

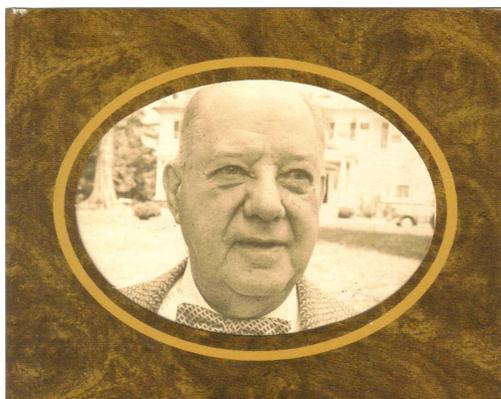
THE BOYS' LATIN SCHOOL OF MARYLAND

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Pride & Tradition: Philip Livingston Poe, Class of 1897



Philip Livingston Poe, Class of 1897 was born in 1879 to John Poe and Sarah Livingston Poe. He was a distant cousin of the famous poet/writer Edgar Allan Poe.

Philip Poe grew up in Bolton Hill just a short walk up the hill from Boys' Latin's Brevard Street location. He attended Boys' Latin School for six years and was most likely a member of the Class of 1896. There are no records revealing his grades or year of graduation but newspaper reports indicate that Phil was very athletic and played football for the Maryland Athletic Club (MAC) from 1901- 1903. According to a 1902 *Baltimore Sun* article the MAC football team beat a team of U.S. Army soldiers from Fort McHenry 29-0. One of the touchdowns was scored when "Phil Poe recovered the ball on a fumble and raced 20 yards for the touchdown." Box scores from those three seasons indicate that "P. Poe" was the quarterback for the MAC eleven.

In the early 1900s he worked for Stein Bros. and Boyce and spent some time in Oklahoma working in the oil fields. In 1904, at the age of 25, he founded the investment firm of Poe and Davies. In 1911 the firm became a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

In the late teens to early 1920s Phil Poe interests took him into the field of development. He developed parts of Hampden in Baltimore City, and Darnell Hill Road in Ruxton with one of his sons-in-law. In the 1920s and 1930s he bought up land on Gibson Island for future development while still maintaining his seat on the New York Stock Exchange as well as a seat with the American Exchange. In the 1930s he started Philip L. Poe & Co as an investment broker. It was also during the 1930s that Poe along with several partners established at the L'Hirondelle Club in Ruxton, a duck hunting club for its members.

Phil Poe is perhaps best known for his involvement with the Maryland and Pennsylvania (Ma & Pa) Railroad. The railroad originally connected Baltimore and York, PA., and during his nine years as the railroad's President, Poe managed to cut the railroad's debt from \$1.5 million to just over \$30,000. The Ma & Pa's Maryland operation discontinued in 1958 when its tracks through Baltimore City into Baltimore County were pulled-up. In 1964 Poe suggested that part of the railroad's right of way be leased back to the state of Maryland and used as a bicycle path. Unfortunately, the idea was shelved when it was discovered that much of the land had reverted back to its original owners through eminent domain.

Phil Poe married Grace Morris in 1905 and the couple settled in Bolton Hill. After their two daughters were born the Poes moved to Ruxton. The youngest, Phyllis Livingston Poe married Thomas Wesley Shields in 1941. Their two sons **Tad Shields '63** and **Phil Shields '65** are both BL graduates.

Philip Poe was proud of his family roots and was a member of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, and the Society of Colonial Wars. During the 1930s he was honorary Governor General of the Maryland Chapter of the Society of Colonial Wars.

Mr. Poe died in 1970 after living in Ruxton for 60 years. He was 91 years old.

BL Fall Festival

October 15 11 AM - 3 PM

Family Fun – Inflatable Rides!

Moonbounce, games and MORE!

Varsity Soccer game against Pallotti – 11:00 a.m.

Varsity Football against John Carroll – 1:30 p.m.

