Emptying the cubbie drawer in the editor’s head…….Though I wouldn’t consider him a close friend at the Crest (my “career” was winding down as he was coming up through the ranks), I can’t get over the tragic passing of one terrific individual, Mike Frankel. Great guy, father, husband and friend. He will be dearly missed.

I know that some of his fellow 1979 Waiters (lead by Greg “Shiz” Radner) are starting up a campaign to re-do the upper hoop court and name it the Frankel Court. Get behind this folks. A great way to remember him.

I remember Lips dubbed him “Julio” for former baseball player and AL batting champ, Julio Franco (Frankel)...Get well wishes to dear friend Jim Shaw, who’s had a rough go of it since September. If anyone deserves a break, it’s him...Best wishes also to honor ary life Board member Andy Rafey, who continues to recover nicely from heart surgery this summer… Can’t let the passing (last summer) of Bauercrest legend Arnie Goodman go by without a “shoutout” to one of the greats in Crest history.....As many of you already know (and will read in more detail in Bean’s article) we’re transitioning to a new Executive Director, Eric Rightor. We’re thrilled and energized by Eric. A great guy who’ll do great things for Bauercrest. Make sure you get to meet him when given the opportunity....

That said, a salute to Robbie Brockman is in order. I have a deep seeded appreciation for his time and devotion to camp. God bless you, Robbie. Wishing you (and the girls) all the best, and I hope you’ll stay involved.

In other news, dear friend and fellow Board member Ken Wagner has decided to concede to his crazy personal and business life and take a step back, resign as a sitting Board member and assume an Honorary seat. “Wags” has been an incredible asset to the camp. His generosity (donations, use of his office for meetings, his time etc.) has been unsurpassed. On a personal level, he was a tremendous asset to me during my tenure as President. He was a great sounding board and often the voice of reason. For those who don’t know “Wags”, your loss. I’ll miss his quick wit and dry sense of humor at our meetings. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!!!....Our 30th Alumni Weekend is coming up in August, specifically 8/22 – 24. BE THERE!!! Calling all Bunk Captains to mobilize your Waiter groups, specifically those with anniversaries this summer. The 2004 (10 year reunion club) with guys like: Levine, Weisman, Wexler…The 1999 crew (15 years), Simons, Bard, Feit, Katzman, Ashare….1994 crew (20 years), Nechtem, Pook, Fireman, Griffin, Merrill….1989 crew (25 years), Triconi, Epstein, Guryan, Shaiken, Goldstein and Golder and the 1984 guys (30 years!) Schultzie, Gilefsky, Rothenberg, Roos and Salon....Hoping you guys can rally your Waiters to this year’s Anniversary Alumni Weekend...also note
Onward and Upward

“He who rejects change is the architect of decay.” - Harold Wilson

Change….some might say it is inevitable. Other times it is planned and organized. Often, change within an organization can be disruptive and challenging. However, change is always exciting, opening new “doors” of opportunity. At the Crest, we are in the midst of some significant change as our Leadership has transitioned from Rob Brockman, our Executive Director for the past eight years, to Eric Rightor, our new Executive Director. We are thrilled to have Eric join our team but I want to take a moment to reflect on what Rob has given to camp these past eight years.

Rob became the Executive Director at Bauercrest in 2006 after serving for several years on the camp’s Board of Directors. Rob brought to the job a fresh approach and perspective, coming from a background of business and process consulting rather than camping or education. During challenging times including a significant downturn in the economy, Rob brought an extraordinary passion to all aspects of the job, and his love of Bauercrest showed in everything that he did. I would like to thank Rob for his dedication to Bauercrest, not just over his eight year tenure as Executive Director but for his forty year journey from a camper, to a counselor, to a board member and finally as an administrator.

We now begin a new chapter at the Crest as Eric Rightor joins the organization as our Executive Director. Eric comes to Bauercrest after a successful stint overseeing the staff and operations for three YMCA camps, North Woods, Pleasant Valley, and Laughing Loon. In his role working for the YMCA, Eric was responsible for over 900 campers and a seasonal staff of 120 people. Since starting his new role, Eric has been working closely with the Board to build his administrative team, look at enhancements to Bauercrest’s programming, and “hit the ground running” with new camper recruitment efforts.

