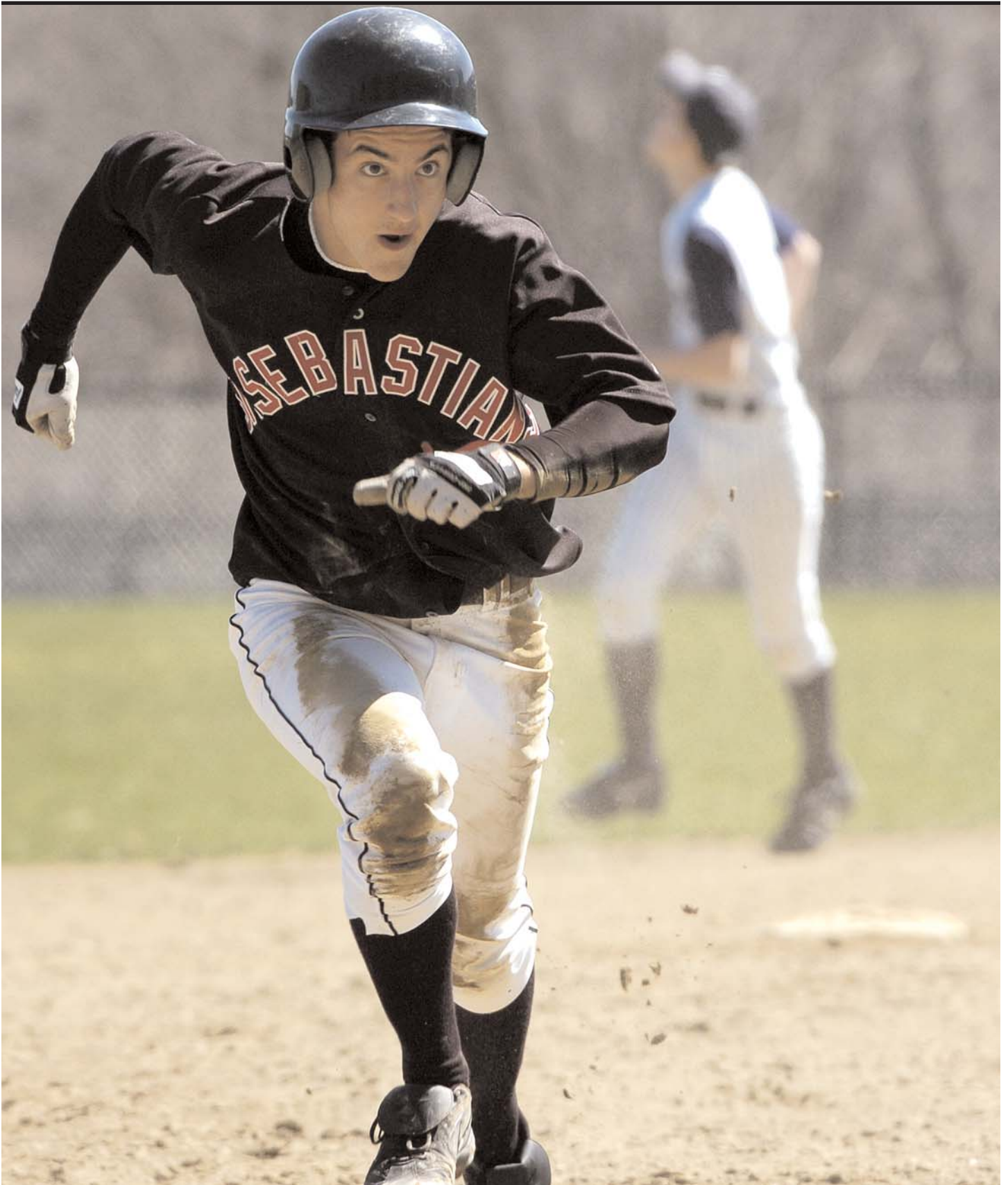
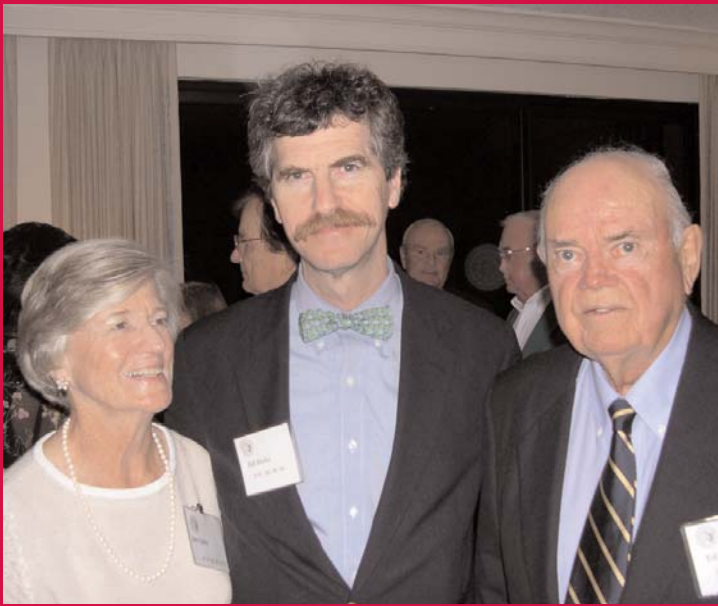


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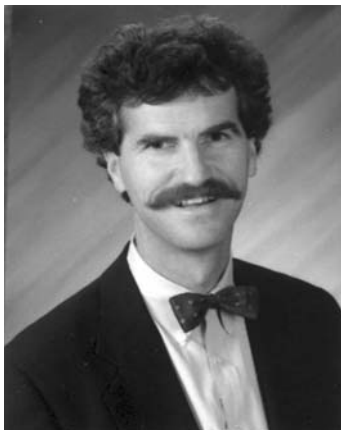
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From The Headmaster William L. Burke, III

“I didn’t cause this to happen. The tree was already rotten. I just gave it a good shake.”

Recently, when our students and faculty gathered in Corporate Chapel, I shared the following response our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, made upon receiving what he deemed to be far too much credit for the collapse of communism:

I didn’t cause this to happen. The tree was already rotten. I just gave it a good shake.

What a rousing message! Clearly, we are all called to give a “good shake” to the rotten trees of injustice. Whenever we come face to face with cruelty, racism, or any other evil, we must respond with courage and confidence. Should we encounter verbal or physical bullying, we must come to our neighbor’s defense. Neutrality is never an option. In the words of St. Paul, we must *not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

In this issue, you will see the faces and read the words of other witnesses to the truth, for we have been richly blessed this year by the graced testimony of several morally courageous guest speakers from across the globe.

And what powerfully positive messages we receive from our own young men each morning, when they stand and deliver their Chapel speeches! So often they cite the order of the day: *Love God, work hard, and take good care of one another.* Many tell stories of the heroes in their lives, and these heroes are almost always family members: mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, sisters and brothers. (We’re truly and profoundly a Family School in more ways than anyone outside the family could possibly imagine.)

By selecting important subjects, by claiming the higher moral ground, by writing accurately and imaginatively, by speaking with passionate eloquence, and by sharing so freely and fully of themselves, our young men inform us that they do indeed apprehend the good, the true, and the beautiful, and they evince the very good news that they are fast becoming the men that God and all of us want them to be.

I thank our students for throwing your hearts and souls into learning, serving, and leading. I thank our outstanding faculty and staff for modeling and demanding the pursuit of excellence in body, mind, and spirit. I thank all St. Sebastian’s parents for sharing your sons with us and for strengthening the bonds of our sacred partnership. I thank our trustees, our alumni, and our many friends for all you do to build up the community of this great School. And I thank God for bringing my family and me and all of you to St. Sebastian’s.

I wish you all the happiest of spring days. May we all be ever more open and responsive to God’s love.

Sincerely,

William L. Burke III

Noted Author Visits St. Sebastian's

By: Chris Lynch, English Department Chair



*“Above all,
I learned to trust
in the power
of love.”*

~ Mark Mathabane ~

On February 10, the St. Sebastian's community was honored by the presence of Mr. Mark Mathabane, a noted author, lecturer and humanitarian. Mr. Mathabane delivered a 30-minute lecture to the entire School community and was acknowledged with a standing ovation. Afterwards, Mathabane spoke with students, faculty, and parents during a gathering in Ward Hall. He also visited Mr. Wishart's American Literature class and signed copies of his books during lunch periods. Months after his visit, Mathabane's inspirational words and heroic example continue to shape the lives of students and faculty.

Mark Mathabane was born the eldest of seven children in Johannesburg, South Africa where he suffered under the system of Apartheid. Alexandra, the ghetto in which he lived, was about one square mile and was home to over 200,000 blacks. He grew up amid devastating poverty and horrifying violence but found hope in the unconditional love of his mother. At age 18, Mathabane escaped Apartheid due largely to the compassion of American tennis professional Stan Smith. Mr. Smith helped Mathabane earn a tennis scholarship to an American university. In 1986, Mathabane published *Kaffir Boy*, the story of his youth in South Africa. He has since written five other books, and he has spoken at high schools and colleges around the country.

In his speech, Mathabane praised St. Sebastian's for its commitment to spreading God's word and to educating young men in a community of hope. He spoke of the necessity of choosing good over evil, even in seemingly

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Iraqi Nun Speaks Of Life And Hope

The St. Sebastian's community, thanks to Susan & Robert Horne P'07, came together on Thursday, March 10, to listen to Sister Olga Yaqob, an Iraqi nun currently studying in Boston.



Sister Olga was born and raised in Kirkuk, Iraq. When she was thirteen, her country went to war with Iran. Next came the war with Kuwait and then the first and second Gulf Wars. In between, United Nations imposed sanctions crippled the country, keeping basic necessities and modern technology out.

During the first Gulf War she became separated from her family and lived in the desert with little food and water. This is when Sister Olga discovered her vocation, her desire to become a nun and help both Muslims and Christians living in Iraq. Eventually, with the permission of her bishop, she founded the first new religious community for women in the Assyrian Catholic Church in 700 years, the Missionaries of the Virgin Mary.

“For more than twenty years of my life, I've seen suffering because of war,” stated Sister Olga. “War is never the answer. It kills everything – hope, the meaning of life, your dreams. When you live a life of sadness and death without a future, without hope, do you think you are alive?”

“At the age when you normally dream about high school, college, what you want to do with your life, I couldn't dream,” she added. “I didn't know if I would live to go to college. We buried a lot of people in the desert. A lot of elderly people and children did not survive. Parents lost children not because they were sick, but because there was not enough water and bread to feed them.”

She feels God has led her to the United States not just to study, but to be an ambassador for peace – to help people on both sides better understand each other.

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Awards & Honors

Debate Winners

James Gallagher '06 placed third out of 43 speakers in the category of Ethical Dilemmas at the Kingswood-Oxford Public Speaking Competition held on February 13.

On February 27, St. Sebastian's hosted its annual Debate Tournament. Twelve schools from the Debating Association of New England Independent Schools attended. James Gallagher '06 placed third in the triple-speak competition, while Thomas Brennan '06 placed fifth out of 44 speakers in the advanced division. Congratulations.



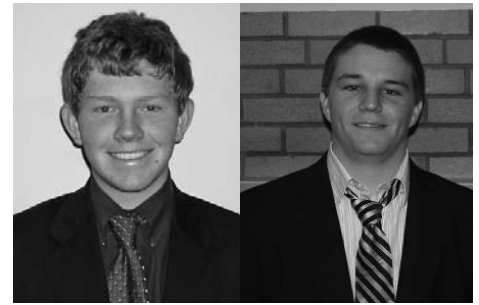
James Gallagher Thomas Brennan

Artists Recognized

Christopher O'Hurley '06, Adler Prioly '05, and Billy O'Brien '09 were recognized by the Boston Globe Scholastic Arts Awards Program on February 13. O'Hurley received the Gold Key, the highest award given, for his sculpture of Gandhi. His entry was automatically entered into a National Competition, where he earned a Silver Medal by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in April. Prioly (printmaking) and O'Brien (drawing) each received Honorable Mentions for their entries.

Drama Awards

Michael Tierney '05 and Scott MacKenzie '06 received Individual Acting Awards at the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival held on March 5. They earned these awards for their roles in "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations."



Michael Tierney Scott MacKenzie

Merit Scholarship Finalist

In February, Headmaster Burke and Assistant Headmaster Nerbonne presented Andrew Schneider '05 (*pictured at right*) with a Certificate of Merit from the National Merit Scholarship Program. This certifies Schneider as a Finalist in the competition for a Merit Scholarship Award. In October, Schneider was one of 15,000 (out of over one million) students who had advanced to the semifinals for his placement on the 2003 Preliminary SAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



Mahoney Chosen For Program

Jack Mahoney '06 (*pictured at right*) is one of thirty students from across the United States who has been accepted into the prestigious St. Albans School - School of Public Service. For four weeks this summer, Mahoney will learn first hand about the nature of public service and the role of governments, nonprofits, private organizations, and individuals in making America a democratic and civil society. Presentations by members of Congress, agency leaders, and public policy figures will complement extensive discussions and research related to contemporary policy issues.



Mathematics Contest Top Scorers

Recently, many of our students participated in either the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) or the New England Mathematics League Competition (NEML). Top scorers from each of these competitions are listed below.

Special recognition goes to Dimitry Doohovskoy '05 for scoring high enough to qualify for the second level test. Less than 10% of the 250,000 students nationwide who participate each year reach this level.

