



THE BOYS' LATIN SCHOOL OF MARYLAND

this week at 



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Pride & Tradition: Brooke P. Cottman '49

On Friday, **Brooke P. Cottman '48** was one of three recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award (along with David Meese '55 and Otis Read '55) at Homecoming Festivities.

Brooke was born on January 28, 1931 in Baltimore. Although BL didn't have a kindergarten back on Brevard Street, Brooke did manage to become one of BL's first "13 year boys." His older brother Stewart '41 was attending Boys' Latin and Brooke's mother had to work so she asked Headmaster Fred Hahn if Brooke could "attend" BL at the age of 4 ½ during the 1935-1936 school year.

Not only was Brooke following in his older brother's footsteps, he was also a legacy: Brooke's father J. Stewart Cottman, Sr. and his uncle Clarence Cottman, Jr. were also former BLS students. His dad was a member of BL's 1912 interscholastic swim team.

In the fall of 1936 Brooke entered first grade. He was a good student always ranked in the upper half of his class. Brooke participated in various clubs and activities including six years on the Press and Poster Clubs. He was a class officer serving as the Class of 1948's Secretary.

Brooke was a good athlete and an even better lacrosse player. He along with his fellow classmate K.C. Miller was named the Class of 1948's Best Athlete. He earned four varsity letters – including two in lacrosse for the 1947 and 1948 seasons. In 1948 he was selected as a member of the MSA Division I All-Star team.

The final *Inkwell* of 1948 said of Brooke: "Brooke's graduation will leave a gap in Boys' Latin School that will be difficult to fill." We still agree with that statement today.

After graduating from Boys' Latin, Brooke attended Duke University. He continued his lacrosse career lettering for the Blue Devils in 1950, 1951, and in 1952. In 1951 he was named Honorable Mention to the All-South lacrosse team along with Duke and former BL teammate Don Clausen who made first

team All-South. In 1952 Brooke was a Collegiate Honorable Mention All-American at attack, and played in the North-South All-Star Game.

Brooke stayed with the game he loved coaching Swarthmore College men's team from 1960-1977. He still ranks as one of the top 25 in total wins for Division II Coaches with 86 victories and his 1965, 1966, and 1967 teams won the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships. His 1966 team went through the league undefeated.

Brooke has worked in the real estate development industry for many years and recently has been involved with a lovely bed and breakfast in New York. He has never forgotten his BLS roots and year after year Brooke has been there to support his school. And for sometime Brooke has been a member of the BL Jack Williams '38 Society.

Brooke lives in Elkton, MD but spends part of the year in Florida.

Homecoming

Nearly 140 Alumni and friends gathered for lunch on Friday and over 500 attended Saturday night's "An Evening with Dyson." Both events took place here in the Alumni House. BL wants to send out a BIG thank you to EVERYONE in the BL family for making this weekend so special.

Alumni Notes



The Panners, a club lacrosse team that played together in the 1980's gathered this past weekend. Pictured are all those affiliated with BL who played on the team.

Loyola University Maryland head coach **Charlie Toomey '86** was named Eastern College Athletic Conference's (ECAC) men's lacrosse Coach of the Year honors after his Greyhounds finished the regular season with a 12-1 record.

Jerome Featherstone'03 is continuing with his boxing career. He was featured in an article last week in *The Baltimore Sun*. Go to

http://www.baltimoresun.com/search/dispatcher.front?Query=featherstone&target=adv_article to learn more about what Jerome is doing with his new career.

BL Night at Oriole Park at Camden Yards



The BL Alumni Association and the BL Parents' Association are sponsoring a night at the ballpark to see the Orioles play the Boston Red Sox. The date is Monday, May 21st at 7:05. The seating will be in an upper reserve section of the stadium and tickets that normally sell for \$27 will be on sale to the BL community for just \$15. Boys' Latin will receive \$5 for each ticket sold.

Let's turn a section of the stadium maroon and white root on the home team!

Tickets may be purchased by **MAY 11** and have been selling fast. Please send in your money to my attention here at BL asap and make checks out to the BL Alumni Association. This is open to EVERYONE!

Boys' Latin Golf

BL placed three golfers in the MIAA individual tournament last week: **Bennett Wisner '14**, 76 73 76 225 came in 4th, **Will Guy '12** 74 72 83 229 came in 9th, and **Danny Murphy '13** 78 75 84 237 came in tied for 14th.

Drew Romans' '74 son Brandon Romans from Glenelg Country School also came in tied for 14th at 237.

Athletics

The BL baseball team got back on the winning track with an 8-5 win over Baltimore Lutheran. On Thursday the Lakers entertained Friends School. A win would clinch a playoff spot for the Lakers. Unfortunately, the Lakers came up short and lost 5-3. The regular season ends tomorrow with a 4:00 P.M. game at Park. A win will send BL to the playoffs.