Change at Bauercrest is not solely limited to the Executive Director’s position. While the camp has done many things exceptionally well over the past several years, we are always looking to improve in areas where opportunity exists. To that end, Eric and the Board have identified a few areas to focus on this off-season. First, our end of the summer survey of campers and their families has identified our food service as an area for improvement. Bauercrest has engaged a consulting firm, Sustainable Food Systems, to help us improve
(Bean’s article continued)

in this area. Sustainable Foods has a successful track record working with schools, camps, hospitals, and other institutional organizations to improve the quality of their food service.

Second, Bauercrest is looking to build on our strength as a preeminent sports camp by providing improved athletic instruction and programming in a number of specialty areas such as tennis, lacrosse, and basketball. We want Bauercrest campers to not only enjoy the competition of “league” and Color War but also to develop new skills and improve their competence in their athletic areas of interest.

Third, Bauercrest is launching some new camper recruitment efforts, utilizing some of our best assets, our passionate camper families. A handful of new “Bauercrest Ambassadors” will be assisting our recruiting efforts by reaching out to their personal networks in key communities, and hosting recruitment events for new and prospective families.

Finally, we are making some additions to our already strong facilities. Bauercrest will be adding showers to two bunks, to be used for our youngest campers. The transition to becoming first-time campers for many boys can be a difficult one and we believe that this small change can make this process a little easier for the boys and can make Bauercrest more attractive to the boys’ parents.

During this time of change for Bauercrest, I appeal to all of our Alumni to stay engaged and involved. As always, spread the word to prospective camper families, continue with your generosity through your charitable donations (we clearly have many opportunities to put your funds to good use), and stay “connected” to the Bauercrest family. If you get the chance to meet Eric, introduce yourself and let him know about your Bauercrest experiences as he is eager to immerse himself in the Bauercrest culture.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

Crestly, Dan “Bean” Rubin

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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS: MICHAEL STEINBERG:

From the AP caption: Michael J. Steinberg, legal director for the ACLU of Michigan addresses the media on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014. A rap metal group sued the U.S. Justice Department over a 2011 FBI report that describes the duo’s devoted fans, the Juggalos, as a dangerous gang, saying the designation has tarnished their fans’ reputations and hurt business. (Joseph Bruce aka Violent J, and Joseph Utsler aka Shaggy 2 Dope at right)
I remember getting the news over the dinner table that our parents were sending us away to summer camp for a month. My brother, a veteran of camping from his time in the Scouts, immediately replied in disgust as our parents planned to “get rid of us” and “take away all the fun of staying at home”. As the younger brother, I followed his lead, not sure of what I was really arguing against. If Adam, who had been to camp, didn’t like it, then logically there was no chance I would either. I was ten years old.

After four weeks at Camp Coniston, I was hooked. The sports, the activities, the new friends I made— it was my paradise. I came back to Broadmeadow school in Needham glowing after my stint of independence four weeks, confident there was no way anyone else had as much fun as I did. I engaged conversations asking what people had done that summer and couldn’t wait for my turn to boast about my camp. To my surprise many of the conversation would go like this: “So how was the summer? What did you do?”

“It was awesome. I went to camp.”

“Really? Me too! I went to Camp Coniston for four weeks. I know, a whole month. It was awesome. Went swimming, played sports all day, made friends from all over and staff as well. Best time ever. You should have been there.”

“Oh cool. Yeah, I went to Bauercrest for eight weeks. We had a Color War, played sports all day, had Army-Navy day and did field trips to the beach and stuff. You should go to Bauercrest, it’s the best.” “The best? No no, Coniston was the best.”

There was no way another camp could compare. Back and forth, my friends and I would go story for story trying to one-up each other but it ended the same way every time, with no winner and a stubborn allegiance to our respective sides.

Now after 18 summers going to summer camp both as a camper, counselor, and administrator, I realize that we both were arguing for same thing. We both found that home away from home, where friendships pick up right where they left off, where dinner is an event and not just a meal, where losing your voice was simply part of the job, where you were comfortable doing anything for the first time, where you could be yourself and you enjoyed the self you became. This is the magic of camp I enjoyed as a kid and enjoy as a professional today. It’s this magic that made me the man I am today and is the reason why I have made it my career to deliver this magic to the next generation of campers.

