

New Head Master Outlines His Views On BLA

Christopher Lane came to Boston Latin Academy as Head Master last August. A man of wide experience, he has taught mathematics and chemistry, and has served as Assistant Head Master and Acting Head Master at English High School, where he was also Director of the Flexible Campus Program. Mr. Lane holds a Master's Degree from Boston College and is a doctoral candidate in educational administration at the University of



Massachusetts Amherst. He was assigned to the Occupational Research Center of the Boston Public Schools before his appointment to Boston Latin Academy.

After five months at the Academy, Mr. Lane offered to share his thoughts on subjects of interest to parents and other members of the Boston Latin Academy community.

What are the goals and objectives of Boston Latin Academy?

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magnet school which students can choose to attend and also being an exam school potentially generates a student body both capable and willing to do the work necessary to achieve the time tested and proven standards and education offered by BLA. It is the mission of the faculty to recognize the particular strengths and weaknesses of each pupil and to provide the opportunity

for each student to attain a traditional classical education, thus preparing him/her for the highest of achievement in post secondary education."

What is being done to provide for the needs of entering students?

"The teachers and administrators of BLA recognize the degree of difficulty being experienced by our Class VI and Class IVB (grade 7 and new grade 9) students. Their difficulty can be attributed to many

Are there discipline problems at Boston Latin Academy?

"Our school has the best students in the city. Occasionally there are some minor problems, but many fewer than one might expect when 1,200 persons get together in a single space. The fact that we have so few discipline problems is a tribute to our students, their parents, and to our staff. Discipline at BLA is fairly and promptly delivered and based upon the

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reasons not limited to previous preparation and/or the support mechanisms provided by their schools, their families, and the community.

"The school recognizes that the pressures and demands generated by the curriculum and the standards of the school can be very difficult, not only for our new students, but for all students at some time in their academic career.

"In order to reduce the difficulty experienced by our new students the Regis-BLA partnership has offered a summer orientation program. This program focuses on study skills with some time on remediation.

"At this time the BLA staff is in the process of reviewing our curriculum. Many aspects are being considered; among them are the total amount of material to be covered; the distribution of this material both over a six (four)-year enrollment and also within a given year; the skills necessary to begin study in a particular subject; and the methods of improving student body and learning skills such as tutoring, etc."

(The Regis-BLA partnership provides both college and peer tutors.)

rights of the students and staff to the best of educational environment and opportunity."

What is the condition of the Boston Latin Academy facility?

"Our building, as with our curriculum, has survived the tests of time. All of the BLA community

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would like to see the school obtain more adequate facilities ... The chances that BLA will be given new facilities in the near future are not great. The Unified Facilities Plan will make some spaces available, but it is doubtful that they would fit our needs ... It seems that the best chance for improved physical surroundings rests with our current facility and internal renovation and repair. The auditorium, cafeteria, and gymnasium have been improved this year."

What is the role of parents at

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Clubs, Teams, and Chorale Keep BLA On The Go

The Christmas Assembly this year was a great success with over 70 chorale members participating. Arthur Manthorne and Dean Chandler represented the instrumental music department. Participating in the annual event were the **Drama Club**, the **Folk Group**, and the **Afro-American Society**. Dana Whiteside sang "Away in a Manger," Joan Cuilla and Michelle led a promising new group in a performance of "White Christmas," and Joan DeLovey and Lori Tripp sang "Let it Snow" ... **The Athenian Club** held the annual Christmas dance, "Mistletoe Magic," on December 14 at the Bay State Room of the Boston Park Plaza. Over 200 students from classes IV to I attended. DJ Ron Robin of radio station WBOS acted as master of ceremonies. Cathy Curtain was chosen queen of the dance and received a bouquet of longstemmed roses. Shirley Chan and Betty Brunswick were the queen's court ... New members to the **Latin Club** were presented with scrolls at the club's December meeting, and the club made candle holders and exchanged the traditional Saturnalia tapers ... More than 65 **Chorale** members sang at City Hall and Filene's during the Christmas season this year. Soling at the concerts were Emery Stephens, Mildred Walker, and Dana Whiteside...**Priscilla Durkin** during the Christmas vacation attended the 111th annual meeting of the American Philological Association held at the Sheraton Boston Hotel in conjunction with the Archaeological Institute of America. The APA is an organization of professors and teachers of the Classics in universities, colleges, and schools throughout the United States and Canada. Papers

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were presented in Roman and Greek literature and history ... **BLA's Soccer Team** finished the 1979 season with eight wins and six losses. Although the team failed to make the state playoffs by two wins, Dr. Hosea Zollicoffer, soccer coach, said that the team had a very successful year because of its outstanding play

and first winning season. Captain Glendon Brown was selected as an All American ...

The Girls Swim Team had another successful and exciting season with a 9-1 record for the third year in a row. They were runners up in the City Competition where a trophy was presented to

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Regis Campus Program Draws 50 From BLA; Lectures, Trips Highlight Partnership

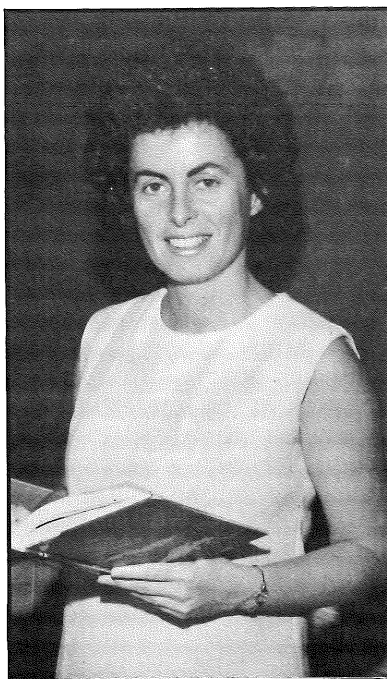
The Regis Campus Program, part of the collaboration between Boston Latin Academy and Regis College, began on February 12. Fifty students from the Academy are receiving instruction on Tuesday afternoons in ceramics, drawing, painting, piano, guitar, voice, and in French and Spanish pronunciation. Over 300 students have participated in the use of facilities not available at BLA, such as art and music studios and language laboratories. The program will conclude May 9.

Other activities in the Regis/BLA partnership have been held during the academic year. Tutoring by Regis and BLA students began last

October and will continue until the end of the school year. Lectures, audio-visual programs, and field trips have been scheduled in the multi-cultural program by various departments at the school and the college.

Parents have also shared in the effort of the Collaborative. On November 15, 200 new parents, together with teachers and students, enjoyed a buffet dinner and discussed the goals, opportunities, and responsibilities offered by Boston Latin Academy. A workshop for parents on the subject of study skills is being planned for the spring.

Miss Cummings Receives French Honor



Miss Helene M. Cummings, head of the Modern Foreign Language Department at Boston Latin Academy, was recently notified that she has been named Chevalier dans l'ordre des Palmes Académiques.

The Palmes Académiques, instituted by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1808, is conferred by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of France upon writers, artists, teachers, and others who have made outstanding contributions to French culture.

Mr. Xavier North, Attache Culturel at the French Consulate, sent Miss Cummings the official Certificate of the Palmes Académiques and informed her that the medal, of purple ribbon with interlocking palm branches, would be awarded in a ceremony at the Consulate this winter.

REPC Has Busy Year, Parents Help Needed

The Boston Latin Academy Racial Ethnic Parents Council has been active this year since its first meeting on September 11. The Council has considered many topics, such as the Unified Facilities Plan, the future of the school, Chapter 636, and the Regis/BLA Collaborative.

Future meetings are scheduled for February 26, March 25, April 29, and May 27. (To confirm these dates the day before the scheduled meetings, call 825-4240.)

Parents of Boston Latin Academy students are urged to attend these meetings and participate in the life of the school.

Officers of the Racial Ethnic Parent Council for 1980-1981 are:

Ms. Bennie Daye, Chairman

Mr. Dennis Glynn, Co-Chairman

Members

Ralph Browne

Beatrice Craig

Anne Crimmins

Rebecca Cunningham

Joseph Foreman

Dennis Glynn
Batie Israel
Ann Manganiello
Eugene McLaughlin
Edna Roberts
Randolph Smith
Jean Walsh
Joan Ward

The Home and School Association has also been busy this year. Officers for 1979-1980 are Anne C. Crimmins, President; Joan Babbin, Treasurer; Joseph Owens, Scholarship Chairman; and Joseph Dwyer, Hospitality Chairman. Dates of future meetings will be published. Watch for them!