- NEML (grade 7)**
 1st Ned Kingsley
 2nd Kam Callow
 3rd Conor Dillon
 (tie) Mike Sanderson
 5th Andrew Spencer

- (tie) John Wolfe
 2nd Jack Crowley
 (tie) William O'Brien

5th Tim Tierney '07

- AMC 8 (grade 8)**
 1st Tom Ayotte

- AMC 10 (grades 9-10)**
 1st Pat Brennan '07
 2nd Joseph Ennis '07
 3rd Andrew Horne '07
 4th Andrew Ea '07

- AMC 12 (grades 11-12)**
 1st Dimitry Doohovskoy '05
 2nd David Gusella '06
 3rd Chris Kaltenbach '06
 (tie) Andrew Schneider '05
 5th Kenneth Mateo '05
 (tie) Daniel Ferrari '05

Third Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 7 - Third Quarter

Honors with Distinction

Charles B. Allen
Kameron P. Callow
James P. Daly
Conor G. Dillon
Robert J. Donahoe
John J. Kavolius
Joseph R. Kilcullen
Edward W. Kingsley
Maxwell A. Kingsley
Christopher D. Moses
Richard J. Mulroy
Scott M. Neuberger
Michael J. O'Malley
Michael D. Sanderson
John H. Supple
John R. Vanasse

Honors

Thomas J. Balanda
Peter G. Burke
Cameron B. Butler
Peter H. Cahill
Gregory J. Driscoll
Benjamin F. Gallagher
Colin J. Geary
Thomas B. Gregg
Nicholas A. Jacoby
Thomas L. Kelly
Kevin C. Lynch
Christopher S. Marino
Andrew S. Phillips
Andrew R. Spencer

Effort

Charles B. Allen
Thomas J. Balanda
Peter G. Burke
Peter H. Cahill
Kameron P. Callow
James P. Daly
Robert J. Donahoe
Gregory J. Driscoll
Kyle J. Everett
Benjamin F. Gallagher
Nicholas A. Jacoby
John J. Kavolius
Thomas L. Kelly
Joseph R. Kilcullen

Maxwell A. Kingsley
Edward W. Kingsley
Kevin C. Lynch
Christopher S. Marino
Christopher D. Moses
Scott M. Neuberger
Michael J. O'Malley
Michael D. Sanderson
Andrew R. Spencer
John H. Supple
John R. Vanasse
James P. Wyse

Grade 8 - Third Quarter

High Honors

William J. O'Brien
Javier J. Pluta
Brian E. Richter
John T. Wolfe

Honors with Distinction

Tracy J. Adams
Thomas M. Ayotte
Timothy L. Brennan
Jack D. Crowley
Edward A. Downs
Michael G. Duffy
Nicholas J. Fico
Michael J. Foley
Dominic S. Jancaterino
Thomas M. Keeley
Mac J. Lalor
John X. McAvoy
Tho D. Nguyen
John J. Power
Brendan F. Quinn
Luke T. Regan
Richard A. Renwick
Nicholas M. Sennott
Tyler W. Smith
Luke M. Sullivan
Edward L. Supple
Brian V. Walker
Cedric White
Kyle E. White

Honors

Alan F. Donovan
Daniel J. Halloran
Conor T. McCarthy

Derek P. Morrison
Sean W. O'Malley
Stephen Rogers
Zachary J. Simon

Effort

Tracy J. Adams
Thomas M. Ayotte
Timothy L. Brennan
Jack D. Crowley
Alan F. Donovan
Edward A. Downs
Michael G. Duffy
Nicholas J. Fico
Michael J. Foley
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Thomas M. Keeley
Mac J. Lalor
John X. McAvoy
Conor T. McCarthy
Tho D. Nguyen
William J. O'Brien
Sean W. O'Malley
Javier J. Pluta
John J. Power
Brendan F. Quinn
Luke T. Regan
Richard A. Renwick
Brian E. Richter
Nicholas M. Sennott
Zachary J. Simon
Tyler W. Smith
Luke M. Sullivan
Edward L. Supple
Kyle E. White
Cedric White
John T. Wolfe

Grade 9 - Third Quarter

High Honors

J. Matthew Butler
Michael J. DiBiase
Patrick R. Kelly
Charles B. Tangerini

Honors with Distinction

Michael P. Angelico
Michael C. Burke
Matthew S. Chabot
Sean C. Chrisom
Theodore C. Cummings
Tucker P. Donahoe
James L. Elcock
William L. Elcock
Michael G. Garland
Patrick H. Ginley
Stephen A. Heitman

Michael T. Hoban
Francis X. Jacoby
Patrick W. Kaltenbach
Nathaniel W. Kelly
Lindsey E. Kennard
James T. Kerwin
Harry J. Maxwell
Donald Z. Mykulak
R. Maxwell Racine

Honors

Daniel J. Anderson
Robert J. Brooks
Christopher W. Burns
John R. Dean
William A. Donovan
Thomas D. Dryja
Sean R. Flaherty
Steven N. Graziano
Ryan F. Harrity
Nicholas H. Krone
Giovanni T. LoRusso
Matthew R. Lutch
Ryan R. Lynch
David A. Marich
Gregory W. Mateo
Ryan M. McCaffrey
Brendan J. McPartland
James T. Mulroy
Brendan R. Murray
Peter J. O'Neil
Colin R. Packenham
Jared G. Prince
Christian W. Scully
Michael W. Shortsleeve
Patrick G. Stanton
Patrick R. Stoddard
Lucas P. Tsanotelis
Ian D. Wheeler

Effort

Michael P. Angelico
Michael C. Burke
Christopher W. Burns
J. Matthew Butler
Matthew S. Chabot
Sean C. Chrisom
Theodore C. Cummings
Michael J. DiBiase
William A. Donovan
Thomas D. Dryja
James L. Elcock
William L. Elcock
Steven J. Feeley
Michael G. Garland
Patrick H. Ginley
Steven N. Graziano
Stephen A. Heitman
Michael T. Hoban
Christopher F. Homsy
Francis X. Jacoby
Nathaniel W. Kelly
Patrick R. Kelly
Lindsey E. Kennard

Giovanni T. LoRusso
David A. Marich
James T. Mulroy
Brendan R. Murray
Donald Z. Mykulak
Colin R. Packenham
Jared G. Prince
R. Maxwell Racine
Michael W. Shortsleeve
Patrick G. Stanton
Charles B. Tangerini

Grade 10 - Third Quarter

High Honors

Patrick T. Brennan
Brian C. Ea
Andrew S. Ea
Andrew J. Horne
Conor M. Keating
Timothy F. Smith

Honors with Distinction

Michael P. Bergin
Sean J. Connors
Kenneth A. Csaplár
Adam W. Czyrkliś
Matthew E. Duffy
Shane D. Ecclesine
Matthew D. Hadge
Peter S. Kerr
John C. Madore
Eric W. McGowan
Joseph F. Moran
Michael G. Piersiak
Matthew M. Reddish
Michael J. Regan
Connor W. Smith
Timothy P. Tierney
Daniel N. White

Honors

Andrew M. Brien
Chimaobi Chukwu
Joseph C. Clark
Sean M. Coffey
John P. Doherty
Tucker J. Elcock
Joseph R. Ennis
Samuel H. George
Nicholas A. Harney
Paul G. Hart
George W. Hoch
Trevor R. Hunt
Nicholas D. Kelly
Peter J. MacDonald
Kevin P. Madore
James P. Maguire
Andrew R. McCue
Michael A. Misasi
Brendan P. Mulroy
Brendan J. Murphy
Brandon T. Peck
Zachary J. Restuccia

High Honors: A- or above in all subjects

Honors With Distinction: B or above in all subjects

Honors: B- or above in all subjects

Effort Honors: Marks of 1 or 2 in all subjects

Reaching Out To Help Others

By: Billy O'Brien '09

David C. Ryan
Emilio P. Tangerini
Connor D. Toomey

Effort

Michael P. Bergin
Patrick T. Brennan
Andrew M. Brien
Chimaobi Chukwu
Joseph C. Clark
Sean M. Coffey
Sean J. Connors
Kenneth A. Csaplar
Paul J. Donovan
Brian C. Ea
Andrew S. Ea
Shane D. Ecclesine
Tucker J. Elcock
Matthew D. Hadge
Nicholas A. Harney
George W. Hoch
Andrew J. Horne
Conor M. Keating
Maxwell P. Kelly
Peter S. Kerr
Peter J. MacDonald
John C. Madore
Kevin P. Madore
James P. Maguire
Andrew R. McCue
Eric W. McGowan
Michael A. Misasi
Joseph F. Moran
Brendan P. Mulroy
Brandon T. Peck
Michael G. Piersiak
Matthew M. Reddish
Michael J. Regan
David C. Ryan
Connor W. Smith
Timothy F. Smith
Emilio P. Tangerini
Timothy P. Tierney
Daniel N. White

Grade 11 - Third Quarter

High Honors

G. Andrew Conway
David A. Gusella

Honors with Distinction

Todd F. Davis
Andrew K. Dolan
Matthew W. Griffiths
Nicholas F. Homsy
Christopher J. Kaltenbach
Timothy J. Kilcullen
Brian R. Lepley
John J. Mahoney

Jay A. McNamara
Patrick D. Mulroy
James W. O'Brien
Matthew R. Perry
Jake J. Polcari
Thomas J. Repetti
Miles D. Souza
Michael C. Wahle
Jack R. Wilkinson

Honors

Steven M. Byrne
Edward V. Dillon
Peter J. Doherty
Russell A. Haws
Mark N. Holland
John B. Hynes
Scott A. MacKenzie
Thomas E. McAvoy
Matthew P. Nagatori
Christopher L. O'Hurley
Jason G. Prince
Douglas A. Rogers
Ryan M. Sanders
David M. Stanton
Colin H. Young

Effort

Matthew P. Boole
Steven M. Byrne
G. Andrew Conway
Todd F. Davis
Jonathan F. DeFalco
James S. DiStasio
Andrew K. Dolan
Brendan T. Flannery
David A. Gusella
Russell A. Haws
Mark N. Holland
Nicholas F. Homsy
Christopher J. Kaltenbach
Timothy J. Kilcullen
Brian R. Lepley
Eric A. Lessard
John J. Mahoney
Andrew S. Maxwell
Jay A. McNamara
Michael A. Morteo
Matthew P. Nagatori
James W. O'Brien
Christopher L. O'Hurley
Matthew R. Perry
Jason G. Prince
Thomas J. Repetti
Douglas A. Rogers
Ryan M. Sanders
Miles D. Souza
David M. Stanton
Michael C. Wahle
Jack R. Wilkinson

Please Note: The names listed here are for the third quarter. Since seniors only receive a second semester grade, they are not included in this listing.

The Walker Home and School has served as a haven for underprivileged children throughout Massachusetts for the past forty years. It offers a good education and a comfortable residency for the most troubled children and their families. Mental illnesses, learning disabilities, and abusive parents are some of the circumstances that bring people to the Walker House. For some, this is their only home. Forty-eight children currently reside at the Home, and another forty-eight attend the School. Dedicated, highly trained teachers work hard with the children. Without the Walker House, many of them would not be able to succeed in life.

Toys, sporting goods, and other things that many people normally find in their houses are not a luxury for the young people at the Walker House. Because of this, the eighth graders have collected and donated Christmas gifts to the Walker House the past few years. A few weeks before Christmas break this year, David and Chris (educators from the Walker House) came to St. Sebastian's with index cards. Each eighth grader received a card which contained a child's name, age, and a few gifts he or she would like to receive for Christmas. For our eighth graders, this project is always a huge success, allowing all of the students to attain the Christmas spirit by making the children at the Walker House happy.

Recently, the seventh and eighth graders embarked on a new service project for the Walker House, a Spring Sports Drive. Throughout parts of February and March, students donated old and new sporting goods. The success of this effort was visible in Mr. Webb's room, where the equipment was piled high, barely leaving Mr. Webb room to grade papers.

Before leaving for our March break, the equipment was driven to the Walker House. The children and staff were once again very pleased. We were also able to collect enough money in our mission collection to purchase a lacrosse net for them.

Mrs. Colton, Mr. Webb, Mr. Smith, and the entire middle school are glad to have had the opportunity to make a difference for the people of the Walker House.



left: Students from the eighth grade class prepare to load cars with sports equipment they collected for the Walker House.

Winter Sports Season Review

Arrows Hockey



The Varsity Hockey team started the 2004-2005 campaign with a solid core of returning letter-winners looking to help along many new faces as they got accustomed to the pace and demands of New England prep hockey. A small but significant senior class would lead the way, but the team's progress was going to be determined by the many underclassmen in the lineup. For senior captain Nick Coskren, and classmates Chris Murphy, Brendan Moses, Matt McElaney, and Pat Chambers, this would mark their final year wearing an Arrow uniform.

With so much inexperience, the team was faced with a challenging first month of the season. Wins over Milton Academy and Tilton let everyone know that the Arrows had offensive punch in the form of Coskren and

Murphy. A tough loss to BBN, despite two goals by Joe Ennis, left many wondering in what direction this team was going.

Varsity Hockey Results

Opponent	Score	W/L
Milton Academy	6-2	W
Tilton	5-3	W
BB&N	5-3	L
Governor Dummer	2-0	W
<i>St. Seb's Tournament</i>		
South Kent	5-2	W
Bridgton	4-3	L
Thayer	8-1	L
CM (Mutch Cup)	3-3	T
<i>Tabor Tournament</i>		
Milton Academy	4-1	L
Holderness	5-1	L
New England Falcons	4-1	L
Hill School	4-1	W
Nobles	5-5	T
Belmont Hill	3-1	L
St. Paul's	2-1	W
Andover	6-5	L
St. Mark's	6-0	W
Thayer	3-2	W
BB&N	4-2	W
Lawrence Academy	5-3	W
Nobles	6-1	L
Belmont Hill	4-3	L
Milton Academy	6-1	W
Tabor (Travis Roy Cup)	4-3	W
St. Paul's	3-3	T
Governor Dummer	3-2	W
Lawrence Academy	3-2	L
Thayer	3-2	L

The Arrows finished the season in fourth place in the ISL Keller with a record of 8-6-2 and an overall record of 13-12-3. At the end of the year Nick Coskren, Chris Murphy, Doug Rogers, and Colin Young were named to the All-League team for their outstanding play. Coskren (49 points), Murphy (54 points), and Rogers (43 points) proved to be one of the most impressive lines in all of prep hockey. Young (20 points) was a force all year on the blue line for the Arrows, logging many minutes as he once again led the defensemen. Connor Toomey earned All-League honorable mention for his strong play in the net. In his first year as the starter, he proved to be more than ready for the challenge.