For more information and to buy game/ride tickets go to
<http://www.boyslatinmd.com/document.doc?id=432>

Fall 50/50 Raffle

The Boys' Latin Alumni Association and the Boys' Latin Parents' Association are co-sponsoring a 50/50 raffle this fall. The winner will receive half the proceeds raised and there will be a second place winner (\$400) and a third place winner (\$250.) A ticket cost just \$20 or \$50 for three tickets.

Tickets will be sold throughout the fall here on campus and the winning ticket will be drawn the night of the Bull Roast. The winner does NOT need to be present to win!

Anyone interested in buying a ticket (or three!) go to <http://www.boyslatinmd.com/document.doc?id=469> or call me here at BL (x1113.)

Upcoming Alumni Events

The next Alumni Luncheon will take place on Friday, November 4th at 11:30. Later that afternoon, at 2:30, the varsity football team is playing St. Paul's AT St. Paul's.

Please let me know if you would like to come to BL for lunch prior to the game. We hope to have head coach Ritchie Schell give a talk about the BL football program. RSVP at mkennedy@boyslatinmd.com.

The Alumni Basketball game is set for Friday, January 13th at 5:30.

The BL Golf Outing is set for Friday, April 27th - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start.

Alumni Notes

Davis Wilder '77 is involved with a fundraising effort called *Back On My Feet* here in Baltimore. He is going to be running a half marathon on 10/15 as a *FundRunner*. He is seeking contribution (\$1/mi) as a fun way of raising money. The following link will allow one to donate to the cause - <https://www.active.com/donate/BmoreBRF11/CWilder4>



Brandon Carney '00 was in town recently and hooked up with Keiffer Mitchell '86 and Devin Murphy '00 at the Baltimore Ravens-New York Jets game.



Capt. Alex Becker '04 is currently serving in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division. He recently received a care package from BL history teacher **Butch Maisel** which included the BL hat he is wearing. The picture was taken as an approaching sand storm was bearing down on him. - Laker pride!



Spencer Stieff '13 recently swam in the “Swim Across America” event in memory of **Zakary DeGross '13** his former classmate. Spencer swam one mile and raised over \$1,400 - with \$1,200 of the dollars coming from the BL Community. All the money from the “Swim Across America” goes to the Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital for cancer research. Zakary received his treatment at Hopkins through the Kimmel Cancer Center and for more information on Spencer’s swim go to http://www.swimacrossamerica.org/site/TR?px=1090353&pg=personal&fr_id=1200&et=gjVxW10UxjtUPP_af-8qEg&s_tafId=1334.

Boys' Latin Cross Country

The Varsity Cross Country team raced at home on Tuesday, September 27th against St. John's Catholic Prep School. **Robert White '12** just out-kicked junior **Frankie Johnson '13** for the victory, and they were followed home by **Sean Mullally '12** (with both shoes), **Brett Roberts '13** and **Dylan Hazlett '14** for a BL sweep of the first five places. Also running well were four students new to the program, **Mason Baumann '14** in 13th place overall, **Cole Coffay '15** in 15th, **Craig Dougherty '13** in 21st, and **Liam Madden '15** in 22nd.

At the team's first home meet of the season (behind the baseball field) last Tuesday BL lost to the highly-touted St. Paul's team, but managed to beat the teams from Indian Creek, St. Peter and St. Paul, and Cristo Rey.

Boys' Latin Football

The Lakers hosted the St. Mary's Saints in an MIAA "B" Conference game on Friday. BL scored first but could not hold the lead and eventually lost 12-7. On Friday, October 8th, BL played St. Anne's-Belfield from Charlottesville.

Boys' Latin is sponsoring a canned food drive this fall. Susan Brown of Boys' Latin and Sanford Groff of St. Paul's thought it was time for a little friendly competition to benefit the hungry. Boys' Latin and St. Paul's will collect (and count!) the cans/boxes of non-perishable items collected between October 19-November 4 here on campus.

At the BL -SP football game on November 4th, alumni from both schools are also invited to participate and encouraged to bring canned goods or other non-perishable items to the game. There will be collection bins at the entrance -SP on one side and BL on the other. This is another friendly opportunity to BEAT St. Paul's and one that will benefit the hungry.

All food collected by BL will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society's food charities such as Beans and Bread and Sarah's Hope shelter.

Boys' Latin Squash

Athletic Director **Michael Thomas '87** announcement of September 27, 2011:

***Zach Bradley** named Head Varsity Squash Coach at Boys' Latin School*

***Jon Minkowski** named Varsity Assistant Coach, Head JV and Head MS Coach*

The Boys' Latin School of Maryland announced today that Zach Bradley is the new Head Varsity Squash Coach. As a Gilman graduate of 2006, he was a stellar player and three time varsity award winner. After his graduation from Tufts University in 2010, he started to coach both youth and adult squash activities at Meadow Mill Athletic Club. He has previously coached at Bryn Mawr School and within our Middle School program. Coach Bradley also has been a volunteer for 'Squashwise' in Baltimore and Squashbusters in Boston. He clearly has a passion

for the game. Coach Bradley is excited about the challenges of serving as our Head Varsity Squash coach.

Coach Minkowski was a gifted player at the Gilman School and a four year letterman. In 2002, he won the boys U19 MD State High School Squash Championship. He has been a squash instructor at the Maryland Athletic Club, and has assisted with clinics/camps at Meadow Mill Athletic Club.

Boys' Latin's squash community is fortunate to have Coach Bradley and Coach Minkowski lead our squash program.

BL Volleyball

Head Coach **Drew Haugh '77** reports that the MIAA "B" conference defending volleyball champions traveled to John Carroll and came home with an impressive upset win over their "A" conference foes. BL lost a heartbreaking first game by a score of 25-23, but battled back in game two to win 25-15. In a pivotal game three, the Lakers trailed 21-16, but kept their poise and battled back to steal the game 25-23. With the momentum on their side the Lakers won game four 25-17, clinching the match three games to one.

Coach Haugh writes: "Highlights of the match saw incredible back row play from Libero, **Bradley Schwartz '13** and defensive specialist **Jack Parriott '13** with some stellar passing and digging. Their great passing allowed setter, **Ben Levin '13** to pinpoint his sets to outside hitter **David Santangelo '13** who proceeded, time and time again, to smash the ball for 18 kills and a Laker victory over the Patriots.

"The JV volleyball team followed up the varsity by dismantling the young Patriots, doubling their scores in two games to come away with a 2-0 victory.a great day for the Boys' Latin volleyball program!!!"

100 Years Ago

The Boys' Latin football team defeated Georgetown Prep 6-0 and the Church School 21-0. In the first three games of the season the Latinists scored 39 points and allowed zero.

Games would get a lot tougher. On the schedule were games against rivals Marston's and Gilman.

80 Years Ago

The Boys' Latin varsity football team hosted the team from Franklin Day School and came away with a convincing 31-13 win. BL led only 6-0 at the half but poured it on after intermission to win the game going away. **Ted DeDisse '34** scored two touchdowns and **Nick Hope '33**, **Charles Schmidt '33**, and **John Warner '32** each scored a touchdown. Place kicker Warner made only one out of five extra-point attempts.

40 Years Ago

Head Coach **Cmdr. Jack Albright** had good balance on the 1971 varsity soccer team. BL was playing in the Maryland Scholastic Association (MSA) C Conference. The team was led by goaltender **Tim Mering '72**. Other Laker returning lettermen included **Rick Ashley '72, Billy Kempton '72, Bill Niermann '72, Tom Kidd '72, and Josh Epstein '73**. Newcomers who were expected to contribute were **Wes Cobb '72, Ken Wolff '72, John Grace '72, Steve Spence '72, Jack Stout '73, Vic Starz '73, Bob Willingham '73, Peter van Berkum '74, Randy Cullen '74, Bill Lippincott '74, Marvin Howard '74, and Andy Andrews '74**.

The varsity soccer team began the season with a 2-1 loss to Severna Park. Goalie **Tim Mering '72** was sensational in the goal for BL registering 18 saves in the team's opening game. The Lakers took a 1-0 lead on a carom off the Severna Park goalie but gave up two goals later in the contest.

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