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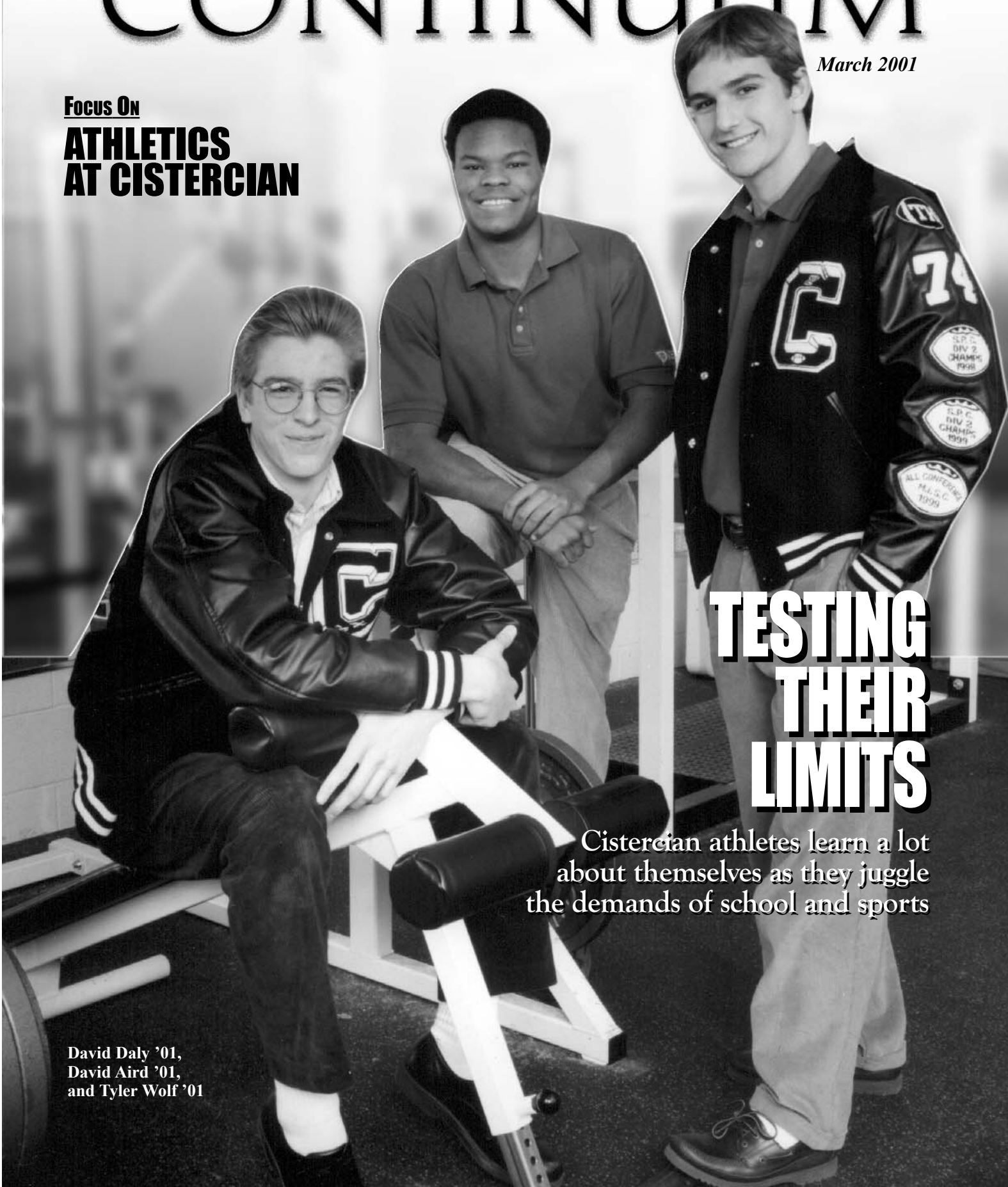
*For family, friends, and alumni of Cistercian Preparatory School*

# CONTINUUM

March 2001

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## **ATHLETICS AT CISTERCIAN**



## **TESTING THEIR LIMITS**

Cistercian athletes learn a lot about themselves as they juggle the demands of school and sports

David Daly '01,  
David Aird '01,  
and Tyler Wolf '01

Dear Cistercian Families, Friends, and Alumni,

Since our last issue much has happened at Cistercian — too much, in fact, to be included in this issue. A number of wonderful arts programs warrant a mention here and more in-depth coverage in a future edition of *The Continuum*.



Photo by Jim Reisch

Let's start with the dramas. Middle School students presented a challenging production of *Sleep of Prisoners*, a serious drama interpreting the situation of several WW II prisoners in the light of Genesis. Hoping to exploit the students' familiarity with Hamlet, the director of the Upper School drama chose to produce *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* for the Spring Drama.

Then, on the last weekend in February, we combined the traditions of BookFair and BraveArt into the Cistercian Arts Festival. It began on a Thursday with Upper School students touring the Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth, the permanent collection at the Kimball Art Museum, and a special exhibit at the Fort Worth Museum of Modern Art. On campus the next day, they chose from more than 10 workshops ranging from hip hop dance to digital video production, from the composition of lyric poems to the creation of visual images of nature. Our special invited speaker Dr. Thomas Howard entertained and enlightened parents and faculty at the new ArtsFeast dinner Friday night. Dr. Howard conducted workshops for the boys on Friday and for the faculty on Saturday. Finally, Saturday brought the new format of BookFair along with the event's familiar opportunities to browse used books, to donate new books to the library, and to meet with present, past, and future members of the Prep School. In all of its components, the new Cistercian Arts Festival proved a great success.

Meanwhile, many of our students recently competed in conference tournaments in soccer, basketball, and swimming. This issue focuses in on Cistercian athletics. You will meet our coaches, skilled and committed to the overall education of our students, who continue Cistercian's longstanding tradition of fielding teams that play with heart, smarts, and class. We also will introduce you to three student-athletes. Their stories illustrate how athletics complement the academic, artistic, and spiritual elements of a Cistercian education.

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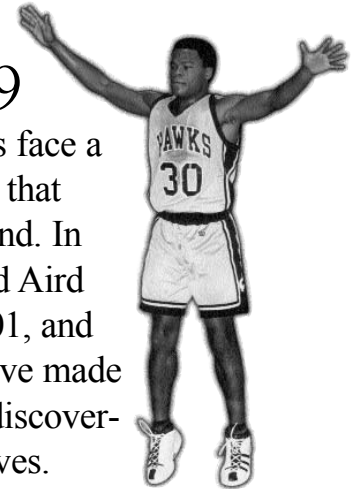
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## Quiz Bowl team claims top spot at TOAST competition

On Saturday, February 3, 2001, Cistercian took five quiz bowl teams to Temple, TX and played in the largest state contest this year. The 2001 TOAST (Temple Open Academic Scholars Tournament) Quiz Bowl tournament boasted twenty-eight high school varsity teams and thirteen junior-varsity teams from around the state.

After three matches of preliminary competition in the morning, Cistercian was the only school to advance all of its teams to the single-elimination rounds in the afternoon.

The varsity A team, comprised of **Mark Edinburgh '01**, **Andrew Gregg '01**, **David Daly '01**, and **Chris Edgemon '01**, won the overall championship defeating St. John's from

Houston in an extremely exciting final match, coming from behind after rounds 1 and 2.

In the junior-varsity division, three of the four teams to qualify for the semi-finals were from Cistercian, meaning that Cistercian's JV-A (**Barry McCain '02**, **Alec Kemp '03**, **John Davies '04**, and **Patrick McGowan '04**) had to play the JV-C (**Brian McSwain '01**, **Joey Picca '04**, **James Edwards '04**, and **Brian Bower '04**). Meanwhile the Cistercian JV-B (**Bayard Friedman '03**, **Mukund Ramkumar '03**, **Guy Krug '03**, and **Brian Holland '04**) played Clear Lake from Houston

In the junior-varsity finals, it was an all-Cistercian match pitting JV-A against JV-B, with the A team coming out on top.

## Varsity earns second in state TEAMS competition

*Team also wins top spot in North Texas and places sixth nationally in division 4*

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, thirty-two Cistercian physics students in grades 11 and 12 participated in the annual TEAMS competition, sponsored by the Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS).

The Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science (TEAMS) program enables teams of high school students to learn team development and problem-solving skills, often with an engineering mentor, and then participate in an open-book, open-discussion engineering problem competition.

