

## **This Week at BL, October 4, 2010**

### **Pride & Tradition: George Washington Corner '06**

**George W. Corner '06** was born December 12, 1889 in Baltimore. He was descended from a long line of Corners of English origin, who lived in Maryland from the mid-17th century. His immediate forebears moved to Baltimore around 1850 and pursued prosperous careers in business establishing a successful mercantile enterprise.

In September of 1903 he entered Boys' Latin and he graduated in June of 1906. He was an excellent student finishing nearly at the top of his class in most of his subjects. He was number one in his class in history, geometry, and chemistry during his BL days.

He entered Johns Hopkins University in 1906 and graduated in 1909. He then attended the Johns Hopkins Medical School and graduated in 1913. In 1915 he was named as an assistant professor in the Department of Anatomy at the University of California at Berkeley but eventually returned to Baltimore in 1919 to become an assistant professor at the Johns Hopkins University Medical School. Dr. Corner's reputation grew and in 1923 he was selected to head the Department of Anatomy at the University of Rochester Medical School.

In 1940 Dr. Corner returned to Baltimore to live and work in Washington D.C. to succeed George Streeter as the Director of the Department of Embryology at the Carnegie Institute. He worked at Carnegie Institute for 16 years. His work covered a wide spectrum of disciplines and interests and his research covered several areas including anatomy and physiology of the reproductive systems. He eventually retired in 1956 and became an official historian at the Rockefeller Institute in New York. His studies of the menstrual cycle of rhesus monkeys led to his theory of the hormonal basis of the menstrual cycle and along with a student he co-discovered the hormone progesterone. Dr. Corner's preliminary studies in hormonal research eventually aided in the future studies for invention of the birth control pill and in-vitro fertilization.

In 1960 Corner became the Executive Officer of the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia where in keeping with the broad scope of his talents he made his mark in a wide range of other fields. In addition to being a distinguished scientist he was an internationally recognized medical historian, a biographer, a scholar, a humanist and philosopher, and a leading medical educator and administrator.

Dr. Corner died September 28, 1981.

### **Boys' Latin Athletic Hall of Fame**



(2008 HOF Class)

Boys' Latin is proud to announce the next group of inductees into the Boys' Latin Athletic Hall of Fame.

**William E. Berndt 1954**  
**Eugene M. Fusting 1962**  
**Joseph S. Sweeny, Jr. 1963**  
**R. Bruce Fingles 1964**  
**William F. Thomas, Jr. 1964**  
**Jay Gettman 1966**  
**Stanley H. Dorney III 1972**  
**Mark G. Dorney 1974**  
**W. Brad Gano 1974**  
**Bryant Waters 1974**  
**Philip C. Federico 1975**  
**Hugh L. Andes 1976**

The induction dinner will take place on Thursday evening, November 4th, starting with a cocktail party at 6:00. The dinner is open to everyone in the Boys' Latin family. The cost of the affair is \$30 per person and checks should be made out to the BL Alumni Association and sent to my attention here at BL – 822 West Lake Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210.

### **Alumni Luncheon**

The next BL Alumni Luncheon will take place on Friday, November 5th, at 11:30 a.m. Head Football Coach Ritchie Schell and his staff will be at the luncheon and Ritchie will give a little talk about the BL football program. After the luncheon the Boys' Latin varsity football team will host the St. Paul's Crusaders at 2:00 on J. Duncan Smith Field.

There is no cost of the luncheon. Please RSVP today to [mkennedy@boyslatinmd.com](mailto:mkennedy@boyslatinmd.com) if you would like to attend.

### **Annual Fund 2010-2011**

The Boys' Latin Alumni/Development Office would like to challenge everyone who was a student of *Mr. J. Marshall Bruce* or *Mr. Tom Kotras* to consider doubling from last year their 2010-2011 annual fund UNRESTRICTED gift in their honor. For those of you who didn't participate last year we ask that you consider an UNRESTRICTED gift this year in memory of two great teachers, counselors, and friends.

## **Boys' Latin Athletics**

The Boys' Latin football played St. Frances Academy in front of a good BL Fall Festival crowd. The Lakers played well and shut out the visiting Panthers 45-0.

The Laker soccer team also played in front of a huge crowd on Saturday against archrival St. Paul's. BL won the game 3-0.

The Laker volleyball team is off to a good start but lost two tough games last week. Gilman defeated the Lakers 3-0 and Annapolis Area Christian School won 3-2. The team competes in the MIAA "B" Conference and currently is in third place with a 2-2 league record and 2-4 overall.

Cross Country head coach **David Doherty** has a special group of runners this year and he reports: "At the first home meet in two years on September 28th, Boys' Latin Varsity Cross Country had a victory against St. John's Catholic Prep (Frederick). Junior **Robert White '12** led from the gun, and finished almost a minute ahead of the second place St. John's runner, Aaron Hill. The St. John's runner was closely followed by BL sophomores **Frankie Johnson '13** and **Sam Boykin '13** and freshman **Travis White '14**. Junior **Carson Gaines '12** was seventh, senior **Elliot Trostel '11** came in tenth, and the varsity seven was rounded out by junior **Brendan Owens '12** in eleventh. The team's current record is 8 - 1. They will travel to Baltimore Lutheran on October 5th, and on October 12th will be the only other home meet against St. Paul's, Indian Creek, and Sts. Peter and Paul."

## **BL Bull Roast**

BL's Alumni Association will start celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Lake Avenue with the Annual Bull and Oyster Roast. Prices this year will be rolled back to 2004 prices: \$35 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under. (Adult prices will be \$40 at the door.) Tables of ten will be reserved upon receipt of \$350.

Everyone in the BL family is cordially invited Please spread the word!

## **Homecoming 2011**

Homecoming 2011 will take place the weekend of April 29th and 30th. The Homecoming luncheon on Friday the 29th will be followed by a varsity lacrosse game is against MIAA rival St. Mary's of Annapolis. At the luncheon BL will recognize and honor all of the school's valedictorians from the past. We hope to have a great crowd.

The x1 and x6 graduating classes will be celebrating their reunion years. The Brevard Street Alumni will once again have a reception dinner in the Alumni House on April 30th, 2011. Mark your calendars for the entire weekend.

The 2010-2011 academic year will be a special one as Boys' Latin celebrates its 50th Anniversary on Lake Avenue. Stay tuned!

## **Alumni Notes**

**Bob Willingham '73** owns the *Tortilleria Sinaloa Tacos* which recently won the *Baltimore Magazine* award for "Best Tortilla chips." Bob serves neighbors and office workers in Upper Fells Point, Fells Point, Harbor East, Patterson Park, Washington Hill, Canton and points near and far with his cheery bilingual staff. *Sinaloa Tortilleria* is located on 1716 Eastern Avenue.

The Baltimore Sun writes: "'Tortilleria Sinaloa is everything a taqueria should be. Be sure to try hot, fresh tortillas made fresh daily.'" Read more about Bob's restaurant at [www.tortilleria-sinaloa.com](http://www.tortilleria-sinaloa.com).

**Pen Pendleton '76** recently participated in a race on the Coronado Island (San Diego) Naval Base last weekend (part of a big "Fleet Week" event for the troops) and was pictured on the front page of the *San Diego Union Tribune's* local section. Pen writes: "It's a pretty cool shot because I had just passed both of those guys in the previous turn, and you can't see in the photo that I am right on the back of another car (never did pass him, though). A funny thing about the photo - if you're a car person who attended the races, there were some outrageously special, rare - and EXPENSIVE - cars racing that weekend, so for the paper to use a photo of a lowly Formula Ford is pretty crazy. But I'll take it - (it's) just like when you get a lacrosse goal for accidentally kicking the ball in the net."

**Mitch Sayers '87** writes: "We (Mitch and his wife **Jutta**) have now been in Munich, Germany for over a year. I have been 2 years with Cree Europe as an applications engineer, covering Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Russia, Ukraine as well as a few corporate customers in Europe, based in our office in Garching. Aside from this I have assumed the pastor ship of a small United Pentecostal church in Geneva, Switzerland making the weekly trek the length of the country of Switzerland and back. It kind of reminds me of the church in Philippi (ch 1):

3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,  
4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,  
5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;  
6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

"So has this church been, even over a course of a few years without a pastor. You can follow us at [apostolicsofgeneva.wordpress.com](http://apostolicsofgeneva.wordpress.com) and see what is happening.

"I hope and pray that all is well with (BL) and send my greetings to the faculty and staff. In particular, please greet **Madame Terry Howell**, who's tutelage has contributed meaningfully to my integration in Germany and now to my ministering in Geneva (going back a long, long time to recall my French grammar), and **Bill Pheil**, whose mild mentoring assisted me through some rocky times in the critical, formative years."

**Gregory E. Fisher '91** is now Vice President and Attorney for Mid-Atlantic Title Company in Towson, MD.

**Shawn Walter '95** and his wife **Annette** were featured on HGTV "*Bang for Your Buck*" recently. To view the show go to [www.hgtv.com/hgtv-bang-for-your-buck/videos/index.html](http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv-bang-for-your-buck/videos/index.html) and click on the Baltimore episode (4<sup>th</sup> episode.)

**Chris Frederick '05** graduated from West Point this spring and is now stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky waiting to start his my basic course. He should be at Fort Knox until next spring.