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the team. One of the season's highlights was a Battle of the Sexes Swim Meet in November. The competition was fierce, but as expected, the Girls Swim Team won ... BLA's **Football Team** played its first season this year and came away with an impressive 5-2-1 record! Season highlights included a comeback victory against South Boston, and a strong second half showing against Boston Latin School. The Dragons are looking forward to next year's gridiron competition. We'll be behind them! And in June, 20 BLA **German students** will fly to Germany for a month of travel.

STAC President Issues Her Report: Spirit And Pride Mark School Year

by Gail Latouf

At BLA, this school year has been marked by a tremendous increase in school spirit and pride. More people have become interested and involved in the present and future of BLA. Club and sport participation is up and student activities are booming.

The strength of the student gov-

ernment is and how students can achieve their goals by using the sources available to them.

STAC held a very successful raffle to raise scholarship money, and jackets came early this year. Donuts and book covers are still being sold before school and pictures were taken in October.

STAC raised money to send additional students to Washington, D.C. in March on the Close-Up program. In April STAC is sending a representative to participate in Student Government Day at the State House.

In November STAC generated support in the BLA community to organize opposition to the Unified Facilities Plan that would have merged BLA with BLS in 1984. The zeal with which the entire BLA community protested was a key factor in the decision to cancel the merger.

STAC provided a CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) course at Regis in the fall and plans to have another in the spring. STAC representatives went to Regis for a day-long meeting in the fall; one is planned for March and another for May.

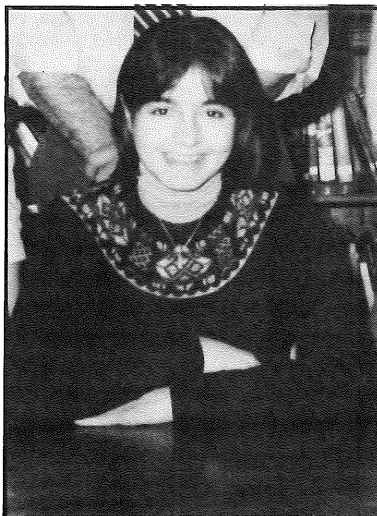
STAC has worked with other factions of the BLA community to make this school year a success. I hope that STAC will continue to grow with even greater success and aspirations for the future.

Exam School Program Now In Operation

An exam school cross-grade tutorial program is now in operation at Boston Latin Academy. After a two-year pilot project at Boston Latin School, Emergency School Assistance Act (ESAA) has funded this program at BLA.

Mr. Peter Walsh is the coordinator at Latin Academy and Boston Technical, and he is splitting his time between the two schools. Through the recommendations of teachers, approximately 50 tutors and tutees have been recruited. Teachers who have been assisting Mr. Walsh in his effort are: Ms. Fillion, Latin; Ms. Durkin, Latin; Mr. Battle, English; Mr. Harris, Math; Mr. Lord, Math.

The program hopes to add 25 more tutors. Mr. Walsh is available to answer questions about the program Tuesdays and Thursdays all day and Friday mornings until 10:30. He wishes to thank the faculty and administration of Boston Latin Academy for the co-operation it has extended in developing the program.



ernment has been fortified by this trend of greater involvement. The great interest in STAC (Student Advisory Council) reflects the sense of generated spirit that enhances the atmosphere at BLA.

During the first week of school the STAC officers held an assembly and explained what student

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"For the school to be a successful educational experience for each pupil, parents have to be actively involved. This involvement takes many forms such as working with the student on his/her homework; providing a suitable environ-

ment for homework and study; encouraging and requiring home study each evening; expressing an interest in the school process and activities; and by attending REPC, Home and School or other school functions. These are just a few. The school needs parental input, advice, and support if it is to achieve its educational goals and meet the needs of the students."

**Show your BLA spirit!
Support all
of our teams
throughout
the year!!**

Senior Spring Events

Following is a calendar of Spring events for this year's graduating class.

Baby Day - Friday, May 2, at the school.

Class Night - Friday, May 9, at the school.

Senior Prom - Tuesday, May 27

Graduation - Thursday, June 12, at the Hynes Memorial Auditorium.