While the record did not end up the way the team would have liked, it did represent solid progress from beginning to end. Many players now know just what it takes on and off the ice to make a difference in prep hockey. As Nick Coskren, Chris Murphy, Brendan Moses, Matt McElaney, Pat Chambers, and manager extraordinaire Shea Fitzgerald move on, they will leave behind a team that has learned valuable lessons from their leadership. On the blue line, Colin Young, Andrew Maxwell, and Jordan Lalor provided experience and skill all year, which allowed newcomers Steven Byrne, Mike Bergin, Sean Coffey, Tim Corcoran, and Joe Ennis the time to develop as the year went on. A skilled group, they will be counted on heavily when the 2005-2006 season starts. Up front, Doug Rogers will be looking for new linemates, but with the likes of veterans Todd Davis and Eric Lake, as well as Matt Reddish, Mike Hoban, Chris Scully, and Jordan Fine, there is a solid group of forwards looking to make even more of an impact on the Arrows fortunes next year. In goal, both Connor Toomey and Jay McNamara return. Zach Restuccia will be looking to apply lessons learned from Shea Fitz as he takes over the managerial role.

Read a complete game by game summary on the Varsity Hockey page at www.stsebs.org.

Varsity Basketball

By Matt Griffiths '06

“I don’t believe in moral victories” is something that Coach George Morelli got accustomed to saying in his first year as the head coach of the basketball team. After a tough season the year before in Coach John Borden’s last season, the Arrows were looking to make some noise around the league with a younger, more energetic lineup.

After opening the season with an impressive win over a strong St. George’s team, things looked promising. However, a tough stretch of games followed in which the Arrows lost 12 straight, many in games that weren’t decided until the last few minutes. The St. Sebastian’s squad ended the season by winning 6 of their last 8 games to earn a respectable 7-14 record, but more importantly, 7-9 in the powerful ISL.

The team was led by senior Captains Mark Flaherty and Greg Mahoney, who provided most of the offensive production. Mark controlled the offense at the point guard position by hitting clutch three-pointers and dishing out assists while Greg, who at 5’9” played like he was at least a foot taller during the season, posted up on offense and guarded some of the most dominant players in the league on defense. Both seniors were rewarded for their strong years by being named to the ISL All-League Team.

Other contributors included starting juniors Matt Perry, Matt Griffiths, and Tim Kilcullen, all of whom had their own unique rolls on the team. Perry was one of the best three-point shooters in the league. Kilcullen picked up right where his brother Pat ’04 left off by leading the team in rebounds and performing at a high level in big games. Griffiths was the sparkplug for the team on defense, coming up with several big steals and defensive stops to keep the team in games.

There were also several bench players who contributed to the Arrows cause. Sophomore Darvis Rankins demonstrated such offensive explosiveness and defensive tenacity, that if there were an award of the best 6 man, he would have been the hands-down winner. Brian Lepley used his long arms and physical ability to grab some much needed rebounds for the undersized team along several big blocks. Sophomore Connor Smith was also able to earn some minutes down the stretch through his shooting skills and ability to find the open man. Sophmores Joe Clark and Sam George both played favorable minutes as rookies to the team. Coach Morelli considered the senior trio of Steven-Lee Wilson, Avery Hardaway, and Michael Riley the glue of the team due to their ability to give everything they had in practice despite not getting all the playing time they would have liked. Their energy helped make the team better, and they provided for some well needed comic relief throughout the long losing streak.

While the wins weren’t always there this season, the team never lost hope and continued working hard in practice every single day. That hard work eventually paid off. They no longer had to hear that “there is no such thing as a moral victory” because true victory was finally within their grasp.



Varsity Basketball Results

Opponent	Score	W/L
St. George's	52-42	W
Lexington Christian	60-51	L
<i>Rivers Tournament</i>		
Nobles	56-44	L
BB&N	62-42	L
<i>St. Seb's Tournament</i>		
Holderness	76-50	L
Nobles	70-60	L
Tabor	65-38	L
Roxbury Latin	73-36	L
Brooks	46-41	L
Groton	79-76	L
Thayer	71-45	L
Belmont Hill	49-42	L
BB&N	51-50	L
Rivers	51-42	W
Nobles	55-51	W
St. Mark's	70-32	L
Middlesex	65-56	W
Lawrence Academy	70-64	W
Governor Dummer	67-53	L
Milton Academy	64-50	W
St. Paul's	57-38	W

Squash Club Has Successful Season

By: Craig Gibson '05



Craig Gibson '05 takes a break as faculty member Brian Bowe '96 retrieves the ball.

The squash team had a very productive third season with a record number of players participating on the team. Over twenty-five students joined coaches Aileen Keenan and Peter Webb and captain Craig Gibson '05 this year.

Meeting Monday and Tuesday afternoons at Nobles and Wednesday and Friday afternoons at the University Club, the large number of players made for tough competition at practices. The team was equally competi-

tive on the road, finishing 3-2 for the season, with hotly contested victories over Brooks and Middlesex highlighting the year.

The end of this season is bittersweet for the founding senior members of the team. Although it is sad to know we will not be back next year, we are proud of our legacy and the team we have started. With many strong underclassmen in

the line-up for the 2005-2006 season, the squash team is bound to be successful once again.



At left (l-r): Squash team members Chris O'Hurley '06 and Jack Mahoney '06.



At left (l-r): Mr. Chris Lynch, Mark Mathabane, Headmaster Bill Burke, and Assistant Headmaster Mike Nerbonne.

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small matters. As an example, he told the story of one such choice he made as a young man. Weakened by hunger, he followed some of his friends to a warehouse where he was told they would receive food. However, when Mathabane saw the food before him, unlike the other boys, he did not begin gorging himself – though his stomach was telling him to do so. He knew there was something wrong. He felt that it would be wrong to take the food. Later, his friends were abused in payment for enjoying the food, but Mathabane was able to escape.

Mathabane's mother – abused by her husband and terrorized by the police – was a source of comfort, hope, and unconditional love for the young man. As a child, he would beg his mother to leave his abusive father, but she insisted that love would prevail. She was proven correct when the elder Mathabane eventually turned his life around and became a minister.

Of his many remarkable messages, the most compelling may have been his insistence that there is one, great truth each human must seek. He noted that if we fail to acknowledge some truth greater than ourselves we are merely, “bubbles on the froth of chaos, waiting to burst and disappear.” He reminded us that the pursuit of truth is rarely easy, that “sometimes you have to stand alone because you stand by the truth.”

Daily Life On Campus

Ernie's Incredible Illucinations

Students from St. Sebastian's, Ursuline, and Newton Country Day came together to perform "Ernie's Incredible Illucinations" in mid-February. Written in 1967 by Alan Ayckbourn, this one-act comedy featured Ernie (*played by Javier Pluta '09 shown seated at right with the 'doctor' played by Ken Mateo '05*), a boy who is able to create events simply by imagining them. On March 5, the students represented St. Sebastian's when they performed the play at the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival at Joseph Case High School in Swansea.



Where Has The Year Gone?

