

Robert Luther "Rhino" Edens III who earned his nickname on the gridiron of St. Paul's, died on July 10, 2012, in Palm Beach, Fla., at the age of 60.

Born December 27, 1951, he was the son of Robert L. Edens Jr. and Frances Talbert Knight. Mr. Edens and his family spent his first 10 years in Ardsley-on-Hudson, N.Y., before moving to the North Shore of Chicago, a change that was difficult for this lifelong New York Giants fan, though he later wrote in his application to St. Paul's, "I settled down and found that I liked living in the middle west very much." Prior to arriving at St. Paul's, he attended Greeley and Skokie Schools in Winnetka, Ill., where he was highly regarded by his teachers.

Mr. Edens entered St. Paul's as a Third Former. His large stature and gregarious personality earned him the nickname of "Rhino" on and off the football field. He was a member of La Junta and the Forum. During his Sixth Form year, he joined a group of 52 SPS boys in a nine-week exchange program with the all-girls Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Mass. The exchange was described in an SPS press release as "the longest co-educational exchange ever attempted by two independent schools."

Mr. Edens served as a dorm supervisor as a Sixth Former. A former faculty member wrote, "Edens has been a wonderful, wholesome, outgoing boy who adds a lot of warmth to the community."

Following his graduation, Mr. Edens entered the University of Virginia and joined the St. Elmo fraternity, where he became a legendary member, described in a 2003 *New York Times* article as someone who "wore sunglasses indoors and played Monopoly with cash." Mr. Edens was described by friends as an iconoclast and skeptic. He was also known to be extremely generous with family and friends.

After an early career in the securities industry, he became a collector and dealer in English and American antiques. He leaves behind many devoted friends as well as his sister and brother-in-law, Stephanie and Jay Wilson; and five nieces and nephews, including a godson, Luke Wilson. Friend "Tres" Davidson III wrote on behalf of the Form of 1970, "We will always remember Rhino for his indomitable spirit. Just as with our patron saint [St. Paul], Rhino didn't suffer fools gladly. . . ."