After just a month here at Bauercrest, it is clear that the magic of Bauercrest is still here and there is an overwhelming passion for what Camp has done for you, and continues to do for hundreds of campers every summer. I am very excited to be your new Director here at Bauercrest and hope to help deliver!

Eric Rightor
TREMENDOUS RESPONSES TO OUR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

We are very pleased to report that our 2013 Annual Fund drive and additional donations as we have moved into 2014 have generated $175,000+ from more than 175 donors. This has been our most successful Annual Campaign yet, both in the number of donors and in the amount of the funds raised. It is quite evident many of our alumni and parents recognize the ongoing financial needs of the Camp for providing scholarships, making capital improvements and offering quality programming for the campers. We were able to generate additional funds this past year from the matching program provided by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Funds also came in to the Hillside Fund established in the memory of Sidney Sontz. We will be moving forward shortly with our 2014 Annual Fund Campaign. Please make every effort to continue to provide financial support to the Camp through these campaigns. Tuitions alone are not enough to provide the resources needed for the Camp. In a future issue of the BAN, we will recognize and list all our generous donors in 2013 and 2014.

Thanks again to all of you who help the Camp as we move forward towards our 84th season.

~ Arthur White
Development Committee Chair
Help Keep Counselors At Camp For Years To Come:  
Bauercrest Counselor Intern Program

Today, more than ever, the competition for college internships and post graduate jobs is fierce, even more so than when we were in school. The counselor staff at Bauercrest is often faced with having to choose between returning to the Hillside vs. competing for one of the few internships available during the summer months. A few of the senior counselors brought this to our attention after last season, and asked if there was anything we could do to help? The Board of Directors has been working with our counselors now for a couple of months, and we’re asking for your help too.

To help our counselors find internships they may have interest in, we have created a group on the networking website, LinkedIn, called the “Bauercrest Counselor Networking.” Here, Alumni and friends of Bauercrest, can post upcoming internships or potential employment opportunities that may be a fit for our counselors. We’d like to ask our alumni network to make our counselors aware of potential internships or job opportunities at the companies you’re working at, and, if possible, help guide them through the interview process. These could include both paid and unpaid, summer and winter internships, as well as full and part time jobs.

This group is a private group, meaning it’s just for the Bauercrest Counselor Staff and Alumni, and not the general public. So you will need to be granted access to the group. To request access to the group follow these steps:

Login to LinkedIn.... In the search box at the top of any page, select Groups from the dropdown list on the left. Then type “Bauercrest Counselor Networking.”.... There is a link to request access to the group..... This will send me a notification and I will add you to the group.

If you don’t have a LinkedIn account (it’s free) and want some help setting one up, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via LinkedIn or at david.auslander@gmail.com. Also, if you would prefer to have a potential internship posted for you, I can do that as well. Just reach out via email and let me know the details.

We’re very excited to be offering this to our counselors, and hope that you and this new program will help the current counselor staff return to Crest for as long as possible!

Crestly,  
David “Aussie” Auslander
Peter “Scratch” Harris writes: Just returned from my first ever trip to Hawaii, and we’ve had snow two of the last three days with single digit temperatures. Makes me wonder why we ever left such a beautiful paradise. When we bought the house in Arizona last year, the plan was to become snow birds in 4 or 5 years. Now I’m thinking this could be our last winter in the cold! Definitely losing my tolerance for snow and ice. All is well with the family.... Greg bought a condo in Somerville, and continues to work as a software engineer with Trip Advisor. Jenna is still in Brooklyn, working in the fashion industry with Kate Spade. Chances of getting her back to Boston look more remote with each passing year. Greetings to all my fellow Alumni with best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Ricky Kaplan writes: My older son is a freshman at UC-Boulder, and my younger son is a Junior in High School. It was a very enjoyable year for the Red Sox!.... Also, please check out “jeffsplacementrowest.org”..... This is an organization named after my brother.

Dave “Lips” Lipof: My thoughts and prayers go out to our fellow Alum Jim “Shimmy” Shaw, who has been struggling with health issues since our last Alumni Weekend. Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year! Congrats and Mazel Tov to fellow Alum Billy (and Rachel) Smoller (and the Smoller family) on the birth of their first child (Gabriel Seth Smoller). Deepest condolences to the family and friends of my former camper Mike Frankel.

Mark “Skeeball” Sklar writes: Been out on the West Coast 14 years now. Albie and Selma keep rolling along and just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. I miss Boston, but I am doing my best to exercise and support sports in general. For the health and enjoyment of it.

Michael “Steiny” Steinberg writes: All is well in Ann Arbor. In addition to serving as the legal director of the ACLU of Michigan, I am starting a Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Clinic this semester at Wayne State University Law School. I’d like to encourage alumni who are Facebook members to join the “Bauercrest Alumni” Facebook group. I have started to scan and post copies of yearbooks from 1949, 1974, 1975 and 1984, and I’ve got a few more yearbooks that I’m working on. Others should feel free to do the same with their yearbooks and other Crest photos and memorabilia, so that we have a complete electronic Crest archive. The website is also a great way to reconnect with Crest friends..... especially for those of us who are no longer in New England.

Don Grohman writes: 2014 marks 55 years since my first summer at the Crest - a lifetime of memories. Hoping for a great summer on the hill and another at Fenway Park!

George Gordon writes: Greetings from beautiful snowy Maine, where we live on the shore of Sebago Lake. I do enjoy reading about the Camp and its Alumni.... especially those from the 40's and 50's. I have many fond memories of my years there (1949 - 1955). I am now retired after practicing Periodontology in Portland from 1971 - 2010. A most enjoyable career. Our children (4 sons) are grown.... 2 are married with 4 grandkids who live in the Portland, Maine area..... so we see them regularly. What a joy! I just had my second knee replaced... the first was done a year ago. As a result, I will not be skiing this winter. My plans are to return to skiing next winter. Regards to all, especially those whom I knew at camp those many years ago and with whom I have not kept in touch. Take care and best wishes to all.

Marty Bloomfield writes: It is my hope that we have a full camp this summer! Happy New Year to all.
Ken “Mirage” Reisman writes: 50th year since my first year at the Crest in 1963 - Hope all is well. Spoke with Marvin in the past year - no real story - turn 64 on February 15th. Hello (or “shout out” - who says I’m not hip?) to Bento, Enzo, Fly, Marvin, Arthur W., Arthur and Billy Levin. See you next year at Fenway Park.

Larry Uman writes: Greetings to all my fellow campers. Where is Steve Weiner (the counselor)?

Harris Faigel writes: Currently retired, or as otherwise described, “gainfully unemployed”... but busy marketing two books published this year; “Alchemy: How Adolescence Changes Children into Adults” and “The Happy Heart Cookbook: Low Cholesterol Cooking for Life, 2nd Edition”. Retirement has meant more time to sail in the summer, ski in the winter, and travel in between.

Billy Schultz writes: Very excited to see my son Matthew on the Hillside in 2014.

Eric Kagan writes: I was thrilled that Sam had such a great time at the Crest for his first summer!

Peter Jaffe writes: My check is given in the memory of my cousin, James Simon. He was a camper at Bauercrest in the 40's and 50's, while his brother Robert attended, as well as my brother Richard and myself. Jimmy suddenly passed away recently (around the beginning of February, 2013). One more remark - Jimmy was very well liked and respected amongst his peers at the Crest, and an immediate “tap in” to be honored as a Mac, when he became eligible.

Haskell Jaffe writes: In the past I’ve asked where are Arthur “Butch” Selby, Dave Barron and Richie Segal - Happy to say that I recently saw Arthur Selby at Arnie Goodman’s funeral (unfortunately) and he looked amazing. I’ve been in touch with Dave Barron via E-Mail. Also, I’ve actually spoken with Richie Segal on the phone. Each of these individuals bring back to me such wonderful memories of Camp Bauercrest. Right now I have a torn achilles, however I should be fully recovered by the spring. A prediction..... look out for the Boston Celtics in 2015.

Dave “Gor” Gorlick writes: Bummed out that I could not make it to the “Weekend” this year. I hope everyone is doing well. Special shout out to Jimmy Shaw.... I hope you start feeling better soon.... Go Hog!

Marc “Bucky” Gordon writes: Hope everyone has a Happy New Year. Was so sad to hear about the passing of Michael Frankel. He was a great guy.

Paul and Barry Miller write: We sold the Miller Bot. Co. and are now enjoying retirement with our children and grandchildren.

Mike “MVD” Van Dam writes: I am happy to announce that my 4 year old son Parker knows the Bauercrest songs by heart.

Steve “Fish” Marlin writes: Looking forward to our 30th anniversary Alumni Weekend! Mark your calendars for August 22-24, 2014. This is the year to return to the Crest!

Matt Reason writes: Andrew Moss aand I are working on another business together, and we recently hired Ricky Kahn.
Bruce “Bruiser” Krystal writes: Linda and I have now been married fifteen years, and we have two daughters, Rebekah and Bella. We have been living in Weymouth, but we are in the process of moving to Cohasset. I have been running a research lab at Brigham and Women’s Hospital since 2007. We work on several disparate areas, including head injury, nutrition, and disease risk prediction. Best regards to all.

Andy “Elbows” Rafey writes: All is well here in the Baltimore area and wanted to drop a big hello and thanks to Bibs and all those others who wished me well when I had my open heart surgery in August. I am pain free for the first time in ages and almost back to normal. I hope to make it to the Crest this summer for the first time in two years.

Barry “Mildew” Milberg writes: Still shocked by the passing of Mike Frankel. My heart goes out to his family. Everything else basically the same on Long Island. Will have two kids in college next year, my mind thinks I should still be in college.

Mark “Spoon” Silverstein writes: Are the old Honor Boards from the 1950’s still around? If they are (or if anyone has pictures of them) I would love to revisit the names (1952 - 1957).... (note: I believe those Honor Boards are on display in the New Building)

Mike Reiss writes: Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Our daughter Talia turns 5 this year, while our son Nathan turns 2. Thinking about telling them all about “H. D. I.” - Great memories on the Hillside!

Glenn “K-Baum” Kirschbaum: In the news... “Glenn has signed on with Indigo Films. The Los Angeles office of Indigo Films opens with three programs deep in production and led by two-time Emmy award-winning producer Glenn Kirschbaum. Kirschbaum joins Indigo Films as a Showrunner, bringing more than 25 years of experience to the team. In his career, Kirschbaum has served as a writer, producer, director and showrunner for such television staples as Unsolved Mysteries and Haunted History.”


What’s in a Nickname?

Dave “Bento” Weintraub: I became known as “Benny”, derived from cousin Ross’s brother, who was the black sheep of the family at the time. One night while out drinking with my high school buds (and having many “buds”) one of my friends got out of control and just blurted out “Bento”, in my direction. Everyone else followed, and the rest is history.
Peter “Scratch” Harris: Let’s just say that I’m not that good a golfer, or that bad a pool player. Those who know the (real) story all say that it’s pretty lame.... so we’ll leave it at that.

Mike “Newbs, Albino” Newberg: I remember that it was Steve “Fly Trap” Levine who first called me “Albino”, due to the fact that my legs “never tanned”. I believe that it was Bibs who first called me “Newbs”.

Jimmy “Shimmy” Shaw: Received my nickname when I was a Soph A. Not very complicated.... Went from Jimmy Shaw to “Shimmy Jaw”.... later shortened to “Shimmy”. During the summer of 1975, I was often called “Shimmy Jaws” or just “Jaws”, due to the popularity of the Spielberg movie.

Randall “Spider” Kaye: I used to do this “walk” where I put my legs over my shoulders (it was actually a Talent Show act). Looked like a four-legged spider. I haven’t tried this in decades!

Bruce “Bruiser” Krystal: I’m not sure, but my recollection is that Mitch Hodus gave me the “Bruiser” nickname, potentially because of my strong basketball defense and rebounding (or, more likely, my total lack of skill and coordination making me a danger to friend and foe alike)...I was far from an elegant player on the court, especially as a Soph A and Junior.

Mike “Steiny” “Steinlicek” Steinberg: In 1975, the senior group all-star basketball played another camp (Camp Tel Noar?) and the entire Crest team was given nicknames based on famous basketball players. My name was Steinlicek, after my hero John Havlicek. There were others (e.g., Barry DiGrerodenstien, after Earnie DiGregorio, and Panda Bing, after Dave Bing), but Steinlicek was the only name that stuck past the game. While most people called me Steiny toward my later years at camp, a few campers and counselors still called me Steinlicek.

