CLASSMATES NEW BOOKS

Billion-Dollar Ball
A Journey Through the Big-Money Culture of College Football
Gilbert M. Gaul
Two-Time Winner of the Pulitzer Prize

Gil Gaul has written a new book about Big Money in College Football that is certain to reach the “Best Seller” list. The book is coming out August 25th. I know that many of our Classmates are looking forward to read this account of College Football by the two time Pulitzer Prize winner.

Mike Tully is the co-author of a recently published book on “Sports Psychology”. Mike is a former international sports writer, and then a high school and NCAA coach. Mike has spoken to students, coaches, teachers and businesses in 21 states. He is author of "The Improvement Factor: How Winners Turn Practice into Success."

Think Better, WIN MORE!
How Sport Psychology Can Make You a Champion
Rob Gilbert, Ph.D. and Mike Tully
Jim MacDonald—Named a 2015 Fellow of the Agricultural & Applied Economic’s Association (AAEA)

Jim MacDonald is currently chief of the Structure, Technology, and Productivity Branch at USDA’s Economic Research Service (ERS). As branch chief, he builds teams and supervises ERS research on farm structure, productivity, field practices, and agricultural research and innovation, while co-managing USDA’s Agricultural Resource Management Survey.

MacDonald’s research focuses on the industrial organization of food and agriculture. It covers traditional IO concerns with competition and pricing, but extends to analyses of the causes and consequences of structural change in industries. Notable studies include analyses of the effects of railroad deregulation on grain transportation; the causes and consequences of consolidation in livestock production and meatpacking; the changing organization and structure of US agriculture; entry and exit in food processing; USDA food procurement auctions; and competition and retail food pricing. He has been an innovator in applying administrative data from Federal agencies, as well as record-level data from Federal statistical surveys, to these issues. His work has been widely cited in regulatory and policy decisions as well as in academic circles.

Jim joined ERS in 1980. Jim received a PhD, in economics, from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and a Bachelor’s degree from Siena College.

Alter Egos, Made in Jersey

Like his fictional creation, Jack Madsen, the author Ron Felber lives by a code. “ Discipline has a lot to do with it,” says Felber. The second installment in his Madsen thriller series, The Kafka Society, was issued in May by Barricade Books.

The writer and his fast-living alter ego share a history as former boxers and white-collar types. Madsen’s made-up past includes a Wall Street career; Felber is the CEO of Chemetall, a New Providence chemical treatment company.

Still, there are differences. “I’ve never killed anyone,” says the author, 51. “And I’ve never faked my death and deserted my family.”

Felber, who lives in Mancham, was raised in Newark and credits his education at St. Benedict’s Prep for sharpening his focus on the moral failings that help define the characters in his books. One of his works, 2004’s Il Dottore: The Double Life of a Mafia Doctor (Barricade), the true story of a doctor who treated New York and New Jersey crime families, became the basis for The Mob Doctor, a short-lived Fox TV series.

Now Felber is pursuing a film or TV treatment for the Madsen series, which kicked off last year with the critically praised A Man of Indeterminate Value (Barricade).

“There’s a lot of interest,” he says. Both books, says the author, have an edginess and a depth informed by his Jersey youth. “When I was growing up the Mafia was as present as the Catholic church,” Felber says. “That era’s gone, but it left a flavor. We’re a state with a lot of color, a band of real characters.”

NOT GUILTY: Author Ron Felber shares much with his characters—although, he notes, “I’ve never killed anyone.”
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The "SBP Class of 1969 Charitable Trust" has obtained final approval from the IRS as a tax exempt trust. We hope to use the Trust as a vehicle for a full range of charitable purposes on behalf of the Class of 1969.

Congratulations to Fr. Edwin! St. Benedict's Headmaster received the Award of Excellence from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. He was among five distinguished honorees at the 15th Annual Awards of Excellence Dinner at Nanina's In The Park, Belleville.

BILL SCHETLICK, RETIRED ATTORNEY, ENJOYING HIMSELF WITH OTHERS AT THE 2015 WEST ORANGE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE