award	Sarah Favot
Silvia Romano Award	Lucy Le, Edgar Chan
Archbishop Denis O'Connor, C.S.B. Award	Emily Limarzi
Norbert Armstrong Award	Sarah Favot
W. Fred Jordan Memorial Award #1	Calen Hamelin, Jamie Prier
Mike Lori Memorial Award	Emily Limarzi, Anthony Ngan
Fr. Charles Armstrong, C.S.B Award	Emily Limarzi
Fr. Leon Hart, C.S.B Award	Jamie Prier
Fr. Ron Cullen, C.S.B Award	Sandy Nissan
Fr. Vincent Pare, C.S.B. Award	Emily Limarzi
Fr. Steve O'Neill, C.S.B. Award	Adrienne Drouin
Fr. Q. Johnson, C.S.B. Award	Priyanka Gandhi
Cliff Krete Award	Emily Limarzi
Sisters of St. Joseph Award	Shelley MacMillan
Sisters of the Holy Names Award	Priyanka Gandhi
Joseph MacMillan Plaque and Award	Brook Strain
Crowley Brothers Award - Most Improved	Joanna Mak
Crowley Brothers Award - Highest Proficiency	Sarah Favot

Joe Siddall Award . . . . .	Sarah Favot, Bob Tran
Assumption College School Council Award . . . . .	Sarah Favot, Samantha Lamont
The Odette Charitable Foundation Scholarships . . . . .	Michelle McGinnis, Maria Turner, Danielle Raymond, Nicole Lacroix
Workplace Co-op Certificate of Achievement . . . . .	Daniel Tilo, Raymond Ondrejka, David Kozmiski
The Catholic Student Award; Catholic Education Foundation of Ontario . . . . .	Heather Richards
Camille Reaume Christian Fellowship Bursary . . . . .	Sandy Nissan

### Principal's Scholars List

The following awards are made possible because of the generosity of Mrs. Gina Costenaro and her daughter Assunta (Costenaro) Fenti, '84 who have asked that we remember Dino Costenaro ('90) and Mark Fenti who were killed in an automobile accident in 1992.

Principal's Scholars List (Average of 90% or higher) . . . . .	Sarah Favot, Heather Richards, Lucy Le, Edgar Chan
Fr. Matt Sheedy, C.S.B. Memorial Scholarship . . . . .	Heather Richards
Freed's Bursary . . . . .	Jamie Nykolak, An Nguyen
Aramark Bursary . . . . .	Phong Vo, Sarah Meloche, Jeremy D'Alimonte
Governor General's Academic Medal . . . . .	Sarah Favot
University of Toronto National Book Award . . . . .	Heather Richards
Dr. Phyllis A. Bradshaw Foundation Bursary . . . . .	Guisepe Cavataio, Keren Escobar, Priyanka Gandhi, Melissa Hall, Lucy Le, Nevair Salman, Michelle Theriault, Romeo Tilo
Lieutenant Governor's Volunteer Award . . . . .	Emily Limarzi
Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program Award . . . . .	Jamie Prier
St. Patrick's Community Bursary . . . . .	Patricia Garant
Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award . . . . .	Emily Limarzi
University of Windsor Human Kinetics Book Award . . . . .	Sarah Favot
Perfect Attendance Award (4 years) . . . . .	Priyanka Gandhi

### University Entrance Award Recipients 2004-05

Danielle Bouchard, Edgar Chan, Jeremy D'Alimonte, Morgan Eagen, Sarah Favot, Priyanka Gandhi, Nicole Lacroix, Lucy Le, Emily Limarzi, Shelley MacMillan, Fadi Madi, Michelle McInnis, An Nguyen, Andra Nicolescu, Jamie Nykolak, Ryan Ramirez, Daniele Raymond, Heather Richards, Laura Stannard, Maria Turner

### St. Clair Scholarships 2004-05

Jeremy D'Alimonte, Priyanka Gandhi, Ian Carlo Garilao, Kimberly Lesperance, Robert Lewis, Chantelle Mackay, Chalaine Mantha, Sarah Meloche, Jennifer Nguyen, Tam Nguyen, Andra Nicolescu, Ryan Ramirez

### Probable Ontario Scholars (average at least 80%)

Danielle Bouchard, Edgar Chan, Adrienne Drouin, Morgan Eagen, Sarah Favot, Priyanka Gandhi, Samantha Lamont, Lucy Le, Kathy Lien, Emily Limarzi, Michelle McInnis, Shelley MacMillan, Sarah Meloche, An Nguyen, Jennifer Nguyen, Andra Nicolescu, Sandy Nissan, Jamie Nykolak, Jamie Prier, Daniele Raymond, Heather Richards, Chantelle Roy, Laura Stannard, Bob Tran, Maria Turner

## SHHHHHHH!! IT'S FR. CULLEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY!!

On Oct. 19, 2005, Fr. Cullen will celebrate his 90th birthday! Help us to celebrate this wonderful occasion by sending your own birthday greetings to him! We would love to hear of your favourite Fr. Cullen memory. Please email your birthday greetings to Fr. Cullen at [acsalumni99@hotmail.com](mailto:acsalumni99@hotmail.com). Don't worry, we'll keep it a surprise!

## Art Drobitch, '53



*Art Drobitch, '53*

Art Drobitch, '53 was born in Winnipeg in 1936 and moved with his family to Windsor as a young boy. He graduated from Assumption in 1953 at the age of 16. He then attended Ford Motor Trade School and the University of Windsor graduating with a Masters in Mechanical Engineering in 1965 while married to Martha since 1958. He then went to work for Fords in Dearborn, Michigan as an engineer and retired from there in 1997.

Art was a proud father of his children who also graduated from Assumption -

Bob a 1981 grad, has a Ph.D from Wayne State, is married to Judy with 4 children. He is a professor at the Pharmacy School of LeCom School of Medicine, Erie, Pa.

Lynn - 1985 works for The Windsor School Board as a custodian at St. John Vianney and L.A. Desmarais Schools.

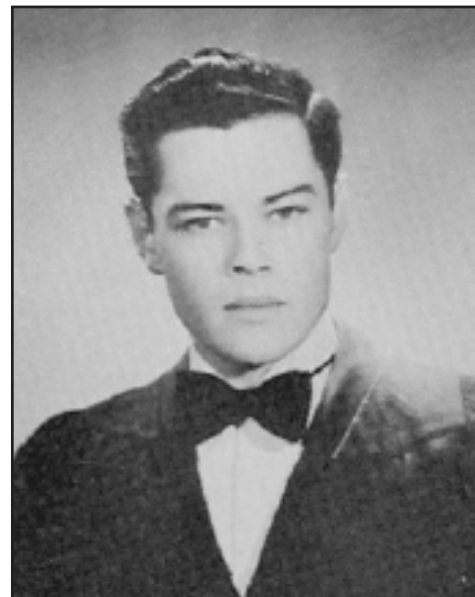
Kathy - 1989 went to the University of Michigan on a volleyball scholarship and graduated from there and the Wayne State Law School. She is married to Tommy and has 3 young children and works in administration for Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn but lives in Ypsilanti.

Art passed away on October 10, 2004 in Detroit after a short illness with pancreatic cancer.

## H. Patrick Cunningham, '53

Pat Cunningham, M. D. '53 Was born January 18, 1936 and died May 4 2005.

All his life, Pat spoke of his education at two Basilian Schools, Assumption College High School 1953 and Assumption University 1957. He often said "They made me what I am. Their motto of Goodness, Dicipline and Knoweldge had been my motto since my youth and through my medical career." The priest at his funeral mass spoke of Pat's fine character and adherence to the Basilian motto. Pat retired from the Lynden Clinic after 40 years in June of 2002. He was an old fashioned rural doctor who made house calls long after they were unknown to city folk. His wife Gayle resides in Brantford Ontario. Pat is well remembered by long time friends Willard Carpenter '53, Patricia McManus (Assumption University '57) and Terry Marentette '53.



*Patrick Cunningham, '53*

## BERNIE GIGNAC '63 1945-2005

Bernie died suddenly at the age of 59 while residing in Linwood, California. He had moved out west 10-15 years ago after working for Coca Cola in Windsor. He was an environmentalist but was recently studying real estate. He had completed all the necessary courses and was preparing for his state exam.