Dave “Gor” Gorlick: I have had several nicknames throughout my Crest career. The most enduring nickname is “Gor” or “Little Gor” when I was a camper. My waiter year I gave my self a nickname when I played soccer in league games. I coined myself “Gustavo” Gorlick Of IT-Aly. I would announce this everytime I kicked the ball or made as save as a goalie. In those days 1973 the only guys who really knew how to play soccer were Larry “ Needles” Neiterman, Glen “K-Baum” Kirshbaum, David “Steigy” Steigman, Alan Levenson, Joey Goldstein and Mark “Newyork” Brett who scored the one and only winning goal for Bob “Stoney” Stone’s Blue Devils. Another name which I anointed myself occurred in the late 70’s when I was a Soph A counselor. When I was playing hoop at the soph courts I would hit a short turnaround off the backboard and would announce basket by “E” as in Elvin Hayes who had an automatic turnaround off glass from 17 feet. I also would call myself “eeeee” in rec hall hoops as well.

Mark “Bibs” Smoller: I was playing whist in Bunk 17 (Junior A). My partner was Stan Esecson. We met back at Green Acres Day camp before the Crest. We had some code words for the suits. So if he said, “C’mon Smo-Bibs, we need this one.” I knew he had spades. “Toe-Bibs” was clubs, “Mo-Bibs hearts and I forgot what the 4th code word was, but it had a “bibs” at the end. Stan just made it up. For a while, I was “Smobibs”, and it got shortened to “Bibs”. So, it had nothing to do with the lack of ability to get food from my plate to my mouth.
Andy “Elbows” Rafey: It was somewhere around 1976 or 1977 and I had been talking with Alan Levenson who was a good guy and a heck of an athlete, and we were talking about on any given day an average athlete could beat a great one and he disagreed. I remember telling him that it applied to any sport (except hockey as I could not and still can’t skate worth a damn), and again he disagreed, so Alan then challenged me to a game of 21 in the old rec hall…the Uncle Joe Rec Hall. By all accounts Alan should have kicked my butt because he was that much better than me, but that one day I beat him 21-19. While Alan congratulated me afterwards as we walked back towards the head bunk, he told me the only reason why I beat him that day was because I was elbowing him and he couldn’t shoot. Later that night during free play after dinner, I was walking with one of my campers and Alan yelled over to me “Hey Elbows!”, and then Bibs, Dunk, Fly and Moby all started calling me Elbows and it has stuck for the past 37-plus years, and a GREAT memory.

Ken “Mirage” Reisman: The real story is that we used to see Scotty Barron at Salisbury and Hampton Beach on nights out and he would always say - “you didn’t see me…I’m only a mirage” - as he had sneaked out. So on the infamous day I was headed to a special all camp swim at the Waterfront because it was close to a hundred degrees, and I got called to dock duty… on my way, I got waylaid by Shpiel (Lenny Glick), Ted and Kenny Sorkin to play whist, telling them I had dock duty they said don’t worry , they have plenty of counselors, you will not be missed. After a couple of hands, I heard my name over the lake/camp-wide loud speaker to report to the waterfront - they did not have enough counselors to begin general swim.... as I sauntered down the hill to the Waterfront, WITH THE ENTIRE CAMP sweating in the bleachers, Scotty then bellowed—here he comes, it must be a mirage…and that’s how I got the nickname. The next year I went to UMASS, pledged AEPi and Shpiel, George (Hurwitz) and Stanley Karp, all Crest counselors that summer and AEPi brothers, said he already has a nickname… “Mirage” and its lasted a lifetime.