Teams learn how the mathematics and science concepts they are learning in high school are applied to real-world problems.

To enable the broadest range of schools to compete with their peers, several divisions, based on 12th grade student enrollment and school admissions policy, are used.

Cistercian students, competing in four teams, racked up a total of ten major awards: three trophies from the University of Texas at Dallas (the North Texas area host), two trophies and two plaques from the Texas JETS, two plaques from the National JETS, and a special trophy from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The Junior-varsity team of **Josh Campbell '02**, **Hunter Darrouzet '02**, **Vijay Gorrepati '02**, **Mark Lau '02**, **Dan Lines '02**, **Barry McCain '02**, **Mike Seitz '02**, and **Matt Sepper '02** placed 7th in State, Division 4. This division includes schools with selective admissions policies of approximately the same size.

The varsity team of **Ed Brophy '01**, **Tom Cecil '01**, **David Daly '01**, **Chris Edgemon '01**, **Bill Finkeneller '01**, **Andrew Gregg '01**, **Patrick Guiltinan '01**, and **Brad Weiland '01** brought home a first overall in the North Texas area, first in State, Division 4, and also earned a special award from the U.S. Department of Energy for taking 2nd overall in State. Advancing to national competition, this team placed 6th in Nationals, Division 4.

The varsity team of **Travis Bayer '01**, **Clint Bodien '01**, **Joseph Brusniak '01**, **Chris Fronza '01**, **Richard Novak '01**, **William Pierson '01**, **Paul Roncal '01**, and **Will Umphres '01** placed third overall in the North Texas area and third in State, Division 4.

The state ranking advanced them to nationals, where their score on a second test placed them 8th in Nationals, Division 4.

### Cistercian students perform well at AATF French Festival

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, fourteen students from Cistercian traveled to Cedar Hills High School in Cedar Hill, TX to participate in the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) French Festival.

*La Fête Française* is designed, written, financed, and disseminated by the members of the American Association of Teachers of French. Its purpose is to help stimulate further interest in the teaching and learning of French and to help identify and reward achievement on the part of both students and teachers. *La Fête* includes musical events, dance, couture, costumes, and dramatics as well as the language arts.

Cistercian is pleased to announce that the school earned Second Best Performance in the Division B Sweepstakes in which Cistercian students competed in French Language, French Culture and Civilization, and French Sight Reading and Prose Reading.

First place individual finishes included **A. J. Minich '04** in Read Poetry and **Robert Cenzone '01** in Sight Reading 1, **William Howison '03** in Prose Reading 2, and **Giancarlo Colombo '02** in Vocabulaire 3.

**Jason Mitura '03** placed 2nd in Grammaire 2.

Third place finishes were achieved by **Matthew Lawson '04** in Prose Reading 1, **James Connor '02** in Vocabulaire 3, **Mark Edinburgh '01** in Vocabulaire 4 as well as in Culture et Civilisation 4.



The Middle School Math Team took first in the MATHCOUNTS Competition. Pictured here (l-r) Josh Hughes '05, Matthew Brnicky '05, Landry Jarvis '06, Prasanth Pattisapu '05, Dr. Newcomb, Martin Bourqui '05, and Arthur Yang '05. Sean Moroney '05 is not pictured.

## Cistercian students excel in mathematics competitions

The Rice University Mathematics Tournament is an annual event for high school students and teams from schools in the Texas/Louisiana area. Organized by Rice undergraduate students, the Rice Mathematics Tournament has been held almost every year at the Rice University campus in Houston since 1981.

The tournament consists of the Power Event, the Team Event, and five Written Events (Advanced Topics, Algebra, Calculus, Geometry, and a General test). The Sweepstakes represents the Best Overall teams.

This year's tournament was held on February 24, 2001 and brought together 300 students from 24 high schools across Texas and Louisiana.

On the General Exam, **John Davies '04** took second place, while **James Peacock '04** and **Chandan Vangala '04** took third and eighth respectively.

On the Advanced Topics, **Chris Edgemon '01** took fourth overall, while **Bill Finkenkeller '01** grabbed 7th.

In the Calculus contest, Finkenkeller took 6th place. The Power Event pits eight-man teams against a 14-problem battery that leads students through a fascinating mathematical analysis of mazes. This is the one event that truly cannot be anticipated or studied for, since the answers must be in the form of reasoned and persuasive arguments and since

resourcefulness and creativity are necessary to succeed. In so doing, this event seems to come closest to what mathematicians actually do. Cistercian's two power teams placed first and third in the Power Event.

The first place team was comprised of Bill Finkenkeller (captain), **Adam Harris '01**, and Chris Edgemon, **James Connor '02** and **Giancarlo Colombo '02**, and **John Davies '04**, James Peacock, and Chandan Vangala. The third place team was made up of **Travis Bayer '01**, **Kevin Resnick '02** (captain) and **Anthony Ngo '02**, **Michael Tinker '03**, **Alec Kemp '03**, and **David Harding '03**, and **A. J. Minich '04**.

In the Team Event, Finkenkeller, Edgemon, Harris, Bayer, Resnick, Davies, Peacock and Vangala placed 7th. The Sweepstakes winner is determined by adding the top five scores from each school from the individual contests, plus the school's top team score. The Power Event score is not used to compute the Sweepstakes score.

Cistercian finished second overall in this prestigious tournament.

### Middle Schoolers take first place

MATHCOUNTS is a national math coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every US state and territory.

Each year, more than 500,000 students participate in MATHCOUNTS at the school level. Winners progress to state contests in March.

At state, the top four individuals and the coach of the top team earn an all-expense-paid trip to represent their state at the national finals in May. At all levels, "mathletes" gain self-confidence and math skills, as well as win prizes and scholarships.

On Saturday, February 10, 2001, the University of Texas at Arlington hosted the Mid-Cities Chapter competition of MATHCOUNTS. In the team competition, the Cistercian team of **Martin Bourqui '05**, **Sean Moroney '05**, **Prasanth Pattisapu '05**, and **Arthur Yang '05**, took first place.

Each of these team members also competed in individual competition along with **Matthew Brnicky '05**, **Josh Hughes '05**, and **James Hansell '06** and **Landry Jarvis '06**. Hansell, Pattisapu, Brnicky, Moroney, and Yang each finished in the top ten, meaning half of the competition's individual finalists hailed from Cistercian.

As top ten finishers, all five earned the right to compete in the exciting Countdown Round. Yang emerged victorious in this buzz-in style, high-pressure format to add to his first place finish in the Individual Competition.



Photo by Catherine Juna

**Jonathan Kauffman '86, Jeff Roberts '86, and Robert "Tico" Lopez '84 agree that their Cistercian education has helped them as they find their way through the high-tech corporate jungle at Microsoft. They are shown here at the corporate campus in Redmond, WA.**

## *Life at the* **LAZY M RANCH**

*These three Cistercian graduates say they love working at Microsoft where they toil alongside bright coworkers and impact millions of lives*

By David Stewart '74

**"O**H," SIGHED JONATHAN KAUFFMAN'S mother, unable to veil her disappointment. She had just learned that her son would not need any business suits for his first job out of college. It was as if all of her hopes and dreams had been shattered. "I thought you got a real job," she said.

"Well you see, Mom, at Microsoft it's pretty much jeans and shorts," Kauffman explained.

That didn't make her feel any better. She had so been looking forward to the process of outfitting him with coats and ties. It would take a little time to recover from the shock but Mrs. Kauffman soon began to recognize that Jon had done all right for himself. That expensive education at Cistercian and then Yale was paying dividends. Big time.

Ten and a half years later, **Jon Kauffman '86** is a group

program manager for Microsoft, "which is kind of like a fry cook being 'Assistant Night Manager Fry Cook,'" he said. "In other companies, my position is often called 'Middle-Management Suck-up.'" He gathers customer requirements, writes specifications, manages projects, and cheerleads.

Carving out some time to respond to our questions wasn't easy for Kauffman who was preparing for the March 1 release of his group's software. Called *SharePoint Portal Server*, the software is a V1 intranet portal server featuring integrated document management and search capabilities.

"As you can imagine," he said, "it's a pretty tense time here — software development is very cyclical work, with stretches of relatively quiet development punctuated by intense weeks or months of release-oriented pandemonium." Such pressure-filled times hardly dim his enthusiasm for working at Mother M.

"I love working here for two reasons," Kauffman

explained. "First, I'm surrounded by a bunch of incredibly smart and passionate people who challenge me and teach me every day at work."

"Second, the work I do affects millions of people — if I do a good job, people worldwide will benefit, and if I screw up, I'm going to make those same millions of lives a little less productive and a little more annoying. I like that kind of scope," he added.

Screwing up at Microsoft also can mean incurring the wrath of one Mr. Bill Gates.

"Yes, I am occasionally in meetings with him," Kauffman admitted. "In fact, several times Bill has said to me, 'That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard!'"

"Bill is whip smart, very intense, and very demanding in terms of what makes good software and good architecture. Preparing for a 'Bill Review' of your project is a key part of the engineering rhythm here," Kauffman said. "It serves as a forcing function to make sure your plan is well thought out, you understand the business you're in, and your execution is under control."

**WORKING IN THE BELLY OF THE BEAST** is all Kauffman has known, but for **Robert "Tico" Lopez '84**, it's a different story. "Guys like Kauffman, who came straight to Microsoft from college, don't understand how good they have it," said Lopez who has worked at Microsoft for five years.

"Microsoft is the coolest place on Earth to work. The corporate culture is both competitive and partnering. The perks like free soda, my own office, and no dress code are nice. Coming from my previous Dilbert-like company, with a rigorous dress code and cubes (cubicles), it is especially cool.

"But more importantly," Lopez explained, "it's the people. Working with the smartest people around is challenging, but it's a fun challenge. And no matter what group I work with or what function this group may provide, I'm always dealing with extremely smart people."

Like Kauffman, Lopez enjoys the fact that designing software helps people. "It doesn't hurt to know that the stuff I've worked on has directly helped millions of people around the world."

Most of Lopez's early work centered around MSN (Microsoft Network).

"My biggest early claim to fame was helping design and owning deployment of the first version of Expedia (the company's online travel booking system). I also worked on MSNBC, Encarta, Slate, and a bunch of stuff which no longer exists."

"For the last 3 years, I've been the Operations Group Manager for both MSN MoneyCentral (the personal finance and investing portal) and the online components of Microsoft Money (the personal finance software)." Now, it's on to new frontiers.

"About a month ago, I moved into corporate training. I now own internal technical training for all Program Managers,

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Developers, Testers, and Ops people in our product groups, as well as new training around our new '.NET' initiative," Lopez said. "This involves lots of project management, cross-group facilitation, curriculum design, presentations to groups as large as 500, integration of new distance-learning technologies, and not a small amount of people management acumen."

**INTERVIEWS AT MICROSOFT ARE LEGENDARY.** They intimidate most candidates through a combination of length, intensity, a complete lack of civility, and the occasional middle-of-the-night phone call with an enigmatic question or two. "The interview process is more rigorous than the stories," said Lopez.

"Microsoft is looking for the absolutely smartest people who can also think extremely fast, be very creative, and deal well with situations requiring extraordinary flexibility."

"You can know everything possible about the C programming language, but if you can't demonstrate flexibility and creativity, you don't get hired. And the scenarios being asked generally won't involve programming. 'Design a bathroom,' 'Design a new lock system for a car,' and 'Plan a BBQ' are three typical starting points.

"Coupled with complex technical questions and the fact that the interview process can span five to eight different back-to-back interviews covering one to two days, it can certainly be challenging for the interviewee. But," he added, "it can also be fun."

**Jeff Roberts '86** agrees. "[Tough] interviews reflect our need for smart people. That's all," Roberts said. "Well, okay, they also reflect the fact that many of us are nerds who hate doing interviews."

"The interview questions tend to be either famous computer-science problems, or interesting little thought experiments. Either way, we want candidates to be able to write functioning code in whatever computer language they listed on their resume, and we want them to show some interest and initiative tackling a problem they haven't seen before.

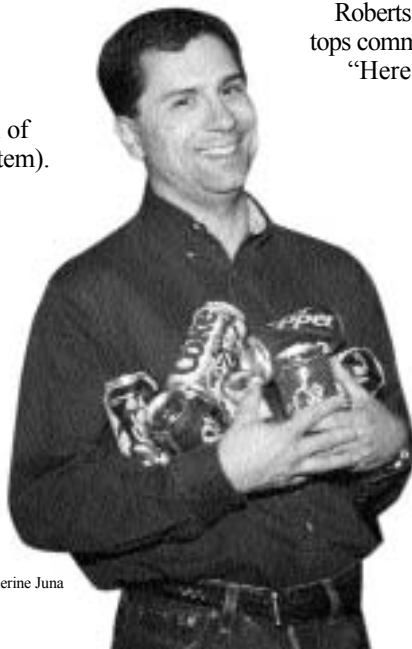
"Supposedly some universities keep records of all the interview questions we ask, so that their grads have a leg up. If so, not enough grads take advantage of those files," he added with a chuckle.

Roberts' most visible project involved helping laptops communicate and share files.

"Here's an experiment: Take two laptops

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— "Tico" Lopez '84



with Windows 2000 Professional on them,” Roberts said, “and point their infrared ports at each other. They should make a funny noise and ask if you want to send any files to the other guy.”

This project helped Roberts catch the eye of Steve Ballmer, president of Microsoft.

“A month before Windows 2000 shipped he found a security problem: the guy next to him in the airplane sent him a file without his knowing it. I had to fix it in a hurry.”

Contemplating on the future of Microsoft, Roberts is cautiously optimistic.

“Microsoft used to be a company full of brash, slightly neurotic young geniuses, and that was reflected in its corporate demeanor as well: ignorance of politics, harsh negotiating

*“[Tough] interviews reflect our need for smart people ... Okay, they also reflect the fact that many of us are nerds who hate doing interviews.”*

— Jeff Roberts '86

argue passionately about design questions that would seem pretty arcane to the layman,” Roberts explained.

“The April Fools issue of the company newsletter included a handy card with our core corporate values. One was, ‘I will do whatever it takes to achieve my review goals, even if it means stepping over the vanquished bodies of my weaker co-workers.’”

“If everyone started treating the company as a clock-in, clock-out kind of place,” said Roberts, “I’d worry about our future.”

style, etc. All those people are still smart, but many of them now have a life,” he admitted.

“It’s hard to organize a Nerf fight in the hallway when you’re late to pick up your kids from kindergarten. [Roberts and wife Tamara have two children, Miranda (8) and Nicole (6).]

That said, in meetings we still

## **From Cistercian Prep to the “belly of the beast”**

Standing on the cyber frontier of the new economy, our three “softies” have a unique perspective on the value of a Cistercian education.

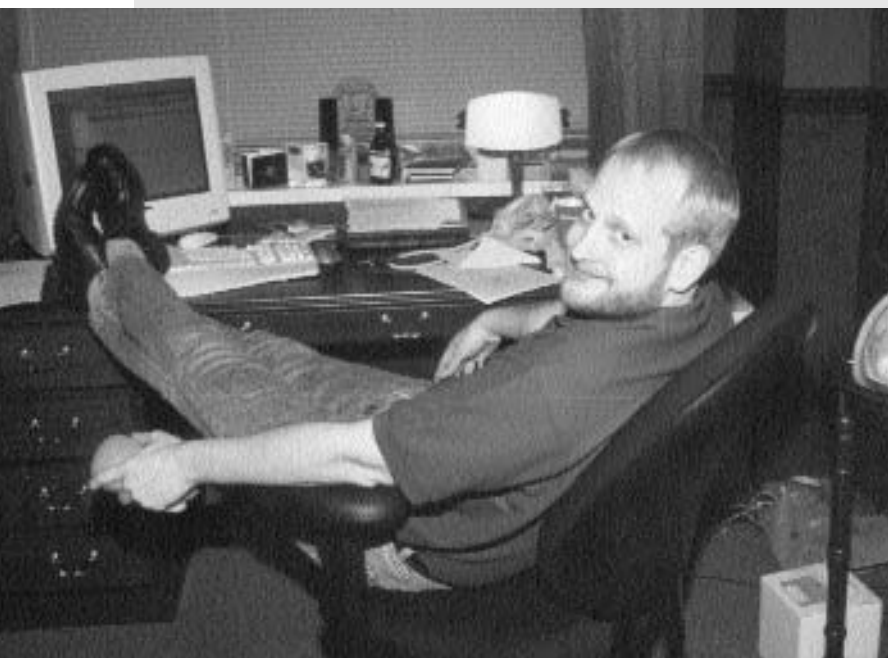


Photo by Catherine Luna

**Kauffman, seen here in his office, occasionally invokes Mr. Rodney Walter when he reminds his Microsoft team members, “You’re entitled to your opinion, even if it is wrong.”**

“Cistercian requires you to prioritize between multiple disparate tasks with little hope of actually completing all of them to your 100 percent personal satisfaction,” explained Tico Lopez. “This directly helped me with the Microsoft

corporate culture. Similarly, because we always had to ‘go deep’ on a variety of subjects in parallel, Cistercian helped teach me how to be flexible and quick-thinking.”

Cistercian and Microsoft share a similar atmosphere, said Lopez. “In terms of how a class interacts,” he said, “Cistercian embodies the same ‘competition with fellow-ship’ culture that pervades Microsoft.”

“Cistercian also taught me a bit about failure ... and understanding failure is actually a key attribute here at Microsoft,” Lopez added.

Kauffman cited Cistercian’s size as important. “Cistercian’s small size helped me understand that everything needs to get done by somebody, and that it doesn’t pay to see the world in terms of ‘my job’ vs. ‘not my job.’ This insight is key to succeeding in a fast-moving technology company,” Kauffman said.

“The CPS folks I invoke regularly at work are: Coach Hillary, when I exhort folks to be like a bunch of bouncing B.B.s scrambling over issues that would keep us from shipping; Coach Bulger, when I explain to engineers the difference between pain and injury; Mr. Walter, when I tell folks they’re entitled to their own opinion, even if it is wrong.”

“I’m also grateful that I learned to write coherently at Cistercian — in a culture that is so driven by e-mail, clear writing skills are an absolute necessity.”

“Coach Aubry (cross country) and J.T. Sutcliffe (math team) enkindled a competitive spirit that I hadn’t noticed before, and gave me a part of school to look forward to even though I never really enjoyed being in class,” Jeff Roberts said.

“Our physics and computer science teacher (Mr. Martin) had enough faith in Jon and me that he gave us keys to the computer room. It gave us an opportunity to do a lot of independent work and made us feel important,” he added.

— David Stewart



# A thinking man's game

*Managing the demands of school and sports isn't easy, but each of these three Cistercian athletes discovered something special about himself in the process.*

By David Stewart '74

**W**HEN **DAVE DALY '01** HOPPED OUT OF THE POOL after his final race at the SPC Conference Meet in February, he was grinning from ear to ear. The Hawks were closing in on a third-place finish, just behind St. Mark's and Greenhill. Daly already had won third place in the 500-meter freestyle. Now, he had finished third in the 100-meter backstroke. Who could begrudge Daly a moment to relish this unlikely conclusion to an athletic career that almost never made it off the mark?

"I had always been strong in academics but never really that good in sports," admitted Daly. He maintains a 4.0 grade-point average, scored a perfect 1600 on the SATs, was named a Presidential Scholar, and will attend Stanford in the fall. "I thought of athletics as something to do on the side, a sort of extra. I don't really remember why I tried out for the swim team as a sophomore. I think I was ready to take a break from cross-country. Besides, I always enjoyed swimming."

The Cistercian Swim Team had been formed only a year earlier under the direction of Coach Dick Prokup. During that inaugural season, the roster was comprised of just four boys. Among them were Prokup's son **John Prokup '01** and **David Aird '01**.

Prokup remembers when Daly came out sophomore year for the team's first practice. "He was tall and lanky, the perfect physique for a swimmer. But he had never swum competitively before. In the swimming world, that's late to get started. A lot of kids start when they're five or six years old."

But Daly compensated. "His love of swimming and his work ethic were phenomenal. He has a tremendous attitude," Prokup said. "To do as well as he has done was very gratifying for him. You could see it in his face at the SPC Meet."

"After I picked up swimming," Daly explained, "I felt like,

well, there's something else that you can do. There's always hidden things that you're good at. You've got to give it a shot. My experience with the swim team showed me that there is more. There is more than one way to excel."

Daly loved swimming so much and was so determined to improve his times that he practiced throughout the year. That entails about a two-hour workout everyday. Though time-consuming, it didn't hurt his grades.

"The school work and the sports help each other out. I come back after a hard workout and get to work. I would come ready for swim practice after a good day at school. If you're doing well in either, it helps the other one out."

Daly laughs when asked whether athletes at Cistercian should receive special consideration when it comes to academics.

"You can't survive by sports alone. In addition, our teams are such a large percentage of our overall student body that it's just not feasible to split a class between athletes and others. Finally, the class is just too close a group to make distinctions like that."

But it can be tough sometimes, even for a 4-pointer.

"There were nights that I'd come home completely exhausted from swim practice and then have to work on a paper or some such," he admitted.

Living in Oak Cliff, Daly didn't practice with his classmates but with a swim club in Duncanville. The separation didn't diminish his pride in being part of the Cistercian team.

"When our boys faced much larger schools in some of the

meets," Prokup recalled, "they were clearly determined to make a good showing for Cistercian. They took pride in that."

"We do take pride in that we are such a small school with just 170 students in the Upper School, yet we can compete at a fairly high level. During the winter, we can field a swim team, basketball team, and soccer team. And we've got people who



Photo by David Stewart

**Dave Daly '01 said he was never "that good in sports" until he started swimming sophomore year. In February, he finished third at the SPC Championships in both the 500-meter freestyle and the 100-meter backstroke.**

play the sports pretty well.”

“I don’t know how to say it,” Daly said, struggling for the right words. “I hang out with these guys and go to school with these guys. I don’t know what else to do but support them.”

**C**OACH MCCARTHY WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS football team. The Hawks were not coming into games ready to play. They appeared listless in the first and second quarters. Coach McCarthy wanted this trend to stop. During a practice, he called together the team’s captains. “We have got to come out stronger in the first quarter,” McCarthy barked. “You guys need to say something to the team.”

**Tyler Wolf '01**, a four-year starter on the offensive line, remembers thinking he didn’t know what to say. “People don’t take to me as a leader but I was elected a captain,” recalled Wolf. “Since I don’t really lead much, it was weird finding myself in that role.”

“Tyler is not a rah-rah guy,” said Coach McCarthy, “but I think that helped him. When he stepped up to say something, the players knew it must be important and they listened.”

Wolf and fellow captains **Ed Brophy '01** and **David Aird '01** talked about it and then addressed the team. It didn’t rival a Knute Rockne speech but they communicated the message. They had accepted their new mantle and the episode confirmed for Wolf what he already knew.

“Sports helped me figure out that I could do some things I hadn’t expected,” he said. “I never thought I could make it through two-a-days, but I did. I had to push myself but I did it.”

“You see,” he confided, “a lot of the time I don’t really push myself as much as I could. I just do what I have to, to get it done.” In sports, Wolf learned to push himself.

“He used his speed and aggressiveness,” Coach McCarthy said. “He worked hard in the weight room making himself stronger. Plus, he’s a very smart player. You tell him something once and he picks it up.”

On the hardwood, Wolf “made the absolute most of his abilities,” said Basketball Coach Dan Lee. That earned him the basketball team’s Most Improved Player Award last year.

As a senior, he started every game at forward, and averaged seven points and five rebounds a game. He led the team in taking charges. “That’s the kind of smarts and courage Tyler has,” Lee noted. “He leads by example. He’s there at every practice, every game, working hard and never complaining. He shows younger guys what needs to be done.”

Working with the younger guys was particularly rewarding for Wolf.

“There were a lot of sophomores on the basketball team, and I have gotten to know a lot of them through all the work

we’ve done together. It reminded me of the feeling I had as a freshman to walk down the halls and to see a junior or senior who played on the offensive line next to me. Because we shared football together, he would say hello to me,” Wolf said. “As a senior, I enjoy doing the same with the younger guys.”

“I’ll never forget the feelings I experienced after thrilling victories, and I’ll also never forget how awful I felt after heartbreaking losses or how I came to practice the next day and got on with the season.”

“Parts of me came out in sports,” said Wolf, “that didn’t come out anywhere else.”

**A**FTER DAVID AIRD’S GAME-WINNING TOUCH-down in 1999, it should not have come as a surprise that this time around, Greenhill players kept an especially close eye on No. 26. At every opportunity, Hornet players shared their feelings with him. “You’re not doing so well tonight, Aird ... You’re not going to beat us this time.” Their tone was less than civil.

