



WOLFTRACKS



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Rise Up 'O Men of God

Eugene "Gene" Bennett Jr.



BENNETT Coach Eugene "Gene" Bennett, Jr., husband, father, grandfather, and educator, a man of honor and integrity, was called to heaven Sunday, July 4th at the age of 71 by his Lord. Gene considered himself privileged and blessed to be able to do what he loved in this life--teach, coach, and administer at the Saint Paul's School in Covington for the past 48 years. Always a proud American, Gene passed on his love of country to the high school juniors taking American history. Gene's love for sports was evident. In his early years he assisted in football; as athletic director, he started the baseball and wrestling programs at Saint Paul's. His greatest passion in education,

however, was coaching basketball and golf. Br. Francis Beck, Gene's high school principal at De La Salle recruited Gene to take a teaching and coaching position at the Christian Brothers' school in Covington in 1962. Gene never left the brothers nor Saint Paul's, earning the title of Affiliated Christian Brother for his remarkable service to the work of the brothers in their educational mission. Saint Paul's gymnasium is named the Gene Bennett Sports Complex. The only child of the late Eugene and Augustine "Billie" Dodier Bennett, Gene was raised and educated in New Orleans: Saint Mathias grammar, De La Salle high, and Tulane University. Gene spent 7 years with the Army Reserve. The real love of Gene's life is his wife of 46 years, Gay Glaudi, the daughter of the late Hap Glaudi and Millie Lange Glaudi. Gene is survived by Gay and their children Britton Bennett LeFebre and Brandon Hap Glaudi Bennett; his granddaughter Calli Bennett, and son-in-law Rich LeFebre. Gene is missed by Karen and Rodney Underwood and Terry and Joe Drolla, Gay's sisters and brothers-in-law. "Uncle Gene" will be missed by James and Diana Aime, Adam Underwood, Richelle and Jonathan Dinwiddie, and Danielle and Shane Joffrion and the whole Saint Paul's community. Gene was preceded in death by Gay's nephew Evan Underwood and by Gene's precious and beloved grandson Chase LeFebre, who will be receiving his grandfather in heaven as a most special birthday present, July 10th. Relatives and friends are invited to sign the guest book online at www.ejfieldingfh.com.

May He Rest In Peace

Gay, Gene's wife of 46 years, gave such a moving eulogy at the funeral mass. We can't print it because it came from her heart. It was the story of their lives together. There was one comment that really stuck out to me. Gay said, "One of the reasons that I married Gene was that I knew that he could help me get to heaven." That's something that all of us men should take to heartthanks Gay for reminding us of our purpose in life.

Jimmy Dykes, '61 Alumni Director

The eulogy given by Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC can be read on the home page of our website www.stpauls.com.

Saint Paul's Athletic Hall of Fame



Alumni Director, Jimmy Dykes '61, Bobby Chassee, Matt Daigle, Lee Alexius and Athletic Director, Craig Ketelsen are pictured standing at the Hall of Fame Induction, while Jimmy Canik, Kris Babylon, and Roger Gandolfo are seated.

Saint Paul's School Athletic Department is pleased to announce the induction of the six members of the Athletic Hall of Fame for 2010. A banquet was held in the Student Center on June 3, to honor: Roger Gandolfo '59, Lee Alexius '63, Jim Canik '68, Robert "Bobby" Chassee '73, Matt Daigle '88, and Kris Babylon '95. Athletic Director, Craig Ketelsen, served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Alumni Director, Jimmy Dykes '61, presented Roger Gondolfo '59 to the group. He earned his reputation as a Saint Paul's athlete on the basketball court. As a junior he was selected as a member of the first teams All Riverside, All District, and All Regional teams. He was selected to the All Tournament Teams for both the Bogalusa and Covington Tournaments. In an outstanding effort he scored fifty points against Redemptorist High School. In his senior year, he was again selected as first team All Riverside, and All District, as well as being selected to the All Tournament Teams for the Bogalusa and Covington Tournaments.

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Mr. Dykes also presented Lee Alexius '63 to the audience. Lee attended Saint Paul's from 1954-63. In his early career he served as a manager for the football team. He continued his athletic career in Varsity Basketball and Track. He was an honor graduate in '63 and served as Salutatorian. Since the late 1960's Lee has been very active in activities at Saint Paul's. He served as Secretary of the Athletic Association in the early '70's and then served as Treasurer for some fifteen years. He is an active member of the Alumni Association and helps his community by serving as a City Councilman.

Mr. Larry Rase '68 a friend and teammate presented Jimmy Canik '68 to those assembled. James "Jimmy" Canik '68 was a three sport athlete during his career at Saint Paul's which ranged from 1963 to 1968. From 1964-1968 he participated in Varsity Basketball, Football and Track. He holds six varsity letters, two in each of his sports. He was selected as a member of the All-District Track Team. In addition to his work on the field and the court Jimmy was a member of the Math Club, Debate Team and Saint Paul's Yearbook Staff, as well as representing the school in the State Literary Rally. After graduation, Jim gave back to his school for years as a member of the Athletic Association, specializing in helping his legendary father, Hall of Famer, Ferd Canik, maintain the fields and work the corporate picnics.

Mr. Daniel Chassee '72 reviewed his brother's accomplishments for the audience. Robert P. Chassee attended Saint Paul's for five years. In addition to his outstanding accomplishments on the basketball court he was an honor graduate and a member of the National Honor Society. He is one of a select group of Saint Paul's Athletes who have scored over 1000 points in their basketball career, and still holds the record for rebounds. He was selected as an All-District team member in the '70, '71, '72, and '73 school years. He was chosen as the Jimmy Dunne Award winner in 1973 and went on to play college basketball at Florida State and University of Louisiana at Lafayette, formerly Southwestern University. He was a four year collegiate letterman, and was presented the Student Athlete Award for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 1978 when he graduated.

Mr. Charlie Legendre, Matt's former teacher, football coach and friend, presented Matt and his accomplishments to the crowd. Matt Daigle, '88 made his athletic statements at Saint Paul's in Baseball, Basketball and Football. As a baseball player Matt was selected as a member of the All-District, All-Parish and All-Metro Teams. He received an Honorable Mention for the All-State Team. As a basketball player he garnered honors again as All-District, All-Parish, and All-Metro in addition to being selected the District Most Valuable Player. In Football, he earned recognitions including: first team All-District, All-Parish, All-Metro, and All-State Tight End. In his senior year he caught sixty-nine passes for a total of 1100 yards. He participated in Louisiana State All Star games in both football and baseball. He earned a football scholarship to McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Mr. Bill Babcock, swim coach and friend, presented Kris Babylon and his outstanding record of accomplishments to the group. Kris Babylon spent from 1990-1995 at Saint Paul's and established himself as one of the best swimmers in the history of the school, being a Louisiana State Champion and a High School All American from 1991-1995. In 1993 he was a junior gold medalist in the 400M IM in Orlando, and was also named the Junior National High-Point Scoring Swimmer. In 1994, he set the state record in both the 200M IM and 100M Backstroke. In 1994 he was a member of the United States National Junior Team that competed in Paris. Kris continued his swimming career at the University of Georgia where he was a four year letterman and garnered honors as one of the top ten record holders of all time in NCAA and/or SEC Swimming. He was selected three times as a member of All-SEC First Team. He led the Bulldogs to a third place finish in the NCAA Division 1 Championships. In 1998 he was selected as a College All-American. In 1997 he was a silver medalist in the World University Games in Sicily, Italy. He was the MVP of the University of Georgia's Men Swim Team in 1997, and in 1998 he was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.



“Rejoin the Pack!”

As the 2010-2011 school year approaches, all alumni should know that the Saint Paul's School and the Saint Paul's Alumni Association want you and need you to “rejoin the pack”. As you may know, Saint Paul's has experienced tremendous growth over the past several years, and future prospects for the school seem limitless and bright. On this note, the alumni of the school have a critical role in helping Saint Paul's not only continue as “a great place for young men to grow up”, but also to go beyond its campus and generational boundaries to have a far-reaching, positive impact on the community and the world. The Alumni Association's mission statement embodies this ambitious purpose, and we need your help in achieving this mission.

Alumni Association Mission Statement

The mission of the Saint Paul's School Alumni Association is to enhance good fellowship among alumni and the entire Saint Paul's family ; to provide a liaison for alumni to reconnect and strengthen their bond with Saint Paul's so that the School's unique legacy, traditions, and character endure forever ; to promote and be a force of pride for Saint Paul's in the community; and to encourage all associated with Saint Paul's to at all times perpetuate and function in the LaSallian spirit.

You may ask “How can I help?” or “How can I rejoin the pack?” Ways to help include: come back to campus for an alumni event or for one of our upcoming extracurricular “Alumni Nights”; contact our Alumni Director, Jimmy Dykes, at alumni@stpauls.com to volunteer for one of the many alumni committees that help build momentum for alumni and community involvement; donate time or money to a Saint Paul's activity or to the Annual Fund. The opportunities to participate are endless, and Saint Paul's has many exciting alumni events scheduled for the remainder of 2010 and full-year 2011. These events include the Centennial Celebration, the Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament, the Ozone Spring Run, the Crawfish Cook-Off, Homecoming, and Alumni Reunions. Please see the alumni calendar on www.wolfpackers.com for further details. I encourage you to choose an event or events about which you are passionate and participate to the fullest extent possible.

Before closing, I would be remiss if I did not mention the significance of the recent death of Coach Gene Bennett. Many of us may have either heard directly from Coach Bennett or from Brother Ray's eulogy, Coach Bennett's “hand in the bucket of water” philosophy which refers to the roles that individuals play as part of an institution. Coach Bennett's philosophy stated that a hand removed from a bucket of water leaves a void which is quickly filled in by the surrounding water, symbolizing the other individuals of the institution stepping up to fill the space that has been vacated. I agree with Brother Ray in that it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to fill the role that Coach Bennett fulfilled for so many years at Saint Paul's. Perhaps, the only way to make a valid effort to fill the void left by Coach Bennett's physical absence is for the faculty, staff, student body and alumni of Saint Paul's who had the pleasure of knowing, being taught, or being coached by this wonderful man combining forces to form a “pack of wolves” with unbelievable strength.

As the saying goes, “the strength of the wolf is the pack”, and Saint Paul's School and the Alumni Association want you and need you to “rejoin the pack”. The 2010-2011 school year promises to be a special year in which alumni involvement rises to new levels. I look forward to your being a part of this ambitious mission on which we have embarked.

Thank you for all you do for Saint Paul's,

John G. Curren, III '92



Class Reunions



Class of 1970

*Pictured at left:
Kneeling (L-R): Jerry Miller, Noel Maestri, Warren White, Keith Broussard, Donald Villere, Andy LeBlanc and Donnie Everts
Standing (L-R): Rusty Buckman, Malcolm Maginnis, Mike Pittman, Pat King, Billy Tready, Ron Catalanotto, Vernon Kroll, Tom Aberly and Henry Fransen.*

*Pictured at right:
Sitting: Paul Connely
Kneeling(L-R): Ken Givens, Rene Neyrey, Ty Bulliard, Sean Kendrick, Frank Dinacola
Second Row(L-R): John Dubarry, Mike Comeaux, Glenn Warner, Bill Mitchell, Sterling Comeaux, Mark Grush
Last Row(L-R): Charles Combe, Brian Glowacki, Steve Salter, Warren Illing, Alvin Ross, Malcolm White, Bayne Million and Jimmy Kasischke*



Class of 1975

Reunion Cocktail Party



Pictured at left: Jim McCune '62, Eddie Riecke '62, Jimmy Dykes '61, Alumni Director and Dennis Riecke '92.

Pictured at the Reunion Cocktail Party, Jim McCune and Eddie Riecke have sponsored this event for twenty-one years.

Mark Your Calendar for 2010-2011 Events

- **October 8:** Homecoming (vs. Slidell) and a weekend celebration honoring the 25th Anniversary class of 1985-86
- **October 14th:** 15th Annual Joseph A. Champagne, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament (Honoring Coach Gene Bennett)
- **December 3rd, 4th:** 4th Annual Fishing Rodeo
- **January 1st:** Centennial Celebration begins (yep, we are celebrating our 100th year as a school...events planned for that special occasion)
- **March 19th:** 27th Annual Ozone Spring Run and 2nd Annual Crawfish Cook-off
- **March (TBD):** Career Day (alums address juniors and seniors on possible careers)
- **April 30th, May 1st and 2nd:** Golden Jubilarian Celebration (Class of 1961) including induction of 2011 senior class into the Alumni Association

2010 Alumni Association Meetings

- **August 19th:** Executive Board
- **August 26th:** Alumni Board
- **September 21st:** General Membership
- **November 11th:** Executive Board
- **November 18th:** Alumni Board
- **December 15th:** General Membership
- **South Shore Chapter Meetings (TBD)**



This year we will be playing on Thursday, October 14th again at Tchefuncta Country Club.

You'll not want to miss this as we will be honoring Coach Gene Bennett.

We can only accommodate 144 players so get your registrations in as soon as possible.

Please help us by sponsoring this event !

[Click here](#) for registration/sponsorship form.

Honoring Coach Gene Bennett

What's new with you?

This section will be dedicated to update personal news about alumni. Please "let us know" what is going on in your life; marriages, graduations, graduate degree, promotions, new job, new grandchild... you name it. We want to hear from you and spread your good news to the Saint Paul's Family.

Please send your news to Jimmy Dykes '61, Alumni Director at alumni@stpauls.com

Alumni Occupations Let us hear from you!

We need to know your occupation in order to:

- Help you publicize your company
- Help us assist our alums who are in need of work, prayers, etc...
- Help our students in a mentoring program that we will be implementing soon.

To provide us with this information, please refer to the questionnaire form on our website at www.wolfpackers.com



Saint Paul's mourns the loss of:

Roger N. Salter '42

and

Margaret Wheeler, mother of Charlie Wheeler '57

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace! Amen!***



School News!



Nathaniel Frank, son of Tim and Mary Frank of Mandeville, has been awarded the 2010 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship by the Louisiana Department of Education. Thirty-seven students in the state have received this national award. Applicants were evaluated on academic achievement, and potential for success at the university and graduate level.

Nathaniel is 2010 honor graduate from Saint Paul's who was an active member of The National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and a Student Host Leader. He will attend Louisiana State University Honors College and major in Architecture.

Article by Karen Hebert

Six members of the 2010-2011 Student Council Executive Board, Adam Grashoff, Ben Morrison, Austin Frosch, Harrison Richard, Thomas Duet and Ridgely Dorsey travelled to the Louisiana Association of Student Councils workshop held at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. The students attended a number of workshops on leadership, team work, motivation and service.



Pictured on right L-R: Adam Grashoff, Ben Morrison, Austin Frosch, Harrison Richard and Thomas Duet.





2010 College Tour

May 30th - June 6th

*Georgetown University
University of Virginia
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Wake Forest University
University of Georgia
Auburn University
University of Alabama*

At the end of every school year Saint Paul's School's Renaissance Board sponsors the College Tour for rising juniors and seniors. This year twenty-nine students and four faculty members visited seven schools throughout the eastern United States. The trip was organized by Renee Miller, Senior Counselor, and Lee Pierre, Junior Level Chair, while Karen Hebert, English Department Chair, and Paul Scoriels, Senior Level Chair, also served as chaperones. The tour took place in early June.

The group flew into Baltimore and took a chartered bus back home making stops at the different schools. The tour kicked off with the group of sixteen rising seniors and thirteen juniors flying to the nation's capital, Washington, DC. They had a day and a half to tour the city, taking in all the monuments and museums the city had to offer during the Memorial Day weekend. Saint Paul's Alumni, Kramer Schmitt and Thorne McGinnis, graduates of 2005, who work for congressmen, arranged a tour of the Capital Building. The students received an up close and personal view of the home of our nation's leaders.

The college touring began on Tuesday, with a visit to Georgetown University and a ride to Charlottesville, Virginia for the University of Virginia. At every school, the students, who were all required to have a 3.0 GPA and apply for acceptance onto the tour, enjoyed an information session about the academic aspects of the school along with information on the application and financial aid processes, given by a school representative from the admissions office. After the information session, the students received a tour of campus and a view of student life. This included a tour of the dorms, dining halls, classrooms, other academic buildings, cafeterias and book stores.

On Wednesday the tour went to Blacksburg, Virginia to see Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina for a tour of Wake Forest University. On Thursday the group spent the day in Athens, Georgia after taking a tour of the University of Georgia. The final day of tours brought the group to Auburn, Alabama to tour Auburn University where Saint Paul's Alumnus of 2006, and 2010 Auburn graduate, Jason Piper joined the group for the tour and lunch. The group then boarded the bus for Tuscaloosa for the University of Alabama.

Students attending the tour included 2010 seniors: Drake Arnold, Morgan Bourne, Grant Caldwell, Ridgely Dorsey, Carew Ferguson, Connor Fly, Beau Gamble, Michael Gegenheimer, Cody Gourgues, Adam Grashoff, Robert Rayer, Thomas Read, Harrison Richard, Connor Rougelot, Elliott Thompson, and Robert Zacary. Rising juniors on the tour included: Mitchell Blaise, Christoffer Friend, Austin Frosch, Nathan Grotte, Evan Heitzmann, Jack Murphy, Andrew Mullet, Andrew Pennison, James Robinson, Andrew Roux, Shawn-Wesley Skinner, Paul Touns, and Sam Welty.

By: Michael Gegenheimer '11



Pictured : Connor Fly and Harrison Richard are pictured on the Millsaps Campus before the first International Experience class.

Two rising seniors, Connor Fly and Harrison Richard, have been invited to attend the Millsaps Business International Experience from June 14th to June 25th. This program centers on international cultural awareness and understanding in developing nations. The students will spend four days in class on the Millsaps Campus in Jackson, Mississippi and then move the experience to the Yucatan facilities in Merida, Mexico. They will spend one night on the college's 4000 acre bio-cultural reserve in Kaxil Kiuic. The program will include topics on anthropology, archaeology, business, geology, history, math and international studies. They will visit Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Oxtutzcab, and Progreso and spend one night in a hammock in the Kiuik dry, tropical forest.

ST. PAUL'S LACROSSE

Three members of the Lacrosse team were recognized by the Louisiana High School Lacrosse Organization as outstanding players for the eastern region. Pictured after the All-Star game are: Drake Arnold All District Attackman; Kyle Carriere, All District Midfielder; and Chris Dill All District and All State Defenseman.



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