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THE PRICE OF PROGRESS

In 2004, the Windsor Essex County Catholic School Board offices will occupy the building added in 1972, and the football and soccer fields have been turned into a parking lot.

The construction and renovation have become major problems for students and teachers: no gyms, outdoor physical education classes on University fields, our indoor classes bused to the Novelletto-Rosati complex. Inside, we have a crowded temporary cafeteria, chaos in the corridors, and no resource center. All were accepted by the students gracefully as a necessary inconvenience.

BACK TO THE 50'S

Soon Assumption students facilities will revert to the 1956 building, with an addition to the east end of the Armstrong gym to include a cafeteria and a food prep class. The band room will be the resource center. There will be location changes of classrooms, labs and offices. The old cafeteria becomes the "arts center". The main entrance will be on the east, off the parking lot.

The area south of the tennis court and parking lot, and west of the entrance from California will be shared by physical education classes, soccer, football, and baseball teams. The old "Rec Hall" is a construction and drafting classroom. The tree covered land along Huron Church Road remains untouched.

ATHLETIC PROBLEMS

This year the football team took a one year hiatus. There are no team dressing rooms, and equipment is stored somewhere by the construction company. The administrators decided that the number and ages of prospective players posed an injury risk. The decision was a huge disappointment to the whole school, especially the boys who were eager and capable of playing.

St. Joseph's and Walkerville do not field a football team. Football is a 25-man, violent, rough sport demanding strength and size or speed and elusiveness. At a football meeting, not enough physically capable students attended. Last year the team folded before the end of the season.

After a misleading article in The Windsor Star, many of our alumni offered their help. Please let us know soon if you are able to help in spring football and baseball. We hope to have a spring football camp in order to prepare our players for the 2004 season. In their grade school years the students played volleyball, soccer and track. Minor football is not popular; touch football is unknown, and "hoops" is the game.

Despite the difficulty of practice area, our teams have done well. We have a high degree of participation. Other schools have given us gym time. The Novelletto-Rosati complex is used for physical education classes. (10 minute transportation by bus). The University of Windsor also offered time before school.

THE TEAMS

The **Senior and Junior girls basketball** team were coached by Bonnie and Paul Levac. The Junior team was defeated in the quarter-finals; and the seniors in the semi-finals.

The **Junior boys volleyball** team was coached by Kevin Roberts, and the Senior team was coached by Mark Waysluk.

Our **cross country** team was coached by Gary Malloy and Cathy Comiskey. The team did well this season.

The **hockey** team is coached by Gary Weir and Gary Fera. The team competed in the "B" league.

The players and coaches endured the challenge of travel and inconvenience of playing and practicing always "on the road."

EDUCATORS PROMOTED

Jim Byrne, former Assumption teacher and principal at Villanova, is now Superintendent of Human Resources, Windsor-Essex Roman Catholic District School Board.

Michael Sequin, '78, replaces Jim as principal at Villanova.

John Byrne, '68, remains principal at Holy Names High.

Bruno Limarzi, '72 has been transferred from Villanova to Assumption as Vice-principal.

Brendan Roberts, '82, and **Kevin Hamlin**, '78, are interim vice-principals at St. Anne's and Cardinal Carter respectively.

ALUMNI EXECUTIVE

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If you wish to volunteer for one of our activities: Golf, Reunion, Newsletter, Class Organization, etc. please contact one of the above.



Happy Memories

THE ASSUMPTION SPIRIT LIVES ON

Despite the change in venue from the halls of ACS to the K. of C. Hall in South Windsor, the Nov.1st Alumni homecoming proved to be a spirited success. Alumni from the 5 year anniversary classes from the 50th to the 5th showed their undying school spirit and great appreciation for their school peers, by coming to share memories and experiences of days gone by. Though the 50 and 25 years groups were the largest, all who attended had a great time. The only regret expressed was that the Alumni wished more of their teachers could have been in attendance. Raiders get the message out that next November the place to be is at the Assumption Reunion. And a special thanks and congratulations to Eugene Klymko, who planned, organized, advised and presided at the very successful 2003 Reunion.

Thanks to the following

Fathers Stortz and Cullen who answered the phone and kept asking the right questions as well as the reporters who gathered up the information, Emily Limarzi and Stephanie Angelidis.

Mr. Palamidis and the Assumption s Student Parliament who

took care of the coat check. The welcome committee of Sue Rau, Lois Comartin, Louise Kelly, and Doris Lescanec.

Frank and Mary Gaiarin, who supported the efforts in the dining room. Photos - Walter Manzig '78 and Lil Dumouchelle; Decorations Liliana Dumouchelle '75; Peter Scarpelli '62, Rick Dumouchelle '74, the utility guys who helped where ever they were needed.

Glen Holland for his support and assistance. Class Representatives who contacted their classmates:

1953 - Jack Hool
1973 - Alma Hogan
1983 - Tera-Lee Hood
1978 - Mary Jo DeMarco-Jacobs and Walter Manzig
1988 - Dwayne Brunet
1993 - Sue Rau
1998 - Meagan Murdock and Alma Dona.

Thanks also goes to all those who regularly help out with the reunion, but whose services were not needed this year because of change of venue. Hope to see you all next year.

FROM THE REUNION

Bill Reynolds, '79 - is a computer specialist.

Art Pelletier, '83 married his wife Carol. They have a daughter Lorna, 6 years. He is working as a technical writer in Harrow, ON.

Bruno Limarzi, '72 married Rosemary - a former Assumption College School main office secretary. They have 2 daughters, Emily, grade 11 at A.C.S. and Laura, grade 4. Bruno is happy to be back "home" at ACS this year as vice principal.

Alma (Kraniauskas) Hogan, '73, married John Hogan. They have 2 children, son, Bob and daughter Jonna. Alma is a Guidance Counsellor at Assumption College School.

Norman D Mero, '83 is a busy man. He relates: "Recently I received my Canadian Residential Appraisers Designation and Real Estate Appraisal. A Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus; a member of the Institute of Municipal Assessors, Appraisal Institute of Canada; trainer, level II OMHA - coaching at R.M.H.A."

JoAnne (Grado) Letteri, '78 and Mark Letteri, '78, tell us: "Mark teaches Philosophy at the University of Windsor. JoAnne works for the Windsor Public Library. They have a daughter, Marie, 2 1/2 years old."

Pam (Feldman) Hyslop, '78, married her husband Wayne and they have 3 chil-

dren, Andrew, Aaron and Adam.

Sam Georges, '90 is single, but now is dating another Assumption alumnae. Sam moved back from the USA to start a business - Canadian General Properties - Property Management and Maintenance. www.cgpcorp.com.

Don Temrowski, '53 and his wife, Beverly, have 6 children - all of whom are married and have 14 grandchildren. They live in Florida, 6 months out of the year. He is semi-retired - from Funeral Service. "Love my grandchildren. Enjoy life."

Gerard (Chink) Quenneville, '53 has a daughter, Mary - an English teacher at Riverside High and a son, Andre, manager at Zep in Edmonton - he has 4 children. Gerard notes he was a high school teacher for 34 years in this area - at Harrow High from 58-65, at Vincent Massey from 65-68 and in Uganda at Jinha Secondary School from 68-72 and at General Amherst from 72-92. He retired in 92 and is currently living in Southwood Lakes, enjoying golf, bowling, bridge, his grandchildren, friends and family.

Rod Skill, 83 has and wife, Kim and 2 children, Ryan age 7 and Benjamin, age 5. He worked at Hydro (Windsor) for 16 years. He travelled as a maring engineer for Shell Oil services for 5 years.

Jim Duchene, '53 and Marg (S.M.A. '55) have 4 children: Mike, '76; Denise, '78;

Diane, '80; Karen, '84 - Assumption grads. This was a very special 50th Reunion with family Alumni present.

Shawn O'Keefe, '83 married his wife, Joyce and they have a son, Riley, 2 years old. Shawn is the Chef at the University of Assumption and the Freed-Orman Centre.

Michael Donlon, 83, married Michelle and they have a daughter, Tammara.

Vince Galbo, '53, and his wife Marie (Nini) have sons, John, Ben and Tony and 4 grandchildren. Vince says: "I had the good fortune of attending Assumption High. I got into business for myself. I buy and sell machinery for the metal forming industry. Life has been good for me and my family. Go Raiders!!"

Pat (Donlon) Tellier, '73 married Frank Tellier of Belle River. They have two children, Christopher, 18 and Stephen, 15 - and a dog, Tasha, - she is 8. Pat writes: "We had our own business, "Belle River Grain and Seeds Lts." from 1980-1995. In 1984 they opened "Belle River Travel:" and are within the same business until 1995, From 1996 until the present, I work as an outside agent for Goliger s Travel Plus from home. My husband, Frank, works for DaimlerChrysler from 1984 until the present as an electrician.

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MAN ON A MESSAGE

by Bob Duff,
Windsor Star Sports Columnist

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Father Ronald Cullen was honoured tonight for decades of service to local baseball.

The stories come one after another. From generation to generation. No matter the time frame, regardless of the era, the moral is always the same. For more than half a century, Rev. Ronald Cullen has delivered the same philosophy to his players. There's a right way to do things and a wrong way. Follow his instruction and you'll see the former. Lean to the latter and you'll discover the price for disobedience.

Baseball is Father Cullen's medium. The correct way to live life is his message. "He stresses fundamentals and the team concept," said former Detroit Tigers infielder Reno Bertoia, who played for Father Cullen's first Assumption team in the Class E Detroit Federation in 1949, and the Assumption teams 1949-53. He still does.

"The things he stresses - being on time, getting along with your teammates, learning and following his rules - those are fundamentals towards successful baseball, but they're also lessons in the way to live life," said ex-major league catcher Joe Siddall, who played for Father Cullen's Windsor Midget Selects in the 1980s; more recently has helped him coach the same. "At the time, you're a teenager; you're rebellious and you don't think he's having any affect on you, but in later years, as you get older and wiser, you see the things that he was trying to instill in you becoming evident.

PREPARATION FOR LIFE

"You come to understand that he wasn't just teaching you baseball, he was preparing you for life." Former big leaguers and ordinary players of the '50s whose lives were touched by this man honoured Father Cullen for his service to the game and to their lives. "If we brought together everyone whose life he has touched, we'd need to rent Joe Louis Arena," Bertoia said. The man is a Canadian baseball icon. Cullen Field is named in his honour. He is enshrined in the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.

And, like the energizer bunny, he just

keeps on going. Venture out to the ball diamonds at Mic Mac Park any night and it's quite possible you'll see Father Cullen. "It shows you the passion he has for the game and the passion he has for helping kids," Siddall said. "I don't care if he's 95 years old. If you listen to the man, you are going to learn something." At 88, slowed by a stroke a year ago, he requires a walker to get around, but his baseball mind is as sharp as ever, as is his desire to pass on his knowledge to today's kids, who are tomorrow's future. "I still have so much to teach the kids," Father Cullen said. "Maybe I might say something that will make them a better player, a better person."

UNEXPECTED EXPERIENCES

Fifty years ago, John Upham was a promising young left-handed pitcher who was recommended to Father Cullen by John Matta, himself an up-and-coming southpaw hurler at the time.

"My father said, If you're serious about baseball, you should be going to Assumption and playing for Father Cullen," Upham remembered. He there for five years, a move that ultimately led to a pair of stints as a National League pitcher with the Chicago Cubs. "When I attended my first spring training, from a standpoint of fundamentals, I was more prepared to play professional baseball than most of the Americans there," Upham said. "That was entirely due to playing for Father Cullen. Those fundamentals were qualities that he hammered home to his students and those who chose to shrug off the importance of these rudimentary skills paid a severe price. "One of the responsibilities of the players was bringing up the bats," Bertoia recalled. "Well, we had a game at Wigle Park and no one volunteered to bring the bats." Father Cullen walked to a nearby pay phone. The players assumed he was calling someone to bring the bats, but they would soon learn otherwise.

Fr. Cullen called the coach of the junior team and told him to get his players to the park. They played that night, while the men without bats were benched. That was the Father Cullen way. And it still is his way. "You got the message quickly," Bertoia said.

A LITANY OF STARS

Father Cullen has sent three Windsorites (Bertoia, Siddall, Upham) to the major leagues, an impressive tally for a Canadian baseball coach. Hockey Hall of Fame coach Al Arbour, Marc Reaume, Ed Mio, Mark and Chris Renaud, Murray and Mike Eaves, a veteran NHLer who today coaches hockey for the University of Wisconsin and the U.S. junior team, were Father Cullen proteges who reached the top rung of hockey's ladder. "He was a tough, but fair, coach," remembered Arbour, which is the same description Arbour's players often use to describe his style behind the bench.

THE PURPOSE OF SPORTS

The lessons Father Cullen seeks to teach are never about succeeding in sports. They are designed to develop successful people. People who live their life properly. "I look upon him as a mentor," Siddall said. "I've always talked with him over the years but, interestingly, baseball is the least important thing. "He wants to know about my wife, about my family. And he always ends every conversation by saying, 'You're still praying, aren't you?' "When I made my decision to retire from baseball I called to tell him; the first thing he said was, 'That's a great idea. "I expected him to try and talk me out of it, but from my words, he could tell that I was very set on my decision and that was simply his way of reaffirming the decision I had made."

It was Father Cullen's method of reassuring Siddall that he'd learned his lessons well.

Fundamental baseball. That's what he teaches.

The fundamentals of life. That's what he preaches.

For those wise enough to pay attention, the rewards continue to be reaped.



Those were the days

VALENTINIS, '67, HONOURED AS ITALIAN OF THE YEAR



Fulvio Valentinis '67

Windsor's Italian of the year credits his family with his success. Fulvio Valentinis was in his element at the Caboto Club surrounded by all that is important to him, respected colleagues from the city of Windsor and St. Clair College, close friends and most of all his family - mother Rosita, wife Vita and daughters, Alissa, Giulia and Nadia. The nine year councillor, legal studies co-ordinator at the college, and tireless community leader was named Italian of the Year by Windsor's Italian Community. It's truly an honour for me to accept this award," Valentinis told an audience of more than 500 at the Caboto Club, adding it was almost 50 years to the day since his family arrived at Pier 21 in Halifax from northern Italy.

FAMILY NEVER POOR

He credited his upbringing in a loving family for setting his path in life. Though far from wealthy, Valentinis, 54, said his family never considered themselves poor.

He recalled going with his father, Guido, to demolished houses, to salvage what they could for their own home. "My job was to pull the nails out of old boards," he said. "My mother still has a jar of those nails in her basement. We had family, friends and laughter. We were not poor." Mayor Mike Hurst called him one of the hardest-working councillors he's known in "the most full-time of part-time positions. "Fulvio has distinguished himself by his work ethic and concern for other people," Hurst said. After graduating from Assumption High School and the University of Windsor, Valentinis was called to the bar in 1976. After nine years of practicing law he accepted a teaching position at St. Clair College. He was re-elected to the Windsor City Council 2004-7.

Tony Paniccia, '68 - Another Award

Tony was chosen by Windsor Chamber of Commerce as the Professional Business Person of the Year. "His position at Price, Waterhouse Coopers is the Windsor Market Leader. He is reluctant to reveal his other awards but very proud of his family.

Anthony and Jan have four children - all Assumption grads. Stephen, '93, Christopher, '95, Anthony David, '96, Jana, '97. His wife, Janice, has returned to University after staying at home to raise four children. She is taking history - local and Ontario at the University of Windsor. On her first exam (last one was 30 years ago) she got an "A" minus. Jan starred in many plays at Assumption High when it was an all boys school, and needed to import girls. Stephen, '93 has a B.Com at the University of Windsor, '97 and at the Vancouver Film School, '98. He now works in Vancouver for a film Company as an Assistant to Producer. Their movie "Magnificent House" was recently nominated for an Emmy. Christopher, '95, married Angela Zapacosta, '95. Anthony David, '96 is in fourth year at the University of Windsor, B. Commerce, Jana, '97 is spending her third year at a University in Japan. She was a recent winner of Athena Scholarship. She worked summers for Herb Gray. She will graduate from Carleton University in 2001.

MISSING - CLASS OF 1954

Can you help find these 1954 Grads Call, write or e-mail - info on page 1

Beach, Mrs. Jo Anne
Branoff, Peter K
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De Palma, Dom
Delaney, Gerald
Dooley III, John
Hansen, Harold

Kennedy, Jim
Marentette, Don
McIntosh, Donald George
McNeil, Thos
O Gorman, Lucien
Ouellette, Larry
Pelzer, Albert Antoine

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Sheehan, Bernard
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CLASS OF '54

Your 50th Anniversary of Graduation, next November 6. Come Yourself. Tell your fellow grads! If you know the whereabouts of any of the 54 grads call 256-2337 or write us.



Ron Binks '76, Dan Gagnier '92, Matt Souchuk '92, John Devine '63, Anthony Lockhart, Mark Fracas '74, Scotty Lockhart

Setbacks Help Eaves, '74 Put Life in Perspective



Mike Eaves '74

by Windsor Star Reporter David Waddell

In this winter of misconduct among hockey coaches, Windsor's Mike Eaves, '74 counts himself fortunate to still have a job. The first-year head coach of the University of Wisconsin Badgers was involved in a physical office confrontation with one of his own players last fall. Eaves grabbed and pushed Edmonton's Alex Leavitt at the team's hotel following a game in North Dakota. "I grabbed Alex's T-shirt," Eaves said. "That's when I crossed the line." When he was benched three games in February, Leavitt then informed University of Wisconsin, athletic director Pat Richter of the confrontation. Eaves received a letter of reprimand from Richter. "I've grabbed players before, but that was during a game just to get their attention," said Eaves, a former NHL player with Minnesota and Calgary and ex-assistant coach with Pittsburgh. "This was different because it was off the ice. I put myself in a bad position by going back to talk to him when I was emotional." Eaves had seen former Ontario Hockey League coaches Tom Webster and John Vanblesbrouck jeopardize their careers in a flash of temper. Webster resigned

from the Windsor Spitfires after a physical on-ice confrontation with forward Mike James during a practice. The OHL fined the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds \$50,000 and indefinitely banned, Vanblesbrouck, after using a racial slur toward Trevor Daley.

"It's been a cloud hanging over my head," Eaves said. "Fortunately I'm well known here and had built up a good reputation and that carried some weight. I realize I put a big dent in my account. "I'm a passionate guy and I grew up playing for a passionate guy like Father (Ronald) Cullen at Assumption. He used to grab us to get our attention and that was acceptable back then. "Society has changed and other than in football, where parents still accept it, you can't do that anymore. Father Cullen, who still coaches baseball locally, remembers Eaves' passion as a player and agrees that these times require coaches to funnel that force in different fashion.

"Society has changed and a coach has to change with it." 88-year-old Father Cullen said. Eaves credits his father Cecil, a retired University of Windsor hockey coach, with helping him through the tough season. "I still talk to him every week," said Eaves of his father who lives in Riverside. "He told me to get balance in my life. He knows with coaching and my personality, I get engulfed in it. "I won't lie, that was a big part of the equation (leading to the problems). I realize I have to get away from the game.

The game that has given Eaves so much in life has also mixed in liberal doses of grief this season. The thrill of being hired by his Alma mater and seeing his oldest son Ben named Hockey East's co-player of the year, have been tempered by a losing season (13-23-4), in the playoffs, the Leavitt incident and his youngest son

Patrick being involved in two severe hockey related injuries. "It puts everything into perspective," Eaves said of all that's happened. "The only thing that matters was praying for the recovery of that young man. I'm a father first and it's hard seeing how confused Patrick is over what's happened and Joe with whom he collided in the hospital in a coma. The tumultuous six months has given Eaves much cause for introspection. "It's been my most challenging year in hockey," Eaves said. "At times, it's been overwhelming. It's made me think about getting the balance between hockey and the rest of my life, like family, right."

Twenty six years after he left Wisconsin, hockey is still teaching him life lessons. "I tried to adapt to a group of players I didn't recruit and didn't know and I got away from being who I am." Eaves said (Phoenix Coyotes vice-president of hockey operations) Cliff Fletchen summed me up in his letter of recommendation saying I was an average NHL player, who over-achieved because I was in great shape. "I'm a passionate guy and I expect efficiency, hard work and accountability. It was a country club here and it was a real culture shock for me. "The first year of any job is the hardest. I've learned some hard lessons that are going to help me in the long run."

Mike Eaves has been named the head coach of 2004 U.S. junior hockey team that will compete at the World Championships in Helsinki, Finland. Eaves, led the U.S. to the 2002 under-18 world title.

Murray '78, his brother, after years of professional hockey with Houston, Detroit, and Winnipeg, has retired. He is now coach at St. Mary's High School Team, in Fairbault, MN, a national power. He succeeds Andy Murray now coach of the Los Angeles Kings.

CLASS OF '94

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School was such fun

MEMORIES OF WAR FILL HIS DIARY

by Marty Gervais, Windsor Star



Fr. Mike Dalton '26

Fr. Dalton is Assumption College School's oldest Alumnus, 1926. Every now and then, his letters arrive. Often landing up in my mailbox with only my name executed in a shaky scribble across the front of the envelope, along with the name of this city. No street address. Simply: Marty Gervais, Windsor.

Sometimes these letters arrive with my picture reproduced from this column. They're from an old man. I can say that - he's 101. An old priest who lives at Sacred Heart Nursing Home near Tillsonburg. I've written about him before. I'm doing it again. He's worth celebrating. What is there about a man who seems obsessed in dispatching letters to the world? Not just to me but to many others. Often mere cutouts from magazines.

Sometime with jokes. Sometimes inspirational in tone. But almost always with war memories. Why not? This was a man who was there on D-Day. He was famous. At the fringes of battles he'd sit in his Jeep - its windshield festooned with flowers - and he'd listen to the laboured, disturbed confessions of terrified soldiers. Sometimes, he'd just walk down the road with them on the way to battle - and inevitable death - to help ease the woes, lift the spirits and assure them of God's graces. I'm speaking about Rev. Mike Dalton, '26, who, against all orders, went to the front lines and would say mass on the hood of his Jeep. He told me that 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 jumped for cover and shrapnel was flying everywhere. This old priest, who would receive the Military Cross for bravery, often went on foot through mud-soaked fields at dusk to bring communion to his troops. Last week I received two letters from him. The one that arrived Friday is really just a cutout of articles pasted on a sheet of paper. These are stories written by the Windsor Star's former dean of letters Angus Munro and its former president, W L. Clarke, but also interspersed with snippets from Dalton's own diary.

RECOLLECTIONS OF WAR

The subject is Dalton at war. Years ago. Dalton collected these in a mimeographed book that he sold for \$2. In the late 60s, he released a second edition that included his reflections from visiting the battlefields in France and Germany. He was able to travel there after a \$5 raffle ticket paid off. He won a car and sold it to

book passage to Europe.

In the letter to me - this assemblage of glued articles - I read about him pausing in the shadowy carbide-lit cathedral at Caen at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament amid the French children singing Latin hymns. "The church was so long that the celebrant," writes Dalton, "didn't know that the back of the church was a First Aid Post where doctors bound up wounds, too busy to be attentive to the service." I met Dalton years ago at Sacred Heart Nursing Home. His neatly pressed war-time uniform was hanging in his room among the religious icons. His voice still shows emotion over the men he met who served at the front lines. He still talks about them. Like old friends. Family. But this isn't the boring memoirs of an old man. This is reality. This is what he tasted of war. The stories of how after a night of battle he would set up a portable altar in the midst of the hundreds of wounded. I came down the rows among Canadian and German wounded, giving communion to those with hands up. (No beds - all wounded on stretchers.) As we approach the moment of going to war again, I realize now why he has written to me. It's there. It's like he's saying, "Read between the lines, Marty." It's there. The old priest, who served here in local parishes, quotes the letter from a son who died at Dieppe. A letter from a Windsor mom that reads: "I do not feel that my son is gone from me. I feel he is right here with me, as I write this letter and he has just gone to prepare a place for all of us. I was fortunate that God loaned him to me for 21 years." It's good to have men like Dalton around. He keeps us honest. He was 101 in May.

Marty Gervais can be reached by email at mgervats@hestar.canwest.com.

Thank You! It All Helps!

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Rick Smith, Martin Henley, Shelley (Truant) Henley, Keith Rivard

FEATURE - CULLEN and CENTURY CLUB

BOYS OF THE 50'S BASEBALL REUNION



Father Cullen, right, was presented with an award by Sean McCann, standing alongside his former coach. Also on hand was former Detroit Tiger Reno Bertoia, left, and Eddie Carriveau.

The reunion for the boys of the 50's baseball teams and reception to honour Father Cullen was held at Cabota Club on

Saturday July 5, 2003. Forty-four former players attended coming from Tennessee, Georgia, Michigan, Toronto area, London, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Windsor and surrounding areas. Father Larry Brunet said grace along with welcoming remarks. After a very enjoyable meal, Reno Bertoia, gave tribute to Father Cullen with a few humorous anecdotes. Sean McCann and Ed Carriveau presented a plaque to Father Cullen. Sean read the following inscription with an Academy Award winning tone.

"In recognition of your more than fifty years of coaching baseball in Windsor Community." Your knowledge and dedication to the game of baseball is unsurpassed. Your teaching of fundamentals of the game and the value derived from it has helped all of us greatly. In gratitude for all you have done for us we remain-your boy s of the 50 s.

An open session was then held with former players relating some of their experience under the tutelage of Father Cullen. Fifty years may have passed but the friendships were never lost. Vivid recollections were exchanged with a little embellishment now and then, after all we've had fifty years to improve. The excitement and joy to see one another was very evident, a further testimony of how important and impressionable the teenage years can be. Athletics can be a tremendous medium to educate and develop life skills, if done properly. We were fortunate to have a coach with such a philosophy.

Committee Members: Reno Bertoia, Dick Cote, Bill Symonds, Ed Carriveau.

CENTURY CLUB - JANUARY 2003 - DECEMBER 2003

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CLASS OF '84

Your 20th Anniversary of Graduation, next November 6. Come Yourself. Tell your fellow grads! If you know the whereabouts of any of the '84 grads call 256-2337 or write us.

Judge Zuber, '45 Honoured



Thomas Zuber '45

Last year, the Law Society of Upper Canada presented Tom Zuber with the Law Society Medal "for his lasting contribution to his profession." He was accompanied by his three sons, Tim, John and David all practicing lawyers. "We all have a lot to talk about when we get together." joked Zuber. Throughout his 34-year career, Zuber has worked as a Crown attorney, a civil and criminal lawyer and a county court judge. He is the author of several publications including the 1987 Zuber report - a blueprint for streamlining Ontario's court system - and has been a regular lecturer at the University of Windsor's faculty of law.

REGIONAL JUDGE

In 1972, Zuber was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario in the trial division and three years later was appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal. In 1990 he returned to the trial division as a senior regional judge. Harvey Strossberg, a prominent local lawyer stated: "He is in love with the law. He was one of the very best judges. We were lucky to have him

Class of '89

Remember your fifteen year reunion, next November 6. Let us know of any address change. Helpers needed to contact your class. Call 256-2337.

in the province." He is a very lovely and charming guy," added Bruce Elman, dean of the law school at the University of Windsor where Zuber still sits on a panel of judges for the annual moot court competition put on by students. "He is an extraordinarily well-respected member of the judiciary." With a reputation for being tough, but fair, Zuber also fought tirelessly to improve the Ontario court system and the voice of his concern over judgments stemming from interpretations of the 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms. During his high school years at Assumption he edited the column "With the Classes" in the school newspaper and was editor-in-chief of the yearbook, "The Crusader." He won many awards for his scholastic ability.

Bob Ryan, '81, Wins Award

Bob Ryan, '81 was presented with the highest sales award in the casual furniture industry - the Earl V. Hughes Award for Outstanding Sales. Bob has been with Brown Jordan for 10 successful years, currently serving the Arizona, New Mexico and Southern Nevada territory for Brown Jordan, Tommy Bahama, Vineyard, Winston, Tradewinds, Molla and Stuart Clark brands of Contract Furnishing. Bob joins an elite group of sales reps who have been twice honored with this award. Bill Echols, President of BJI's Retail Division stated, "We are extremely pleased to award Bob Ryan with this honor, as he is very deserving of it. He has had several successful years here at Brown Jordan, always performing with the highest sense of professionalism and dedication to BJI. We appreciate his hard work and are happy to present this award to him, for the second time. Pat Shanahan, '81, is also a Brown Jordan Sales rep. He lives in Madison, WI.

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MARTIN GIRASH, '54, LAUDED



Martin Girash '54

By Veronique Mandal, Windsor Star

Martin Girash, CEO of Windsor Regional Hospital, is 2003's recipient of the Charles E. Brooks award for outstanding community service. The "Charlie" Brooks award is named for the late president of CAW (then UAW) Local 444, and was established in 1978 by the Windsor and District Labour Council and the United Way/Centraide. Girash said he has not been told why he is getting the award, but is pleased because of the contact he had when Brooks helped raise funds for the Regional Children's Centre, where Girash was executive director. "I was very surprised and very honoured, but I really don't know why they're giving it to me," said Girash.

Board members congratulated Girash on receiving the award, and for the "exemplary" work he has done in the past year helping steer the hospital through the SARS crisis and the power blackout. Girash said improving patient satisfaction in his hospital is a top priority. "That must always be our main focus, and even though we've done well on surveys, there is always room for improvement." Girash received the award Dec. 5 in Toronto.

Grad **Dwight Duncan '77** is Minister of Energy in the new Liberal Ontario Government.

QUEEN'S MEDAL TO FRANK PARE, '46

The Commemorative Medal for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee is awarded to those persons, who have made a significant contribution to Canada, to their community or to their fellow Canadians. Frank Pare, '46 was born and raised in historic Olde Sandwich Towne, Windsor, Ontario. Frank Pare had always been involved in efforts to improve the community in which he lived, "someone has to keep the wheels turning", is his modest response when asked why he had dedicated so much time and effort to civic projects. Although Mr. Pare had volunteered his time to community causes prior to 1983, his retirement after 30 years of service with the Canadian Salt Company allowed him to pursue his volunteer work on a full time basis. In the words of Mr. Pare, "community involvement is the key to happiness", such as: *Founding of the Sandwich Festival in 1989. Mr. Pare was a key player in the development of this event. The event provides free festivities, including a parade, historical exhibits, tours, food, entertainment and fireworks at no cost to community residents. Other communities had used murals as a tourist attraction. Mr. Pare took charge of the fund raising, project development committee, and business/government relations. To date, eight (8) murals (each costing \$5,000-\$10,000) grace the walls of local businesses, highlighting the historical significance of Sandwich Towne, the second oldest continuously inhabited settlement in Canada. *As a member of Les Amis Duff-Baby, Mr. Pare advocated for the development of a Duff-Baby house restoration that was true to its historical standards. *Mr. Pare worked with the Sandwich Business Improvement Association (BIA) for the development of street scape improvements, rerouting of trucks from the Sandwich Towne business district, and the creation of a "Windmill" attraction.

Mr. Pare a block captain for Neighbourhood Watch in his area. He is also involved with: *Sandwich Elderberries Seniors Club (President), *West End Golden Opportunities Club (President), *Pentecost 2000 (Fund raiser), *Assumption Roman Catholic Church (supporter of various functions). Mr. Pare has received recognition for his community service from the Honourable Herb Gray, M.P.; in 1992, he received a Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Confederation. In March, 1996, The Windsor Tourist Bureau honoured Frank with the 1995 Promotional Achievement Runner-up award for Community Service. In 1997, the Honourable Hilary M. Weston, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, honoured Frank with a plaque at the Sandwich Festival Bicentennial celebration in appreciation for outstanding contributions to Sandwich. Mr. Pare also received the Windsor Civic Recognition Award to recognize his important contribution to the Neighbourhood Watch program. The Sandwich Community Health Centre has also honoured Mr. Pare with a Certificate of Appreciation for his volunteer participation in Sandwich Community Health Centre events. Mr. Pare is affectionately known as "The Mayor of Sandwich". He plans to continue promoting the Sandwich Community. He is a firm believer that "THE WEST SIDE IS THE BEST SIDE"!

Class of '79

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 Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004. If you can help, call 256-2337.

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 or add \$6 for U.S.

Bryan Walls, '64 - Order of Canada



Dr. Bryan Walls '64

Historian, Bryan Walls will be appointed to the Order of Canada. "I'm on Cloud 9," said Walls. "I feel very honoured and humbled at the same time." Walls, 57, is a descendant of freed slaves who made their way to Canada via the Underground Railroad. He is the author of the novel, "The Road that Led to Somewhere", which recounts the efforts of his ancestors to attain freedom. "I feel that I stand on the shoulders of the great men and women that have gone before," said Walls.

In his citation Gov. Gen. Adrienne Clarkson's office writes: "He has been making Canadians aware of the black community's rich heritage for the last two decades."

The Assumption College Alumni Office can now be reached with its own E-mail. The address is as follows:

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Send in any material for the Newsletter - letters, chatter, obituaries, feature stories or sports news to the above.

LETTERS

Dear Fr. Cullen,

Greetings from the Lake Erie Islands where I now serve as Pastor to the members of Mother of Sorrows Church on Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Island and St. Michael Church on Kelleys Island. I retired from active duty with the US Navy in 1998 from Barbers Point Naval Air Station, Hawaii, and then returned to work in the diocese of Toledo. For two and a half years I was pastoring St. Mary Church in Clyde, Ohio, but as islands are my love, two years ago the bishop was kind enough to assign me here. The work on the islands is both challenging and exciting.

Since graduating from Assumption in 1964 I have literally travelled and worked around the world. The longest I have lived in any one place was four years. My bio is rather lengthy, as you can imagine. But I have enjoyed it all. God has truly blessed me.

I look forward to full retirement in 2012 and, if health permits, I intend to return to journeying. However, this time only in Canada and the United States. I've seen almost everything else around the world that I wanted to. We have so much here that I haven't had a chance to see. I hope to correct that situation. I would really like to attend the reunion, however. All Saints Day is not an option day for extended travel for an active priest. I'm sure you understand.

May God continue to bless you-
Your brother in Christ and in His priesthood.
Jeffrey J. Nordhaus

Dear Fr. Cullen:

It's been quite a few years since my brief but memorable teaching career at ACH with you and Steve under Fr. Fournier's memorable tutorship. In those days we got married that year by Fr. Steve O'Neill, who certainly didn't help my concentration on the mission of teaching goodness, discipline and knowledge!

My twin brother, Ron, still lives near Toronto. I'm in Ottawa, retired from CSIS, the Canadian Security Service in '94, but very active still as provincial coordinator for MNR's Fish and Wildlife Guardian Program.

I'm a master guardian instructor in their fish and wildlife enforcement branch and still enjoy teaching. Father Steve tied a good knot. My wife, Bea, and I will be married 41 years on August 25, 2003.

Chris Blanchette, '83, and his wife, Charlotte, have two children, Brian, 10 yrs, and Jillian, 8 yrs. Chris is sales director for a robotic software company (Amatec). "We had the pleasure of spending 3 months in Germany in the year 2000.

Nancy (Trepanier) Cowlan, '88 and her husband, David, '87, have two children, Alyssa and Ethan.

Carol (Fader) Guiotto, '83 married Dave Guiotto, '77. They have a daughter, Caitlin (10). He is a District Manager at the Windsor Star. "Had a great time at the 20th - looking forward to seeing more at the 25th."

Mike Duchene, '76 was joined by his family at the reunion - father Jim ('53), Mom, Mary, sisters Denise, ('78) Diane, ('80), Karen ('84). Mike is currently employed as a computer consultant by Compuware.

Robert Primorac, '83 and his wife, Amy (Clinton Twp MI) have 3 children, Zachary, Melinda and Michael. Robert is working for GE Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati, OH.

Bob Kefgen, '53 and his wife, Dolly had 4 children, Kurt, Keith, Shelley and Scott and 7 grandchildren. Bob retired after 38 teaching years in Bloomfield, MI. He now lives in Bluffton (Hilton Head), South

We raised two boys and a girl Lisa Ann, who was married last May. I still have great memories of my teaching colleagues, Eddie Carriveau, Jack Hool, and Jack Kerr and lost track of these guys over the years. There are times when I regret how far we are falling in our Christian duties with our unfeeling apathy to the moral decline and governments and courts!

I'm a very active writer and regularly voice my unpopular conservative family values in the Ottawa Citizen. Still very active at St. Gabriel's here in Constance Bay on the Ottawa River with liturgy and music, love to sing God's praise. Sunday mornings generally find me up there with my guitar, singing How Great Thou Art, Closer Walk With Thee and I am The Bread of Life. I guess I will never cease to be grateful for the fine work of the Basilian Fathers over the years and remain very proud of our school motto, now more than ever. The Basilians did succeed in teaching many of us about goodness, discipline and knowledge especially in the fall when I was more interested in how long it would take me to get home to River Canard and out to my duck-blind.

Warmest Personal Regards
Don Pajot, '57

Dear Father,

I have happy memories of Assumption just like my dad, also an Assumption grad. I graduated in 1963. I still have the image of my teachers in my very soul. For Latin I had an understanding priest who taught me grade eleven and grade twelve. He had me translate ten sentences a day for the entire year. I got an A.

I also remember Mr. St. Germaine. I needed chemistry to graduate. With his help I passed. Assumption helped me to enter St. Mary's University in Halifax for one year. This in turn got me into Hiram Walkers where I did quite well but became ill and went on disability leave in 1980.

I thank the Assumption teachers for all their help.

Sincerely,
Robert Bondy '63

P.S. I initiated a history trophy about forty years ago. If it can be found I would like the pleasure of donating a small bursary.

Carolina. He coached football and golf for 35 years and is in the Michigan Hall of Fame (HS) Football 1990.

Joe Gouley, '99 is studying Math at the University of Windsor.

Steven Slavik, '53 has 2 daughters, Stefanie and Stacey and has five grandchildren. He retired from 35 years of teaching.

Edgar Raedle, 53 has one son and 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Is retired after 33 years with Detroit Edison.

Tim Harrigan, '78 attended the reunion.

Frank Favot and his wife, Jane, have 3 children who graduated from Assumption and one who is still at the school. Frank says that he and his wife feel privileged to be a part of this wonderful alumni.

Leonard Lapinski, '53, is living in Macomb, MI. He has 2 daughters, one married with 2 girls and one to be married in August, 2004. He is retired from GM Lansing Product Team at GM Tech Center in Warren, MI.

Matthew Walker, '83, and his wife Maria Orlando ('87) have 2 children, Noah, 8 yrs and Liam, 6 yrs. He works for the U.S. Government as Network Administrator for the State of Michigan.

Joe White, '73 and his wife, Donna have 2 children, Kyle, 17 and Ryan, 16 both at Holy Names High School in Windsor.

Alma (Dona) Dwyer, '98, married Drew Dwyer. She graduated from St. Clair College with a diploma in Applied Arts in the Child and Youth Worker program.

Cathy Gorman, '81, married Brian Reynolds, '78. She owns and operates the Delicate Touch - Certified Fitter of Foundations - specializing in sleepwear and loungewear. She misses Assumption!!!

Neil McTavish, '88, is the owner of Sancastle Recreation Centre in Windsor. He is the manager of Windsor Regional Hospital Outreach program.

Ian Markiewicz, '78, and his wife Patricia have a son, Jeremy and a daughter, Lisette. Ian is president of a very small corporation. He discovered skiing after leaving the flat lands of Windsor.

Clairmont Duguay, '53, has four boys and 13 grandchildren. He is retired 8 years now from Sears Canada Inc.

Harry Momotiuk, '53, and his wife Irene have 3 children: Gregory, Assumption Grad, 1991; David, St Anne's Grad;

daughter Karen Boyer a St. Anne's Grad and a University of Windsor Law Grad. Her son, Harrison Boyer, is Harry's joy. Harry has been with Ontario Court of Justice, as judge, for 27 years. He is a Fellow of the National Center of State Courts, Williamsburg, Virginia, U.S.A.

Lisa Maheu-Gauthier, '83, has been married for 14 years. Her husband, Daniel, is St. Anne's grad. They have one child, Stephanie Karen (7yrs). She is living in Windsor and is still attending Assumption parish.

Meagan Murdock, '98, is studying psychology at the University of Windsor.

Phil Zakoor, Jr., '78, and his wife, Cindy (Gelinis) (Kennedy '78) have 3 children: Amanda, 18, Philip III, 15 and Karen Rose, 12. Phil is Vice-president of Infrastructure of Innova Post. He is living in the Ottawa area for the past 21 years. He married Cindy Gelinis, (Kennedy, '78) in 1982.

John Castellano, '78 and his wife, Michelle, have 2 sons: Matthew, 17 yrs and John, Jr., 14 yrs. John has been a Ford of Canada employee for 20 years. He has a Masters Degree in Business, a Bachelor Degree in Business and an Engineering Certificate.

Dino Paniccia, '53, and his wife Mary, are both retired. Dino is a Consultant for Health Care. Their daughters: Dawn is a nurse and Elizabeth has a Masters Degree in Social Work.

Steve Gombai, '88 writes that he was married in 2002 to Nicole Suga (St. Anne's, '90) and they have twin girls, Trista and Natasha. They are both teachers at Villanova and Steve coaches with the Windsor Essex Swim Team (the ELITE swimming team of Windsor).

Mandy Henhoeffler (Peifer), '96 had a baby girl (Alexis Sierra) last in November, 2002. She and her husband, Jeff live in

Kitchener with their other two children Justin, 2, and Chelsea, 6.

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle??

Danielle (Reaume) Silva, '84 writes: "My husband, Tom, and I recently purchased our first home. Tom teaches at Cornell University where he has a PhD in Botany and I'm a Licensing Assistant in the Office of Patent and Technology Marketing Department also at Cornell. We hope to start a family in the next year, but for the time being we have a dog, cat, three gerbils and some fish. We still get home to Windsor several times a year despite the eight to nine hour long drive. Hi to all my old classmates. Hope everyone is well! Anyone wanting to say "hi" should write me at des33@cornell.edu .

Thank you and God Bless,
Danielle (Reaume) Silva

Assumption Offers International Curriculum

Windsor Star

Assumption College School will be the first publicly funded school west of London to offer an internationally recognized academic program.

Catholic school board trustees approved the plan to offer the International Baccalaureate program, starting in September, 2004.

Denise Deziel, vice-principal at Assumption, said it's a rigorous two-year program that will be taught together with the ministry curriculum. While the six mandatory courses are taken in grades 11 and 12, students must begin to prepare in grade 9. Students will be required to study a second language for four years and obtain a certain number of credits in social science, English, math and sciences.

Deziel said there are two schools in the London area that offer an IB program, as well as Academie Ste. Cecile, a local private school.

NEWSLETTER - TWO A YEAR

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



FORMER TEACHERS
Jack Hook, Andy Auch, Ray Renaud

SR. LEONA CARON



Sr. Leona Caron

CARON, Sister Leona, SNJM (Sr. Augustin Marie) passed away peacefully at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital, Windsor, Ontario on September 23, 2003 at the age of 89 years. Sr. Leona was in her 65th year of Religious Profession as a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Born in Pain Court, Ontario, Sr. Leona is predeceased by her parents: Salomon Caron and Rosanna Faubert, brothers: Mgr. Augustin Caron (1983), Reginald (1979), Gerard (1974), Adrien (1969), Jerome (1910); sisters Sr. Gerard de Marie, SNJM (1984) and Sr. Claire Therese, SNJM (1980). Survived by her sisters: Sr. Clara Caron, SNJM and Sr. Therese Caron, SNJM and sister-in-law, Antoinette Caron (Brisson). Sr. Leona will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and grand nephews. Sr. Leona's teaching career began in February 1938 at St. Francis School in Windsor and continued until June 1978 at Assumption High School. During these 40 years, Sr. Leona was missioned in Detroit, Riviere-Gaux-Canards, Amherstburg and Windsor. Pupils from the Elementary and High School Levels were fortunate recipients of her love and learning, her sense of humour, her fairness and her wit. She specialized in teaching French, Math and Spanish. Retiring in 1978 only meant refocusing her interests, skills and gifts to the service of others. Sr.

Leona was local treasurer, receptionist and secretary. In 1984 she said "YES" to being uprooted from Windsor, Ontario to Longueuil, Quebec where she set up the local treasurer's office and assisted many in communicating with each other because of her bilingualism. Upon her return to Windsor, Sr. Leona was Province Secretary from 1986-1995 assisting many in leadership positions. Her second retirement called her to continue sharing her gifts, especially those of baking and cooking. She could be found tutoring anyone needing assistance. The Sisters of the Holy Names are very grateful for the many gifts and variety of ways that Sr. Leona shared God's gifts to her with the Community, family, Church, colleagues and friends. It was evident to everyone who knew her that the Caron Family held a place of love, interest and care in Sr. Leona's life. She desired her legacy to be that she had done "something good in her life."

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MICHAEL MARY (MARY JULIA BRIODY) 1911- 2003



Sr. Michael Mary

Mary Julia Briody was born in Fingal, Ontario March 2, 1911 and subsequently lived in St. Thomas, West Lorne and Windsor. Educated at St. Mary's Academy in Windsor, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary in Hochelaga, Quebec. Sr. Michael Mary was missioned to teach Gr. 7 at St. Anne's Parish School, Detroit in 1929 and then to Chicago. Her high school teaching career at St. Mary's Academy and Assumption College School began in 1932.

The major focus of Sr. Michael's studies

and teaching was in Science and Math enabling her to become proficient in teaching Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Math. However, a little known fact is that prior to getting her B.A. from the University of Western Ontario through Assumption College, Sr. Michael Mary achieved a Diploma in Home Economics! Sr. Michael Mary's former students spoke of her evident love of teaching and her concern for students. She kept pace with current developments in Science and students recall her enthusiasm for sharing new discoveries and research studies. A former student offered the following testimony to the influence of her teaching: "I attribute my love of and success in Science Studies to Sr. Michael Mary's knowledge, wisdom and no non-sense attitude. She made me grow up and applauded me when I did."

A teaching colleague at Assumption College High School in the 1970's. Father Q. Johnson, CSB had this to say of Sr. Michael Mary at the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee of Religious Profession in 1991: "As my mentor, Sr. Michael Mary prepared me well to teach Grade XIII Biology. Most remarkable was her humility with respect to her extensive knowledge and background.

FR. EUGENE O'REILLY, 1927 - 2003

Fr. Eugene O'Reilly died Sept 7, 2003. He taught at Assumption from 1949-52 and from 1960 -62.

Gene was a gracious and gifted teacher, presenting his love for the Catholic Faith and English Literature with a fervent and unassuming style. He was the enthusiastic leader of the Mission Society. May he rest in peace.

THANK YOU

**Gerald O'Brien, '38,
Marlena DeLuca, '99** and her mother who folded, addressed and taped thousands of newsletters.

Thank you from our new subscribers to **Mrs. Evelyn Tronchin** who discovered your addresses.

JOHN JANISSE, C.S.B., 1925-2003



Rev. John Baptist Janisse, C.S.B.

John Baptise Janisse died Monday 12 May, 2003 at Providence Centre, Toronto. John was born in Detroit, MI in 1925, soon to move to Windsor. Following in the footsteps of his older brothes, John attended Assumption High School and College. He boarded there during his final year in order to discern his vocation. John entered St. Basil s Novitiate in 1945 and made his first profession of vows on August 5, 1946.

John returned to Assumption to finish his degree and upon completion of his Honours B.A. in philosophy, he spent a year as secretary to the principal of the Aquinas Annex, Rochester, NY, 1947-48, followed by theological studies and ordination to the priesthood by Cardinal McGuigan at St. Basil s Church, Toronto, on June 2, 1952.

After finishing theological John was placed in charge of the library catalogue department at Assumption College. Subsequently he served in Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver. Father JOHN spent the first years of his Basilian life studying the Word of God and sharing it by preaching, counseling, working in libraries in several great universities as well as ministering to the sick as a hospital chaplain. Since his stroke, his preaching, counseling and teaching were that of a silent faith witnessing from his wheel chair. Father John Janisse is survived by his brother Fr. Rolland, CSB, his sister Sr. Marie Louise OSU as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Vincent and his sister Madeleine.

NORBERT DUROCHER, '59



Norbert Durocher

"NOBBIE" as he was affectionately known to all, passed away at the age of 62 years on August 07 - 03 peacefully at home. He was very active in sports while attending Assumption High School. He was a member of the High School basketball team that won All Ontario Honors in 1958. After High School he joined the AKO Junior Basketball program which traveled to Vancouver for the 1960 Canadian Junior Basketball Championship which was victorious, and a first for the City of Windsor to celebrate. Nobbie remained active in sports throughout his life, playing rugby on the first Windsor Rugby Club team formed in Windsor, and participated in the first Assumption Alumni Golf Tournament held each year to benefit students of Assumption. For the past 35 years he continued to play basketball with the "Thursday night gang" better known as the old timers. He was very active in the community where he served as both coach and manager in baseball for the LaSalle Turtle Club and in hockey with the Sandwich West Minor Hockey Assoc. He retired from the City of Windsor after 37 years of service. "Nobbie" was large in stature, however his kind and gentle nature and ready smile led to many tremendous friendships throughout his life. He was a great pleasure to be with and was treasured as a person. He leaves behind six brothers and three sisters some of whom also walked the halls of Assumption High School. He is survived by his Wife Penny Durocher, Son Derek and wife Kim Durocher, grandson Quinn, and Son Daniel Durocher.

DR. JOE SCHISLER '48



Dr. Joseph Erich Schisler

Sadly, at the age of 73, Dr. Joe Schisler '48 passed away October, 2003 at his home in Puce Ontario. He is survived by his wife Rosemary and three Assumption Grads, Nick '76, Tim '78 and Jeremy '82. Dr. Joe graduated from Assumption in 1948. He continued his education at the University of Western Ontario graduating with a B.A. in 1953 and a M.D. in 1957. He practiced in Belle River from 1958 until joining Chrysler Canada Ltd. in 1965. In 1973 he was promoted to Medical Director, a position he held until his retirement in 1992. During his retirement he remained very active with his family. He pursued various interests including sports, gardening, oil painting and history. While at Assumption Joe was not only an A student but an outstanding athlete in football, hockey and baseball. Playing semi-pro baseball in Sudbury Ontario with Bill Pataky '48 and Gino Fracas '48 to pay for his education, he met his future wife Rosemary. During his keynote speech at Joe s retirement party 1992, Gino Fracas mentioned that Joe s empathy, genuine sincerity, and sense of humour built up a deep chemistry with his patients. He continued, "Joe is caring, compassionate person with a strong commitment to serving those in need, who goes out of his way to help other... you have touched many lives in a positive way." The family would like to thank all of Dr. Joe s friends and colleagues, especially those from Assumption, for their support and prayers during this difficult time. He will be greatly missed.

Devine Equipment Closes



John Devine '53

John Devine, 63, General Manager, Devine Bros. Equipment Company, reluctantly closed the operation in 2003. Founded in 1949 by Alex Devine, 35, as Windsor Rental Company, in a tiny old building across the street from where Devine Bros. Equipment Limited has operated since the early '50s, the city's first business for renting power and manual tools to construction companies, industry and homeowners, will be closed after its inventory of the tools and equipment is sold.

The company name was changed to Devine Bros. Equipment Ltd. in 1952, Paul Devine, a brother of Alex, joined the business. He retired about 30 years later and his widow Eleanor, John's mother became owner. A MBA graduate from the University of Windsor, Devine said he loved his work but "it was 20 years of hard work and long, long hours. I need a break." He said the rental business is changing dramatically. There was fair competition when there were only four or five equipment rental companies in the Windsor area but today there are seven in Metropolitan Windsor, some of them national conglomerates, and another seven in the county, he said. "What was an ideal location, on Aylmer near Riverside Drive, is no longer in the heart of the commercial, residential and industrial construction scene." He said, to stay on top, he would have to relocate and he was not prepared to do that, at age 65.

GREG MAILLOUX'S '70 C.D.'s



Greg Mailloux '70 singer, composer, teacher

After much success with his "Salvation" CD, singer-songwriter Greg Mailloux (70) has just released his 4th CD of Christian songs, "Berried Treasures". Mailloux has led worship music since 1985 and is currently the music director of the Sunday evening Mass at Assumption parish in Windsor. Having taught for 17 years at Assumption College School, he is currently teaching Math and Religion at St. Joseph's High School in Windsor. His music has brought him to various churches, schools, high school and adult retreats, and even the Windsor jail for church services. This CD is a compilation of 17 songs that he has written (and buried) over the years. Having taken a sabbatical this past year allowed him time to record the songs in his home studio. "We have sung many of these songs in church over the years", says Mailloux.

"Now people will have a chance to sing them in their homes and in their cars." Like most of the songs Mailloux writes, the lyrics depend heavily on the lessons from the Bible, but written in a contemporary style. The choruses are catchy melodies that are easy to sing along with. Relying on backup musicians and singers, the CD is a blend of the prayerful and the joyful. Sound clips and ordering information are available at his website <http://gregmailloux.tripod.com> and through Brisebois Christian Bookstore (Windsor) and St. Michael's Catholic Shoppe (Chatham).

23rd Annual Fr. Sheedy & Armstrong Memorial Golf Tournament

In 2003, the younger Alumni helped Glenn Holland to another successful event. This year, Hunt Hool, Gary Ulicny and Norb Rammler will continue the Golf Day - June 5 at Roseland. Please fill in the form on this page. The deadline is May 26. If later, please call Gary at 944-4403

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By Dave Waddell Windsor Star Sports Writer



Ed Mio '71

For three years, Wayne Gretzky tried to lure his old pal Eddie Mio, '71 to join him with the Phoenix Coyotes. Finally, Gretzky got his man when Mio, tired of the rat race as a player agent, accepted the position of -director of player development.

"I had grown a little disenchanted with the agent business," said Mio who laid the ground work for Joe Thornton's hefty new

MIO '71 ADVANCES

contract before leaving IMG. "I had built up a nice business; so I left a lot of money on the table.

"But, everyone is trying to steal everyone else's clients. It had become frustrating and I was tired of it," the Assumption grad, '71, said. The decision became easier when he saw the trend of agents pestering 14-year-olds to sign agreements and families focusing on nothing but the pot of gold at the end of the NHL rainbow.

"I'm 48 and I didn't want to be 55 chasing 14-year-old kids in cold buildings," said Mio, who remains part of the Batten group that would still like to be involved in the building of a new arena in Windsor.

"It was getting harder to deal with families because agents are putting ideas into their heads.

"It was time for a change."

With the Coyotes, Mio can keep working with young players while feeling more anchored.

"One thing I never got was a Stanley Cup ring and now I have a chance to pursue that," said Mio, who remains based in the Detroit area for now.

"I belong to an organization; one interested in winning.

"I also get to do what I really want, work with kids. I'm not interested in being a

GM. I don't want to be tied to a desk.

"This is the job I always told Wayne I wanted even before he owned a team."

Mio, who will help develop and evaluate Coyotes' draft picks, knows the hockey world is watching to see if Gretzky's old friends and teammates can excel in management.

"People are criticizing Wayne for that. But he's got a lot more friends than he's hired," said Mio, who tended goal for seven NHL seasons with Edmonton, the New York Rangers and Detroit.

"He's putting together a group he can trust, that knows the business, who will be honest with him. Our jobs aren't any more secure because Wayne has people to answer to also.

"We have to win like everywhere else."

AS A PLAYER

Mio, '71 played for the Assumption WSSA Hockey Champions in 1968-70 and '71 before accepting a scholarship to Colorado College. He then played seven years in the NHL.

Eddie was also a baseball catcher/first baseman on the 1971 high school team who defeated the Detroit High School AAA Powerhouse teams and was the 16 year old team Champion of the Detroit Federation.

SPORT SHORTS

Coach, Mike Morencie's University of Windsor's football team lost to McMaster, the Ontario University Champions.

Mike Gibala, '90, Chet Wydrynski, '94 and Jim Parsons, '94 played last year for the Professional Windsor Drive basketball team. In the Canadian National Basketball Tournament, Bob Marchand, '56 and Frank Flanagan, '60 lead the Windsor Select Midget team to the finals.

John Upham, '59 was a coach of the runner-up Riverside Bantams.

Rob Isbister was inducted into the North Western University's Hall of Fame last May. Previously, Rod was inducted into the Beanpot Hall of Fame. Assumption Grads, Brian Fahringer, '79 and Ken Manchurek, '79 also won the Beanpot Tournament.

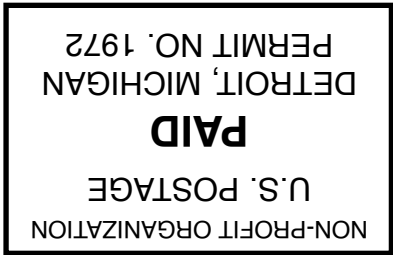
Paul Mailloux, '74 owns his own business here in Windsor - Housemaster Home Inspection. He is married to Lorna (Monaghan) - Brennan '80. They have 2 children, Liz 10 and Lily 4. Paul worked as an accountant in Windsor and Michigan before starting his own business.

Frank DeLuca, '82, and Adriana DeLuca (Masaro), '84, have 2 beautiful and healthy boys adopted from Bogota, Columbia. Both of our journeys to Columbia were incredible experiences. We are very proud to be part of the Families of FANA of Western New York.



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