

# Mr. Milton Turner, '81: A Man of Many Tastes and Languages

by John LePelley

If you happen to hear the slow smooth sounds of Santana exuding through the halls of the Modern Language Department, they are seeping through the walls of room 317. There you will find Mr. Milton Turner '81 working diligently on his laptop revising his web page under an eclectic mix of posters of French movies, Miles Davis, Carlos Santana, pictures of his journeys (such as one in Africa with Yassar Arafat) and various flags from across the world.

First walking onto this campus almost 24 years ago, Mr. Turner found his niche among the student body. Mr. Turner was

active with Student government, Delta Omega, and Campus Ministry. Through Campus Ministry, he was active with Black Catholic Input, a diocese-wide campus ministry youth group.

Mr. Turner acquired his interest in languages early on when he took French I - IV. Mr. Turner's dedication to language



acquisition is evident in that he learned four years worth of Spanish in a mere two when he was an upperclassman at Ignatius. As a matter of fact, a law firm co-worker, who had a bachelors in Spanish, started to teach Mr. Turner Spanish during the summer before his junior year. He loved it so much that he tested into Spanish II that autumn, and did an independent study of Spanish III the summer

after. And for his senior year, he took AP Spanish IV.

Being a typical over-achiever, AP Spanish IV was just one of three AP courses he took. He also took AP French

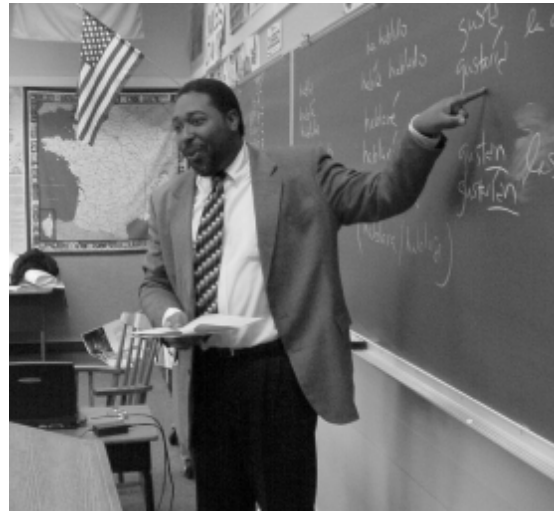
IV and English. Understanding Math and the Sciences took some work, but as far as learning languages and literature, He says, "It was just easy for me," and "languages just clicked." They clicked so much that he now knows ten languages. Including English, he knows,

French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Catalan, Arabic, Provençal, Nissart, and for all you Trekkies, Klingon.

Mr. Turner graduated in 1981 (the last class to wear caps and gowns) and went on to study French and Linguistics at Georgetown University. Mr. Turner spent his Junior year of college in France at the Universite de Nice. While in France, Mr. Turner's philosophy from the great master Yoda, "Do or don't do, there is no try," lived in his continued excellence in learning as he received higher grades than most of his French classmates.

On one particular tough examination, Mr. Turner received an 18/20 when most of the other students received scores of 13's and 14's. In France, the grading style is different, whereas a score of a 20 is "only for God" and 18's and 19's for Mr. Turner. In 1985, Mr. Turner returned from France to complete his senior year at Georgetown.

After college Mr. Turner had a lot of odd jobs ranging from selling encyclopedias door-to-door to bar tending. He did his jobs while doing graduate work in translation. After being introduced to his brother's French



Mr. Turner, '81, describes the intricacies of the French language to his students.

teacher from Clark Atlanta University, Mr. Turner was offered teaching positions at the Univer-

Spanish and French classes. Mr. Turner also built St. Ignatius' first web site in 1997 and served as the school's World Wide Web Integration advisor. From 1998 - 1999, along with Mr. Ward, he was co-web master. Mr. Turner's integration of technology into his classroom can be seen at [www.maturner.com](http://www.maturner.com) where you can find anything from student video projects and class presentations to personal editorials and speeches.

Another way in which he has incorporated technology into the classroom is by winning

an MBNA grant through their Excellence in Education program for a Modern Language DVD Listening Project. With the money from the grant, Ignatius will benefit from his purchase of a DVD player, 32" television, TV cart, and about 15-20 DVD's as well as a site license so that the school will be able to legally show the movies.

In a speech he gave to the National Honor Society in 1997, Mr. Turner said that his love for languages and literature is "a love I, as a teacher here at Ignatius, hope to pass on to you."

## Speech and Debate Garners State Championship and Free Day

by Dan DiMassa and Anthony Fior

News of St. Ignatius High School's athletic success permeates all corners of the media. This past month, however, the Speech and Debate team garnered a state championship, thus memorializing the Ignatian academic tradition. The team was led by twin titans - Mr. Joe Buzzelli and Mr. Richard Fujimoto '66.

Mr. Fujimoto, who's been busy directing *Kiss Me Kate*, triumphantly trained the team's victorious speech sector. Unlike the debaters, members of the speech team remain after school to practice monologues, duets, and various segments from plays. Mr. Fujimoto recommends the practice of speech for those students who wish to perform in Ignatius's plays and musicals.

This year, freshman phenomenon Brian Schultis missed state qualifying by a single point, while sophomore David Hoover advanced to the quarter finals in the state tournament. Excelling in his labors, Junior Blaine McGovern will proceed to the national tournament, where tough competition flourishes.

He will travel to Oklahoma in June under the guidance of Mr. Fujimoto, who he simply states is "awesome." In his battle for prominence, McGovern will perform a monologue from *The Judas Kiss*, reenacting the role of Oscar Wilde.

Since 1978 Joseph Buzzelli, the

eloquent and confident speech teacher, who roams the 5th floor of the Main Building, has guided and educated numerous Ignatius debaters in their quest for perfection.

Mr. Buzzelli, who is a Double Diamond Coach in the National Forensic League and a member of the OHSSL's coach hall of fame, helped bring a state championship to St. Ignatius this year.

Varsity debaters Pat Carney, Bret Anderson, Dan Fehrenbach, Anthony Bramante, and Tom Dowd learned from Mr. Buzzelli's tutelage.

Novice Debaters Karl Liebenauer, Ian McKay, and Srinivas Kondapalli also aided from his help. Since 1986 Buzzelli has continually directed students to National and State Qualifiers.

This year the Debate Octa-Finalists included Tom Dowd and Sean Adkison on the Varsity level as well as Dan Fehrenbach in Policy and his partner Anthony Bramante.

Putting a minimum of fifteen hours a week into research, these Ignatians also attended workshops over the summer at Wake Forest, the University of Kentucky, Emory University, and in addition attended Regional tournaments in New York.

When Mr. Buzzelli was asked about this influential academic extracurricular he said, "It is one of the few academic extracurriculars that the compe-

tion is secondary to the learning experience. It develops character, technique, involving every communication skill of reading, writing, and speaking. The critical thinking skills are developed to the maximum."

## Shawn Moulton: He Knows N'Sync

by Joe Rath

EYE: Rumor has it that one way or another you have come across some stars in the pop music business and elsewhere ...who have you met?

Shawn: Well I've met lots of people but I haven't actually hung out with some like I have others.

EYE: Like...

Shawn: I have met celebrities such as N'Sync, Dream, Boyz and Girlz United, Elton Brand, Joe, Britney Spears, O Town, Carson Daly, Tara Lipinski, PYT, and the list goes on.

EYE: But you're tightest with N'Sync right? How did you meet them?

Shawn: Well back in 8<sup>th</sup> grade I started making videos with my good friend Dr.Rymez and we sent them to people we based and modeled our lives on-including N'Sync. So Steve Fatone, who is Joey Fatone (N'Sync member)'s brother, saw our videos and called up Dr.Rymez. Our numbers were included in the videos. So Doc

went to their house and they eventually wanted to meet me, so they did and I met them.



Shawn Moulton, '03, second from left, is seen here with N'Sync(back row).

EYE: What were the videos all about?

Shawn: Like the kind of stuff you would see on Tom Green.

EYE: How well did you get to know N'Sync?

Shawn: Well we went to some clubs and parties with them, and we talked to them online and stuff.

EYE: I also heard you danced on stage at one of their concerts?

Shawn: Lexington, Kentucky show ...during "Just Got Paid".

is amazing - from the role playing to the research, hard work abounds. Through stalwart leadership and unrelenting effort, these talented students have honored the Ignatian tradition of excellence.

EYE: Alright enough about N'Sync. I see in your list you've met Britney Spears?

Shawn: Yeah well she'd always be with Justin but they'd just hide from everyone and lock themselves in hotel rooms.

EYE: Why would they do that?

Shawn: I'm not really sure...

EYE: That isn't really meeting her.

Shawn: No I've met her like "Hi, nice to meet you too." Also, I was in the same elevator with her-it was me, Britney Spears, Doc Rymez, and Britney's bodyguard. This was at an Embassy Hotel in Cincinnati. She was acting all snobby, though, by screaming at people, "CAN SOMEBODY GET ME A ROOM?!"

EYE: Before you go, one last question. Backstreet Boys?

Shawn: What are they? #2 on TRL. That's pitiful.