As a student at Assumption he played football and hockey for Fr. Cullen. His brother Robert, class of '66 recounted a memorable statement Fr. Cullen made about Bernie's hockey talent, "I don't think I ever had anyone that knew his position as well as Bernie, unfortunately he was too slow to get to it."

Growing up in LaSalle, Bernie would walk from the school to Sandwich St. and hitchhike home every night after practice one season and sport after another. Truly a proud Raider!

### IN MEMORIAM

For Alumni Memoriams  
please E-Mail to  
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## Gary Peter Sorenson, '59

Gary died February 11, 2005 from a heart attack. He was 64 years old.

He leaves his wife, Patricia (Drouillard) originally of Windsor. They were very happily married for 43 years. Surviving, also, are his four children, Mark, Karen, Kelly and Lori as well as seven grandchildren.

Gary was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. His family misses him so much and write: "Deep in our hearts a memory is kept to love, to cherish, never to forget."

### CORRECTION (With our apologies)

In the last newsletter, it was reported that Roger D. Monforton, class of 1942 had passed away. He is alive and well in Northville, Michigan. He and his wife thank those who sent sympathy cards. The Alumni Association thanks Roger and his wife for their understanding and good humour!

## ATHLETIC AWARDS - YEAR 2004-2005 STUDENT ATHLETES

The Fr. Armstrong Award .....	Harry Stannard
The Fr. Sheedy Award .....	Sarah Favot
The Fr. Pare Award .....	Emily Limarzi
The Mary Kulyk Award .....	MicMac Club
Student Athlete of the Year - Sr. ....	Amanda McCarthy, Jeremy Ducedre
Student Athlete of the Year - Jr. ....	Keri Bagley, Brendan Parent

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) GIRLS (Sr)

Volleyball .....	Rachel Baltzer
Soccer .....	Carly Marentette
Basketball .....	Shannon Bedward, Amanda McCarthy
Fastball .....	Kandace Bagley
Badminton .....	Amanda McCarthy

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) BOYS (Sr)

Volleyball .....	Jeremy Ducedre
Basketball .....	Charles Anderson
Badminton .....	Brandon Wu
Hockey .....	Matt Grandmaison
Wrestling .....	Josh Taveirne
Golf .....	Brendan Parent
Baseball .....	Michael Ondrejicka
Soccer .....	Tomas Yousif

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) GIRLS (Jr)

Basketball .....	Adriana Mills
Badminton .....	Jocelyn Herbst
Volleyball .....	Keri Bagley, Carly Marentette

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - (MVP) BOYS (Jr)

Badminton .....	Wael Salloumi
Basketball .....	Kyle Smith
Football .....	Nick Baldassi
Volleyball .....	Brendan Parent

### CO-ED SPORTS (MVP)

<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	
Girls .....	Brittany Thorne
Boys .....	Chris Lauer

### Cross Country

Girls .....	Sarah Favot
Boys .....	Calen Hamelin
Frisbee .....	Heather Richards
Swimming .....	Paul Clement

### ALL CITY ATHLETES

#### Girls' Basketball

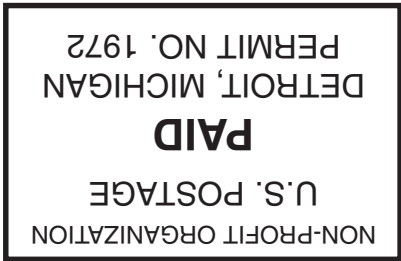
1st Team .....	Shannon Bedward
2nd Team .....	Amanda McCarthy
3rd Team .....	Rachel Baltzer

#### Boys' Soccer

1st Team .....	Romeo Tilo
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#### Boys' Volleyball

2nd Team .....	Jeremy Ducedre
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### WHO RECEIVES NEWSLETTERS?

All Alumni whose addresses are correct on Alumni files. Why does one family member receive a copy and not another? Because of production and mailing costs, the policy has been adopted to send only one copy of the Newsletter to each household.

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