**Ryan Jarvis '10**, an attackman on last year's varsity lacrosse team, is in his first year at Bryant University. Bryant is a Division I program coached by **Mike Pressler**.

## 95 Years Ago

*The Baltimore Evening Sun* ran an article about the Boys' Latin graduates who were now college football stars. *The Sun* wrote: "In proportion to its numbers the Boys' Latin School is perhaps better represented in college better than other local institution."

*The Sun* listed the former Latinists who were starring in college football and who were considered by the pundits to be some of the finest football players in the country:

**Ed Tippett '13** - University of Virginia

**Frank Lambert '12** - Trinity College

**McNair Speed '14** - Cornell University

**Fulton Yewell '13** - Johns Hopkins University

**Archie Murrell '15** - University of Maryland (then called Maryland Agricultural College)

Murrell played from Maryland's legendary coach Curley Byrd.

## 85 Years Ago

The football Latinists were still feeling good about their previous week's win over Donaldson School. The team next traveled to Hagerstown to take on St. James School. In a driving rainstorm the Maroon and White played tough defense in the first half and held the bigger and faster hosts to just nine points. At the intermission BL was down just 9-0. Boys' Latin made the game close in the second half when fullback **Brunt Riepe '26** scored on a run with the point after touchdown unsuccessful. After Riepe's score it was all St. James and by the end of the game BL was on the short end of a 28-6 blow-out. According to the *Baltimore American*, BL's injuries were numerous with only Riepe and half back **Tom Bosley '28** able to "untrack themselves."

## 50 Years Ago

Boys' Latin was just getting started on Lake Avenue after 116 years downtown. **Mace LeBrun '33** was the new athletic director taking over for "**Okey**" **O'Connor** and it was decided that BL would close the books on its six-man football program. The school opened its doors in September, 1960 and for the first time since the fall of 1942 BL would have an eleven man football team. (The last eleven man football game was on November 13, 1942. BL lost longtime rival Friends School 13-0.)

The team would again practice at Mt. Washington's Norris Field where BL played football, baseball and lacrosse from 1916-1958 when the school was located on Brevard Street. One game would be scheduled against Southern-Lothian. BL had a talented backfield in **Gene Fusting '62**, **Dwight Hoffman '63**, **Carroll Klingelhofer '61** and quarterback **Matt Toth '61**. The line upfront included **Bill Miller '62**, **Charlie Dankmeyer '62**, **Butch Hodgson '61**, **Tim Foley '61**, **Bob Craven '61**, **Latimer Ford '62**, and **Clayton Hill '61**.

## 40 Years Ago

*The Inkwell* reported the departure of two teachers with long BL histories. **Tim Foley**, who first started working at BL in 1970 decided to begin a new challenge as the Chairman of the English Department at St. Martin's Episcopal School in New Orleans. Tim Foley was a popular English teacher at BL and loved his stay here. He told *The Inkwell* that "Boys' Latin has been good to me." For several years the Foleys lived in the apartment above the cafeteria (today's BL Bookstore.)

**Glynn Owens '67** decided to retire from teaching at the end of the 1980 school term. Glynn started working in the Mathematics Department at Boys' Latin in the fall of 1972. His teaching at BL was a labor of love and he told *The Inkwell* that he would most of all "miss the daily interaction with the boys."

## 5 Years Ago

BL's football team under head coach **Ritchie Schell** raced out to a 5-0 record after defeating St. Mary's 31-14. The Lakers were led by seniors **Peter Scheve '06**, **David Brown '06**, **Josh Steele '06**, **Chris Boland '06**, and **Brian Farrell '06**. The quarterback duties were handled by **Charlie McComas '08**. **Brett Weiss '07** was the kicker. Brett's foot would play a critical role as the season progressed.



*".....What impresses most about the boys who went to the (Boys') Latin School in my time, as I look back on them, is their spirit of personal independence and individuality. They had characters of their own. There was no striving for a school pattern of personality, no effort to sink to a level of conformity, and above all no hero worship with its surrender of personality to the will and tastes of others.....Each youngster was himself.....The Boys' Latin School has had a long history. It is now crossing the centennial mark, a span of life which is most unusual for a preparatory school in this country of rapid changes and few traditions. It owes its longevity not to buildings or athletic prowess or to sentiment, but undoubtedly to the soundness of its methods, the intelligence of its purposes and the sincerity and integrity of those who have been connected with it, whether as masters or scholars. There will always be a need for these things in the future as in the past. The life of the school will be prolonged while it continues to supply them. May we all hope that will be for a very long time indeed. For another hundred years at least."* **Commencement comments June 1944 by John S. Dickinson, BL Class of 1909**