In lacrosse, rivalry week began with a game against St. Paul's. Going into the game BL led in the historic series 47-44-1. The previous three regular season meeting had all gone into overtime and all won by the Lakers. The Crusaders were winless in the MIAA but are always dangerous when playing the Lakers. This game was didn't need overtime. The Crusaders kept it close in the first half and were down by a score of 4-1. However, BL exploded for 11 goals in the second half and won the game in a blowout 15-3. **Shack Stanwick '14** led the offense with 4 goals and an assist and **Greg Pyke '12** and **Casey Rees '13** each scored twice. Ten different Lakers scored in the game including single tallies from **Colin Heacock '13**, **Andrew Roswell '13**, **Colin Chell '14**, **Michael Lynch '13**, **Ben Levin '13**, **Tally**

Bruno '14, and **Walker Ensor '13**. **Christian Knight '13** and **Kolby Caplin '13** combined to make 12 saves.

Friday's Homecoming game was against Gilman. In an incredibly exciting game watched by several thousand fans, Gilman defeated BL in overtime 11-10.

Tyler Steinhardt '12, President of the Student Body produced a video entitled "Rivalry Week." (To view go to <http://vimeo.com/41322700>.)

The lacrosse team will finish its regular season tomorrow at McDonogh at 4:00 P.M.

45 Years Ago

BL's lacrosse team lost in succession to Gilman 8-5, Dulaney 8-6, Calvert Hall 7-6 and Severn 13-4. The Lakers were limping through the season and for the first time in years were out of title contention early in the campaign. The miserable season hit rock bottom when the Lakers hosted Friends and were annihilated 18-3 by the Quakers.

BL was able to finish the season with successive wins over league foes City, 5-3, and McDonogh 6-2. **Sonny Bajkowski '68** scored 2 goals in the City win and doubled his goal output in the McDonogh game scoring 4 of the team's goals. **Larry Harper '67** played well in goal the last two games making 15 saves against City and 5 against McDonogh.

40 Years Ago

An uninspired BL varsity lacrosse team, lacking focus and hustle, lost their final league game to McDonogh 8-5. McDonogh was very talented and Chip Giardina's Eagles had strong leadership in senior defenseman Rob Lindsay and juniors Jack Dudley and Kim Swerdloff. BL committed 13 penalties and lost 13 out of 19 face-offs. Swerdloff scored 4 times for the victors and ex-Laker **Dee Curran** added a hat trick. Dudley joined in the winners' offensive heroics with 5 assists.

The game had an additional twist: both teams had a Waters in the goal. **Jeff Waters**, **Bryant Waters' '74** older brother had transferred to McDonogh from Boys' Latin the previous year. Both of the brothers played well each making double digit saves for their respective teams.

One game remained on the schedule against second ranked and undefeated Towson. The Generals had already secured the Baltimore County championship and were already looking forward to their show down with Calvert Hall for the mythical state championship. The Lakers almost caught the Generals napping. According to the *Inkwell*, "it was amazing to watch the vaunted Towson attack drop passes and commit numerous mental errors." The Lakers were tenacious on defense all day and finally lost 4-3. Bryant Waters turned in another sensational effort with 20 saves. Many of Waters' saves were one-on-one situations. The defense trio of **Frank Betley '72**, **Rick Heldrich '72** and **Duncan Smith '73** held the number one scoring team in the region to their lowest goal output of the season. Towson Coach **Bill Thomas** marveled at BL's goalie play and later told *The Baltimore Sun* his statistics revealed Waters had 28 saves in the game.

25 Years Ago

The fourth ranked lacrosse Lakers hosted the fifth ranked McDonogh Eagles. Again BL's offense was clicking and the game was never in doubt. For the second game in a row the Lakers came out on top 11-3. Seven different Lakers scored goals led by **Doug Sharretts '87** with 3 goals and an assist.

The playoffs were now set. The first place team in each Division would host the second place team in the other Division with the winners playing for the championship. BL, although tied with Severn with identical Division II records, lost the tie breaker and would have to travel to Calvert Hall to take on the Division I winner Cardinals. The Loyola Dons would travel to Severn to take on the Little Admirals in the other semi-final game.

15 Years Ago

The Laker lacrosse team was still ranked number one in the area and some felt Gilman, ranked number 3 in the area and coached by John Tucker was set for the challenge. BL gave Gilman a lesson in how to execute near flawless lacrosse. It seemed as if every ground ball ended up in a BL stick and was turned into a goal. The Maroon and White was leading 10-0 at halftime. The Greyhounds were outshot 27-4 in the first half and the onslaught continued in the second half with the game ending in an 18-2 drubbing.

Ten different Lakers scored goals. After the game the coaching staff decided to award the entire team a "game ball."

5 Years Ago

The baseball team continued its march to a championship with three league games. The Laker nine defeated St. Frances at Druid Hill Park 14-2. Two days later they beat St. John's Prospect Hall of Frederick 15-5 and wrapped up the regular season on a losing note. St. Mary's beat the Maroon and White 9-5. It was the team's first league loss of the season, however, BL did lock-down home field advantage for the entire playoffs.