With 100 days to go until graduation, the senior class gathered in Ward Hall for a breakfast hosted by the Alumni & Development Office on February 23. Fr. Paris started the event by offering grace. Following the meal, Headmaster Burke and Doug Zack reminded the students that they are the future of the School. The breakfast ended when the Alumni & Development Office handed out hats (*like the one worn by Craig Gibson at left*) to the members of the senior class.

March SADDness

The St. Sebastian's SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Chapter continued its tradition of balancing serious topics with opportunities for healthy fun by sponsoring the annual March "SADDness" 3x3 Basketball and 4x4 Floor Hockey tournaments. Over 90 students in grades 9-12 participated in the competitive after school fun, with the winners receiving prizes (and bragging rights!). Winning team members included: basketball - Conor Joyce, Dimitry Doohovskoy, and Greg Mahoney, and hockey - Tyler Fallon, Patrick Chambers, Jon Marich, and Mike Feeley. The money raised will be used to further the mission of the club. Many thanks to Brian Lepley '06 (*pictured at right*) for assisting Mrs. Lynch in planning the event.





Trustees Return To Class

Prior to their board meeting on March 1, some of the Trustees spent the afternoon brushing up on history, writing, government, and philosophy when they took part in the annual Board of Trustees class visits. Fr. Brooks (shown here second from right in Mr. Tom Nunan's *Western Philosophy* class) was among those who participated in the event.

Actus Highlights Latin IV Students

The School held its annual Actus: A Public Examination in Vergil's Aeneid, on March 1. This year for the first time the Actus was conducted before members of the Board of Trustees following their class visits. Professor Richard F. Thomas, Chairman of the Department of Classics at Harvard University, asked five members of Mr. Sean Albertson's Latin IV Advanced Placement class questions related to translation, interpretation, and metrical analysis from Vergil's great epic. This year's examinees, all members of the junior class, were G. Andrew Conway, David A. Gusella, Nicholas F. Homsy, James W. O'Brien, and Thomas J. Repetti.

Shown are (l-r) Repetti, Gusella, and Homsy.



Professional Tenor Visits St. Sebastian's

Professional tenor and music instructor E. Mark Murphy (pictured at left with Colin Geary '10) visited St. Sebastian's for a Fine Arts assembly on March 8. Following a song played by our jazz band, Murphy coached Geary and Eric McGowan '07 through music pieces they had prepared prior to the assembly.

At The Head Of The Class

By: David Gusella '06



Many members of the National Honor Society (NHS) took part in this year's Teacher Appreciation Day, held on Thursday, February 3. Throughout the

day, NHS members switched places with our teachers, giving us the opportunity to experience firsthand what it is like to prepare for and teach a group of students.

I was happy to be assigned to Mr. Albertson's Latin II class, a first period class of energetic eighth graders. In my case, I had to go back and learn what the students were doing in their normal class. This meant going back through *Ecce Romani* to the kind of Latin I had learned at my old school. To be able to teach the class well, I had to read over the homework assignment that was given by Mr. Albertson to his class the day before. My task was to review the material with his class. If any time remained, I was allowed to play a game with the students.

Upon completing the homework and preparing notes for class, I faced the prospect of going into a class of eighth graders whom I hardly knew. To settle this, I brought in a small, plush ball. This ball would be my savior, allowing whoever held the ball the opportunity to answer questions and speak. Thus, I would not be left scrounging for names from the recesses of my memory.

As I took my seat at Mr. Albertson's infamous desk, a new sense of power came over me. I was the teacher, the one able to make the students either love or hate me, or both. I tried as best I could to go over the homework with the eighth graders, and my "name-

ball" was a smashing success, causing everyone to want to participate. We completed our review of the material with time left to play a game, a competition of identifying Latin NHL team names with the English teams. As the bell rang, Mr. Albertson returned to find that his students had learned a great deal. I can assure you this NHS member was equally educated.

This experience has allowed me to witness the classroom from the "other side." I was able to see the distractions and such that can take place during class, and I managed to keep my cool and handle the situations that arose as I went through the materials that needed to be covered. I left that room with a newfound respect for teachers and their teaching habits, and I also recognized how hard it is to be liked, and yet good, as a teacher. This experience taught me how to be a teacher, but it also taught me the necessities of being a good leader. As I left the room to requests to teach again in the future from the students, I reveled in not just a job well done, but a new, exciting experience as well.

Black History Month Honors Women

By: Adler Prioly '05

Men with Positive Attitudes (MPA) decided that Black History month this year should not focus on Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, or the other famous figures often associated with Black history. Rather, this year February should be spent paying tribute to the achievements of African-American women.

Despite being responsible for building and maintaining the first, stable, Black middle-class in American history, these women are often overlooked and underestimated. From Sheila Bridges to Phyllicia Rashad to Nikki Giovanni, Black females have quietly made an impact on American society by consistently climbing the social ladder to success - some as revolutionary figures, others as Fortune 500 company CEOs.

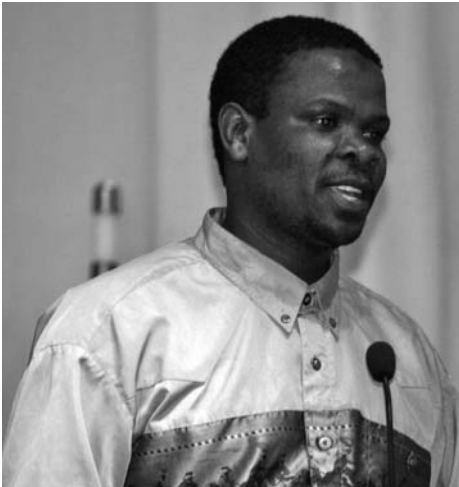
Author Mark Mathabane, during his visit to St. Sebastian's in early February (*see article page 3*), reinforced our theme when he told the story of his mother, a woman who opened up their impoverished home and meager crumbs to the homeless and hungry in a world that was constructed around self-survival. Her willingness to keep the family intact despite her husband's alcoholism and the imminent threat to danger is dignified, if not honorable, as a human action. Mathabane's mother symbolizes Black women in their entirety: incomprehensible strength, beautiful, and always seeking to attain the elusive victories.

Dr. Olivia Morehead-Slaughter (*shown at right*), the featured speaker at the Black History Month assembly, listed over thirty prominent black females during her presentation. She commented that she usually does not speak publicly during Black History Month, but thought St. Sebastian's focus on Black women was a great opportunity to share some insights. She challenged all of us to step outside of our comfort zones and take the time to learn about others.



By learning about people such as Gwendolyn Brooks, Madame C.J. Walker, and Phyllis Wheatley, we are able to see a more complete picture of Black history in our Country. While one month is not nearly enough time to adequately celebrate all of the achievements of Black women in our society, MPA hopes it has given proper praise and recognition to many of the females who have been too often overlooked and eclipsed.

IRC Brings Somali Refugee To St. Sebastian's



Somali Refugee Awies Hussein

The St. Sebastian's International Club kicked-off National Foreign Languages Week with an assembly featuring the International Rescue Committee (IRC) on Monday, February 28. This marks the third time the IRC has visited the School.

As they have done in the past, the IRC brought with them a refugee who recently arrived in the United States. This year, the St. Sebastian's community was fortunate to hear from Awies Hussein, a Somali Bantu, who came to the United States in January 2004.

As a persecuted minority group, the Bantu have endured overt discrimination and exclusion from mainstream Somalian society since their arrival as slaves in the nineteenth century. A marginalized and subjugated people, they lacked true representation in politics and access to government services, educational opportunities, and professional positions in the private sector.

Hussein described his life in Somalia and how, with the help of the IRC, he was able to come to the United States. Rita Kantarowski and Mirjana Kulenovich, from the IRC, described their organization and the impact it has had throughout the world.

The International Rescue Committee was founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein to assist refugees fleeing Nazi persecution in Europe. Since its opening in 1979, the Boston Chapter has resettled over 13,000 refugees from over 40 countries. They assist refugees with housing, food, English language services, community orientation, and job skills training. The goal is to enable the refugees to achieve self-sufficiency as they build new lives in freedom.

Pictured l-r: Rita Kantarowski, Paul Cotter '05, Headmaster Burke, Awies Hussein, Mirjana Kulenovich, Elaine Schwimmer, and Assistant Headmaster Mike Nerbonne.



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Sister Olga Yaqob

She told of growing up in a world without modern technology. She said that although she held two degrees by the time she came to the United States in 2002, she had never seen a computer. Since only two state-owned television stations existed in Iraq, her people were cut-off from knowing what was happening in the rest of the world. She marveled at how people here in the United States seem so absorbed in their own lives – they sit in front of their own computers, they talk on their cell phones while walking, and they even listen to music with their headphones while out running.

She encouraged the students to step outside of their private world and experience what God has given. We all have the power to be instruments of love and peace. We all have the power to make the world a better place.

She concluded, “God created us all in his image – Christians, Muslims, Jews. Peace is possible. We must not give up hope. Our Lord, Jesus Christ overcame death. We can change the whole world if we set our faith on fire.”

Learning What Makes Our Government Tick

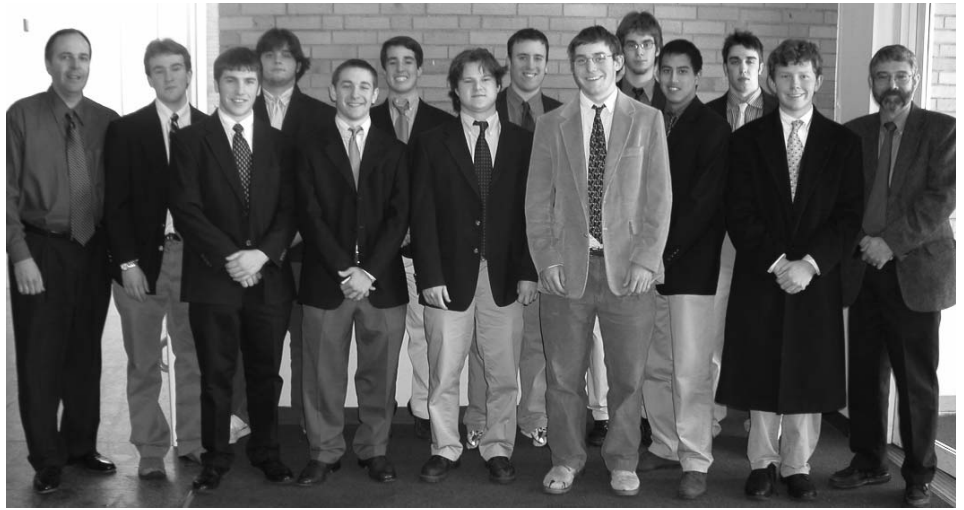
By: Michael Tierney '05

This March I attended the twentieth session of the Harvard Model Congress (HMC) held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel in Copley Square. Over the course of a four-day conference, 1,400 delegates took on the most pressing and important issues facing our Nation as we assumed roles in each of the three branches of American government and beyond, ranging from the House, Senate, and Supreme Court to HMC-TV news correspondents, newspaper reporters, lobbyists, White House staff, and my own committee, the National Security Council. It is through this program that Harvard seeks to help high school students become more actively involved in the American democratic process by learning first-hand how our government functions.

Twelve of us from St. Sebastian's headed to the conference on March 3. Since this was my first time at HMC, I didn't know what exactly to expect. I assumed we would have some big discussion group over the next couple of days before packing back up, and heading home.

To put it simply, I couldn't have been more wrong.

Immediately upon entering the room designated for the National Security Council decked out in my black suit, top coat, and NSC identification badge, I was told that whenever I walked through "that door" I was to have my ID on me at all times and "any disclosure of classified information would be seen as treasonous and would warrant prosecution." It pretty much went like that for the next four days.



Above: Those who attended Harvard Model Congress stop for a group photo with Mr. Nerbonne (l) and Mr. Thomasy (r) before departing. The participants included (l-r) Jack Mahoney, Andrew Dolan, George O'Toole, Nick Poling, Craig Gibson, Jay Curran, Jon Burns, Paul Cotter, Chris Curran, Ken Mateo, Drew Tuckett, and Mike Tierney.

My official position was "White House Liaison to the Senate." I was in charge of reporting on the various bills that the HMC Senate was passing and deciding whether we could gain the needed support on the Security Council.

On Saturday, as we were deliberating over using further air strikes on Iraq, the press corps, each member masked in pantyhose, stormed into the room and raided our files, trying to get whatever information they could for their paper. At first, I thought those involved would be kicked out of the Congress for messing around. But, as my committee chair later said, "HMC represents the real world. Everything that happens to you, the decisions you make, and the decisions people make against you, will have a further effect later on." That night, I was awoken at 1:30 in the morning because, supposedly, the city of Boise, Idaho had been attacked by an armed militia group. The reason? The information that the press had grabbed from us leaked out

and caused a massive riot in opposition to American involvement in Iraq. In the interest of National Security, after pizza had been ordered from the all-night cafeteria across the street, we had to deliberate the best course of action to take to save as many lives as possible and get rid of the enemy threat.

In all, Harvard Model Congress was meant to give us a better appreciation for our Government. But it did more than this; I met many great people from all over America, talked with them about political concerns and social affairs, and still keep in contact with them. HMC is not just about playing make believe; the fact that students from all different walks of life came to participate in the Congress showed me that Americans are not just separated by state lines or ideologies, but bound by a sense loyalty to our Country and our rights as a free people. If we are to continue this tradition, it is necessary to learn more about how our system works.

Across Seven Continents

Charlie Monahan '57 (far left) at the start of the 2005 Last Marathon in Antarctica.

"I'm never gonna [sic] run another step as long as I live," stated a young Charlie Monahan '57 as he completed his senior year on the Notre Dame football team. Now, some forty years later, as he prepares to run his ninth marathon in just two years (Boston 2005), he still isn't so sure about running.

"In the back of mind, I still can't run them (marathons)," stated Monahan. "If I thought of it as running 26 miles, I would never do it. Instead, I see it as running 13 miles out and back."

A retired Naval Commander who served in Vietnam, Monahan was diagnosed with prostate cancer a few years back. During his recovery he decided he wanted to run a marathon for 'the thrill' of it. After obtaining a bib (number), and with little preparation, he set out to run Boston in 2003. His children, taking note of his 265-pound



frame, started calling him 'Two Kenyans,' since he is the size of two normal marathon runners.

After finishing Boston, he was hooked. For his next race, he traveled to Washington, D.C. to run the Marine Corps Marathon. Monahan, who runs wearing his Disabled Vietnam Veteran shirt and a hat displaying various military pins, emotionally recalls crossing the finish line of that race. As he came close to the line, people cleared a path for him. Soldiers lining both sides stood at attention and saluted.

At some point, Monahan decided he wanted to take his running to the next level. The man who vowed to "never run another step" would attempt to run a marathon on all seven continents. Marathons in Egypt and Ireland followed before returning to the States to run one in Cincinnati and one in New York, which he ran with his daughter. Next, it was a trip to Chile.

Monahan at an event at St. Sebastian's School.

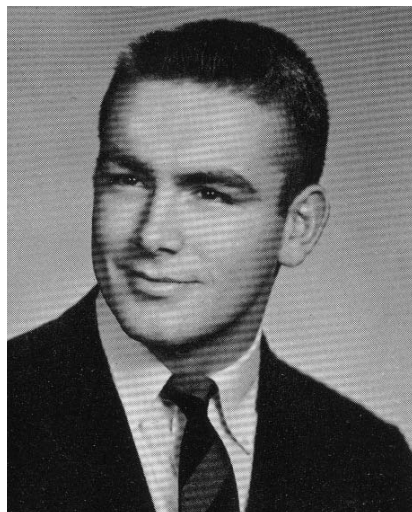
His most recent adventure took him to Antarctica in February to run in the 2005 Last Marathon on King George Island, the site of several international research bases and a 25-mile long glacier. Monahan describes the course as the most challenging he has ever seen. It was also the first out of the last eight marathons he was not able to complete. The slippery terrain, the rocks, and the glaciers made for rough travel. At mile four, Monahan tore his left quadriceps. He kept going, however, determined to finish, but was only able to complete the first thirteen miles.

Undaunted, he is now finishing preparations for the 2005 Boston Marathon. "Marathoners have redefined my definition of heroes," he said. "Everybody bonds. There is no complaining. They are a fun group of people."

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Varsity Baseball 1,2,3,4 (captain)
Intramural Basketball 1,2,3
Class Treasurer 4
Senior Prom Committee 4

Peter and his wife of 44 years, Honey, live in Chestnut Hill. They have raised five children and now have eleven grandchildren

After St. Sebastian's Peter attended Boston College and played baseball and hockey. He also earned his MBA from Northeastern University. He started his working career in public accounting, leaving after three years for private industry after becoming a CPA. Over the course of his career, he has been involved in a variety of industries, mostly on an entrepreneurial basis.

In 2002, Peter returned to Boston College. Working in University Advancement, he travels extensively to cultivate support from key alumni, parents, and friends.

Peter is looking forward to his St. Sebastian's Fiftieth Reunion this year. For six months he has worked with his classmates to prepare for the event.

"I am delighted to be involved with our Fiftieth Reunion," he said. "I eagerly look forward to connecting with my classmates, many of whom I have not seen in fifty years.

"I had a great experience at St. Sebastian's. We were treated with respect, and we also had to conform to the expectations and discipline from our dedicated faculty. Without question, the environment helped develop my self-esteem and confidence. St. Sebastian's unquestionably provided the moral compass and foundation which continues to guide me throughout life."

He concluded, "I am proud of the School's accomplishments, its Christian/Catholic orientation, and its great leadership under Headmaster Bill Burke. We have not lost our roots, and I believe the future is very bright for our Alma Mater.

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In Memoriam

*"Happy are those who have died in the Lord!
Happy indeed the Spirit says;
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Revelation 14:13

Maury Childs

Died March 2, 2005. Stepfather of Malcolm Cooke, English teacher.

Daniel I. Cronin

Died April 22, 2005. Father of Edward "Ted" '88.

Marie Durning

Died February 21, 2005. Grandmother of Chris '88 and Andrew '01 Finn.

Helen Joan Keefe

Died February 10, 2005. Grandmother of John '97, Peter '99, Joseph '00, and James '02.

Jeffrey "AJ" Lampman

Died February 26, 2005. Brother of Charlie, Director of Maintenance. Uncle to C.J. '95.

Vedula Sivarama Murty

Died February 16, 2005. Father-in-law of Bob Montague, Director of Technology.

Mary "Mimi" Regan

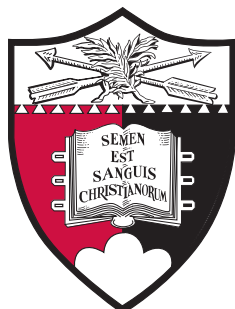
Died February 13, 2005. Grandmother of Luke '09.

Georgia Spenlinhauer

Died February 4, 2005. Mother of John '58, Stephen '66, and Robert '63. Grandmother of Michael '94.

Daniel J. Sullivan

Died February 22, 2005. Grandfather of Gary '98 and Ryan '00 Sullivan and Nick Ditto '04.



Rev. Msgr. William B. Shea
Faculty Member, 1949-1956

Died February 17, 2005. Raised in Roslindale, Fr. Shea attended Boston English High School and the College of St. Ann in Canada before entering St. John's Seminary. He was ordained in 1946 and came to St. Sebastian's to teach French and Spanish in 1949.

During his tenure at the School, he, like so many of his brother priests who taught here, made a huge impact on his students. Art Gorman '57 remarked, "We all have such wonderful and heartfelt memories of our teachers on 'The Hill.' Even though it was 50 years ago, our recollections are sharp and focused. Most of all, we are eternally grateful that we had such great men to lead us into the world of learning." James Brosnahan '52 added, "A lovely man. I am sad at his passing." Peter McLaughlin '55 concluded, "I always liked my former Spanish teacher."

After leaving St. Sebastian's, Fr. Shea taught at St. Cecilia's in Boston and Marian High School in Framingham before becoming pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Waltham. He was also a member of many local groups and committees.

Fr. Shea leaves behind his two sisters, Frances Shea and Helen Wooten.



Francis "Frank" Kickham '45

Died June 24, 2004. Frank was a member of St. Sebastian's first graduating class. In 1943, he, like many of his classmates, left St. Sebastian's and enlisted in the Army to fight in World War II. His yearbook noted, "At this time the incidence of the war began to make itself seriously felt... Our dreams of four happy years in St. Sebastian's were being dimmed by the shadows cast by the war." Frank spent most of his war years in Guadalcanal.

Upon his return to the States in 1946, Frank worked as a columnist for the Brookline Chronicle Citizen prior to joining the Public Relations & Communications Department at Bank of Boston, where he retired from in 1990. He was also an active parishioner and eucharistic minister at St. Mary's Church in Brookline, where he grew up and lived his entire life.

He is survived by his brothers Edward and William.



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And The Winner Is...

Congratulations to Richard Vallarelli '96 (*shown here with Headmaster Burke*) for being the winner of the most recent iPod drawing. Young alumni who make a gift to the Annual Fund are automatically entered in to the drawing.

So far, three iPods have been given away. The next drawing will be held in July.

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