In a way, this game served as a sort of final exam for **David Aird '01**. It was not skills that were being tested. He already had proven those without a doubt. During the 2000 campaign alone he scored 14 touchdowns, including three punt returns, a kick-off return, an interception return, runs, and receptions. He even threw for one.

“He’s amazing,” said Coach McCarthy. “He is one of the best receivers we’ve ever had here. He’s very explosive, a once-in-a-lifetime athlete for Cistercian.”

On this night, Aird’s emotional make-up was put to the test. “When I first came to Cistercian in Form III, I was easily swayed. My emotions were rocky at times and I needed to work on controlling my temper. I needed to learn to calm down and stay focused,” Aird admitted.

“Over the years, I gained control over my temper. Not only did that help me in athletics, it helped me become a more tolerable person to be around. I learned that losing focus of the game in fits of rage never helped to accomplish anything.”

“Coaches especially helped me realize you don’t have to be a lone star and try to display that you are better than others. I learned to be a humble player, not to react to trash talking and calls. I didn’t let that stuff affect me. That shows that they’re intimidated and afraid of what I might do. I just try to work hard for every minute.”

So Aird didn’t lose his composure during that Greenhill contest

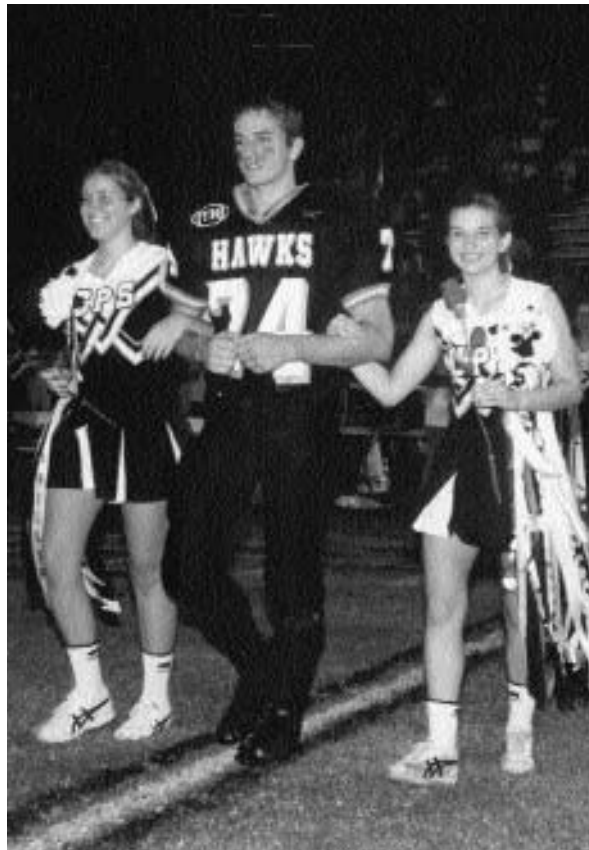


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**Tyler Wolf '01 escorts Cistercian cheerleaders Katy Ross, Ursuline '03, and Mary Israel, Hockaday '02, at halftime of this year's homecoming game.**

this fall. Cistercian lost the game, but Aird passed an important test.

"First and foremost," he said, "sports has taught me about my limits and myself."

Aird's self-control was particularly evident on the basketball court. "He was very composed at all times. He never lost his temper no matter what the situation. Whether we were behind or ahead, David doesn't show any real emotion. He's very even-keeled," said Coach Lee.

Aird, who played basketball at the varsity level each of his four Upper School years, is "exceptionally talented," according to Coach Lee.

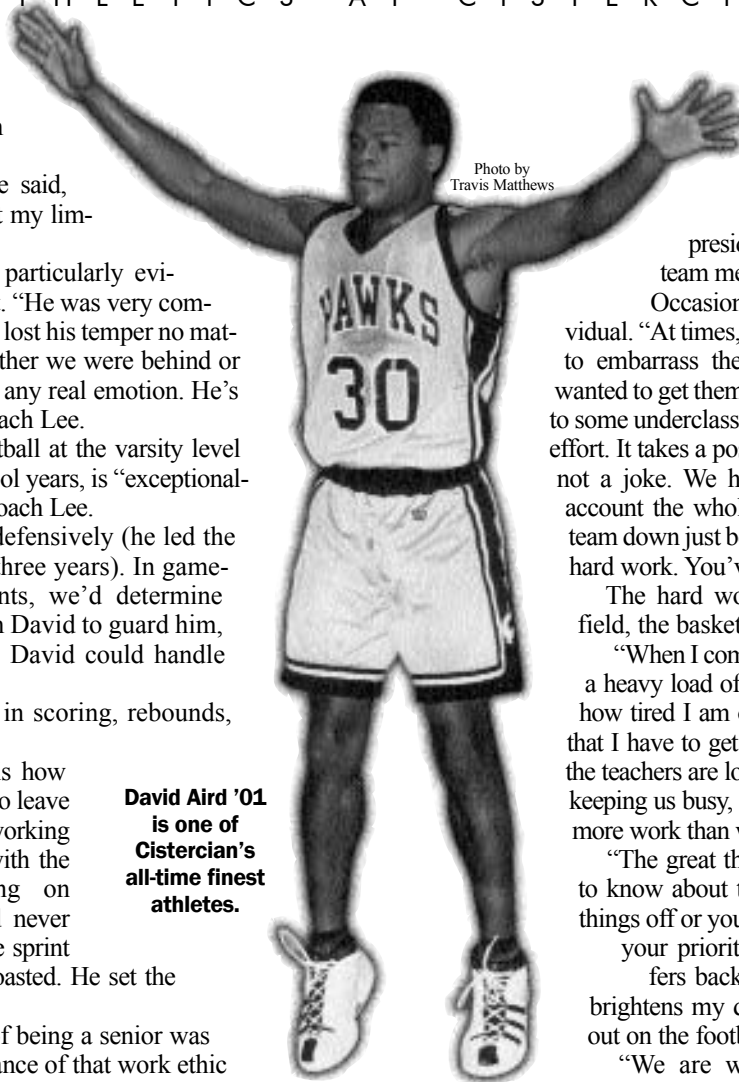
"He's also very good defensively (he led the team in steals for the last three years). In game-planning for our opponents, we'd determine their best player and assign David to guard him, even if he was a big guy. David could handle just about anybody."

Aird also led the team in scoring, rebounds, and assists.

"But the amazing part is how he works. He's the last one to leave the gym. He's constantly working on his shooting, working with the younger players, working on moves, free throws. David never let up. He won every single sprint the entire year. He never coasted. He set the bar for the whole team."

To Aird, the challenge of being a senior was communicating the importance of that work ethic to his teammates. Like fellow senior Tyler Wolf, Aird is not very vocal.

"Another thing that sports has taught me is how to work with



**David Aird '01 is one of Cistercian's all-time finest athletes.**

other people and how not to get upset with them. It's taught me to communicate better." As a captain of the football team, he remembered presiding along with his co-captains at team meetings.

Occasionally, he would speak to an individual. "At times, it was hard to do. It wasn't meant to embarrass them," Aird emphasized, "but we wanted to get them on track. We had to make it clear to some underclassmen that you've got to put out the effort. It takes a positive attitude to play football; it's not a joke. We had to remind them to take into account the whole team. You can't let the whole team down just because you don't want to do some hard work. You've got to do it."

The hard work doesn't end on the practice field, the basketball court or the track.

"When I come home, I am always greeted with a heavy load of homework," he said. "No matter how tired I am or how lazy I am feeling, I know that I have to get my work done. I understand that the teachers are looking out for our best interests by keeping us busy, and that they would never give us more work than we could handle."

"The great thing about Cistercian is you have to know about time management. You can't put things off or you'll burn yourself. You learn to set your priorities. Pushing academically transfers back and forth. Doing well on a test brightens my day and that pumps me up to go out on the football field or basketball court.

"We are well-rounded students who are pushed to our limits every single day," Aird said, "and I am privileged and proud to have been a part of such a special school."

## What Cistercian coaches mean to our three athletes

**DALY:** Coach Prokup is very good. He is our strategist at meets, deciding who swims what and how to maximize points. He's done a really great job with the team. On a side note, I really appreciate what Coach Hillary did to help the swim team take off. He really cared about everyone on the team (all seven of us in our sophomore year) and encouraged us.

**WOLF:** Almost all of my coaches have been great guys. They are men whom I respect, but they also are men that I feel very close to. I feel as if many of the coaches are my friends. I believe that the high quality of coaching -- not just coaching skill, but in coaching character -- is a result of Coach Hillary's influence. I hope his standards will be preserved at Cistercian.

I have always been proud to play for a team that wins, and wins in the right way, with all of the athletes being students first and where the coaches care more about the players than wins and losses. I remember how hard it was for Coach McCarthy when he decided to leave for Oakridge. You could see how upset he was to leave us behind.

You know the coaches are special because alums don't come back just to see their Form Master. They also come back to see their coaches.

**AIRD:** The coaches, much like the teachers, push us to strive for our best. They also teach us about being a respectful athlete and a classy competitor. Our coaches do not tolerate bad sportsmanship. The coaches have taught me when to be a humble player and when to celebrate.

We're a pretty well-mannered team. We don't trash-talk, don't yell at the ref or the opposing coaches. Coach Hillary created the foundation on which Cistercian athletics was built.

# A year of dramatic changes

*A staff tutored by Coach Hillary resolves to carry on his lofty standards.*

By Dan Lee  
*Athletic Director*

**T**HE PAST YEAR WAS MARKED by important changes in the Cistercian Athletic Department, from exciting improvements to a tragic loss.

A new competition track was constructed that enables the school to host track meets as well as fully train Cistercian athletes in all track and field events. New bleachers for the football field were erected, tripling seating capacity. (We are happy to report that crowds increased accordingly, filling the stands for nearly every home game.) The baseball field was renovated, and a new practice field was built.

We are thankful to all those who were responsible for the improvements.

The tragic loss of Coach Tom Hillary

last April was felt deeply by all at Cistercian. The coaches — all of whom were hired by Coach Hillary — were no different. Coach Hillary's friendship was treasured by them all.

Coach Hillary set standards for Cistercian athletics that the coaching staff intends to perpetuate. His examples of hard work, sportsmanship, humility, and trust will guide the school's athletic program for years to come.

As Coach Hillary would have wanted, the coaching staff has pulled together and is building upon his foundation. We expect the reputation his teams earned for class, character, and competitiveness, will continue to be Cistercian's hallmark in athletics.

Steve McCarthy has returned to Cistercian after a one-year hiatus and assumed Coach Hillary's head football

coaching position; Dan Lee has stepped into the role of athletic director.

The PE/Athletics curriculum begins with Physical Education for Forms I and II. In Forms III and IV, students have more choices, including school sports.

In the fall, cross-country and football are offered. Soccer and basketball are offered during the winter season; baseball, track, and tennis are choices in the spring. In the Upper School, the same sports are offered with the addition of swimming in the winter season. Those Upper School students who choose not to participate in athletics have the option of weight-lifting class, conditioning class, or standard PE class. Seniors may opt to take a basic physical skills examination that allows them to test out of PE.

Cistercian athletic programs enjoyed record participation over the past year (Winter '99 - Fall '00) and achieved many of their objectives.

In football, the Hawks steamrolled to an 8-2 record under Coach McCarthy, winning a third consecutive SPC Division II championship in the process. In baseball, coaches Gray and Taylor led the Hawks to an SPC Division II championship. Under the guidance of Coach Lee, the Hawks varsity basketball team charged to the school's first ever MISC championship. The track and field team, with Coach Pointer at the helm, also won the MISC championship.

Middle School athletics also generated excitement with the eighth grade football team capping off its second consecutive undefeated season.

## **Mark Gray**

*Head Coach, Varsity Baseball*

After majoring in Physical Education at Stephen F. Austin State University, Coach Mark Gray hung up his cleats and returned to Kaufman, where he helped operate the family business for the next 15 years.

He began his association with Cistercian in 1993, working on a part-time basis as the assistant varsity baseball coach under the leadership of Coach



Photo by Jim Reisch

**THE COACHING STAFF**  
Standing (l-r) Karl Pointer, Dan Lee, Matt Walter, Rob Kowalski, Jim Taylor, Steve McCarthy. Sitting: Mark Gray.

Hillary. He began his full-time coaching career four years later. He is currently head coach of the varsity baseball team. He plays a number of roles during football season, serving as the offensive and defensive line coach for the varsity football team, and defensive coordinator for the junior varsity. He also leads the seventh grade basketball team into action. In addition, he maintains the athletic fields.

The decision to leave the security and stability of the family business was made easier by what he found here.

"From my first day at Cistercian," Coach Gray explained, "I was impressed with the attitude of the young men, the commitment of the staff, and the family atmosphere of the school. I knew I wanted to be a part of that."

Coach Gray said he encourages the kids to have fun, but stressed that success can only be achieved through determination and hard work.

"Our athletes may not be the biggest or the fastest, but they have big hearts. I believe this contributes to the overall success of the Cistercian athletic programs," he said.

Being the head coach of a spring sport such as baseball allows Coach Gray to work with the athletes in a more relaxed atmosphere than most sports.

"These students face a multitude of academic challenges during the school year. I think by the time spring arrives, the kids are ready for baseball's laid-back pace. They work hard to accomplish the team goals set at the beginning of the season while still enjoying the game of baseball."

**Rob Kowalski**

*Head Coach, Varsity Soccer*

"Coaching at Cistercian has been a rewarding experience since day one," said Coach Kowalski, a Trenton, New Jersey native who is in his third year at CPS.

Kowalski played soccer for one season at Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts, where he received his BA in English (and a minor in Secondary Education) in 1995. Currently, Rob is enrolled in the Master of Liberal Arts program at SMU, an effort he hopes to complete in



**Kowalski**

and I am grateful every day to be in this position. While I have enjoyed the success in athletics here at CPS, the best part of my job is interacting with the boys on a daily basis. I feel I have been able to help the boys on and off the field," he said.

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In addition to soccer, Coach Kowalski coaches Middle School football and baseball.

**Dan Lee**

*Athletic Director*

*Head Coach, Varsity Basketball*

As a coach and teacher at Cistercian for the past eight years, Coach Lee considers himself lucky.

"I feel blessed to have found Cistercian as my first and only job out of college. I am at a place where I get to do what I love and have an impact on young men from Forms I through VIII."

Coach Lee attended the University of Texas-Arlington where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in Exercise and Sport Health Studies. Coach Lee is in his last semester of earning a Master of Education from Texas Wesleyan University this spring.



**Lee**

2002. He puts his English degree to work on Forms II and IV, teaching English Lab.

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*Head Coach,*

*Varsity Football and Varsity Track*

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"Spending a year away helped me realize that Cistercian is not just a school, it is a family. It is a community that is very unified and strong," he said.

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synonymous.

"As coaches we have unique teaching opportunities presented to us on a daily basis," Coach Lee emphasized. "With every game and practice there are situations to be addressed and lessons to be learned. I try to teach the boys the right way to deal with circumstances that exhibit teamwork, persistence, class, and sportsmanship."

The institution and students at Cistercian make life interesting.

"I look forward every day to the challenges that working with Cistercian students and athletic teams provides," he said. "I also enjoy being at a school like Cistercian where we as coaches get to know our students on a more personal basis and have the opportunity to impact directly their development as young men."

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**McCarthy**

Coach McCarthy has coached all ages and a variety of sports.

Hired by Coach Hillary in 1991, McCarthy started out as an assistant football coach for the Middle School and varsity. He then took over as head coach for the Middle School and junior varsity football teams. Prior to leaving for Oakridge, he served as Coach Hillary's defensive coordinator for the varsity for four years.

Coach McCarthy also has helped out in basketball, assisting coaches on the Middle School, freshman, junior varsity, and varsity teams. Although he currently is not coaching a winter team, Coach McCarthy often lends a hand with the Middle School teams.

He returns this spring to lead the varsity track team, a sport he had coached prior to his departure in 1999.

Coach McCarthy and his wife Lynn have two boys: Dalton, 8, and Adam, 2. He earned his B.A. in general studies at the University North Texas. He teaches Computer to Form I and P.E. to Form II.

"We develop young men in our programs," Coach McCarthy emphasized. "Athletics is one way in which we are able to do this. I do not worry about wins and losses. Don't get me wrong I love to win. But watching a slight seventh grader develop into a strong senior who is ready to take on the world is better than any championship you can win."

**Karl Pointer**

*Head Coach, Jr. Varsity Basketball*

Coach Pointer sees his job as pay back. "I had several coaches who were strong influences in my life and stood out as men of great character," Pointer said, "so I saw coaching as an opportunity to give back to someone else."

Before coming to Cistercian, Coach Pointer spent two years at Fort Worth Dunbar High School teaching Physical Science and coaching varsity football and varsity baseball. The son of a military officer, Coach Pointer was born in St. Louis, Missouri, but he spent most of his childhood moving from place to place.

After graduating from Clovis High School in New Mexico, he went on to attend Eastern New Mexico University,



**Pointer**

where he played football for two seasons before injuries ended his career. Pointer graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Exercise Physiology with emphasis in Athletic Training. He plans to begin work on his masters in the near future.

"Coaching isn't always about winning and losing," Pointer remarked, "rather it's about taking young men and preparing them the best you can for life. Helping them conquer obstacles on the field or on the court helps them gain the confidence to deal with the inevitable ups and downs of life."

In addition to his coaching duties, Coach Karl Pointer teaches Social Studies to Form I and Health to Form IV. Pointer and his wife Laurel have been married for almost three years.

**Jim Taylor**

*Head Coach, Middle School Football*

Coach Taylor spearheads Cistercian's Middle School football program, which has produced two consecutive undefeated eighth



**Taylor**

grade teams. He also assists with the varsity football team. During the winter, Taylor coaches Middle School basketball and in the spring assists with the varsity baseball team.

Now in his third year at Cistercian, Coach Taylor received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science in 1997 from Texas Christian University. He plans to begin work on his master's degree in the near future.

He is pleased to be part of the Cistercian faculty and continues to be a positive influence in the lives of the boys.

"Coaching at Cistercian allows me to get to know the boys at both the Middle School and Upper School levels," he said. "I enjoy teaching fundamentals and sportsmanship to the Middle School athletes. I am looking forward to seeing how that foundation contributes to their development. I expect it will be very rewarding to see their growth into skilled competitors who 'never say die' and who respect their opponents."

Coach Taylor enjoys the team atmosphere among Cistercian coaches.

"Everyone on our staff is ready to help," Coach Taylor said, "whether it's Coach McCarthy helping me tweak the

defense to stop a raging bull of a running back, or Coach Lee suggesting a play to beat a stifling half-court press."

Coach Taylor teaches Earth Science to Form I and Health to Form III.

**Matt Walter**

*Head Coach, Jr. Varsity Football*

Coach Walter is a 1986 graduate of Cistercian. His father Rodney Walter has taught at Cistercian since 1964.



**Walter**

As a quarterback under Coach Hillary, Walter learned first-hand the offense that has helped make so many Cistercian teams successful. This experience served him well at Princeton where he

played. It also prepared him for an unexpected turn of events following his graduation from law school at the University of Texas.

"Shortly after moving back to Dallas to start my law practice, I volunteered to coach football and basketball at St. Thomas Aquinas parochial school. My five years there awakened in me a commitment, a calling even, to Catholic education, particularly in the area of athletics."

After working with a Dallas law firm for four and a half years, Walter was ready to act on his feelings in 1998.

"The opportunity to return to Cistercian to coach under Coach Hillary and to work in the development office made this calling a reality," said Coach Walter. He assumed the duties of the director of development and alumni relations, head coach of the junior varsity football team, and quarterbacks coach for the varsity.

Coach Walter sees his coaching mission as reaching beyond X's and O's.

"As a coach, I strive to help each player realize his potential, not just as an individual athlete, but also as a teammate. I hope that in doing so, our young men discover in themselves greater abilities and a confidence they never thought they had. A part of this process includes a discovery of God's love that reveals itself through sportsmanship, discipline, pride in defeat, and humility in victory."

Coach Walter has been married to his wife Paula for almost five years. They have a son, John Patrick, who will turn one in May.

# Hawks swim to a third-place finish at SPC Championships

*Lifetime best times achieved in 22 of 31 swims at season-ending meet in Fort Worth*

By Dick Prokup

Catch a whiff of chlorine in the halls at Cistercian? You probably just passed an Aqua Hawk. The scent of chlorine hangs over these young men like a halo. This odiferous group spends early morning hours and/or late afternoons swimming competitively.

Sure, we know that if God had meant for man to swim, He would have given him fins and gills. Instead, He handed swimmers other challenges — chlorinated water to make breathing harder, relatively inflexible hands and feet that are poor excuses for hydro foils, and a body that sinks unless we add salt to the water. But, still we persist because we are a stubborn lot.

This year's Aqua Hawks indeed were persistent and stubborn; they refuse to give into the limitations of their bodies. Through their tremendous hard work, all of our swimmers achieved substantial

drops in their times. Lifetime best times were achieved at almost every meet we attended with 22 life-time best times out of 31 swims achieved at the SPC Championships.

The team was led by seniors **John Prokup '01** and **David Daly '01**. It featured **Jamie Holland '02**, **Dan Lines '02**, **Mike Seitz '02**, **William Howison '03**, **Jason Mitura '03**, **Peter Cook '04**, **James Edwards '04**, and **Brian Holland '04**, the Aqua Hawks finished a strong third at the SPC Championships held on February 15, at Wilkerson Greins Natatorium in Fort Worth. A great conclusion to a very good year.

In addition to the SPC Championships, the rest of the season also had some very good results: second out of eighteen entries at the Grapevine Non-TISCA Invitational, a dual-meet win over Rockwall, ninth out of eighteen at the Lewisville Invitational, a tie for

ninth out of twenty-three at the Carrollton Farmer's Branch Invitational, and a second out of five SPC teams at the Greenhill Invitational. Mother Nature, of course, has a way of evening things out, so we had losses in dual meets to Coppell, St. Mark's, Bishop Lynch, and a nail biter to Greenhill.

As the season comes to a close, the swimmers are looking forward to waking up at a normal time, purging their bodies of chlorine, and walking on dry land.

There are, however, some end-of-season drawbacks. For example, no more early morning meetings with the Ursuline girls' swim team at practice.

The team owes a very special thank-you to the head coach of the Ursuline team, Anne Pritchett (sister of Cistercian alums **Les '89**, **Jack '93**, and **Bill Pritchett '97**), who coached our swimmers in those early morning practices and helped out at the meets.

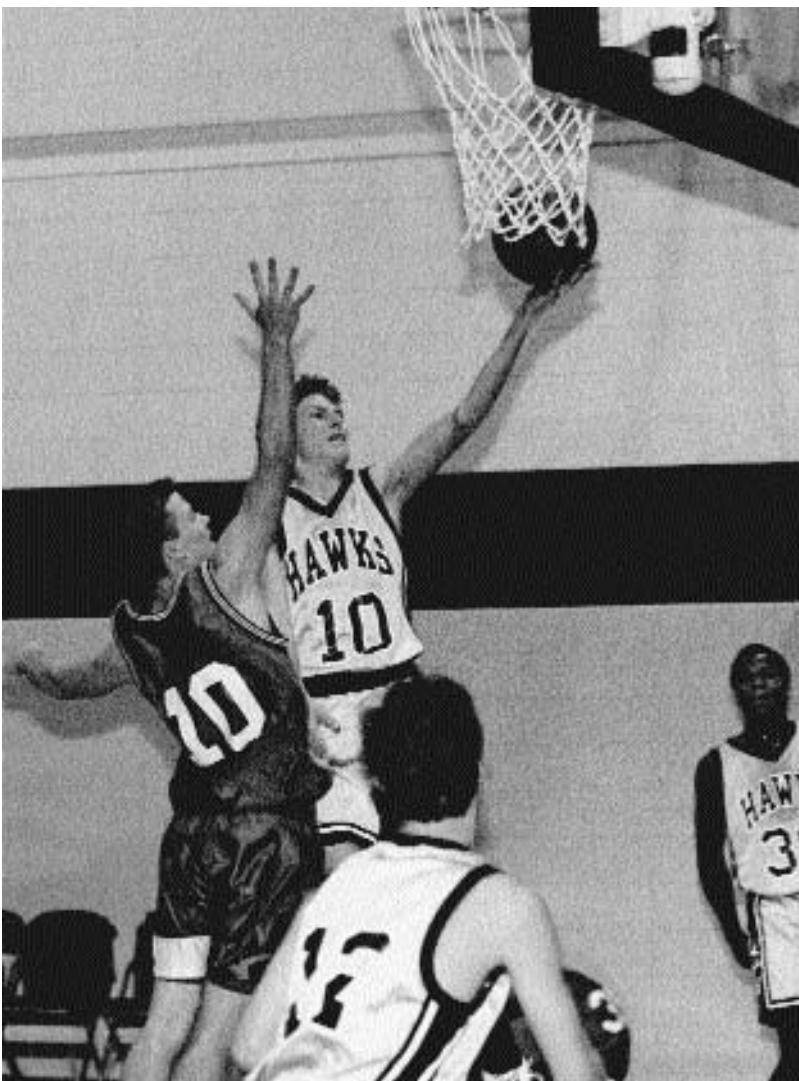


Photo by Travis Matthews

## Hoopsters carve out a winning campaign

*Talented sophs provide hope for the future*

By Dan Lee

The basketball team faced a great challenge in the 2000-01 campaign with only two players returning from last year's MISC champions. But the Hawk hoopsters continued their winning ways finishing with a record of 18-17, marking the sixth straight winning season for the basketball program.

Some highlights on the year included finishing runner-up at the Cistercian Tip-Off Classic, finishing third out of 16 at the Trinity Christian tournament, including a 65-52 win over St. Mark's, and a last second buzzer-beating three-pointer to defeat Trinity Valley.

The Hawks were led in scoring, assists, and rebounding by **David Aird '01** who was named to the All-MISC and All-SPC teams. **Michael West '02** led the team in three-point shooting and **Matt Truitt '03** led the team in free throw percentage, making 75 percent of his attempts.

**Peter McCormack '03** led the team in shooting percentage and **Spencer Bethmann '03** provided leadership from the point guard position.

The Hawks featured six sophomores and one junior playing key roles on the team. That experience will definitely pay off in future years as the Hawks look to continue their winning tradition in basketball.

**Spencer Bethmann '03 lays it in against Ft. Worth Calvary.**

# Futbollers narrowly miss SPC Division I tournament

By Rob Kowalski

The 2000-01 Cistercian soccer team began the year with aspirations for a Division I championship. As the schedule played out, the futbollers found themselves with a chance to reach that goal.

After opening SPC zone play with a heartbreaking double-overtime loss to St. Stephen's, the Hawks bounced back the next day with an impressive 4-2 victory over Saint Mary's Hall in San Antonio.

Two weeks later, the Hawks hosted Kinkaid and Episcopal from Houston. Both games featured competitive play as the Hawks defended their home pitch honorably. Unfortunately, the Hawks tasted defeat in both matches as they fell in penalty kicks on successive days.

After starting conference play at 1-3, the Hawks stormed back with victories over Trinity Valley, St. John's and TMI outscoring their opponents 14-3 in those matches.

Finishing south zone play at 4-3, the Hawks narrowly missed a seed in the SPC Division I tournament by going down in defeat to Episcopal of Houston on penalty kicks. Despite this tough setback, the Hawks remained positive as they gained the top seed from the south

in the Division II tournament.

The Hawks continued their hot streak



Photo by David Stewart

**Brett Sudderth '01 takes the ball towards St. Mark's goal in the SPC Division II Championship game. The Hawks fell 1-0.**

as they opened the SPC Division II tournament with shutout victories over All Saints (6-0) and Holland Hall (2-0) in the quarter- and semi-finals. The final set up a rematch with St. Mark's who had beaten the Hawks 2-1 earlier in the year. The match proved to be a classic as the Lions and Hawks battled aggressively throughout the first half. The Lions scored late in the half and were able to withstand constant pressure from the Cistercian lads throughout the second stanza. In the end, that lone goal was the difference as the Hawks fell valiantly 1-0.

Despite the disappointment of the loss to St. Mark's, this season will be remembered as a successful year for the soccer program. Captains **Ryan Judge '01** and **Brett Sudderth '01** led the Hawks during the season and will be missed next year. The future is bright with five young starters (**Ian Cary '03**, **Jeff Judge '03**, **Chris Sakowski '03**, **Will Harris '03**, **Alex Gette '03**) returning next winter. Overall, the Hawks finished at 10-12 but with an impressive SPC record and wins over ESD, Holland Hall and St. John's. It is clear that this program is headed in the right direction and towards a Division I tournament birth next year.

## SPRING PREVIEW

### Six returning lettermen set to lead the Hawks baseball team

The 2001 Baseball Hawks hope to improve upon last year's 13-9 record and SPC Division II championship.

Six lettermen return from a fairly young team. **Anthony Perone '01** (P-1B), **Clint Bodien '01** (3B), **Mike West '02** (P-C), **Patric Turner '02** (2B-P), **Seth Henderson '03** (SS), and **Matt Truitt '01** (OF-P), will form a solid foundation on which to build a winning 2001 baseball season. In addition to the returning starters and lettermen, we are also excited about the freshmen and sophomore classes. Both enjoyed good seasons last year on the junior varsity which will once again be led by Brother Francis.

The Middle School program also looks promising this year under the leadership of Coach Kowalski (seventh grade) and Coach Pointer (eighth grade). Last year's seventh grade had a winning season, and this year's seventh grade has a number of athletes who should develop into fine players. The varsity began practice February 21.

Coaches Gray and Taylor are looking forward to a fun and exciting season in the beautiful spring sunshine.

— Mark Gray

### Track team blends experience and youth

The Haws are prepared to take their third consecutive MISC championship with a team that features three-year lettermen **David Arid '01** and **Ed Brophy '01**.

The Hawks will bring to the track a mixture of experience and youth. The experience comes from **Tyler Wolf '01**, **Chris Sakowski '03**, **Adam Harris '01**, **Taylor Poor '02**, **Wheeler Sparks '02**, **Josh Campbell '02**, **Trevor Turner '02**, **Barry McCain '02** and **Michael Tinker '03**. The Youth comes from the likes of **Ian Cary '03**, **Alex Gette '03**, **Joe Meier '03**, **Brandon Pitzer '03**, **Tyler Bethea '03**, **Austin Nevitt '04**, **Jacob Arias '04**, **John Pruitt '04** and **Parker Wolf '04**. Check out the Hawks when they host the first-ever Cistercian Relays on Tuesday, April 3 starting at 4 pm.

— Steve McCarthy



# CISTERCIAN CALENDAR

## March

- 16 Spring Break noon dismissal
- 26 Classes resume
- 31 SAT I only

## April

- 11 Noon dismissal
- 12 Easter Holiday
- 16 Easter Holiday  
Booster Club/Alumni Golf
- 20-1 Spring SPC
- 25 Abbot's Circle Dinner
- 29 New Parents' Coffee

## May

- 3-4 SPC Championships  
(recess Forms VII-VIII)
- 5 US Athletic Banquet
- 6 MS Athletic Banquet
- 19 Commencement
- 24-8 Final exams
- 29 No classes
- 30 Closing Ceremonies

## June

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## Alumni

# Warren Andres '77 receives the 2001 Moroney Award

The Jim and Lynn Moroney Award was presented January 26 to **Warren L. Andres '77** at the annual Moroney Award Dinner at the Tower Club in Downtown Dallas.

Andres has literally helped build the school. As a member of Andres Construction Services, a company he owns and operates with his father and brother, Andres has overseen the construction of the Science Building, Library, Art Building, and, most recently, the athletic fields and running track project.

In addition to his service to the school in a professional capacity, Andres has also served as Class Agent for the Class of 1977.

**John Nicholson '77** presented the award to Andres after reminiscing and chiding his classmate on subjects from leisure suits and CB radio to "chick magnetism" and football.

Andres recalled an incident in which Coach Bob Haaser was reviewing blocking assignments with the offensive line. When asked his assignment, Andres said, "I told

him, 'I think I block' ... and before I was finished, he interrupted and sternly said, 'Mr. Andres, you don't *think*, you *know*.' I have taken this memory through my entire life and have found frequent occasions to use a similar statement to make a point."

After graduating from Cistercian, Andres attended Trinity University graduating in December of 1980 with a BS degree in Construction Management and Business Administration. He later attended University of Dallas Graduate School, where he earned an MBA in Business Administration.

Andres has been married to his wife Joyce for 18 years and they have two children, Kathryn and John.

The Moroney Award is given annually to an Alumnus "whose spiritual commitment to Cistercian is very much aflame and whose dedicated work on behalf of the Cistercian family enkindles our hope for the future."

The complete text of Andres's speech can be found at the school's Web site, [www.cistercian.org](http://www.cistercian.org).



**Warren Andres '77 has supervised the construction of the Science Building, Library, Art Building, and the renovation of the athletic fields and track.**