Dave “Lips” Lipof: The origin of my nickname, while it seems obvious, has a remarkable story attached to it. I was 10 years old, and sucked at sports! At summer camp (West End House) we held what was known as Watermelon League (an all-camp softball league, where everyone got to bat in each of 3 innings).... In any event (but never the less).....they stuck me in the deepest part of center field where I could do “no damage”. We had a 1 run lead, the bases were loaded, and the other team’s best batter was the last up. Wouldn’t you know - he hit the ball a ton out in my direction. Everyone was shouting at me.... I closed my eyes and stuck my crappy glove into the sky, and by some miracle, the ball went right into it - the game was over, and (apparently) thanks to me we won! I was carried back to the bunks on my teammates’ shoulders!! The Head Counselor came up to me and said, “from now on your not LIPOF - You’re “LIPS”...and that is how I earned my nickname. You could say I peaked early - I had gone from being a picked on NERD, to the kid everyone wanted to be with, at least for a day or two. The alternate nickname of “Lipsy” is PURE Bauercrest, and to my recollection it was given to me by the legendary Bauercrest Head Chef, Nathan. On Sunday mornings Nathan would fry up some chicken livers and gribbeners for the counselor staff, and for some reason, I was the delivery man. At around 11:00 am the announcement from Nathan would go out over the loudspeaker system, “Lipsy.... Livers!”, and the nickname stuck. In fact, most of my 2nd generation campers (from the 90’s) remember me as “Lipsy” largely because of our Free Play activity “Lipsy Says” (a derivation of Simon Says) in front of the Head Bunk. Uncle Saul Nechtem, long-time director of Bauercrest, had a unique and economical way of expressing himself. For some reason he would drop the “s”, and simply called me “Lip”. Perhaps I reminded him of baseball HOF’er Leo “The Lip” Durocher. Bibs has his own special nickname for me.... “Lottis” or “Lottie”, after Steve “Fly Trap” Levine’s aunt, “Lottie Lipper”.
ALUMNI WEEKEND 2013:
FRIDAY NIGHT ARRIVAL, TOP OF THE HILL
ALUMNI WEEKEND 2013 ~ FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE BIG HOUSE PORCH

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Mike Green, Ken Rubin, Jimmy Shaw

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Mark “Bibs” Smoller & Jeff “Gor” Gorlick
Alumni Weekend MVP’s,
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Scott Farmalant, Rob Brockman, Greg Radner

The infamous “Roger” makes a rare appearance at Alumni Weekend

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HOW GRADY SIZEMORE FINALLY LANDED WITH RED SOX

Grady Sizemore showed up at Athletes' Performance in Phoenix and started working with Eric Dannenberg, who implemented a new approach that was based upon not rushing things. It was why Sizemore chose not to sign with a team last September when afforded the opportunity, and why he took his time making any decisions this offseason. The invitations to all teams were sent out, along with a message: Yes, Sizemore's medicals might look uncomfortable, but the player looked anything but. Come to Athletes' Performance -- at any time -- watch Sizemore work out and see his physical conditioning first-hand, and then make a judgment. Sizemore was on the verge of signing with another team ("seconds away" according to one major league source) when Red Sox Sports Medicine Coordinator Dan Dyrek got the chance to look at the outfielder in Arizona. According to those with knowledge of the situation, the impression made by the Red Sox' medical man was immediate. (a nice contract offer from the Red Sox - and we have our own Eric Dannenberg and Athlete's Performance to thank for it). (excerpted from WEEI.COM - 1.23.14)

BOSTON CHICKEN CO-FOUNDER KIP KOLOW IS BACK WITH A NEW RESTAURANT HE HOPES TO TAKE NATIONAL

In 1985, Steven “Kip” Kolow and his partner, Arthur Cores, opened the first Boston Chicken location, in Newton. Ten years and 217 stores later, it became the now ubiquitous home-style-on-the-go restaurant chain, Boston Market. But when he felt the company’s direction had strayed from his original vision, Kolow left to pursue other endeavors. Now, with all of that long behind him, Kolow marks his return to the restaurant industry with the upcoming opening of SlowBones Modern BBQ at Burlington Marketplace, which he says is just stop number one on what he hopes will be a nationwide expansion. Kolow, 52, of Wayland, spoke with us about the lessons he’s learned during his time with Boston Chicken, his plans to make his BBQ joint a success, and his favorite dish on the new menu. (excerpted from The Boston Globe - 11.18.2013)
BAUERCREST SCENES 2013
“FROM OUR CAMPUS ON THE HILLSIDE”
Michael Jon Frankel, 49 of Longmeadow died Sunday, November 24, 2013, at Baystate Medical Center. He was born in Springfield and was a lifelong resident of the area. Michael was a graduate of Longmeadow High School, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts and received his law degree from NYU School of Law. He was a partner in the law firm Frankel Devlin LLC. Michael was the youngest chairman of the Jewish Geriatric Services and was currently serving on several boards and committee’s at JGS. He was also a member of Temple Beth El and was a past board member. He was predeceased by his mother Edna (Price) Frankel who died in 1992. Michael leaves his wife Donna (Migden) Frankel, two daughters; Emma and Joely, his father Seymour Frankel, two sisters; Robin (Daniel) Gurlitz and Nancy (Jim Pelletier) Frankel Pelletier, nephews; Jesse and Ben and a niece Eden.