13 BLA Students Earn CPR Certificates

Thirteen Boston Latin Academy students won CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) certificates after a long day of intensive training at Regis College last November.

Conducted under the sponsorship of BLA's STAC, the program was part of the leadership training component of the collaboration between Regis and BLA. Students who were certified include:

Thomas Boudreau, Regina Brown, William Chin, Virginia Deary, Anna Dubrowski, Julie Hannigan, Touraine Jefferson, James Roberts, Juanita Sanders, Roseanne Shannon, Julie Shields, Toni Tripp, and Lisa Young.

Opportunity for CPR training will be offered again in the spring term. Inquiries should be directed to STAC officers.

Dedication + Hard Work = Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Honor Roll for last November and December.

Grade 12

Debra Berry, Marisa Chiota, Christine Craig, Marguerite Cronin, Cathy Curtain, Edward Eng, Mary Galante, Vivian Georgaklis, Ramunas Ivaska, Jean King, Drucilla Kuzia, Susan La Farge, Annemarie Martinkus - All "A's," Claire McGill, Nicolette Nargesian, Theresa O'Keefe, Christine Olson, Anne Ruka, Teresa Sheehy - All "A's," Judy Sliselman, Norelle Smythe, Mary Yee - All "A's," Eileen Cadogan - All "A's," Rosemary Nash.

Grade 11

Ferruccio Barletta, Andrea Bezreh, Marcia Breen, Anna Canavan, Felecia Carter, Maria Lina Castor, Andy Chan, Linda Chopek, Alves Dawn, Jean Delahanty, Sandra DiCamillo, Marie Hallahan, Leonard Henkin, Wai Ching Kwan, Steven Meschwitz, Eileen Murphy, Nancy Nolan, Charles Payne, Catherine Wong, Perry Wong, King H. Yee, Tony Yu.

Grade 10

Christine Banks, Diane Breen, Kerry Campbell - All "A's," Sharon Campbell, Kristine Daly, Patricia Dever, William Doherty, Karen Foley, Maryanne Foley, Nancy Frost, Lisa Hammond, John Hanson, Howard Harriott, Beth Joress, Scott Leary, Albert Lee, Pui Ching Lee, Marianne Lynch, Majagbe Macauley, Barbara McDonough, Lorraine Ruka, Roseanne Shannon, Joan Smith, Sandy Vagelatos, Carla White, Cheryl Wolusky, Lisa Young.

Grade 9

Timothy Allen, Tamara Asbergs, Otilia Cheung, Michelle Cicoria, Joanne Ciulla, Charles Colten, Joan Delorey, Savvas Gianasmidis, Nancy Goon, Jeanmarie

Griboado - All "A's," Serena Grooms, Mary Ann Hartnett, Nicole Insanally, Robert Jackman, Greg Kolodziejczak, Brenda Kuzia, Karen Lai-Fook, Ellen Lam, Donna Lazar, Beth Lee, Anne Marie Mannion, Pamela Mikesell, Richard O'Leary, Leighanne O'Malley, Christine O'Neil, Karen Perkins, Bridget Robinson, Lynda Samourian, Atom Saverse, Jade Seto, Christine Squarey, Melissa Strage, Rosanne Stubblefield, Wendy Sutherland, Allison Sweeney, Antonetta Tempesta - All "A's," Joanne Venus, Denise Vincent, John Walsh, Joanne Waters, Ching Yung, Lauren Zirilli.

Grade 8

George Carino, Syrene Conn, Tom Goon, Stephen McDonough, Karen Ratta.

Grade 7

Margaret Allen, Kathleen Bender - All "A's," Kathleen Byrne, Deborah Chin, Michelle Consalva, Frances Edwards, Theresa Finn, Dianne Fitzgerald, Christopher Fleser, Lisa Greene, Krysla Gregoriades, Debra Hardy, Robin Harris, Donna Laham, Christine Latouf, Juliana Lee - All "A's," Winnie Lee - All "A's," Alexander Manganiello - All "A's," Andrea McDonnell, Michael McDonough, Kristen McNair - All "A's," Edward McNeil, Christopher Molle, Kim Pham, Paula Pomare, Denise Power, John Rhilinger, George Rinaldi - All "A's," Cruz Rivera, John Ruka, George Scleparis, Susan Shannon, Barbara Squarey, Derrick Stephens, Theresa Stephens.

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