

WOLF TRACKS

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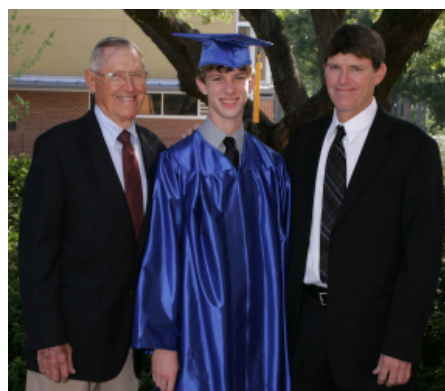
Congratulations Class of 2008



161 GRADUATES
ACCEPTED TO
85 COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES
\$ 8.2 MILLION IN
SCHOLARSHIP
OFFERS

Our newest alumni celebrate as future Wolves look on.

Saint Paul's... A Family Tradition



Above top row: Larry Rase '68, Kent Pittman '78, Tim Craig '76, Glenn Warner '75, Scott Illing '79, Wayne Pechon '78, Earl Pechon '42 Bottom row: Adam Aucoin, Kyle Pittman, William Craig, Spencer Warner, Garrett Illing, Brendan Pechon.
Top rt: Earl Pechon '42, Brendan Pechon, Wayne Pechon '78.
Bottom rt: Dan Keller '85, Keegan Keller, Francis Dixon, Mark Dixon '81.



Alumni Association Event Calendar

**Joseph A. Champagne, Jr.
Memorial Golf Tournament**
October 17

Homecoming

Pep Rally Oct. 23 - 7pm
Gene Bennett Sports Complex

Football Game Oct 24 - 6:30 pregame
presentation, 7pm kickoff,
Hunter Stadium

In Memoriam

Russel Beshoner '73

Mark Fasola '77

Adam Mitts '81

William Moss '83

Todd Valois '83



A Visit With Harry Friedman '33

by Kenneth Breaux '61

Harry G. Friedman, St. Paul's College class of 1933 holds the honor of being the oldest living graduate. In a fascinating afternoon spent with him in Houston, I was privileged to learn about his days at the campus, his family, and his interests.

At 93 years Harry's sight is not good. When I arrived at his apartment in the retirement community where he lives, Harry remarked, "Let me get up close and see what you look like". We spent a few minutes in getting acquainted, and then set out for lunch at a favorite Italian restaurant that he frequents.

I was interested in his memories of St. Paul's and life on the campus in the 1930's. I asked him if he could tell me his most enduring memory, one that still came through 75 years after graduating. Without hesitation, he said "the attention the brothers were always willing to give to the students in their studies". He went on to remark that it wasn't just studies, but that he and his classmates could talk to the brothers about personal issues, fears, anything that concerned them, and they were confident that someone among the faculty would be there to address the issue.

Harry came to St. Paul's in his freshman year as a boarding student from New Orleans. His father was a traveling salesman who was gone five days a week. After Harry's freshman year, his parents decided that his father could work from Covington and moved there. Harry's younger brother J.B. followed him to St. Paul's, graduating in 1935.

We talked about how life seems to unfold with a plan, even though at the time it is happening, we sometimes fail to see the order. "Life is a series of coincidences", Harry said emphatically. He was referring to the fact that he met his wife while a student at St. Paul's. She was Virginia Smith,

the cousin of "Red" Smith, a well-known figure in the Covington area. They met while walking with a friend, and Harry says that the first fifteen or so dates were to the movies, where fifteen cents entitled you to the feature. After those first movie dates, Virginia asked Harry if he could dance. "No," he said, "I can't". When she told Harry that she probably would not go out with him again, he asked why, and she told him that she really liked to dance, and if she kept going to movies with him, other boys who liked to dance would not ask her out. Harry was quick to respond. "Will you teach me?"

Harry's first job was at the local bank in Covington. Asked about how he learned the business, he said simply, "by doing". After their marriage Harry and Virginia moved to New Orleans, where four of their six children were born (five survive). In 1946 they moved to Shreveport, where Harry continued his banking career, served as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff, sat on the Executive Board of the National Rifle Association. He retired in 1980, and he and Virginia moved to a retirement community in Houston, where his daughter Lynn lives.

Virginia passed away in October of 2003 after sharing sixty-six years of life with Harry.

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Harry Friedman '33 and
Ken Breaux '61



Reunion Weekend 2008



Class of 1968



Melissa and Pat Meraux '85, and Bonnie and Gary Poirier '71 catch up at the Reunion Cocktail Party.



Class of 1973



Kathy Healy, Francis Sharp '58 and J.B. Ibos '58 visit in the Student Center.



Class of 1978

Photos courtesy of David Barfield '68



Thank you.....



Alumni Association Presidents - l to rt:
Past President Gary Poirier '71, Current
President Don Celestin '79, Past Presi-
dent Pierre Simoneaux '82



Mike Dugger '73 - for loyal service
to Saint Paul's as Director of
Alumni



Eddie Riecke '62 and Jim McCune '62
For the last 20 years these men have
generously sponsored the cocktail
party at the Alumni Reunion Weekend.



Dykes '61 Named Alumni Director

by Karen Hebert

Saint Paul's School is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Jimmy Dykes, a graduate of 1961, as the new Alumni Director. He has spent his business career in the risk management / insurance field and recently retired from Entergy Corporation. Dykes attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana on a basketball scholarship, graduating in 1966 in Business. He coached high school and college basketball for nine years. He is a native of Covington, and he and his wife, Gwen, reside in Mandeville. They have three children and their only son, Chris, is a Saint Paul's graduate of '97. During Jimmy's time at Saint Paul's, which began in the fourth grade, he participated in all sports and was awarded the Jimmy Dunn Award as the most Out-



standing Athlete, and the C. J. Marcotte Award, for athletic and academic excellence, in his senior year. In 2005, he was honored for his athletic accomplishments by being inducted to the Saint Paul's Athletic Hall of Fame. Jimmy stated, "I am both humbled and proud to be returning home, here at Saint Paul's. I look forward to working with everyone to achieve the goals and objectives that we are facing during these exciting times in our school's history."



Harry cont'd

Harry has a love of the ocean, evidenced by his lifetime membership in the US Naval Institute, and a computer full of pictures of ships and ocean scenes. He nearly earned an appointment to Annapolis, but his congressman died suddenly before the appointment could be formalized. As a former Naval Officer, I shared "sea stories" with Harry. Each of us also had a child who lived or had lived in France. We both spoke French and spent time in South Louisiana in our youth.

The biggest surprise regarding Harry was his skill with the devices of modern technology. Before leaving for lunch, he informed me that he needed a minute to forward his answering machine to his cell phone. When we returned,

he showed me his computer, scanner, and peripherals, and gave me his email address.

Harry says he isn't a writer, but he shared with me something he had written just weeks after Virginia died. It was a prose poem about Virginia, and an inspired and beautiful piece of writing that gave tribute to the couple's marriage. I left feeling honored and energized. I'm looking forward to my next meeting with Harry.

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