From Greg Radner:
Many among us in the Bauercrest community were very close to Mike, and several of his friends recently discussed a way of making a donation to the camp in his memory. We wanted to pick a project that reflected Mike’s persona and one that he himself would have fully supported. After discussion with the board and Mike’s wife Donna, we’ve chosen a project to revamp the upper hoop court with a new and expanded surface, new lines, hoops, and fencing, and potentially adding seating and an electronic scoreboard. In short, our goal is raise $25,000 - $30,000 to create a showcase outdoor basketball court that would be a fitting tribute to Mike and provide a significant and lasting improvement to the daily lives of the campers. Our plan is to complete the project before camp opens this summer and formally dedicate it as the “Frankel Athletic Court” (or “FAC”) during Alumni Day on July 13, 2014. The goal is to raise the necessary funds by the end of March so work can begin in early spring. Contributions can be made by check payable to Camp Bauercrest (note “FAC” on the check) Mail to: Mark Smoller, 5 Cogswell Court, Needham, MA 02492.... or by donating on-line at www.bauercrest.org (click on the donate button). In either case, please email or call Greg Radner (781-718-5948 or gregradner@verizon.net) with your donation amount so we can keep track of the total. Those of you who would like to assist in this effort, please contact Greg. Any contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much.

From Jon Hulak:
Since learning of Mike’s passing, I’ve spent a great deal of time thinking about my years at camp and many of those memories involved Mike. I did what any Crest alum would do and pulled out my yearbooks. Every year as a camper, Mike and I were in the same group. It wasn’t until our waiter year in 1979 that we were in the same bunk. We were also Blue team co-captains, my one and only year as a camper captain. Our Bunk 19 year in 1980 was when we became friends. We celebrated a lot more than the Camp’s 50th that summer. That might be my most formative and memorable summer at the Crest. Mike figures into most, if not all of those memories. To Michael Frankel, “...go the men of faith and courage proud and true.”
Arnold “Arnie” Goodman
Bauercrest 1940’s -1960’s

July 27, 2013:
Arnie was born in Chelsea and graduated Chelsea High School, Class of 1950. He continued his education and graduated from Boston University, Class of 1955. Arnie was a teacher and coach in the Chelsea Public Schools for 38 years as well as serving as a referee. He was an avid sports fan who played semi-professional basketball and was inducted into the Chelsea Sports Hall of Fame for his athletic accolades; one of which was holding the scoring record in Chelsea High School Basketball for over 10 years. Arnie was known as “the voice” of Chelsea Football and was the founder of the Chelsea Coaches Association. He also started the Chelsea Men’s Softball League and initiated intramural sports at the Shurtleff Street School. He was a columnist for the Chelsea Record and a member of the Peabody Rent Control Board for 23 years. Arnie was a member of the Walnut Street Shul and Temple Ner Tamid. Arnie received “Man of the Year” awards from numerous organizations. Arnie was the beloved husband of Marlene (Rosoff) Goodman for 45 years, and the devoted father of Kimberly Goodman Cooperstein and her husband Marc Cooperstein of North Andover, MA, and Carrie Cohen and her husband Jeffrey Cohen of Middleton, MA. He was a loving son of the late Harry and Sarah (Selbovitz) Goodman. Arnie was the loving grandfather of Sarah, Sophie, David, Benjamin, and Ethan.

From Todd Nechtem:
I attended Arnie’s funeral yesterday...... A big Chelsea crowd paid their respects...... The city lost another icon. There were some great reflections of his time at Bauercrest and how much he loved the camp. I will personally miss him...... He was my coach and was very close to my Dad (the late Saul Nechtem).
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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT
The Upper Hoop Courts will be renovated into the Frankel Athletic Court (FAC) in the memory of Michael Frankel. To be dedicated Alumni Day on Sunday, July 13, 2014.

The suggested levels of contribution are $100, $250, $500, and $1000, but any amount will be greatly appreciated. There are 2 ways you can donate: Write a check, payable to Camp Bauercrest (please be sure to note “FAC” on the check). Mail to: Mark Smoller, 5 Cogswell Court, Needham, MA 02492. Or Donate on-line at www.bauercrest.org. For questions, please contact Greg Radner at 781-718-5948 or gregradner@verizon.net.

Please contribute to the “Frankel Athletic Court” Project: