

# The Irish Review



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## Alumni Association REPORT



After 90 years of educating young men in a Catholic environment with the values set forth by Blessed Edmond Rice, there is an ever growing membership who call themselves Alumni of

Vancouver College. The VC Alumni Association has existed for many decades to maintain a connection between the Vancouver College community and the many thousands that have passed through this historic institution. I am pleased and honoured to be the current President of the VC Alumni Association ("VCAA"), after having been a part of the Board of Directors for the past four

years. Vancouver College has evolved since its inception nine decades ago into what is today a first class institution for the education of young men. And as the school evolves, so too does the VC Alumni Association, as it continues to meet the changing needs of its membership. More than 7,000 men count themselves Alumni of VC, and that number grows with each new graduating class.

For many years, the VC Alumni Association has been guided and operated by a Board of Directors. With the registering of the Association as a an official society under the Society Act of BC this past year, the first Board of Directors became formalized with 13 alumni and 3 key individuals from Vancouver College Limited. This increase in members participating in the Board has set the foundation for the VC Alumni Association to enrich and expand the services with which it provides to its membership. Reunions have been a mainstay of the Association since its inception, and this continues to be a popular and recurring aspect that most alumni are excited to participate. We promote and encourage inspired individuals to organize reunions each five or ten years. Additionally, several sports events have had long-standing traditions under the guidance *(Continued on page 2)*



Back row: John McFarland, Principal, Stephen Jagger ('96), Bob Estey ('76)  
Front row: Peter Fahrmann ('90), Greg Smyth ('90), Stephen Mogatas ('96)

### Alumni Association Executive

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Member at Large	Sean O'Brien	(VC'01)
Member at Large	Edward Watson	(VC'85)

## The Tap on the Shoulder.

In 1950, my late father John J. Brown graduated from Vancouver College. I grew up hearing stories of VC grads "walking up hill to and from the school in four feet of snow." My brother Paul graduated from VC in 1982 and has gone on to be a very successful lawyer in Vancouver. I graduated in 1986 and was a 12 year man and am now a CA. While I was at the school, both of my parents, along with many others, spent countless hours working on projects like the construction of the first "adventure" playground, turning the cow pasture field into a proper football field, and building the bother's residence. My mother, Janet Brown, became the chair of the Board of Directors from 1987-94.

Today, I have two sons at VC in grades 3 (Matthew) and 4 (Scott) and they love it at VC and get a ton of personalized attention from their teachers and the staff at VC. So, when I was "tapped on the shoulder" and asked to continue in the tradition of generous giving by the VC community, I said "Yes!" without hesitation. That request came in the form of being asked to join the Advancement Committee at VC - responsible for moving

the school forward which includes fundraising for the school. The first thing that I noticed was that we needed more support from the Alumni to keep the school in the great shape it is in today.

There are many families that have contributed their time, talents and treasure to VC over the years and my family has been and continues to be a part of that. Our Advancement Committee, and particularly the Alumni on the committee, including Mike McIsaac (VC '87) and myself, are working to get more involvement from the Alumni community to help in all sorts of ways including financial assistance for kids who are accepted to VC but whose families cannot afford all the tuition fees; new construction and upgrading the older buildings; equipment; and many other needs.

So, in the long tradition of giving that Vancouver College has developed since 1922, I'd like to "tap each of you on the shoulder" and ask that you take a look at what VC has done for you and consider giving a *(Continued on page 2)*



We would like to thank Céili's Irish Pub & Restaurant & Mark Reid VC'86', General Manager for sponsoring the Annual Alumni Homecoming game for the Fifth year.

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of the Association. The Alumni Football game at Mayfair and the Basketball Tournament have each been running for more than a quarter century. Even longer is the Golf Tournament, which is closing in on 40 years! Newer and exhilarating events have been maturing quickly and have now become annual events for the past five years, namely the Fishing Derby and the Hockey Tournament.

For the past decade, the biennial Hall of Honour event has taken place to honour distinguished alumni and friends of the Vancouver College community. VCAA assists the school in the selection of the nominees and engagement with the alumni membership, all in an effort to make a successful evening for all in attendance. Furthermore, the Homecoming Game, which began nearly a decade ago under the guidance of a small group of alumni and key members of the school, creates a fun event surrounding the start of the football season. The Association is working to align the fall Golf Tournament with the successful Homecoming Game, so as to create an entire fun-filled weekend that alumni and friends can attend and enjoy. The concept would see an Alumni Reception, the Homecoming Game and the Golf Tournament all over one weekend.

New programs that are under development are the Mentorship Program and a Speaker Series. The former is an idea that would see mentoring of existing students and young alumni by those more experienced alumni who are interested and willing to share their knowledge and experience. This spring, the first phase of this program is expected to see a group of alumni come to VC and speak to the senior school in small groups about their various professions, giving the boys an opportunity to learn about the kinds of careers available to them. Following phases of the Mentorship Program may seek to link younger Alumni with more seasoned alumni, providing the younger members with valuable opportunities to learn, network and get ahead in their chosen career path. The Speaker Series is another program that is under development, with the objective to roll it out this fall. Not unlike many professional lunchtime or evening series, keynote speakers will be brought in to speak about interesting and current topics that will be of interest to Alumni and the broader VC community. We hope to create excellent value for participants, so that it will become a recurring event long into the future.

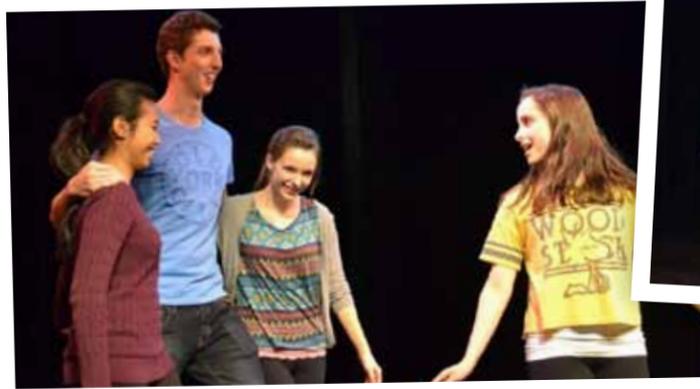
The growing membership and the ever-widening gap of generations within the membership has provided challenges and opportunities to the functioning of the Association. As such, we recently decided to develop an Online Directory for Alumni who wish to keep in contact with each other. This system will be deployed this spring, and each alumni with an active email on the VC system will have an opportunity to be a part of this Directory. We believe this system will create massive benefits to the general membership, assisting them to organize reunions, and ultimately create a stronger connection with the broader VC community. The VC Alumni Association is continually searching for new and exciting ideas to improve how it relates with Alumni. Vancouver College is 'Our School for Life'. ●

**Semper Fidelis**  
Greg Smyth  
President, VCAA

**Parents of Alumni** If your sons no longer lives at this address, please call 604-261-4285 local 269 or email [vcalumni@vc.bc.ca](mailto:vcalumni@vc.bc.ca) the contact details including phone number and email address.

# Musical Theatre

## The Tradition Continues



The proud tradition of theatrical productions at Vancouver College will continue this year with the performance of "Guys and Dolls". The show will be playing at the Kucher Centre for the Performing Arts from April 23 to 28, 2012. Tickets are \$18 and will be available at the school the week of April 2nd. A Fundraising Gala will be held on Thursday April 26th. Your \$50 ticket will cover your admission to the show plus a hors oeuvre, refreshments and dessert at intermission!

Guys and Dolls was first performed on Broadway in 1950 and is based upon two short stories by Damon Runyon. Desperate to find money to pay for his floating crap game, Nathan Detroit bets Sky Masterson a thousand dollars that Sky will not be able to take the local Save a Soul Mission girl, Sarah Brown, to Cuba. While Sky eventually is able to convince Sarah to join him, Nathan battles with his fiancé of fourteen years, Adelaide, over their wedding plans. Meanwhile in Cuba, Sky ends up falling in love with Sarah and tries to reform his gambling ways. When he

returns to New York, he finds that Detroit has set up the craps game inside the Mission. Sky bets all the members of the floating crap game that if he wins his roll of the dice, they will all have to go to church and repent, helping to save the Mission and saving his relationship with Sarah. If he loses, he will give them each a thousand dollars. Sky wins and all the gamblers end up visiting the mission and repenting their sins.

Starring in this year's production will be Andrew Trasolini (VC'12) who plays Sky Masterson, Cathy Canil (LFA'13) as Sarah Brown, Dylan Kruger (VC'13) as Nathan Detroit and Claire Renauld (LFA'13) as Miss Adelaide.

Theatrical performances at VC go back to the school's earliest days with the 1923-4 production of Macbeth. Over the ensuing years the school has put on some amazing productions including The Pirates of Penzance, The Mikado, Oklahoma, Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, West Side Story and most recently, Grease to name but a few. This year's performance should prove to be another outstanding success. ●

## The Tap on the Shoulder *Continued from page 1*

little back to a truly special place. Please feel free to contact Mike or me about ways you can give back to your alma mater. You can help by completing the form with the brochure that accompanied this publication (or download the campaign online) or by contacting Ronith Cogswell, VC's Associate Director of Advancement, at 604-639-2256 or by email at [rcogswell@vc.bc.ca](mailto:rcogswell@vc.bc.ca) to make a donation.

You can also help by talking to your fellow Alumni about VC and its fundraising needs.

Our Alumni is a diverse group all over the world and perhaps we can all look back and say that a little of our success was because of Vancouver College, "our school for life." ●

**Semper Fidelis,**  
Mark T. Brown (VC'86)



Mark Brown (VC'86) with sons Matthew (VC'21) left, and Scott (VC'20) right.





## ALUMNI PROFILE

# John Mills (VC'68)



**Of all the experiences that shaped his sport leadership career, John Mills says there are two that stand out.**

The first was a particularly formative one as a first grader at Vancouver College. The principal, Brother Cyril Bates, brought in two mini-basketballs and announced that anyone who could complete his arithmetic exercise before the recess could leave early and take one of the basketballs down to the gym. Within minutes – an eternity to an anxious six-year-old – John was trying to discover how to hurl a small basketball into a ten-foot hoop. “It’s such a clear memory for me,” he says, reflecting on the moment from a chair in a meeting room overlooking what used to be the 2010 speed-skating venue at the Richmond Olympic Oval. “From that point on, I was a basketball player. At VC our primary classes were frequently visited by the giant 11th and 12th graders who told us about their upcoming games. I would repeat their stories to my father Jack (VC’44), a sports fan, who responded enthusiastically to my interest in watching the Irish play.”

