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**Annual Giving Update**

Happy New Year from the Annual Giving Office!

2011 ended with great success as hundreds of alumni made their gifts to the 2011-2012 Annual Giving Campaign. Please know how grateful everyone at St. Albans is for the incredible support that alumni provide to the School year in and year out. Thank you.

The School’s fiscal year runs through June 30 and gifts of every size make an exceptional difference in the lives of all current students. If you haven’t already, please consider making your gift online through our secure giving page or contact Amelia Thompson (202-537-6409 or athompson@cathedral.org) with questions or to make your gift over the phone.

For those who have yet to give, we’re pleased to announce an exciting opportunity to magnify your support of St. Albans through a special Leap Year Challenge during the month of February. Stay tuned for more details.

Thank you for your continued support.

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**Calling all Foodies!**

NCS Alumnae Association Food & Wine Group’s Inaugural Event

Discussion and Book Signing with Local Chef and Author Barton Seaver ’97

Join us for a fun and insightful discussion about food, cooking and sustainability with Barton Seaver - local chef, National Geographic Fellow, and author of his first book “For Cod and Country”!

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**
6:30 – 8:00pm
NCS Hearst Hall Alumnae Parlor
Light hors d’oeuvres and drinks will be served.

Please register for this event by emailing ncsalumnaeoffice@cathedral.org. When you do, please let us know if you would like to be added to the list for future NCS Alumnae Food & Wine Group events and activities.

The evening will include a book signing of Seaver’s book, “For Cod and Country”. Books will be available for purchase at the event or can be purchased at http://www.amazon.com.

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For the latest news and information about St. Albans, be sure to follow us on Twitter at http://twitter.com/StAlbans_STA.

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**The St. Albans Community on LinkedIn**

Post your business news, advice, and job openings on the St. Albans School LinkedIn Page! With approximately 365 members, the St. Albans LinkedIn page works to connect St. Albans Bulldog alumni with each other, and the School, in mutually beneficial ways. Sign up today. (www.linkedin.com)

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**Join St. Albans School on Facebook**

STA Facebook page is the place to get the latest news and information on what is happening on the Blue and White corner of the Cathedral Close. Check it out, and become a fan or “like” us! More than 1500 folks have already joined us on Facebook…you’re next!
**New Event at the Cathedral**

"The 20s & 30s group of the National Cathedral is hosting a special event as part of the Evensong service at the Cathedral on Sunday January 15th at 4pm: "Evensong & Evensocial". Immediately following the service gather for the "Evensocial" fellowship reception for the young (and young at heart) in the Cathedral College Refractory. All are welcome. To RSVP or for information email 20sand30s@cathedralcongregation.org or contact co-organizer Willis Geffert '96 at wpgeffert@gmail.com. Details are on the website. This is to be a monthly gathering, with upcoming events Feb 12, Mar 11, Apr 15, and May 20. Here's an inspirational write-up for a previous event in the series."

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**Dear St. Albans Alumni:**

With hopes that our minds don’t totally atrophy in retirement, we wonder if we might be able to enlist your help with a book that we are writing—a book that Paul Piazza jokingly refers to as “the real history of St. Albans.”

The genesis was this: Will was working on his memoirs, and in almost every reflection involving a student at STA, he found himself wanting to talk to that student (now adult) to see how that particular student remembered the same situation and to see what the student learned from it. Will thought that to tell his personal remembrance was to tell only half the story. So this is where you (and your fellow alumni) come in. We wonder if you might be willing to write a reflection about a situation in which you found yourself during your adolescence at STA and what you learned from it positively or negatively. The situation can be happy or difficult, large-scale or seemingly insignificant. It should, however, have changed, at the time or years later, your understanding, whether of yourself, your teacher, your school, the world, etc. We realize that this could be a risky endeavor for you or STA, particularly if your story involves a faculty member reacting in what you might still consider an inappropriate manner, but it is a risk we are willing to take to tell the stories. We will be the ones to decide which stories to include in the collection, and in consultation with the contributors, whether they and the people to whom you authors refer should remain anonymous. We hope that alumni from every generation will contribute.

We imagine the stories will run the gamut, beautiful and hilarious, painful and poignant, but always thoughtful and beautifully written by all of you. Now it’s your turn. ... Actually “Your Turn” might be a better title.

We’d like to receive submissions (of, say, 500 to 1200 words) by February 15, 2012. If you wish to write, we’d appreciate it if you would let us know in advance at piazzabilow@cathedral.org what topic you are considering.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Billow Jr.
Senior Chaplain Emeritus

Paul V. Piazza
Associate Headmaster Emeritus

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**Class Secretaries**

Class notes for the spring 2012 issue of the St. Albans Bulletin are due **March 9, 2012**. Please submit your class notes and photographs (with captions) by March 9, 2012, to Robin Boswell. Please submit them in electronic format. We prefer high resolution images (300 dpi to print 4 inches wide). The St. Albans Bulletin cannot guarantee inclusion in the magazine of any information which arrives later than the due date. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Keep Your Classmates Up-to-Date**

To submit news to your class notes, please contact your class secretary by writing to the address listed at www.stalbansschool.org and clicking on the class secretary link on the Alumni page. If you are sending a photo, please send a high resolution images (300 dpi to print 4 inches wide). If you have any questions or comments on the notes printed here, please contact your class secretary. St. Albans School is not responsible for the accuracy or the authenticity of the class notes.

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**Alumni Portal Access**

The St. Albans Alumni Portal is being upgraded and is currently unavailable. If you have changes to your contact information, send your updates to Robin Boswell. Thank you.

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**New At The Student Exchange**

**New Vineyard Vine Ties** are now available through the STA Student Exchange. The ties come in the Classic Navy as well as four new colors: Periwinkle Blue, Royal Blue, Raspberry & Yellow. The cost of the ties are $65 each plus shipping and handling. Please contact the student exchange at StudentExchangeShop@gmail.com or 202-537-6572 for further information.
**Who is your favorite STA athlete and why?**

In the winter *Bulletin*, Ned Olds ‘57 suggests that his classmate, football, basketball, baseball, and track star Porter Shreve ‘57, might be greatest STA athlete ever. Counter suggestions? Let us know! Write to Molly Meinhardt at mmeinhardt@cathedral.org.

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**Ruge Rules – Now Available For Your E-Reader**

*Ruge Rules*—the collection of grammar rules favored by longtime STA English teacher Ferdinand Ruge—is now available for your e-reader. To purchase a copy for just $9.99, visit Amazon.com with your Kindle, iPad, or other e-reader, and search for *Ruge Rules*. Concise and vivid, Mr. Ruge’s grammar rules convey, in the words of novelist John Casey ’57, much of “the snap and the style” of the man who taught them.

Download *Ruge Rules* now so that you will

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**Create Extraordinary Memories by Holding Your Special Event at St. Albans!**

St. Albans School is the perfect place for your special occasion. St. Albans beautiful facilities include indoor and outdoor banquet space, meeting and conference rooms, and small, intimate gathering areas in our historic and very familiar location. In addition, Alumni Bulldogs may reserve the Little Sanctuary for spiritual services. Click here for details, and welcome back to the Close.

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**St. Albans School**

**The Alumni Association of St. Albans School**

**Requests the pleasure of your company at the**

**Annual Alumni Meeting and Dinner**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

**Featured Speaker**

**The Honorable Michael F. Bennet ’83**

**Richard B. Ruge’59** will receive

The Gilchrist-Holleman Alumni Service Award

**Dr. Paul Piazza** will be named an

Honorary Alumnus of the School

**Reception in the Ellison Library at 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner and Program in the Cafritz Refectory at 7:00 p.m.**

**$20 per person**

**Formal Invitations to be mailed at the end of the month**

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**Save The Date!**

**Reunion Weekend 2012**

**May 4-6, 2012**

**Alumni in classes ending in 2 and 7, this is your year!** Reunion Weekend 2012 is right around the corner. In January, check the Alumni Reunion Weekend section of the STA web site frequently for updates on registration, events, lodging, activities, and much more.

We look forward to seeing you back on the Close in May.

The 50th Reunion Class of 1962 will hold its Reunion June 6-8, 2012.