“Coaching is such an important part of a positive sport experience. VC students of a certain era will all remember Brother Kelly whose distinctive approach to teaching and coaching is unforgettable. He coached me for just two years but his influence over the entire athletic program was massive. If one were ever beaten on the baseline side, you would surely feel it was material for Saturday afternoon confession based on his reaction.”

Fast forward a few years to 1971. Mills was riding back from a late-season series in Lethbridge with his UBC Thunderbird team mates and chatting with head coach, Peter Mullins. Up to that time, he hadn’t been a starter, nor was he particularly optimistic about his basketball career. Still, he was thrilled to be playing for the Thunderbirds. Mullins asked, “How good do you want to be?” Understanding the importance of the question, he paused a moment, and said: “I think I can probably contribute coming off the bench.” Mullins’ reply was blunt: “If that’s all you want to be, then I don’t want you back next year.” Momentarily stunned, the lanky 20-year-old listened as Mullins made his case for what he believed his sophomore forward could achieve with a slight shift in attitude. “He gave me confidence that I could be much better than I thought I could be, and also the opportunities to improve. The next season I was a starter on the 1972 national championship team and that summer I played for Canada.”

Inspired by what his coach had done for his skill and confidence, John made up his mind that he wanted to follow in his footsteps and endeavour to do the same for other young basketball players. In the back of his mind, he even hoped that he could coach for UBC someday. The closest he came was immediately after graduation when he signed on as a teacher and basketball coach at Vancouver College. Five years later he left the field of play to take over as Executive Director of Basketball BC, where he hoped to change the landscape

of the game in BC and “paint on a bigger canvas.” Little did he know that the canvas would grow exponentially as the years went by.

After a prolonged period of cutting his leadership teeth at Basketball BC, he was offered what was arguably the top job in provincial amateur sport, as executive director and president of Sport BC. Inspired with an idea to increase access to sport opportunities to financially disadvantaged children, his high-light achievement was laying the foundations of KidSport, including courting deep pocketed supporters to increase the organization’s endowment and help spread the movement to communities across Canada.

In 1998 he was approached by the Calgary Olympic Development Association (CODA, now WinSport Canada) to move to Calgary and become president. Initially reluctant to leave Vancouver, he was won over by their persistence and their commitment to athletes. John joined CODA in the middle of the domestic bid to host the 2010 Games, he explains, “when Calgary lost to Vancouver, rather than sulk, CODA decided they would become the training centre for Canada’s 2010 winter athletes.” For the next eight years he directed the development of facilities and programs that not only fulfilled the sport and recreation aspirations of a community still invigorated by the 1988 Calgary Games, but also the unique needs of many of Canada’s 2010 athletes. During that period the foundation was established for the expansion of Canada Olympic Park which will soon serve as a comprehensive event and training site for Canada’s winter sport athletes in hockey, figure skating, sliding, snowboard, alpine, freestyle, and Nordic skiing.

During the early years in Calgary, he also served as an executive member of the 2010 Vancouver Bid Corporation. Following Canada’s outstanding medal performance in Torino in 2006, his thoughts began to drift back to his home town and the spectacle that would unfold four years hence. By the time he returned to the west coast shortly after the 2006 Torino Games, some of the practises that CODA had put in place were just beginning to pay dividends on the podium. It occurred to him that the same things could be achieved back home. “I had the idea that I wanted to be involved in the legacy of 2010 and the Oval, in particular, intrigued me.” After a two-year stint as Assistant Deputy Minister with the Province of BC, he jumped at the City of Richmond’s offer to become the General Manager of its 2010 legacy jewel, the Richmond Olympic Oval.

And though the conversation with Dr. Mullins is many miles behind him now, and the formative day of discovery in the Vancouver College gym even further, the connection remains relevant, and there have been some memorable stops on what surely has been an intriguing journey between then and now.

“I was equipped with a set of values and ideas that I took from my family, Vancouver College and UBC” Mills says gazing reflectively out at the ice rinks of the Oval and the hardwood courts beyond, “I’d like to think I had a plan, but I really don’t. You can’t plan a career like this.” ●

## VC Alum Recognized as one of “40 Under 40”



Since 1990, the “Business In Vancouver” weekly newspaper has recognized 40 young men and women under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in the business or not-for-profit world. This year one of our alumni, Stephen Jagger (VC’96), was honoured for his entrepreneurial success.

Together with his business partner, Mike Stephenson (VC’93), they first founded a web hosting company near the height of the dot com boom and now operate four businesses with a combined total of over 90 employees. The web hosting business has been sold but it formed the genesis of Ubertor which helps real estate professionals build effective web sites. They also operate Reachd.com a training company now with a range of topics and OutsourcingThingsDone.com, a company that provides outsourced administrative services from the Philippines to the North American market.

Steve is on the board of the Vancouver College Alumni Association and a member of Entrepreneurs Organization.

Stephen joins two other Vancouver College graduates, John O’Neill (VC’79) and his brother, Michael Jagger (VC’93) as previous “40 Under 40” winners. In addition, six parents of current students at VC have also been recognized in this manner. ●

## Irish Academics



At Vancouver College we pursue excellence in all of our endeavours and celebrate students’ achievements. Our academic program continues to shine brightly in all three schools. Our recent ranking of number one by the Fraser Institute in the Elementary/Middle School category (Grades 4 and 7), scoring 10 out of 10 for the fourth consecutive year. This accolade, though a small measure, shows the wonderful work going on in our classrooms on campus.

Each year our graduates have the opportunity to attend Colleges and Universities throughout the world. The class of 2012 are reviewing their options and two young men, Stefano Belfiore (top) and Alvin Leung (bottom), have both been offered seats at Harvard University in September. In addition to his academic achievements, Stefano is also a member of Canada’s Junior National Rowing team. Congratulations gentlemen and we look forward to hearing placement of our other graduating seniors.

In response to the competitive post secondary environment and in our efforts to better prepare our graduates, our planning for the 2012-13 school year will see two additional Advanced Placement courses offered at the Senior School. These programs will allow us to expand the course offerings to our students and hopefully open even more doors to future educational and career opportunities. ●





## The 4th Annual VC Alumni Hockey Game 2011

On May 7, 2011, the 4th annual alumni hockey game was held at the Father Bauer Rink at UBC. Twenty seven skaters and two brave goalies came out to where this event was first held four years ago! The teams were put together by VCAA 'general manager' Desmond Chen '91 and featured a great mix of young and old alumni spanning from Derek Page and Conrad Lakowski '82 to Marc Addison and Adam Madrussan '10. In all, 15 different graduating classes were represented that night. The post game social was a lively affair as we all sat down in Mahony and Sons Public House for a burger and a few pints. Thanks to Paddy Mahony '96 and Chris Mahony '89 for hosting the post game social at their pub.

Special thanks go out to Enzo Nardi '96 for bringing out the awesome purple and gold jerseys for all of us to wear. Thanks to Stephen Mogatas '96 for helping me out at the welcome table. Also to Audrey McConaghy, mother of Ryan McConaghy '09, who organised the two referees and Andrew Drayson '90 for providing all the participants with plenty of Beaver Buzz Energy drinks. Last, but not least, special thanks to Pat Li '94 and his wife, Vanessa, for taking some really great photos of the event.

If you are interested in participating in future hockey games, either as an organizer, player, or fan, you can catch the most up-to-date information on our facebook page 'VC Alumni Hockey Team', or send an email to cupcake22@shaw.ca and I will add your contact info to the hockey file. ●

Keep your sticks on the ice!  
Peter Fahrman '90

## 2012 Homecoming Weekend



**Saturday, September 15** 11:00 am  
**Alumni Homecoming Reception and Lunch**

Hall of Honour Foyer outside the Hardy Gym

**Saturday September 15** 1:00 pm  
**Homecoming Football Game**

Irish vs St. Thomas More

**Saturday September 15** 5:00 pm  
**Post Game Party**

at Ceilis Irish Pub & Restaurant, Kitsilano

**Sunday, September 16**  
**Alumni Golf Tournament**

(Details to be announced)

## IRISH WIN another Grey Cup Ring

The BC Lions 2011 Grey Cup victory over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers represented the 26th



time that a Vancouver College alumnus has been on the winning team. This season, Angus Reid (VC'94) earned his second ring with the Lions' win. As a matter of fact, the game was a "no lose" situation for the Irish record books as both Jamie Boreham (VC'96) and Aaron Hargreaves (VC'04) were playing for the Bombers. In the last 14 years (since 1998) only one team has won the Grey Cup (Calgary in 2008) without a former Fighting Irish player on the team. In total, a former Irish player has played in Canada's fall classic on 54 occasions. The record for the most wins goes to Sean Fleming (VC'88) of the Edmonton Eskimos with three and the record for the most game appearances belongs to Bryan Chiu (VC'92) with seven. In 1964, in addition to the four Irish grads on the BC Lions championship team, Herb Capozzi (VC'44) also has his name on the cup that year as he was the Lions' General Manager. Those VC grads with Grey Cup rings include:

2011	Angus Reid (VC'94) - BC Lions
2010	Shea Emry (VC'04) - Montreal Alouettes
2009	Bryan Chiu (VC'92), Shea Emry (VC'04) - Montreal Alouettes
2007	Jamie Boreham (VC'96) - Saskatchewan Roughriders
2006	Angus Reid (VC'94) - BC Lions
2005	Sean Fleming (VC'88), Rob LeBlanc (VC'01) - Edmonton Eskimos
2004	Kevin Eiben (VC'97) - Toronto Argonauts
2003	Sean Fleming (VC'88) - Edmonton Eskimos
2002	Bryan Chiu (VC'92) - Montreal Alouettes
2001	Vince Danielsen (VC'89) - Calgary Stampeders
2000	Sean Graham (VC'90) - BC Lions
1999	Chris Burns (VC'90) - Hamilton Tiger Cats
1998	Vince Danielsen (VC'89) - Calgary Stampeders
1994	Matt Clarke (VC'86) - BC Lions
1993	Sean Fleming (VC'88) - Edmonton Eskimos
1985	Kevin Konar (VC'75) - BC Lions
1977	Ty Morris (VC'73), John Beaton (VC'67) - Montreal Alouettes
1975	John Beaton (VC'67) - Edmonton Eskimos
1964	Pete Ohler (VC'59), Paul Seale (VC'59), Sonny Homer (VC'55), Greg Findlay (VC'60) - BC Lions
1948	Pete Thodos (VC'47) - Calgary Stampeders

### REST IN PEACE

Over the last period of time, Vancouver College has lost a number of its Alumni:

**Steve Gemmell (VC'51)** - Steve passed away on December 18, 2010

**Harry Armstrong (VC'46)** - Harry passed away on April 15, 2011

**Archie Currie (VC'50)** - Archie passed away July 31, 2011

**Leo Ius (VC'56)** - Leo passed away on October 19, 2011

**Alfred Clarke (VC'45)** - Alf passed away on October 24, 2011

**Herb Capozzi (VC'43)** - Herb passed away on November 21, 2011

*And one we may have overlooked:*

Wallace Henderson (VC'41) - Wally passed away March 18, 2008

**Bryant McAfee (VC'52)** - Bryant passed away on November 5, 2011

**Paul Kopinya (VC'65)** - Paul passed away on December 8, 2011

**Peter Thodos (VC'47)** - Pete passed away on December 25, 2011

**Walter Walmesley (VC'44)** - Walt passed away on January 3, 2012

**Cal Murphy (VC'50)** - Cal passed away February 18, 2012

*We thank God for the gift of their lives and our thoughts and prayers are with their families.*





# IRISH WIN 3rd Straight Emerald

The Varsity Fighting Irish basketball team won its third Emerald Tournament in a row, defeating the Terry Fox Ravens 83-69 in the Championship final. VC reached the final game by defeating Oak Bay 80-72 and Burnaby South 82-75. This year's tournament was one of the most competitive in recent memory with five of the eight teams ranked in the top 10 in the province, two others ranked as honourable mention and the eighth, Mission, ranked #1 at the AA level.

The Irish were led in the tournament and, most particularly the championship final game, by its 6'8" senior, Abu Khan. Khan scored 29 points in the final to garner Most Valuable Player honours. Erickson Evangelista chipped in 19 in the final with 17 coming from Isiah Solomon and a dozen from Cole Penman.

Justin Sanvido was named the final game's most outstanding defensive player and was also named to the first All Star Team.

Following the tournament, the Irish then matched up against arch rival, St. George's in, what turned out to be a best of three series, to determine who would represent the Independent League in the Lower Mainland Championships. VC won the opening game on the road, 87-64 but dropped the next one, 62-77 at Alumni Gym setting up a "rubber match" at a neutral gym. In the third game the Irish came out on top, 57-49 to assure themselves a spot in the Lower Mainland tourney. The Irish finished in 3rd place in the Lower Mainland Championships allowing them a record 47th appearance in the BC High School Basketball Championships March 13-17 at the Langley Events Centre.

For more information and up to date schedules please check the school's website, [www.vc.bc.ca](http://www.vc.bc.ca).



Golden Masters championships in 1974 and 1981 respectively. Herb was inducted into the Vancouver College Hall of Honour in 2003. He is also a member of the BC Sports Hall of Fame.

Cal also started his football career at Vancouver College and, like Herb, moved on to play for UBC. After graduation he played for the BC Lions for a short time then moved on to teach at Notre Dame and coached against the Irish in the first Archbishops' Trophy game in 1957. In 1960 he returned to his VC roots and accepted a teaching position and was appointed Head Coach of the Varsity football team, replacing the great Fred Owens in that role. He spent five years coaching the Irish and in 1961 coached the only undefeated team in the school's proud football history.

He took his Master's degree at Eastern Washington University and, upon graduation, took up coaching assignments at the University of Hawaii and San Jose State before turning to the pros. He joined the CFL coaching ranks in 1974 as an assistant coach for the BC Lions and became Head Coach the following season. From there he moved on to coaching and/or General Manager duties with Montreal, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Saskatchewan. By the end of his career he had won nine Grey Cups as either part of the coaching staff or as management.

Not one to slow down, Cal was a scout for the NFL's Indianapolis Colts prior to his passing. He was inducted into the Vancouver College Hall of Honour in both 2000 and 2011 (as part of the Championship 1961 Irish team) and was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

They will both be missed. ●

## 6th Annual VC Alumni Fishing Derby Finnegan and the Fish

**WHEN:** June 9, 2012  
**WHERE:** Harmon Lake and surrounding area, just South East of Merritt  
**FORMAT:** Any Style (fly fishing, trolling, spear, etc.)  
**COST:** always reasonable  
**FIELD:** Alumni, Parents, Family, Friends, and Faculty... all welcome



**GREAT PRIZES:** Great Prizes for the first, second & third largest fish caught. You are on your own for transportation, but nothing better than a group of fishermen getting together for a road trip. There are about 4 or 5 lakes for you to choose from in close proximity (within 10 min) to where we will be setting up our base camp at Harmon Lake (West campsite). The derby will last from 9am (depending on arrival for some) to 5:00pm (weigh in). The weigh-in will happen at Harmon Lake with the trophies and prizes being awarded at dinner. It is a long day, best to stay at the lake, overnight in Merritt (15-20 minutes away) or the Corbett Lake Lodge (10 minutes away). Please let us know when you register what your initial plans are so we can assist.

**WHAT YOU GET:** a great day of fishing, lunch, BBQ dinner and... plenty of stories about the one that got away!!

**WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:** your gear, maybe some snacks and, if you can't handle pop or juice, it's BYOB. If you need gear, we can supply you with some and we can also do a quick tutorial for any beginners.

### TO INQUIRE OR REGISTER CONTACT:

Rob Kozikowski '94 604-868-3333 [rkozikow@vc.bc.ca](mailto:rkozikow@vc.bc.ca)  
Bob Estey '76 604-338-8299 [bestey@shaw.ca](mailto:bestey@shaw.ca)

Come on out and enjoy a truly wonderful experience both on and off the water. ●



## THE LOSS OF Legends

Over the past three months Vancouver College has lost two of its most distinguished graduates. Herb Capozzi (VC'43, left) passed away in November, 2011 and Cal Murphy (VC'50, right) left us in February, 2012. Both these gentlemen made their marks as students of VC and went on to distinguish themselves after graduation.

Herb was one of the finest athletes of his day and after graduating from VC went on to play at UBC and was named "All Conference Tackle" in both 1947 and 1948. In 1948 he was named UBC's Most Outstanding Athlete. In addition to football, he was an accomplished basketball and lacrosse player and dabbled in rowing and swimming in the "off season." He played professional football for both Calgary and Montreal and helped the Alouettes to the Grey Cup in 1954 and 1955. In 1957 he was appointed General Manager of the BC Lions, rebuilt the then losing team, and proudly has his name on the Cup as part of the Championship 1964 Lions team. When he left the Lions after nine seasons, he did so only after being elected to the BC Legislature where he served as an MLA for seven years.

When the Vancouver Canucks were experiencing ownership difficulties in the early 70's, Herb stepped in with a loan to ensure the team stayed owned and operating in Vancouver. In 1973 he was at the forefront of the creation of the Vancouver Whitecaps soccer team and coined the team name himself. He was able to help secure the team a spot in the North American Professional Soccer League and won the league championship in 1979.

When he moved on from his other sporting endeavours, he took up Racketball and won both the Canadian Masters and Canadian

Remember Vancouver College in your will.

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## Please Help Us Find...

We have lost touch with a number of our alumni over the years and in an attempt to reconnect we would be grateful if any of our readers can provide some information on the whereabouts of the following. This is not an exhaustive list but rather a random sample of those for whom we do not have contact information and therefore, cannot send out the Irish Review or provide information about homecoming and reunion events.

- Dan Tobin (VC'62)
- John Ainsworth (VC'62)
- Steve Campbell (VC'68)
- Jamie Gladwin (VC'68)
- Thomas Foreman (VC'62)
- Doug Miller (VC'79)
- John Forbes (VC'62)
- Alfredo Julian (VC'62)
- Lucky Benning (VC'85)
- Joe Roan (VC'02)
- Neil MacDonald (VC'62)
- Ronald Phelan (VC'62)
- Neil Smith (VC'62)
- Mike Festejo (VC'93)
- Simon Gentleman (VC'93)
- Howard Smith (VC'62)
- Nick Stiles (VC'62)
- Ron Santos (VC'94)
- Brian Dick (VC'75)
- Larry O'Brien (VC'75)

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## Class of '92

The Class of 1992 will be holding its 20th Reunion on June 16, 2010 at the school, Festivities will commence at 1pm with a touch football game on O'Hagan Field and will be followed by a post game reception in the Alumni Room. For details, please contact Jeff Gentile at (604) 317-9217 or by email at [djstorm1@hotmail.com](mailto:djstorm1@hotmail.com).



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# O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Since the school was founded in 1922 almost 200 Christian Brothers have worked at VC as teachers or administrators. While a number have passed on we thought we would try and track down some of those who are no longer at Vancouver College.

NAME	YEARS AT VC	WHERE ART THOU?
Br Ted Bassett	1959-61	Senior Sciences & Computer studies teacher at STM
Br Basil Blom	1981-95	Retired and living in Holland
Br Louis Bucher	1957-63, 1967-8, 1968-75	Works with the aged and needy in Vanderhoof, BC
Br Ron Carrothers	1967-77	Runs Jericho House, a retreat centre in Welland, ON
Br Robert Colford	1974-8, 1983-3, 1998-00	Doing missionary work in Africa
Br Owen Cassidy	1957-9, 1970-4	Has been teaching and living at STM since 1990
Br Tom Collins	1957	Teaching mathematics at Br Rice High School in Chicago and also works with the disadvantaged
Br Dominic Fitzpatrick	1968-9	Retired and living at Mt. St. Francis (the Christian Brother's Mother House) in St. John's, NL
Br William Fowler	1979-81	Community leader at Mt. St. Francis in St. John's NL
Br Hugh Greenan	1961-2	Teaches at O'Dea in Seattle and is on the Board of Vancouver College
Br Charlie Hancock	1971-5, 1983-4	Works with the aged and needy in Vanderhoof, BC
Br Felix Howard	1978-82	Retired and living in St. John's, NL
Br Ron MacKenzie	1957-61, 1981-91	Retired and living at STM
Br Michael Maher	1966-70, 1975-7, 1978-83	Retired and living in Mansfield, ON
Br Patrick McCormick	1953-5	Retired and living at O'Dea High School in Seattle
Br Donald McGovern	1960-3	Works in the Advancement Office for the Christian Brothers in Chicago
Br Leo McInerney	1963-4	Retired and living in Chicago
Br Paul McNiven	1969-70, 1984-6	Works in teacher education for a number of dioceses in Granada and the West Indies
Br Anthony Murphy	1998-04	A member of the Leadership Team of the Christian Brothers and is based in Elizabeth, NJ. He is President Emeritus of VC
Br Hugh O'Neill	1987-9	Provincial of the Christian Brothers in Elizabeth, NJ
Br John Petit	1960-3	Retired and living at O'Dea in Seattle
Br John Rose	1998-9	Retired and living at VC
Br Leo Taylor	1966-77, 1996-00	Retired and living in Delta, BC
Br Sean Whitty	2003-5	Director of Renewal at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY

Vancouver College is very fortunate to have a number of the Brothers still in residence and also teaching at the school. Still teaching are Brothers Peter O'Loughlin, Charles Gattone and Ed Conti. Brother Ambrose Thorne continues to maintain the school's gardens and grounds and Brothers John Gale, Bill Flood and Andy Rose remain in residence at the school.



## Class of '62

The Class of 1962 will be holding its 50th Reunion September 14-16, 2012. A number of events are planned including:

**SEPTEMBER 14** – Reception in the Alumni Room at the school

**SEPTEMBER 15** – Homecoming football game at O'Hagan Field (Irish vs St. Thomas More) followed by an evening dinner dance at a venue to be announced.

**SEPTEMBER 16** – Mass at the Chapel in the Brother's residence followed by brunch in the school cafeteria.

All 1962 alumni are welcome. For more details please contact Graham Boyle at [grahamboyle@shaw.ca](mailto:grahamboyle@shaw.ca)

**VC Alumni** If you are planning a reunion and require assistance in contacting your classmates or organizing an event at the school please feel free to contact Bruce Jagger at (604) 261-4285 or [bjagger@vc.bc.ca](mailto:bjagger@vc.bc.ca).

## Irish in Politics

Over the years a number of Vancouver College alumni have, at one time or another in their careers, been active in politics both at the provincial and municipal level. This may not be a complete list, but our records indicate the following have been elected to public office:

**Frank Richter (VC'30)** – BC MLA from 1953-75 and a cabinet minister in the W.A.C. Bennett governments

**Herb Capozzi (VC'43)** – sat as a MLA in BC from 1966-73

**Ed Sweeney (VC'48)** – was a Vancouver City Councillor from 1966-76

**Doug MacKay-Dunn (VC'63)** – has been a City Councillor in the District of North Vancouver since 1999

**Michael Patterson (VC'64)** – was a City Councillor in Cranbrook, BC from 1979-90 and served as its Mayor from 1991-99

**Jim Loftus (VC'69)** – served as Mayor of Sayward, BC from 1984-90

**Don Inverarity (VC'70)** is currently a member of the Yukon Legislative Assembly

**Barry Janyk (VC'70)** – was Mayor of Gibsons, BC from 2001-11

**Tom Sigurdson (VC'75)** – was a member of the Alberta Legislative Assembly from 1986-93

**Kevin Falcon (VC'81)** – has served in the BC Provincial Legislature since 2001 and is currently the province's Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier





# Where are they now?

**Ian Donald (VC'62)** – is a Justice of the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

**Michael Mahoney (VC'64)** is an astrophysicist at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, CA

**Brian McCarry (VC'64)** is Departmental Chair in the Department of Chemistry at McMaster University.

**Greg Atherton (VC'66)** is a pharmacist at the G. R. Baker Memorial Hospital in Quesnel, BC

**Murphy Costello (VC'66)** is a realtor with Macdonald Realty in Vancouver

**Paul Diner (VC'66)** is Director of Business Development for RBC Royal Bank and is based in Toronto

**John Rogers (VC'68)** is a partner in the law firm of Davis & Co and is based in Toronto

**John Cliffe (VC'69)** is a Crown Counsel with the BC Department of Justice.

**Chris Gallagher (VC'69)** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Theatre and Film at the University of British Columbia.

**Davis Garayt (VC'69)** is a Vice President with Gens Software Ltd. in Vancouver.

**Michael Hoskinson (VC'69)** is a Radiologist at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton.

**Stan Kazum (VC'69)** is Vice Principal of Holy Cross High School in Surrey

**John Nixon (VC'69)** is Director of Development at the Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver

**Jim Wingham (VC'69)** is a Provincial Court Judge based in Vancouver.

**Mike Boreham (VC'70)** is Principal of St. Patrick's Elementary School in Vancouver.

**Brad Dusseault (VC'70)** is Principal of the Wickaninnish Community School in Tofino, BC.

**Hugh MacKinnon (VC'70)** is Vice Principal at Glacier View Secondary School in Courtenay, BC

**Chris White (VC'70)** is the Vice President, Finance at Hemlock Printers in Burnaby

**Max Fraser (VC'71)** is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Land Claims and Implementation department with the Government of the Yukon in Whitehorse.

**Richard Myhill-Jones (VC'71)** is the Director of Real Estate at BCR Properties in North Vancouver.

**Jim Redfern (VC'71)** is the owner of Snug Cove, a furniture manufacturer, located in Gibson's BC.

**Ivor Ladd (VC'73)** is the co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Empress Software Inc. in Beltsville, Maryland.

**Rolf Maurer (VC'73)** is President and Publisher of New Star Books in Vancouver.

**Mike Mylett (VC'73)** is Vice President, Retail Properties at CB Richard Ellis in Vancouver.

**Hewitt Woolner (VC'76)** is a golf professional at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston, TX.

**David Taylor (VC'76)** is a senior partner in the Vancouver law firm of Taylor Nakai.

**Brendan McGivern (VC'76)** is a partner with the law firm of White & Case LLP and is based in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Martin Emslander (VC'81)** is technical director of the Northern Arts & Cultural Centre in Yellowknife.

**Dino Georges (VC'81)** – is a dentist specializing in Periodontics and is located in downtown Vancouver.

**Aubry Farenholtz (VC'82)** is teaching physics at Walnut Grove Secondary School in Langley

**Michael Lee (VC'82)** is a partner in the Vancouver law firm of Lawson Lundell.

**Brian Lynch (VC'82)** is editor of the Books section of the Georgia Straight newspaper and is based in Vancouver.

**Damian McKeivitt (VC'82)** is the chief pilot at Anderson Air in Richmond.

**Geoff Scott (VC'82)** is Producer & Founder of Tri-Cities Community Television in Port Coquitlam.

**John Donald (VC'86)** is teaching English at Handsworth Secondary School in North Vancouver.

**Derek Levelt (VC'86)** is Deputy Director of the BC Pensions Corporation and is located in Victoria.

**Neil Sweeney (VC'86)** has been appointed Deputy Minister, Corporate Priorities & Planning for the Government of British Columbia in Victoria.

**David Lawrence (VC'88)** is Director of Procurement at BakeMark Canada in Vancouver.

**Chris Burns (VC'90)** is a Real Estate Representative with Southeby's International Realty in Vancouver.

**Colin Campbell (VC'90)** is Director of Sales at Andrew Peller Ltd. in Vancouver.

**John Cu (VC'90)** is a trail lawyer with the San Francisco law firm of Hanson Bridgett.

**Desmond Chen (VC'91)** is President of the Thai House Restaurant Group and is located in Vancouver.

**Greg Baldwin (VC'92)** has launched a new online advertising & marketing company, "Local Bizzness Live"

**Alex Chapman (VC'92)** is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at Simon Fraser University.

**Bryan Chiu (VC'92)** is an assistant football coach at Concordia University in Montreal

**L. J. Eiben (VC'92)** is a Senior Financial Advisor at Merrill Lynch in Bellingham, WA.

**Peter Roth (VC'92)** has been admitted as a partner at the law firm of Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP. He joins fellow VC grads, **Hector MacKay-Dunn (VC'68)** and **Christopher Weibe (VC'92)** as a partner. He is married and lives in Vancouver with his wife and two children.

**Max Burnette (VC'93)** is a partner in the Calgary office of Blake, Cassels & Graydon. He practices labour, employment and immigration law.

**John Lekakis (VC'93)** is a social studies teacher at Burnaby North Secondary School.

**Mark Watson (VC'95)** is Vice President of the Eaton Educational Group in Vancouver, an organization that specializes in working with students with learning differences. He and his wife Brittney have two sons, who he hopes one day will wear the purple and gold for the Irish.

**Paul Andonian (VC'96)** is an Associate with the law firm of Hemar Rouso & Heald LLP and is based in Encino, CA

**Stefan Ferris (VC'96)** is a Chartered Accountant and a partner with the Vancouver based accounting firm of MacKay LLP.

**Suneel Gokhale (VC'96)** has moved to the United Arab Emirates and is mergers and acquisitions and capital markets lawyer for the firm of Allen & Overy.

**Andrew Wong (VC'96)** is now Associate Marketing Manager with Boston Pizza International and is located in Richmond.

**Kevin Eiben (VC'97)** has been signed by the Hamilton Tiger Cats after a distinguished 11 year career with the Toronto Argonauts.

**Thor Diakow (VC'98)** is the Entertainment Reporter for CityTV on its Breakfast Television show.

**V. J. LeBlanc (VC'98)** is a software engineer working for a Row Sham Bow, a startup computer gaming company in Orlando, FL. He was previously Technical Director of Central Football at EA Tiburon in Orlando.

**Eric Low (VC'98)** is the owner / operator of Terracotta Modern Chinese Restaurant located in Gastown.

**Scott Pettipiece (VC'98)** is Marketing Director of One West Properties Corp and is based in Vancouver.

**Ben Arce (VC'99)** is a singer with the Vancouver based band, "The Front".

**Greg Dent (VC'99)** is a realtor with Macdonald Realty based on the west side of Vancouver.

**Jared Harman (VC'99)** is the Director of Business Development at the Langley Events Centre.

**Asa Rehman (VC'00)** is an Anchor for the Fox Soccer Report and also works for the Sport's Department of CKNW.

**James Nixon (VC'00)** is a Project Manager with O. J. Industrial Maintenance and is based in Edmonton.

**Matt Rogers (VC'00)** is teaching and coaching football at Reicher Catholic School in Waco, TX

**Sean O'Brien (VC'01)** is a Senior Associate, Audit & Assurance Group at PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP in Vancouver.

**Patrick Nixon (VC'02)** is an Account Executive at TeraGo Networks and is based in Edmonton.

**Toby (VC'03)** and **Derrick (VC'05)** Ng are both members of Canada's National Badminton team which is attempting to qualify for the 2012 Olympics in London.

**Joe Perkins (VC'04)** is a reporter with CTV television in Victoria.

**Andy Roy (VC'04)** is an articling student with the Vancouver law firm of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.

**Rene-John Nicholas (VC'05)** has accepted an articling position at the Victory Square Law Office LLP in Vancouver.

**Nicco Bautista (VC'07)** has been accepted as a summer articling student at the Vancouver law firm of Fasken Martineau LLP.

**Ricky Bal (VC'06)** will be working at the UBC Law Students Legal Advice Program this summer.

**Jordan Caron ('10)**, **Jose Zaragoza ('10)**, and friend Robin Huynh, opened up AbcDenim ([www.abcd denim.com](http://www.abcd denim.com)), an online boutique selling premium men's jeans and accessories.

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