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PADRES CELEBRATE END OF 34-YEAR CURSE

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT MR. MICHAEL PETERSON



During the past twenty-nine years that I have been at Junipero Serra High School, there have been many significant changes to our campus. In addition to having over 5,000 young men graduate from our halls during this time, we have also:

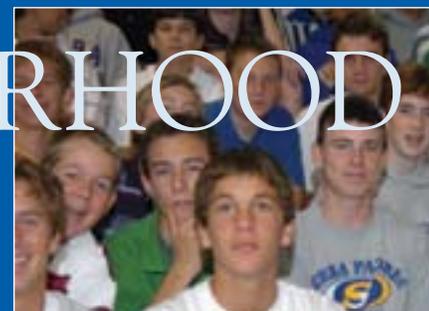
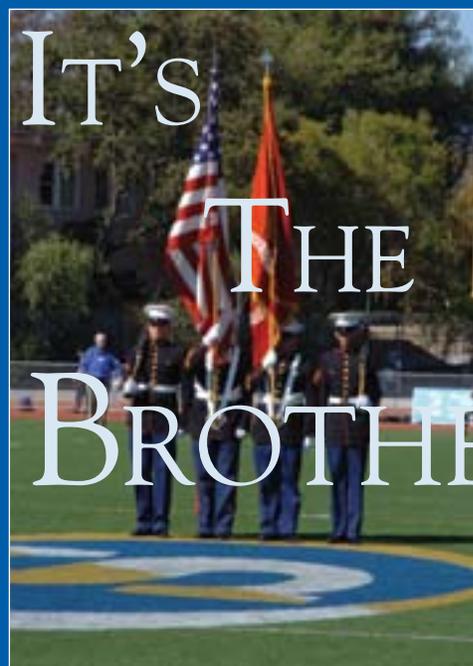
- ♦ Remodeled every classroom . . . twice
- ♦ Renovated the locker room
- ♦ Seismically upgraded our campus
- ♦ Added a parking structure to our campus
- ♦ Installed an all weather track . . . three times
- ♦ Established an Art Program
- ♦ Established a state-of-the-art Technology Program
- ♦ Renovated the Chapel
- ♦ Added Development Offices
- ♦ Upgraded the condition of our hallways
- ♦ Added new baseball & football bleachers
- ♦ Installed a field turf football field
- ♦ Established a nationally recognized Academic Resource Center

All of the above improvements were made possible by the generosity of our benefactors and we continue to rely on the support of the Serra community. Nonetheless, as noteworthy as the above accomplishments have been, I believe that an even more exciting program is on the horizon for Serra -- namely our Planned Giving Program, THE FATHER SERRA HERITAGE SOCIETY. If you would like to be a founding member of our heritage society, please refer to page 24 of this issue or call the Development Office at (650) 573-9935.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Peterson".

Michael Peterson
Director of Institutional Advancement



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR. LARS LUND

Dear Alumni and Friends,

In a series of letters to parents last year, I reflected on the ways our current students live out the Credo of a Serra Man. The Credo is read aloud at the annual student body assembly at which we award the Junipero Serra Medal to the Alumni of the Year. In this edition of Traditions, you will find but a few examples of how our alumni continue to live out the Credo throughout their lives. By way of reminder, the Credo is as follows:

He is a Serra man for whom the promotion of Almighty God's glory is a cherished duty, for whom the salvation of his soul is paramount. He believes that charity and justice towards all is the fulfilling of the whole law. He believes that the pursuit of wisdom is an exalted privilege. He believes in whatever is good, true and beautiful. He believes that the furthering of his school's honor and prestige is a challenging responsibility. He believes in Junipero Serra High School and cherishes the years he has been privileged to spend in her fostering care.

One of the hallmarks of a Serra education is the fact that alumni have chosen to return to Serra to serve as teachers. Although there is no doubt that these talented and well-educated men would have excelled in any professional endeavor, they have chosen to return to Serra and serve as outstanding role models to their younger Padre brothers.

Please join me in thanking and offering prayers of gratitude to the following Serra alumni who live out the Credo of a Serra Man as faculty and staff:

Dean Ayoob '92	Assistant Athletic Director, Assistant Varsity Football Coach
Russ Bertetta '67	Director of Development and Alumni Relations
Kevin Carey '93	Instructor, Advanced Placement United States History and JSA Moderator
Perry Carter '84	Chair, Mathematics Department and Honors Mathematics Instructor
Christian Clifford '89	Instructor, Theology and Social Studies
Ron DiMaggio '97	Instructor, Mathematics and Social Studies, Assistant Coach Cross Country and Track
Patrick Duggan '71	Instructor, Advanced Placement United States Government
Sean Dugoni '89	Instructor, Social Studies and Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach
Joel Ferrando '90	Chair, English Department, Moderator of the Serra Friar
Chris Houle '92	Instructor, Mathematics and Computer Science, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach
Tim Kennedy '95	Academic Resource Center Assistant and Junior Varsity Basketball Coach
Joe Kmak '81	Mathematics Instructor and Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
Ted Morton '85	English Instructor and Speech Club Moderator, currently on sabbatical (check out his "Morton in Mexico" web journal at www.serrahs.com)
Chuck Rapp '86	English Instructor, Varsity Basketball Coach
Tom Sullivan '81	Professional Development Coordinator and Advanced Placement English Instructor

Junipero Serra High School is a community enlivened by rich traditions, great students and a very bright future. Thank you for your support of Serra and in our efforts to educate men of "Faith, Wisdom and Service."

Sincerely,

Lars Lund
Principal

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF REGENTS

MR. ROBERT SULLIVAN



Dear Alumni and Friends of Serra,

The members of the Board of Regents have not let the “moss grow under their feet” this year. Quite the contrary as evidenced by the following:

Phase II of Serra’s Master Plan, “BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE”:

The Phase II Core Team has hired a consultant to assist with important planning and preparation for a major fundraising effort in support of the construction of a New Art and Music building, a new pool, additional classrooms, new facilities for the Academic Resource Center and expanded locker, training and custodial facilities. This effort will build on previous campaigns that have made Serra’s campus an effective setting for 21st Century learning. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is provided sound advice regarding upkeep and enhancements to current facilities and is playing a key role preparing Serra for construction of the new facilities of Phase II of our Master Plan.

Admissions Marketing:

Although applications to Serra increase at records paces each year, our Admissions Marketing Committee is doing a wonderful job enhancing our efforts to better tell Serra’s story to future Padres and their families. The school will begin implementing recommendation from this committee in time for the 2007 admissions effort.

Strategic Planning:

The Strategic Planning Committee has provided significant input regarding our efforts to enhance Campus Ministry programs and staffing, has recommended the adoption of a new 21st Century Learning Committee to the Board of Regents, and is doing important work researching programs that will allow us to continue to recruit and retain high quality, mission-driven teachers..

Financial Planning:

The Development Committee has established a new Planned Giving Program that will allow our endowment to grow and has implemented a number of steps that will increase participation in our Fund-a-Dream Program, which is a major source of funds for our Financial Aid Program. The Finance Committee, of which I was a member prior to being named board chair, have proven themselves as effective stewards of tuition and fundraising dollars. The members of this committee do an outstanding job advising and assisting the Principal and the Business Manager with the development of the school’s annual budget, as well as with planning for Serra’s long-term financial health.

The students and alumni of Junípero Serra High School make a vital contribution to the common good on the local, state, national and international levels. They have proven themselves as men of Faith, Wisdom, and Service. Your support of Serra has made this possible.

In the next edition of Traditions, I will give you an update regarding our efforts to ensure the successful fundraising for and construction of the facilities earmarked for Phase II of our Master Plan. Until then . . . Go Padres!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

Robert Sullivan
Chair of the Advisory Board of Regents



Sophomores John Blickenstaff '09 and Ian Keane '09

DON'T THROW IT AWAY LET THEM PLAY

A donation drive for underprivileged kids in need of sports equipment was started in the Fall semester by sophomores John Blickenstaff and Ian Keane. The program, "Don't Throw it Away, Let Them Play" collects used, good-quality sports equipment, which is in turn donated to schools with students who can't afford the sports equipment they need. Some of the items being collected include cleats, balls, shin guards, racquets, bats, mitts, baseball clothes, athletic shoes, jerseys, and shorts.

"We've collected hundreds of items," said John Blickenstaff. "In fact, the collections went so well, we're going to do it every year and keep giving it to the kids who need it the most."

"We thought this would be a good idea because so many of us have stuff in our garages that we no longer use," said Keane. "Lots of us have been playing sports since we were four or five so instead of throwing away the old equipment, we thought we could help put it to good use."

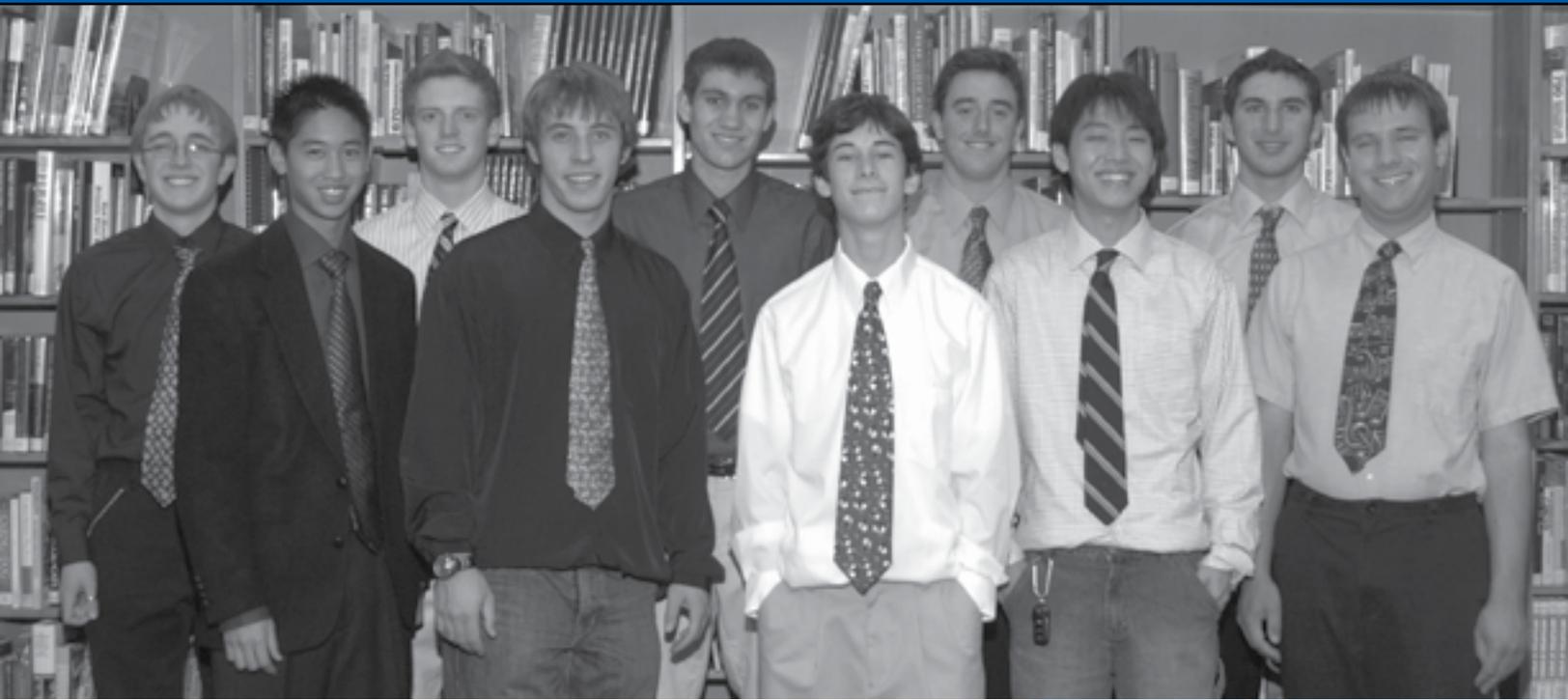
So far, the response has been tremendous and Jon and Ian are hoping that other students will read about it and start a drive at their own school. In fact, John's younger brother, Alex, did the same thing at Crocker Middle School in Hillsborough and contributed many items to the drive. "We'd really like to get more schools on the Peninsula involved," said John.

So far, donations have been given to the DeMarillac School in San Francisco which serves children in the Tenderloin District, Bayshore Elementary School and Robertson Intermediate School. Additional schools are being added because of the amount of equipment that has been collected.



THE TRADITION Continues . . . 20 PADRE SONS IN THE CLASS OF 2010

Twenty freshmen whose fathers are Padre grads are now part of the school's capacity enrollment. The school currently has a total of 67 alumni sons in the student body. Pictured above are: Back row (L to R): Collin Dubios (Ronald 1970), John Milestone (Robert 1973), Zachary Adamis (David 1983), Jordan Morrow (Leonard 1980), Brendan Hart (Greg 1976), Andrew Lucha (David 1976), Christopher Mansfield (Thomas 1971), Kyle Ferris (Andrew 1983), Matthew Nichol (Tom 1982), Stephen Wandro (Robert 1976); Front Row (L to R): Matthew Vinal (Bob 1978), Bryan Nichol (Tom 1982), Paul Mooney (Bernard 1969), Chris Giotinis (Mike 1977), Corey Sullivan (Tom 1981), Daniel Piombo (Robert 1970), Nick Wilkinson (Steve 1975), Cole Cattaneo (Keith 1984), Travis Frank (Glenn 1980); Not pictured: Michael Kenny (Daniel 1975).



Pictured from L to R: Patrick Niemeyer, Marcus Tong, Rob Broderick, Brad Satterwhite, Jeff Flaherty, Alan Terranova, Tanner Fornesi, Andy Sun, SM Jafar Mahmood and Mark Craig

2007 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Eight Serra seniors have been named as commended students in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program and are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2007 competition.

In addition, seniors [Patrick Niemeyer](#) and [Marcus Tong](#) have been named as Semifinalists and will now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship Awards that will be offered next spring. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state.

“Recognition of academically talented students and the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “The young people being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program.”

PADRE STUDENTS APPEAL TO PADRE ALUMS

Padre volunteers spent several evenings in November appealing to Padre Alums in this year’s Annual Alumni Fundraising Phonathon. This year’s goal is to raise \$90,000.00. As of December 30, 2006, generous Padres have donated \$60,000.00.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP TO REACH OUR GOAL!

If you haven’t already made your gift to our Annual Appeal/Phonathon, it’s not too late! Send your check today or donate online by logging on to Serra’s website at www.serrahs.com. Click on “Giving to Serra” located in both the Alumni and Development sections.

Each and every gift from our alumni truly does make a difference. We hope to see your name as part of our Honor Roll of Donors in next year’s Annual Report. Thank you for your support!





Principal Lars Lund, Bill Killilea '56 and Alumni & Development Director Russ Bertetta '67

BILL KILLILEA '56 RECEIVES JUNIPERO SERRA AWARD

Bill Killilea '56 was presented with the Junipero Serra Award during the Annual Alumni Awards Assembly held in Serra's packed gym full of almost 1,000 young men, faculty, staff, and several of Bills' classmates from the Class of '56.

The Junipero Serra Award is presented to an alumnus who

best exemplifies, through his life, the mission of Junipero Serra High School.

Alumni Director Russ Bertetta '67 introduced Bill as a man who continues "to make a difference in the lives of others . . . a man who exemplifies his faith through his actions."

During his late twenties, Killilea moved to Indiana where he still resides and, for over forty years, has graciously given back to his community. He has served on a number of Boards, including the Share Foundation (a residential facility for enabled adults), St. Monica's School Board and Parish Council, Marian High School Board, Granger Indiana Rotary, South Bend Community Foundation, the American Red Cross, the Scholarship Foundation of St. Joseph County, St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce, the Center for the Homeless, and Project Future . . . just to name a few.

Killilea has had a highly successful business career as well. Serving as Vice President of Marketing at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Bill spent 12 years working for the Hospital Foundation overseeing marketing, public affairs and community relations. He also spent 26 years as President/CEO of Killilea Oldsmobile in Mishawaka, Indiana. He is a graduate of Notre Dame University (BA).

It is Bill's passion and dedication to a program known as Hannah's House, however, that he is most proud and deserving of the Junipero Serra Award.

Hanna's House (a program through Catholic Charities) is a Christian-based maternity home located in Mishawaka, Indiana. The home serves unwed pregnant women who have chosen *life* for their babies.

Hanna's House provides a safe place to live, assists with prenatal care, education, employment, counseling, life skills and parenting skills. Without these services, many pregnant women would be homeless, with no opportunity to become independent and empowered to make positive choices for their lives and for the lives of their baby.

Under Bill's leadership as past President and Board Member, he has secured financial support, strengthened the board, and provided encouragement when needed the most. His business experience in grant writing and developing community partnerships has been immeasurable.

The Director of Hannah's House, Karen DeLucenay, nominated Bill for the Governor's Award for Service and Volunteerism stating, "Bill's passion for our mission stems from his Catholic background and strong belief in the sanctity of life. He demonstrates his commitment to serve Christ by 'seeing

the big picture.' The circle of support for Hanna's House has grown thanks to Bill. The ultimate security that our doors will remain open is a blessing to our community. His unwavering commitment has resulted in helping women choose life versus abortion."



Student Body President Jason Whitney '07 presents Bill Killilea '56 with a Padre sweatshirt.



Classmates from the Class of 1956 join Bill Killilea for Junipero Serra Award Ceremony



Jan Hamman & Bill Killilea '56



SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMENDS SERRA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT



Jon Hayward '07 & San Mateo County
Sheriff-Elect Greg Munks

On Wednesday, December 13, 2006, Sheriff-Elect Greg Munks presented senior [Jon Hayward](#) with a Sheriff's Commendation for using his creative talents to create the Sheriff's Gang Intelligence Unit's new website. The website enables the public to report gang activity, find information for parents to teach their children about gangs, view wanted subjects and create gateways to other useful websites. In addition, Jon translated the public version into Spanish.

During this past summer, Hayward was asked by Serra Alums [Tom Gallagher '85](#) (Sergeant of the Gang Intelligence Unit) and Deputy [Bill Fogarty '88](#) for some input in creating the website. Hayward decided to take it a step further by designing and creating the entire site.

Sheriff-Elect Munks presented the commendation to Jon on behalf of Sheriff Horsley and thanked him for donating a significant portion of his summer to the project. Supervisor Rose Jacobs-Gibson also presented Hayward with a letter of appreciation for his efforts and praised him for his work.

Jon's parents, as well as Alumni & Development Director Russ Bertetta, attended the ceremony along with several chiefs of police including Redwood City Police Chief Carlos Bolanos.

Jon continues to add to the site, which maintains some Serra flair with a "blue and gold" background. Sergeant Gallagher said, "The general website is a great tool for the public with reference sections and reporting capabilities."

On a side note, several of the Police Chiefs and dozens of law enforcement officers of various ranks in San Mateo County are graduates of Serra High School.

Website: smsogang.org



Jon Hayward '07 & San Mateo County
Supervisor Rose Jacobs-Gibson



Robin Crawford, Khiry Crawford '07,
and Serra Counselor Steve Farren

KHIRY CRAWFORD '07 RECEIVES "WINNERS BREAKFAST" AWARD

Senior [Khiry Crawford](#) was selected by Serra High School to receive the Family Service Agency of San Mateo County "Winners Breakfast Award" for 2007. Khiry was recognized for overcoming difficult family circumstances and learning disabilities to achieve academic success at Serra.

The Winner's Breakfast is an annual event that brings together local businesses, school districts and community leaders to honor high school seniors who have overcome severe personal obstacles to graduate. Family Service is taking the lead in recognizing the achievements of these quiet heroes.

The awards breakfast and ceremony will be held in April at the Hyatt Regency, San Francisco Airport in Burlingame. Over 600 people will be in attendance to honor approximately twenty-five "Breakfast Winners" from high schools throughout the Bay Area. Khiry will receive an award as well as a \$500 scholarship.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS



Serra's Performing Arts Department received accolades for their Fall play performance of "*The Miracle Worker*," a play by William Gibson based upon Helen Keller's autobiography, "The Story of My Life." It tells the story of the relationship between a deaf and blind girl and Annie Sullivan, the teacher who brought her into the world of education. The play ran on Broadway for almost two years and starred Patty Duke as Helen Keller. The play was also made into an Academy Award winning film in 1962 and starred Patty Duke (as Helen) and Anne Bancroft (as Annie Sullivan).

Cast List (In order of Appearance): Doctor: Alex Jordan; Kate Keller: Adrianna Ehandi; Captain Keller: Brad Satterwhite; Helen Keller: Lauren Rhodes; Martha: Jenise Spiteri; Percy: Kyle Poland; Aunt Ev: Emma Jepsen; James: Patrick Niemeyer; Anagnus: Alex Maggi; Annie Sullivan: Jessica Malekos-Smith; Viney: Brendan Quirk; Blind Children: Amanda Downing, Jenise Spiteri; Servant: Addison Goss; Jimmie: Alex Jordan; Crone 1: Amanda Downing; Crone 2: Jenise Spiteri; Crone 3: Addison Goss

Dan Demers, Director
Bob Sullivan, Technical Director

“THREE SERRA TENORS” MAKE THEIR MARK

Three members of Serra’s Men’s Chorus made their mark recently at a Christmas concert sponsored by *Viva La Musica*, a community mixed-voice, adult choir run through Notre Dame de Namur University.

Brendan Quirk ‘07, Alex Jordan ‘08, and Robert Monk ‘07 were the only high school students in the group of 60 talented singers.

Alex and Robert were given solos in one of the numbers and the three of them, nicknamed “The Three Serra Tenors,” by Shulamit Hoffman, Artistic Director of Viva La Musica, were given special recognition and gifts at the dress rehearsal before the concerts.

“The experience was special for many reasons,” said Serra’s Visual & Performing Arts Director Jay Jordan, who has worked with Viva on and off for the past four years. “I was able to sing side-by-side with my son Alex; Robert’s mother also sang with the group; and we performed the glorious Mozart Requiem -- one of the most thrilling pieces of music ever written, complete with full orchestra and soloists. I know that Brendan, Alex and Robert were all very proud to be part of such a professional experience.”



Pictured from L to R: Serra’s Performing Arts Director Jay Jordan, Brendan Quirk ‘07, Artistic Director - Viva La Musica Shulamit Hoffman, Alex Jordan ‘08 and Robert Monk ‘07

Ryan Svendsen ‘06 Performs at House of Blues in Los Angeles

There’s no denying that trumpeter **Ryan Svendsen ‘06** made the most of his high school years while attending Serra. Now at UCLA as a trumpet performance major, Ryan continues to make noise with his horn. After being rated fifth out of forty-five trumpet majors, including Masters and Doctoral candidates, Ryan decided to test the waters in the ‘real world’ of professional music. A chance meeting with the manager of pedal steel guitar virtuoso and popular recording artist Robert Randolph led Ryan to offer his services as a trumpeter if Randolph was ever performing in the Los Angeles area. The manager told Ryan to go home and learn all the trumpet parts to Randolph’s new album and then show up at the famous club, House of Blues in Los Angeles on a night that Randolph was performing.

“I went to the House of Blues in LA on the Sunset Strip for the Robert Randolph and the Family Band gig and they had no idea a trumpet player was coming,” said Ryan. “I soon found out this was because they have two managers and the one that told me to come wasn’t there (and he didn’t tell anyone else that I was coming). Bruce Flohr, the manager on duty, said ‘Sorry, I just can’t let you play. I can’t trust putting you on stage with Robert. How about you just meet the guys for the night.’

Then, Robert Randolph walked in the room. The club manager explained that



Robert Randolph & Ryan Svendsen ‘06



Ryan performing solo with Robert Randolph & The Family Band

Ryan had come to play with Randolph and had all the horn parts on his new CD memorized.

“Robert told me to get out my trumpet and play the horn lick from his song, “Diane,” said Ryan. “I did and he said, ‘You’re playing with me tonight.’”

“I hung out with the band for about an hour and in walks Taylor Hicks, last year’s American Idol winner. The rest of the band came in and Robert told them my story saying ‘This kid has the biggest ***** walking in here and saying he wants to play with us; play us another line from the song.’ So, I did and all the members of the band starting cracking up because they couldn’t believe I knew it. I ended up getting a five minute solo on stage with Robert Randolph and the Family Band. Prince was also there and I got to meet him. It was an amazing night!”



2006 American Idol Winner Taylor Hicks & Ryan Svendsen ‘06

PADRE CROSS COUNTRY

Serra's cross country team completed its season, once again, at the California State Cross Country Championships in Fresno. Unfortunately, the varsity team did not qualify; however, one runner qualified on his individual merit by finishing twelfth at the Central Coast Section meet.

Oran Arms '07 surprised us all by his great run, finishing the three mile course at Toro Park in Salinas in sixteen minutes twenty-five seconds. The remainder of the varsity team, Spencer McCleod, Dominic Chelini, Cole Jones, David Motamed, Myles Swanton and Gino Leonio performed admirably and all are commended on a fine season.

The varsity team finished fourth with Oran and Gino earning second team, all-league honors at the WCAL Championships held at Crystal Springs. The Junior Varsity, Sophomore and Freshman teams finished third in their respective divisions. The coaching staff is optimistic about next year's Padre Harriers since six of the top seven runners will return.



Cross Country Head Coach
Will McCarthy



Oran Arms '07



SUPPORT SERRA'S BOOSTER CLUB

Joining Serra's Booster Club is your way to support the Padre Athletic Department. Every dollar earned supplements the school's athletic budget. Each dollar earned helps support all fourteen teams and their players. Becoming a member and volunteering means meeting new people, having fun, getting to know other parents and sharing your SERRA PADRE PRIDE.

The Booster Club invites and encourages you to attend their monthly meetings. They share information about the teams, have guest speakers, present slide presentations and discuss hot issues. Generally, the meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Please refer to the Booster Club Calendar on Serra's website (www.serrahs.com) for exact dates and times.

Although membership dues account for most of the Booster Club income, money is also raised through merchandise sales, sponsored dinners and miscellaneous fundraisers. If you would like to join, please log on to Serra's website at www.serrahs.com and Click on the "Athletic" or "Parents" main page to find a link to the Booster Club.

Thank you for your ongoing support! Go Padres!

Sincerely yours,

Mike Dutto, Booster Club President
Mikedutto@comcast.net

*Become a Serra Booster Club Member Now!
Log On to WWW.SERRAHS.COM & Click on ATHLETICS to
find your link to Booster Club Membership Information.*

PADRE WATER POLO



Aaron Chhokar '07



Nick Poggetti '07

Senior Nick Poggetti was named 1st Team All-WCAL for the 2006 season. He led the league in scoring, with 29 goals for a per game average of 4.83. This is Nick's third-year as a first-team selection. Coach Greene always called on Nick to shut down the opponents top player.

Named to the 2nd Team All-WCAL are seniors Nick Zakula and Aaron Chhokar.

Zakula was third in the league in scoring, with 21 goals for a 3.50 per game average. He was one of the main offensive threats for the Padres using his 6'7" size to great advantage

Chhokar scored 15 goals, averaging 2.50 per game. He keyed many of the Padres counter attacks using his great speed to propel him past opponents.



Nick Zakula '07

Varsity Baseball Coach Pete Jensen Named 2006 All County Coach of the Year

Varsity Baseball Coach Pete Jensen was named All-County Coach of the Year by the San Mateo County Times for the outstanding job he did coaching the varsity squad to a 25-4 record and a WCAL title. The Padre Varsity Baseball team earned a No. 18 ranking in the USA Today "Top 25" national poll.

Although the year began with a lineup that did not include any notable "stars," Pete created the conditions for the athletes to come together as a team, work hard and play "spotless defense." In Pete's 21-year tenure as varsity coach, the Padres have earned a 483-160 record that includes 11 WCAL championships and three CCS titles.

Over 150 Serra players have gone on to play college baseball at the junior college and four-year college levels and twenty-three players have signed professional contracts. Under Coach Jensen's direction, the Serra baseball program have compiled 39 WCAL Championships (11 varsity, 13 JV, and 15 frosh) since 1985.



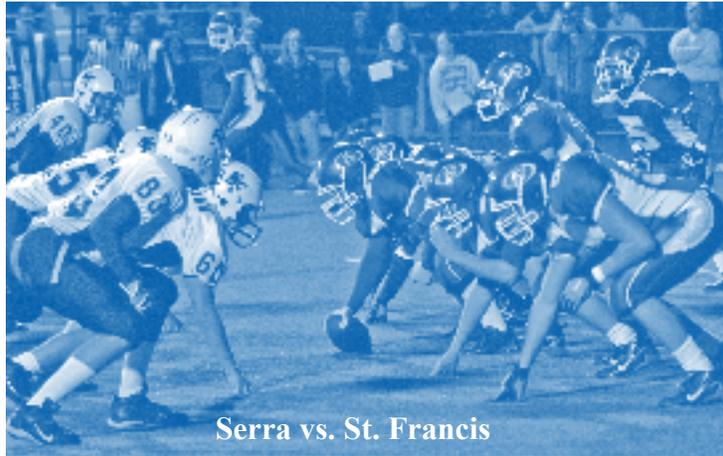
PADRE FOOTBALL

A CURSE IS BROKEN ON THE PATH TO A CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

By Tyler Anthony '07

A football season that began with some questions and uncertainty, played out to be one of the most successful campaigns in school history.

Coach Patrick Walsh once again scheduled a challenging pre-season, in hopes of preparing his team for the always tough WCAL. The Padres opened the season against Buchanan of Clovis. This was the first time the Padre faithful would see their quarterback of the future -- sophomore [Cody Jackson](#), as well as newcomer, junior [Deleon](#)



Serra vs. St. Francis

[Eskridge](#). The Padre fans were not disappointed as both Jackson and Eskridge showed indications that the Padre football future would be a bright one. In Jackson's first game under center at the varsity level, he proved he belonged by leading the Padres to a 35-14 win over Buchanan. On the Padres seventh play of the season Eskridge scampered 40 yards for his first touchdown as a Serra Padre and it would definitely not be his last. On the Padres' next drive of the game, Jackson kept the ball on an option keeper and scampered down the sideline for a 71-yard touchdown run.

"It was a relief to get my first touchdown because I proved to myself that I could play at the varsity level," remarked Jackson.

Eskridge scored the other three touchdowns with runs of 7 and 17 and a 10 yard pass from Jackson.

The Padres biggest test of the season came in week two when they played host to visiting De La Salle of Concord who would later take over the #1 spot in the national high school rankings. Not many people believed that the Padres would be able to play with the national powerhouse; however, the Padres wanted to prove otherwise. After an early De La Salle touchdown, the Padres matched the Spartans blow for blow.

A key play occurred when senior linebacker [Chris Diego](#) recovered a fumble on the De La Salle 9-yard line, leading to a one yard TD run by senior fullback [Jeff Thomas](#).

"The last time Serra had beaten St. Francis, Ronald Reagan was Governor of California, first-class letters cost eight cents to mail, the "Price Is Right" was debuting on CBS, the first scientific calculator was introduced at a price of \$395, ESPN would not be a reality for another seven years and cell phones, e-mail, digital watches, DVDs, iPods and personal computers were just a dream."

De La Salle quickly responded with a 41- yard touchdown pass. Then, as part of Jackson's coming out party, he hit senior wide receiver [B.J. Bryant](#) on a crossing route over the middle. Bryant took the ball 52 yards for a touchdown to bring the Padres to within five points of the Spartans. De La Salle scored again on the first possession of the second half.

As Serra hoped to respond, things looked grim as the Padres faced a fourth-down with 13 yards to go. It was "do or die,"

as there were under twelve minutes remaining. The gamble paid off as Jackson scrambled outside the pocket to his left throwing a 41-yard strike to [Andrew Cullins](#) for a touchdown to bring the Padres within one score. However, De La Salle's rushing attack wore out the Padre defense as they responded with a nine play, 80-yard drive capped by a Ryan Maupin 10-yard touchdown run. De La Salle chewed up the clock, rushing the ball 26 out of their 27 final offensive plays. Maupin scored again with under three minutes remaining on a one-yard plunge up the middle to put the game out of reach. Jackson scored on a quarterback keeper with 41 seconds remaining; however, it was too little too late.

Jackson commented, "Many people doubted my ability to play quarterback at the varsity level as a sophomore and, thus, I was motivated to prove them wrong right off the bat."

One sided non-league wins over Gilroy and San Mateo set the Padres up for the WCAL opener against Bellarmine. Serra matched their long time rivals punch for punch in a physical battle between two outstanding teams, but it was the Padres that would eventually come out on top 33-20. The Padres outscored the Bells 13-0 in the final ten minutes, led by Eskridge, Tuike Tuipolotu and Jackson, to ice the contest.

Following the opening league victory, the Padres prepared for another opportunity to break the thirty-four year "streak" of St. Francis wins. This year, as in many recent years, Serra was again primed to "reverse the curse." The last time Serra had beaten St. Francis, Ronald Reagan was Governor of California, first class letters cost eight cents to mail, the "Price Is Right" was debuting on CBS, the first scientific calculator was introduced at a price of \$395, ESPN would not be a reality for another seven years and cell phones, e-mail, digital watches, DVDs, iPods and personal computers were just a dream. During those 34 years, more than 6500 students had graduated from Serra.

Even though Eskridge was new to the rivalry, he wasted no time making an impact, as he took the second play from scrimmage down the right sideline for a 52-yard touchdown and a 7-0 lead over St.



Father Joe Bradley '73, former President of Serra, is currently an associate pastor at St. Gregory in San Mateo. He also works with Coach Walsh's football team helping with chapel services. At a 9:00a.m. mass at St. Gregory's before a packed church on the Sunday following the victory over St. Francis, Fr. Joe began his homily, "The Yankees are out, the Dodgers are out, Notre Dame thrashed Stanford and Serra defeated St. Francis --- you can only ask for so much grace on one weekend!" The congregation burst into applause.

Francis. Although the momentum was with the Padres, the Lancers responded with their own 50-yard run for a touchdown early in the second quarter. After two fourth-down conversions on the Padres' final drive of the first half, the ball was spotted at the one yard line with time enough for only one play remaining in the half. Eskridge got the ball on a pitch and scored as the gun sounded to give the Padres a 14-7 halftime lead.

The Lancers tied the game in the third quarter at 14 on a one-yard rush up the middle. Momentum was shifting with St. Francis as they took Serra's only turnover of the game and marched far enough to make a 36 yard field goal.

This gave the Lancers a 17-14 lead with 3:08 seconds left and the Padres had to put together one last drive in an attempt to either win with a touchdown or tie with a field goal. The Padres moved the ball steadily toward the goal line with a mixture of running and passing as the clock ticked down.



With fourth and inches, Walsh called a timeout with some wondering if he would try for a tying field goal or go for the win. Walsh later commented, "Everyone in America knew what we were going to do. There was no thought at any moment at all to kick, ever."

Eskridge, who had only started hearing about the "streak" the week before the game, said during the timeout that was called with 6.9 seconds left, "I want to score, I want to end the streak." And that is exactly what Eskridge did as he leaped over the goal line for the go ahead touchdown with 3 seconds left on a fourth down and one, to put the Padres up 21-17. The Lancers had one more shot following the kickoff, but once again it was Eskridge who was the hero intercepting an attempted lateral, ending the game.

Although the significance of the streak-breaking win cannot be overlooked by Padre fans, the game provided much more. This local version of "Friday Night Lights" was an entertaining and superbly played high school football game that gave fans an opportunity to witness highly skilled athletes perform at superior levels. And by the following Monday, there were 1000 "Friday Night Lights-Fourth and Goal T-shirts" adorned by the Serra community.

Admissions Director Randy Vogel, in his 37th year at Serra, was the only faculty member still at Serra who had seen the previous win over St. Francis. It was a Saturday afternoon in November of 1972 when two touchdowns by Serra Athletic Hall of Famer Vince Tamaro '73 lead the Padres to a 12-0 victory. Vogel commented, "I kept going to the games year after year saying to myself, 'eventually it has to happen and this could be the year.' There is no way that I was going to miss the game that broke the streak. It was definitely time."

The scene on the field following the game was surreal. Fans swarmed the field hugging and congratulating the players and each other. Tears of joy were plentiful. Parents, players, students, faculty, alumni, coaches and Padre supporters from the standing room only crowd celebrated under the lights of Freitas Field. What might be the largest "Padre Whisper" ever took place at midfield following the game.

Senior Andrew Gregg, who spent the game in the chaotic Padre cheering section commented, "I recall that moment before DeLeon's game-winning touchdown; the energetic crowd was silenced with anticipation. Hearts pounding, eyes widening, we witnessed the referee signal a TD... elation followed by chaos."

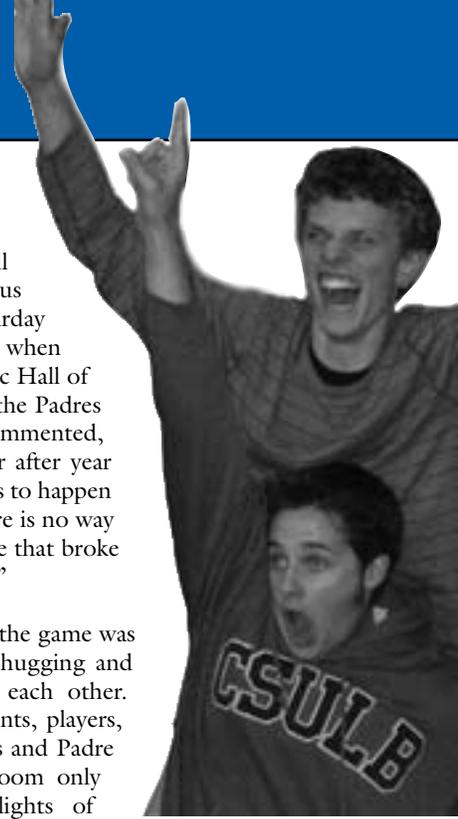
THE SEASON WASN'T OVER

After playing what was probably the worst half of their season the Padres went into halftime down 34-14 to Valley Christian, putting their undefeated league record in jeopardy. All Coach Walsh had to say to his team was, "It's going to take your best half of football ever to win tonight." The players responded by playing what turned out to be their best half of football of the year. The Padres' defense, which didn't force a punt in the first half, played a determined and spirited second half, holding Valley Christian scoreless. Led by Eskridge the Padres offense went to work after the defense held the Warriors to a three and out. Eskridge scored on a touchdown run on the Padres' first possession of the second half and he and Thomas shared the load to propel the Padres to a 41-34 lead. The Pads forced an incomplete pass on fourth down at its own four -yard line in the final seconds to assure the victory.

Eskridge said, "I really felt the Serra brotherhood after our comeback against Valley Christian. Without our strong bond, the team would not have been able to rally together to win this game."

Jackson agreed with Eskridge's statement and added, "Our unique team unity is what made this team so special and a team that I will never forget."

After the miracle comeback at Valley Christian, the Padres' only setback of the league season occurred against Riordan in a disappointing 38-14 loss. Former Serra assistant coach Mike Langridge '91, had his Crusaders primed for an upset on his return to Serra, knocking off the Padres. The much heralded Riordan defense forced numerous



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turnovers to stifle the Padre attack.

The Padres responded the following week knowing that if they wanted at the very least a co-championship they would have to beat undefeated St. Ignatius. As SI focused on trying to shut down Eskridge, the Padres unleashed another weapon as running back Tuike Tuipolotu carried the ball 11 times for 199 yards and three touchdowns. It was the Padre speed on defense which enabled them to shut down the potent St. Ignatius offense. Led by linebackers Diego and J. P. Hurrell as well the Tuipolotu brothers, the defense was able to get to the quarterback and shut down the pass.

With the win against St. Ignatius the Padres' destiny was in their own hands. A win against Archbishop Mitty would guarantee a league championship and loss would mean that they would need St. Ignatius to lose as well. Mitty went on top 7-0 on their first drive of the game capped by a 2-yard touchdown run. The Padres' quickly responded with a drive of their own finished off with a 23 yard TD run by Tuike Tuipolotu. The turning point of the game occurred midway through the third quarter when Mitty was on the Padre four yard-line primed to score. Before the Mitty running back could cross the goal line, he took a vicious hit, was stripped of the ball and the ball was recovered in the end zone by senior defensive back Tobi Wulff for a touchback. On the ensuing possession, Eskridge took a ball around right end 70 yards inside the Monarch ten yard line. From there Tuipolotu scored from two yards out and the Padres' went on to win 28-14 to capture their first league title since 2002.

CCS PLAYOFFS

In the first CCS playoff game the Padres carried a 14-0 lead into halftime under the lights at Scotts Valley and then exploded in the second half for a 49-7 victory. Eskridge ran wild leading the way with 256 yards and a school record six touchdowns.

The win allowed the Padres to advance to play top-seeded Oak Grove in the semi-finals of CCS. Serra was able to get on the board first with a seven yard run by Tuike Tuipolotu, but the extra point was blocked. The Padres were unable to find the end-zone for the rest of the first half and gave up seventeen unanswered points heading into halftime. Serra came out in the second half firing on all cylinders and scored on three straight possessions giving the Padres a 22-17 lead with 7:45 remaining. On the ensuing kickoff, Oak Grove returned the ball 40-yards shifting the momentum back to the Eagles sideline. Three plays later, the Eagles were able to score on a 38-yard touchdown pass. The Padres had one last chance with the ball on their own 19-yard line with 2:54 remaining. After a first down, the Padres lost the ball on a fumble ending hopes of a comeback victory.

The Padres fell 23-22 completing a season filled with thrills, excitement and lasting memories.

COACH WALSH REFLECTS ON SEASON

Looking back on the season, Coach Patrick Walsh commented, "The 2006 season was the most satisfying season of my six-year career at Serra. Beating St. Francis for the first time in 35 tries will be a memory I will never forget. Many other games during this season came down to the fourth quarter and in some cases the very last play of the game. Most of the time we found ourselves on the right side

of the scoreboard. The 9-3 record is one of the best in school history, again, something I will never forget."

In reflecting on the make up of his 2006 club, Walsh stated, "This season was special because of the way our kids bought into our season slogan, "Protect the Core." We have five core values in our football program: 'Commitment, Personal Accountability, Work-Ethic, Brotherhood and Compete.' The 2006 football team bought into these core values better than any other team I have had and was the first team to truly, "Protect the Core!" Because of this, the 2006 Padres built character and toughness that allowed them to win all of the tight games we played."

Walsh concluded, "The 2006 football team set a standard of character that will be tough to live up to in the future. Because of their efforts we now know that to win at the highest level, living by our core values on a daily basis must come first. I truly will miss this football team."

IN THE RECORD BOOKS

School records and all league honors were plentiful for the Padres. The offense set marks for most points in a season with 388 and most yards of total offence with 4580. Eskridge scored 162 points to claim a new school record. He also set records for most points and touchdowns in a single season and put his name on the charts in numerous other rushing categories. Sophomore kicker [Greg Guttas](#) broke the school record with 49 PATs in a season and twice tied the mark of seven extra points in a game.

Thirteen members of the team received all league honors. Selected to the WCAL all-league first team were [Tiuke Tuipulotu](#), [DeLeon Eskridge](#), [J.P. Hurrell](#), [Nick Tuipulotu](#), [Chris Diego](#), [Jeff Thomas](#), [Cody Jackson](#). Second team honors went to [Max Paris](#), [Ray Baldonado](#) and [Derek Carthy](#), while [Sean Sabean](#), [Brian Hammel](#) and [Andrew Cullins](#) received honorable mention. WCAL player of the year awards went to: [DeLeon Eskridge](#) (Running Back of the Year), [Cody Jackson](#) (Quarterback of the Year), [J.P. Hurrell](#) (Linebacker of the Year), [Greg Guttas](#) (Kicker of the Year) and [Tiuke Tuipulotu](#) (Junior of the Year).

It was a team that will be remembered as the most exciting, and one of the best, to ever wear the Padre Blue and Gold!



ACADEMIC CAPTAIN BRIAN HAMMEL '07 REFLECTS ON INCREDIBLE SEASON

The proverbial tree leaves fell throughout the fall season and so, too, did Serra's football frustrations and "curses" of seasons past, both recent and decades long. Or, as English literature teacher, Mr. Tom Sullivan might prefer to frame it: "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious autumn by these Padres of Serra."

The 2006 Padres were trying to bounce back from what was a most disappointing 2005 season, both on and off the field. Our image and our pride were tarnished and we were committed to restoring each of these important indices of success. 2006 began with a pledge to "Protect the Core" and it ended with a WCAL title, the first victory over St. Francis in 34 years, and a trip to the CCS playoffs with a 9-3 overall record. School single season records were set for most points in a season (388), most overall yards in a season (4,580) and most touchdowns in a season (56).

The "cardiac kids" gave their loyal fans too many great moments to record in an article of this length, but several will be forever ingrained in my mind. Never to be forgotten was the return of a high-powered, smash mouth style running game against Buchanan, the toe to toe, hit for hit, big play for big play performance against De La Salle, the number one team in the nation, or the goal line stand against Gilroy at the close of the first half that turned the game around. Memories continue with "The Hit" by Tiuke on Bellarmine's outstanding receiver, the "fourth down and destiny" touchdown victory dive in the final seconds against St. Francis, and the 27 unanswered second half points, spearheaded by DeLeon the Great, that resulted in a dramatic come from behind victory at Valley Christian. We will always remember the Cody Jackson bootleg to assure victory over St. Ignatius, the pass attempt by Mitty that was broken up to seal the WCAL Championship, another goal line stand against Scotts Valley that included a tackle so hard that it sent their running back spinning 360 degrees into mid-air, and the heart and passion displayed against undefeated Oak Grove in the second half of the CCS semi-final game, which had us poised to negate the effects of multiple, self induced first half mistakes and a 17-6 halftime deficit. But, alas, we simply ran out of time and came up short 23-22.

Not only did the team provide Padre fans with great football moments, it also gave them some of the coolest sounding football names since Ray Neitchke, Dick Butkus and Joe Montana. Names like Tiuke Tuipulotu, Derek Carthy and Ray "Huggy" Baldonado. (Admit it



Academic Captain Brian Hammel '07 & Admissions Director Randy Vogel

fans - you said Huggy's name more often than needed just because you liked to say it!).

And who among us players will soon forget our pre game Chapel services, which epitomized what Serra football is really all about. It was there that we learned the importance not only of laying our bodies down for our teammates, but also opening up our hearts to one another.

So, here's to you Coach Walsh and staff for teaching us and believing in us. Here's to you Aarash Zakeri and company for showing us that dedication to Padre football goes beyond those individuals situated inside the lines of a 100 yard piece of turf. Here's to you Mrs. Ferretti for quarterbacking the formation of our spirituality. Here's to you Mr. Taylor for being the best announcer in high school football. Here's to you Mrs. Rossi for healing our wounds so we could return to the battles we loved. And, here's to you gray-haired former Padre warriors, sitting in the stands, whose names we may not know but whose loyal support, rain or shine, win or lose, we can always count on. Thank you alumni and student body - Never was there a party better than the one at mid-field after the St. Francis victory. Thanks most of all to you Moms and Dads, for the opportunity to play and for your love. To all of you we raise our helmets and proudly proclaim "PADRES!"

Only a couple of months have passed since the conclusion of a season that we wished would never end. Already, nostalgic tears are falling. Thanks for the memories. Padre Blue and Gold Forever!



Senior Brian Hammel served as Academic Team Captain this past year. The offensive tackle has been a member of the football and basketball program for four years.



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A Red Carpet Evening

We didn't need PricewaterhouseCoopers to tabulate the results for the 2006 Benefit Auction, "Night at the Oscars" -- the winners were easy to pick out.

In the category of Best Director, the Oscars went to co-chairs **Angi DiPaola**, **Jackie Cooper**, **Kathy Flynn**, **Virginia McIsaac** and **Theresa Stoye** for the fabulous job they did in producing another fantastic Benefit Auction.

In the category of Best Set Decorations, the Oscar went to **Leane Ciardi** for her beautiful decorations. And, in the category for Best Supporting Cast, the Oscar went to the parents and friends of Serra High School who helped raise over \$209,000 for "A Night at the Oscars!"

Our faux Joan Rivers who greeted guests as they walked up the red carpet was heard to exclaim, "What a fabulous event! What a fabulous school! If I had a son, this is the place he would go to school! I can't wait to see what they do next year!"

... Neither can we.





Drawing for class MacKenzie taught at San Jose State (gouache and water color)

PADRE ALUM ROBERT MACKENZIE '92 MAKING HIS MARK IN FILM & FEATURE ANIMATION

Serra Alum Robert MacKenzie '92 is using his imagination and incredible artistic talents to make his mark in the world of film and feature animation. Currently residing in White Plains, New York, Bob works for Blue Sky Studios, a division of 20th Century Fox, where he is busy designing characters for their next film, an adaptation of Dr. Seuss' "Horton Hears a Who." Bob's previous project was that of set designer and color key artist (designing lighting schemes and film colors) for "Ice Age the Meltdown."

After graduating from Serra, Bob attended San Jose State University, where he graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Graphic Design with an emphasis on Illustration and Animation. Soon after graduation, he began working in the art department for Lucasfilm at their visual effects studio, Industrial Light & Magic. As a member of their art department, Bob's job was to design the look of 3D animated characters, as well as the sets and environments for a variety of films. Some of the films he had the opportunity to work on included "The Mummy," "Harry Potter & The Sorcerer's Stone," "The Hulk," and the "Chronicles of Narnia."

In 2003, Bob left Lucasfilm to work for Dreamworks on their feature "Shrek 2." At Dreamworks, Bob was given the title of Production Illustrator and was one of a handful of artists who would draw and design sets and props. In addition, he created a variety of paintings used to help figure out what the movie would eventually look like. After working on Shrek 2, Bob decided to take his talents to New York where he currently works at Blue Sky.

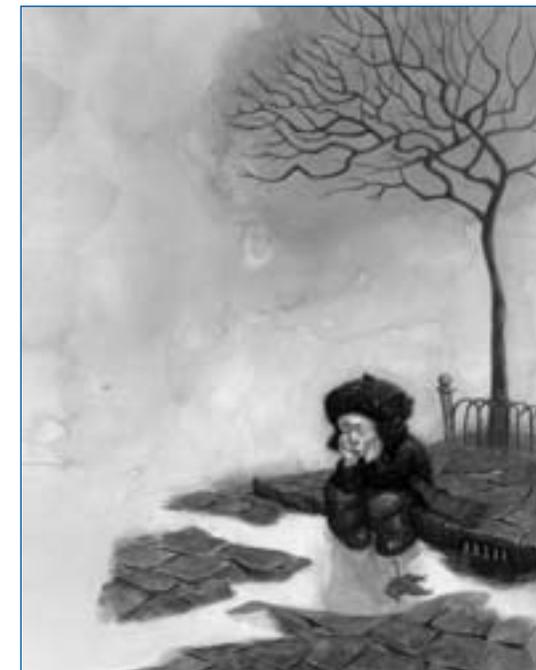
Outside of the animation studio, Bob has also started work in publishing. One of his first creations was a book of illustrated short stories that he worked on with some of his friends in the Animation Studio, called "Out of Picture." Bob's illustrations received an "Award of Excellence" in the book category from the magazine "Communication Arts." He was also recognized by the Society of Illustrators in New York and Spectrum Magazine. In September '06, Bob and several other artists from "Out of Picture" were invited to exhibit their work at the Gallerie Arludik in Paris. Currently, Bob is working on two children's books -- one is a retelling of "Jack and the Beanstalk" for Sterling Publishing and the other is titled "Cher Ami," which will be released by Abrams in 2008.

This past December, Bob was invited to participate in a program called, "Sketch Travel." He explained that the general idea is that somebody makes a drawing in a sketchbook and then passes the

book on to the next artist. Eventually, the book will travel all over the world.

After the book is completed, there will be an exhibition and auction, with all of the proceeds going to charity. Recently, the sketchbook made it's way into Bob's hands.

"The drawings and paintings in it are absolutely stunning," said Bob. "I felt very honored (and a little nervous) to be invited to contribute to this book." Bob plans on passing the book on to two more artists before it's off to Japan. (Bob is also the son of long-time Serra faculty member Tom MacKenzie.)



Above three paintings from "Out of Picture"



Another drawing for the class MacKenzie taught at San Jose State University (pencil tonal demo).



Robert Wettstein '05



Jesse Roberts '04



Chris Wettstein '05

Recent Padre grads Robert Wettstein '05, Jesse Roberts '04, and Chris Wettstein '05 graduated from the College of the Siskiyou's Fire Academy in May 2006, earning a Firefighter I credential. Upon graduation, the three of them were hired by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) assigned to the Siskiyou Unit. The CDF is an all-risk fire department responsible for suppressing wild land fires, responding to medical aids, traffic collisions, structure fires, and other types of emergencies throughout the state of California. The Siskiyou Unit is located in Northern California, near the Oregon state line.

No More Earley Bachelors!

Tim Earley '89 was the last of the Earley clan to get married. He did so in style by marrying Jennifer Frey in Charleston, South Carolina on March 25, 2006.

"Its great to have them all married!" commented alumni Madre Claire Earley.

Pictured from L to R: Patrick '90, Brian '85, Proud Mom Claire Earley, Kevin '82 and groom Tim '89.



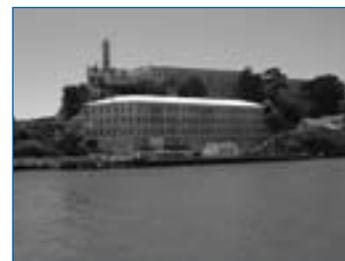
JOEL CACERES '86 ESCAPES FROM ALCATRAZ!

This past summer Joel Caceres '86 escaped from Alcatraz in the "Annual Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon." Joel only recently learned how to swim and trained for the event to finish in just over 4 hours, completing the swim portion in under one hour. While not an "iron distance" race, the Escape from Alcatraz was ranked as the number-one triathlon by Inside Triathlon Magazine for 2006.



Crossing the finish line with Joel are his two children Camryn and Nicholas

The triathlon consists of a one-and-a-half mile swim starting from Alcatraz Island in the San Francisco Bay, a half-mile run from the bay to the transition zone at Marina Green, an eighteen mile bike ride and an eight-mile run. The run portion includes a notorious section called the "sand ladder" at mile five, a climb from Baker Beach back up to the road that is a combination of sand and 400 uneven log steps.



Joel plans to complete his first marathon this April in Big Sur and then a half-ironman distance triathlon in May.



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“ALUMNI MEMORIES” CLASSIC MOMENTS FROM PADRES PAST SERRA HIGH SCHOOL 1949

by
Paul (Mante) Marianetti '49

“I looked into the mirror underneath the lines of time and experience -- several miles of bad road -- and I thought to myself, there he is; there's that Serra High School boy with the dollar-fifty necktie and the naive lifestyle: Class of 1949. We were an unsophisticated, but enthusiastic group -- forty-six strong. The Forty-niners they called us.

Serra, back in the day, was small, dead-on strict, and acutely educational. No typing courses here, no safe driving classes. I used to zigzag my bike daily all the way up the Alameda from MacArthur Avenue to Columbia Drive, very good training for football, for getting off the dime from a three-point stance. Fun was coasting all the way home.



Paul Marianette '49

on the outside corner -- that shattered against the blackboard and reminded me never to doze in his class again, even though it was to the rhythm of Dick Mondon (RIP) reading aloud from a papal encyclical. I think Father Kennedy was the catcher. The outfield consisted of Frs. O'Neal (Economics), Lynch (Religion), and Maher (Physics and Chemistry). And that comprised not only the baseball team, but early-on, the entire faculty. Save one.

Father Zoph (English and revered librarian) was not an athlete. Nor was I. But I desperately



Father John L. Zoph

What a vastly different era. No TV, no internet, no cell phones. The Index, a list of books prohibited by the Church, was in force. Current films were subjected to The Legion of Decency, and were listed on a bulletin board in the hall in categories based not on blatancy, but on degree of suggestiveness: unobjectionable, objectionable in part, or flat-out condemned. School dances were vigorously chaperoned. Sex was a three-letter mystery we weren't meant to solve. We watched our language.

Times have changed and so have we.

Besides Serra being over-the-moon academically -- my first year of college was a snap compared to my final year of high school -- it was a school brimming with athletes. And not just the students, but the faculty as well. I recall watching the faculty baseball team beat the varsity four years running, if memory serves. I



Father Edward R. Allen

believe the infield was composed of Fathers Donovan (Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry), Breen (Principal), Ryan (English), and Casey (Religion). The pitcher was Father "Lefty" Allen (Religion), who holds a special place in my heart for hurling a piece of chalk my way and just missing my head -- a fastball

“I have a clear vision of Father Zoph marching down the crowded hall, pointer poised as a lance, declaring, ‘Make Way, Make way!’ And the student body parted like the Red Sea.”

Paul Mantee '49

wanted to be and oh, how I tried. I have specific memories of the football team. I recall a backfield of Ed Michelsen '49 at quarterback, Tom Laramie '50 and Ron LaPointe '49, gifted athletes, at halfback, and Dick McLean '48 and later Ray Greene '49 (RIP) and Phil Monahan '50 at fullback. The line: Charley Skelly '48 -- whose sister I had a pleasant but distant crush on -- at one end, and later Jack McCann '50. Ed Valencia '49, Brandon Fitzgerald '49 at the guards, Len Silva '51 at one tackle spot, and I had the privilege of alternating at the other, probably with Andy Ferrari '49. I also had the distinction of creating the neatest playbook -- the most legible and comprehensive collection of Xs and Os -- of the bunch. Our habit was to shift from the Notre Dame box into the T-formation (don't ask me to explain). Our center, middle linebacker and team captain was Andy Conway '49, a marvelous athlete who probably could have played well anywhere on the field. Coach Joe Ferem ("You may call me either Coach Ferem or Mr. Ferem."), a former standout at St. Mary's College, was an exceptional man who taught me a lesson that keeps on teaching. In the locker room he often spoke eloquently of the necessity of what he termed "that burning desire." And was he ever on the nose. Later on, I developed exactly that, for the crafts of acting and writing and to this day I thank him for defining the fire so necessary for fulfillment in any passionate endeavor. Thank you, Coach, and rest assured, I finally got coordinated in my early-thirties.

I cherished close relationships with a handful of young men who are no longer in my life. We tend to move on. But I feel if I ran into the likes of "Serra 49ers" Bob Miller, Ed Hubacher,

Ben Ralston '49, or David Stronck '49 we'd more than likely just pick up where we left off back in '49. A gratifying turn of events is the growth of my friendship with Gil Guerin '49, non-existent in high school -- I guess we assumed we had nothing in common -- but flourishing these days, because fifty-plus years later we find we do. I wish I'd known Bob Welte '49 better -- the classic student-athlete. Al DaDalt '49 and I became close by accident in the early 1990s. Charlie Kump '49 married the warmest young lady out of Notre Dame High and passed away at the height of his brilliance.

The faculty comes to mind in diverse ways. Father Casey taught me the value of spontaneity. Father Kennedy made History as colorful as it was meant to be with his trademark ease and humor -- history textbooks of yesteryear were paradoxically bone dry. A sports-oriented priest, he frequently sent his victims to jug with the simple declaration: "You've fouled out, son."

I remember the week we had a food drive. Father Kennedy was a few minutes late for class and we took the opportunity to play hot potato with dozens of canned goods and packaged food, till a box of flour opened mid-air and coated the room. Father Kennedy walked into a cloud of dust and without missing a beat administered a quick quiz consisting of one question only: How many pages in the textbook?

I admit to giggling because Father Breen only combed his hair on Prom nights, to tactlessly making light of Father Ryan's hearing problem, and to dropping a water bomb on Fr. Maher.

Father Allen could say mass in twenty minutes when necessary and did so for the football team the day we spanked St. Elizabeth's, something like 33 to 13.

Somebody in 1949 had written an unacceptable word on a wall in the john. I have no idea what the word was or who wrote it. But Father Donovan devoted our entire Geometry hour to dressing down the culprit via the entire class and by the time he was finished, I was more than ready to confess. Although I didn't do it, honest. If Donovan hadn't given me an astonishingly generous C- in Algebra II, I'd still be at Serra. Father Zoph became a friend till the day he died and fostered in me intellectual curiosity and a love of books. Father Maher, who hid an acute sense of humor under that staunch demeanor, became a friend as well.

I wonder how many of us remember Tom Kane, our delightful custodian, and his magnificent dog, Pal. Or was he Father Breen's dog? We were never sure.

I have a clear vision of Fr. Zoph marching down the crowded hall, pointer poised as a lance, declaring: "Make way, make way!" And the student body parted like the Red Sea. He terrified us till we got to know him.

And so the Serra experience holds fast for many of us who have hung around these 57 years since graduation. And I wish the same for the newest alumni -- long life and specific memories.

Times will continue to change, and what is current today will one day seem terribly old-fashioned. But as any Forty-niner will tell you, the past is a vibrant force in everything we do."

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Hundreds of Padre Alums have already registered with Serra's new Online Alumni Community and have begun reconnecting with old classmates.

If you have *not* already received an alumni postcard with your log-in ID, you'll find it on the address label on the back page of this edition of Traditions. **Your log-in ID is the number located above your name**, and it's all you need to begin catching up with your Padre pals.

Follow these easy steps:

1. Log on to www.serrahs.com
2. Click on [Alumni](#)
3. Click on [Online Alumni Community](#)
4. Click on [Register Here](#). You will need to enter your last name, choose your class, and enter your Log-in ID!

JOIN SERRA'S ALUMNI BOARD

The Alumni Board is composed of twenty volunteer alums who range in year of graduation from 1962 to 1997. Our new Board President is Greg Hart from the Class of '76. Board members serve as long as they continue to remain interested and committed to our goals of strengthening the relationship between the school and its alumni, providing links between the alumni and our current students, and providing social activities for our alumni. An example of this is Rich Zanardi from the class of 1962, who has been involved on the Board continuously since the mid 1980s! We welcome new members from any era. If you are interested in joining the Board, contact Russ Bertetta at (650) 573-9935 ext. 130 or by email at RBERTETTA@SERRHAS.COM.

What does the Alumni Board do? The answer is quite a bit! First, the Alumni Board annually hosts the Homecoming Barbecue during the Homecoming football game. In addition, the Board coordinates the receptions following the Alumni basketball, soccer and baseball games. Members of the Board serve on sub-committees that select the inductees to our Athletic Hall of Fame, the recipients of the Alumni Award of Merit, and the recipient of the Alumni Association's most prestigious award, the Junípero Serra Award. Every other year, the Alumni Association, in conjunction with the College and Career Center, hosts Career Day when over fifty alums talk to our students about their careers and how they can use their Serra experiences to plan for their futures. Members of the Board have participated in several community service projects over the years in an attempt to reach out to the larger community. Last year, the Board took the leadership role in the Serra Golf Classic which raises money for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. The tournament has raised nearly \$175,000 for the scholarship fund in the last seven years.

The role of the Alumni Board continues to expand and evolve. We are excited about this growing role and our impact on our alumni and on Serra. You can continue to be part of the Serra Brotherhood by joining us in our endeavors.

THE FATHER SERRA SOCIETY

The Father Serra Society has been established to recognize and honor those individuals who have acted to provide support in order to ensure the future of Serra High School. It honors those who make provisions for Serra High School through bequests of wills or trusts, life income gifts, retirement plans, life insurance policies or other planned giving vehicles. From time to time, the school holds special events to honor Father Serra Society members. The school publicly recognizes and honors those names, which are listed below, as founding members of the Father Serra Society. Some members have wished to remain anonymous and the school respects their wishes.

The generosity of the following Founding Members of the Father Serra Society is gratefully appreciated:

ANONYMOUS '63
 MR. AND MRS. JACK ALLAIN '53
 MR. AND MRS. BART ARAUJO '61
 MR. AND MRS. WALTER BANKOVITCH, SR.
 MR. AND MRS. RUSS BERTETTA '67
 MR. AND MRS. TONY CRISAFI '69 RIP
 MR. AND MRS. STEVE DIFU '60

MR. JERRY DRISCOLL '49 (RIP)
 MRS. ELLEN EINARSSON
 MRS. ELEANOR FIGONI (RIP)
 MR. BOB GRASSILLI '66
 MR. AND MRS. DENNIS LUCEY '58
 MR. AND MRS. LARS LUND
 MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN McLAUGHLIN

MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL PETERSON
 MR. KEVIN RAGAN (RIP)
 MR. BEN REICHMUTH '53
 MR. AND MRS. FERENCZ SIPOS (RIP)
 MR. RANDY VOGEL
 MRS. CLAIRE CAREY WILLARD

(*New members above appear in blue text.)

If you have already made Serra High School part of your estate plans and are not listed above, or if you would like to learn more about Serra's Planned Giving Program, please contact Russ Bertetta at (650)573-9935 or by e-mail to : RBERTETTA@SERRAHS.COM

PLANNED GIVING LEADERSHIP TEAM

LORI WHITNEY



Lori is a Senior Vice-President and Financial Planning Specialist at Smith Barney in San Mateo. Graduating from Michigan State in 1982, she began her brokerage career with PaineWebber in San Mateo in 1984 and joined Citigroup Smith Barney in 1996.

Lori works with individual investors and helps them achieve their retirement, educational and financial planning goals. She currently manages over \$450 million for 200 different families. Her investment strategy focuses on high quality investments with proper diversification.

Lori is a member of Serra's Board of Regents, participating on the Development Committee while serving as a liaison to the Planned Giving sub-committee. She and her husband David currently have two sons attending Serra.

ROBERT (ROB) RIUS '96



2004 marked the return back into the financial services industry for Rob Rius, who is now a Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley in Palo Alto. Having been involved in youth sports in numerous Bay Area communities for the past 6 years, Rob felt that there was a synergy between athletic and financial enrichment. "My goal is to help youth develop through sports, and to help the family develop as a whole, financially."

He was recently awarded the Silicon Valley Director's Award, the Morgan Stanley PFP Leaders Award and is a member of the Pace Setter's Club in 2005 and 2006.

In the spring of 2000, Rius co-founded and became an Executive Director for Bay Area Sports Academy (BASA). He was responsible for launching Menlo College's first Business Plan Writing Contest. In the spring of 2001, Rius graduated from Menlo College with Magna Cum Laude Honors and a B.S. in Business Administration focusing in Management.

JIM HING '84

Jim Hing took over the management and operations of Hing Accountancy Corporation in 1994. He has also served in various positions with KPMG Peat Marwick, and Frank, Rimerman and Company in Menlo Park. He has been responsible for consulting with many start-up companies, high wealth individuals and other business entities. Jim has a broad range of experience that allows him to use cross business solutions for each of his clients.

He received his BS degree from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, and his Masters degree in Taxation from Golden Gate University. Jim's 18 years of public accounting experience ensures that he has been exposed to many different tax and accounting issues.

LARRY DUGONI '86

After graduating from Serra in 1986, Larry graduated Magna Cum Laude from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a B.S. in Business Administration and a concentration in accounting. He is a Certified Public Accountant who worked for Price Waterhouse from 1991 to 1994 and received his J.D. from USF Law School in 1997.

He currently is a partner in the law firm of Barulich Schoknecht Dugoni Law Group, Inc., specializing in estate planning, trust and probate law, estate and gift taxation and asset protection planning.

ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS T. HURLEY CELEBRATES HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY WITH SERRA ALUM DENNIS LUCEY '58

Dennis Lucey '58 and his wife Pam were the gracious hosts for Archbishop Francis T. Hurley's 80th Birthday celebration this past November. Archbishop Hurley was visiting Baltimore to attend the National Bishop's meeting, so Dennis and Pam decided to give him a party at their home in McLean, VA.

Archbishop Hurley is the retired Archbishop of Alaska and currently resides in Anchorage. He taught at Serra from 1954-1957 and then moved to Washington, DC and was part of the US Bishop's Conference. He was named by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as Bishop Juneau and, two years later, named as Archbishop of Alaska.



Archbishop Francis T. Hurley with Pam & Dennis Lucey '58

ALUM GENE KLEIN '75 - KEEPING IT LOCAL IN SAN MATEO



Gene Klein '75

Serra Alum Gene Klein uses the slogan, "*Make Us Your First Stop*" when referring to the San Mateo Bay Area. In addition to being the CEO of BarkerBlue Digital Imaging of San Mateo, Gene is currently the Chairman of the Board for the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce.

The San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce, established in 1939, promotes business and the public interest through representation, advocacy and sponsorship. The Chamber organizes and funds programs that support the economic, civic, cultural and educational excellence of the San Mateo area, and represents the interests of over 1,000 businesses employing a total of more than 20,000 people.

After graduating from Serra, Gene attended Stanford University where he graduated with a BA in English Literature in 1979. He joined BarkerBlue shortly thereafter and is currently the CEO, involved in all aspects of the company, from strategic planning to technology purchases to client relations. Gene is also on the board of the San Mateo Police Athletic League.

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Alum Jim Kniffin '75 Giving Back in Padre Style Co-Founder of the Hoopla Association

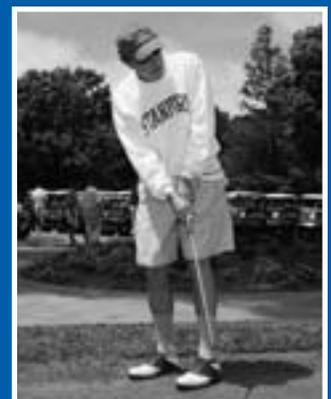
Jim Kniffin '75 is co-founder of the Salem Hoopla Association (formed in 1998), with its stated goal to raise money for charitable purposes - specifically for various youth programs. From its humble beginnings, "Hoopla" has grown to facilitate over 500 teams and boasts to be the finest outdoor 3-on-3 street basketball tournament in the nation. Working together with sponsors and volunteers, Jim's Hoopla Association provides a festival of sport, celebrating the principles of competition, teamwork, fair play and fitness. Hoopla also fosters economic development in Salem by attracting thousands of participants and spectators to the steps of the Oregon State Capitol and one of the most unique and spectacular venues for street basketball in the nation.



(L to R:) Kyle, Lindsay, Jim '75, Pam and Adam Kniffin



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June 25, 2007
JUNIPERO SERRA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S
20th annual
SERRA GOLF CLASSIC
Peninsula Golf & Country Club





Ryan Svendsen '06

Battle of the "Marching Bands"

The football match-up between the Cal Bears and the UCLA Bruins was not the only battle taking place at Memorial Stadium this past November. Padre alums Ryan Svendsen '06 and Ben Bubenheim '06 also battled it out with their marching band performances during the halftime festivities.

Ryan is a member of the UCLA Bruin Marching Band that performs annually at the Rose Bowl for crowds as large as 100,000, while his former classmate Ben is part of one of the oldest college marching bands on the West Coast, the University of California Marching Band -- one of the few bands in the nation that still marches the traditional and demanding high-step form.

When the halftime whistle blew, both bands performed incredibly -- adding energy, enthusiasm and spirit with every step and every note they played.

As for the football game, the Bears won it 38-24, making up for a heartbreaking loss to the Bruins in the 2005 season.



Ben Bubenheim '06

Alum Shobeir Shobeiri '99 Active Against Social Injustice

Shobeir Shobeiri '99 uses his free time to co-host a television show called "Iranican," which focuses on Iranian-American youths growing up here in the United States, as well as in Canada. The program identifies, analyzes and suggests solutions to a variety of problems and issues facing Iranian-American youth today.

"After graduating from Serra, it was important to me to continue to be active against social injustices," said Shobeir Shobeiri '99, in a recent telephone interview. "Ultimately, our program's goal is to project a positive

and representative image of Iranian Americans. We are responsive to the needs of our viewers and committed to developing new avenues of communication with our existing and potential viewers. We embrace the diversity of our viewers and respect individual differences, ideas and contributions."

After graduating from Serra, Shobeir studied at San Jose State, majoring in International Business and minoring in Communications.

While at SJSU, Shobeir was an officer of the Entrepreneurial Society, a student-operated organization dedicated to empowering the business leaders of tomorrow.

Shobeir also served as the President of a youth group sponsored by the Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California known as "BAYM (Bay Area Youth Muslims)." The program brings Muslim youth from the Bay Area together to help build a community of trust and friendship, while allowing them to spiritually and emotionally understand who they really are as young Muslims in society. While acting as BAYM President, Shobeir planned many events including an open panel discussion between a psychologist, parents, and a youth group called "Unconscious Parenting," that allowed the audience, particularly of Middle Eastern descent, to open up and discuss a wide variety of issues facing Muslims in American society.

"My goal in life is to fight for a better day for everyone, while keeping a positive mind set each and every day," says Shobeir.

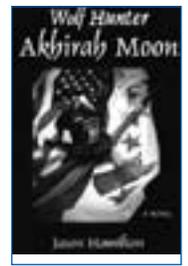
Shobeir also works at a Technology Center called "Plug & Play Tech Center" as a Business Relationship Manager and at Amidzad Partners as an analyst. Plug & Play Tech Center Company, located in the Silicon Valley, provides ready-to-move-in office space for start-up companies and venture capitalists. Amidzad Partners is a private investment fund investing in early stage technology startups.



Serra Alum & Daly City Fire Fighter Jason Hamilton '88 "Fires Out First Novel"

Like many fathers, Serra Alum Jason Hamilton '88 realized his young son would have a lot of questions about life, so he set out to gather some answers. Jason decided to assemble them into a literary trilogy. His debut novel, "Wolf Hunter: Akhirah Moon," became more than a way for three year-old Cory to parse the events of world history when it was published in July, after more than two years of research and writing.

Jason is no ordinary writer. His full-time job is with the Daly City Fire Department, where he is an Engineer/Paramedic. "My whole department has basically helped me edit it all along the way," said Jason. "I definitely have a career that I love and plan to stay in."



The novel, which takes its "Everyman" main character from the Bay Area to cloak-and-dagger intrigue in Iraq, is the first volume in what Hamilton envisions as an epic look at Middle Eastern politics. Inspired by "Lord of the Rings," Anne Rice's vampire tales and other sweeping stories of good-versus-evil, Hamilton worked to understand the ancient conflict that pulled America into the fray on Sept. 11, 2001, and share what he learned in literary form. "I probably could have picked an easier topic for my first novel," said Jason. "The research was grueling."

Finding a home for the book was fairly grueling. "I got some really nice letters back," Jason said. "If you don't have an agent, it's really kind of hard for a no-name to get in the door. I got turned down by just about everybody." Eventually, Jason hooked up with Trafford Publishing, an "on-demand" printer in British Columbia. He said that since the book came out in July, it has sold almost 200 copies each through the Amazon and Borders Web sites. He hopes to get physical copies in front of potential readers as well.

"That would be a dream come true, if I could actually see it in a store," Jason said.

Excerpts from San Mateo County Times Staff Writer Todd R. Brown



ALUMNI SPORTS

Nearly 100 alumni athletes turned out over Thanksgiving Weekend to participate in the annual alumni athletic events. On Wednesday evening in the opener of the Alumni Basketball double-header, sophomore Kevin McEntee sank a 3-pointer at the buzzer to force over-time. In the over-time period, the older alumni wilted under the pressure of the Junior Varsity defense and lost to Coach Tim Kennedy's young squad. In the nightcap, Coach Chuck Rapp's three-time defending CCS championship team took the floor against a heavily favored alumni squad led by Coach Kennedy and Jason Hardee. However, Rapp's team would give an early showing of how the 2006-2007 squad would play once league play began. Using great ball movement and intense defense, the Varsity scored a 19-point victory over the Alumni.

Thursday morning bright and early, 30 alumni water polo players jumped in the pool to play their annual game. As always, this game is a boisterous, spirited event that shows the great camaraderie of the Aquatics Alumni. These games are always close and the "Odds" (classes whose year is an odd number) defeated the "Evens" 17-16. Players ranged in age from the class of 1982 (Mark Stemmy) to the class of 2006.

On Friday afternoon new Coach Jeff Panos welcomed alumni soccer players back to Serra for the 20th annual Alumni Soccer game. He talked to them about the tradition of the program and the importance of their legacy to this year's team. Then the teams squared off and played an outstanding game of soccer. The alumni team featured players from five decades - the oldest being Fred Wahl from the class of 1969. However, it was the play of Mike Giotinis '77 in goal that brought the crowd to its feet. His acrobatic and gutsy play was certainly the highlight of the game as the Varsity edged the Alumni 4 to 3.

Although the games are always fun and exciting, the best part of the weekend is seeing Padre spirit rekindled, memories shared and friendships renewed.

ELDEST PADRE HERO: TRULY A MAN OF SERVICE

by Russ Bertetta '67

If you were to ask some of our current students who their "Serra Heroes" might be, they'd probably say Tom Brady '95, Bill Keller '66, Lynn Swann '70, or any of the alums who are currently teaching at Serra. But to Padres who walked the halls during Serra's infancy, Desmond Ooghe '47 is a real, living and breathing hero.

Interestingly, Des's story begins at Bellarmine where he enrolled in the summer of '42, a year before Serra was founded. Though he lived only four blocks from Serra's original site on Columbia Drive and the Alameda, Des took the train every day to "Prune Valley."

Des's life changed in 1944 when his brother, who was in the Navy, was killed in action. Somehow, Des talked his mother into letting him enlist in the Navy even though he was only 17 years old. He served on a mine sweeper at the end of World War II, sweeping for mines in the Panama Canal area and as far west as Port Arthur, Texas. At the end of the war Des joined the Naval Reserves and went back to high school as a war veteran. But instead of returning to Bellarmine, he walked up the street and enrolled at Serra. "It was a lot better than taking that train to San Jose," Des recalled this summer.

Things were different at the fledgling Serra than at the well-established Bellarmine campus. "Everything was makeshift-labs, the football field, the cafeteria." He remembers Father Zoph as "being tough" and that Fr. Allen "couldn't go through a class without having a smoke." But his time at Serra was a good one, although a little bit different because he was a bit older than his classmates, and, of course, because



Al Chanteloup '50, Desmond Ooghe '47 & Russ Bertetta '67

of his experiences in the Navy, had seen a lot more of life than any of his classmates. "He was a hero to us," Al Chanteloup '50, and now a neighbor of Des in Arnold, CA said. "I was just this little freshman and here was a World War II vet walking around the school. The war was still fresh. We were very patriotic and one of our own had served. And he was a great guy!" During his senior year, Des would regularly attend Naval Reserve meetings at Coyote Point, all the while trying to get his homework done! When the Class of 1947 became Serra's first graduating class, Des was a few months shy of his 20th birthday, which today makes him the oldest Serra grad.

Upon graduation, Des enrolled at St. Mary's College in Moraga but when the Korean War broke out in 1950, his reserve unit was called to active duty and Des served his country again. This time it was aboard an aircraft carrier in the Sea of Japan. After the war he took his knowledge of ships to the steam ship business where he worked for the next 44 years before retiring to Arnold. His son Robert graduated from Serra in 1980.

Today you can find Des in his workshop making wooden toys for the under-privileged kids of San Andreas and Stanislaus counties. He organized a group of about 10 retirees, known as the Ebbetts Pass Elves, a few years ago "to help make some kids' lives a little happier." He estimates he makes about 240 to 250 train sets a year which get distributed around Christmas time. So the young man who was a hero to his school mates more than sixty years ago is a little older but is still a hero to a whole different generation of kids.

Jake Landholt '06 Visits from Annapolis



Admissions Director Randy Vogel, Jake Landholt '06, and Student Activities Director Patti Ferretti

Jake Landholt '06 was worried since the sixth grade about what he wanted to do in his life. "Everyone told me not to worry because I had lots of time, but I worried anyhow," said Jake in a recent interview with Public Relations Director Michelle Wilkinson.

Although Jake is one of our newest Padre alums, he came back to visit Serra in September while on leave from the Annapolis Naval Academy. Jake was in the Bay Area for the Stanford vs. Navy game to participate in the pre-game ceremonies, as Stanford prepared to take the field for the first time in their new stadium (Navy won 37-9).

Looking quite dapper and obviously proud of his decision to join the academy, Jake shared some of his thoughts about the "college" process that he went through while here at Serra.

"I was in my sophomore year when I finally knew that I wanted to be an engineer," said Jake. "So I began looking at a variety of colleges with good engineering programs."

Jake wasn't aware of the military options that were available, but he had heard a little about ROTC and wanted to know more. During his senior year, he learned about the Officer Programs within the Naval Academy and soon became very interested.

"When I decided to apply to the Naval Academy, it was much like applying to a college or university, but with physical requirements," said Jake. "I knew in my heart, though, it was where I wanted to be."

BILL BENESSI '98

SERVING IN THE ARMY SPECIAL FORCES

Serra Alum Bill Benessi '98 is currently serving in the United States Army special forces stationed out of Ft. Carson. Commonly referred to as the "Mountain Post," Ft. Carson is located southwest of Colorado Springs and is recognized as one of the world's premier locations to "lead, train, and maintain" -- while preparing soldiers to win on the battlefield.

In a recent telephone conversation with Bill's dad, he said that Bill is a paramedic and re-deployed every seven months to serve in the Iraqi War on Terrorism. His dad also mentioned that Bill has a steady girlfriend in Colorado and, at the time of this writing, was looking forward to him coming home for a few days over the Christmas holiday.



Bill Benessi '98

SERRA HONORS THOSE WHO SERVE

Through the leadership of Christian Clifford '89 (USN MS3-SS), a member of Serra's Theology and Social Studies Departments, we are in the formative stages of creating a plaque to honor all of our Padre alums who have served honorably in the United States armed forces.

If you, or someone you know, should be added to our list, please complete and return the form below or complete the form online by logging on to Serra's website at www.serrahs.com and clicking on Alumni.

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CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE AND MAIL TO:

JUNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL ♦ 451 WEST 20TH AVENUE ♦ SAN MATEO, CA 94403 ♦ ATTENTION: MR. CHRISTIAN CLIFFORD

MILITARY PADRE VETERANS WALL OF HONOR
"MEN OF FAITH, WISDOM AND SERVICE"

Name: _____ Graduation Year _____

Choose Branch of Service: Army Navy Marine Corps Air Force Coast Guard

Years Served? _____ Discharge Rank? _____

Era (Choose all those that apply)?

- Korean War (1950-1953) Vietnam War (1964-1975) Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)
 War on Terrorism (2001-Present) Cold War Peacetime

JUNIPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL THANKS YOU FOR
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Alumni Director Russ Bertetta '67 with former Serra Swim Coach Gus DeGara

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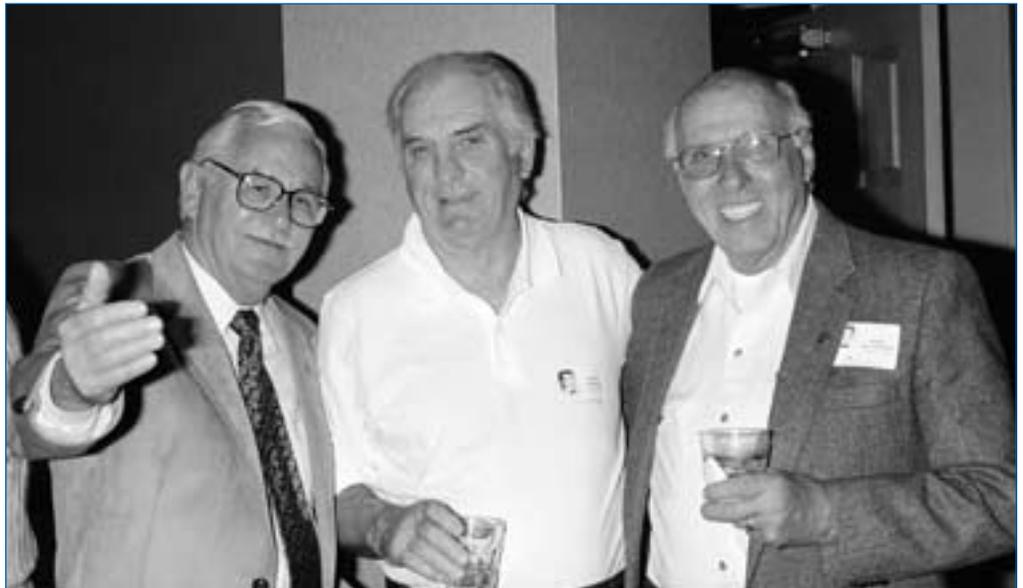
Joe Ellis accepts award on behalf of his son Kevin Ellis '86 from Athletic Director Kevin Donahue

2006 HALL OF FAME



Serra honored eight new inductees into the Hall of Fame on October 20, 2006 during a dinner and celebration held at the Crown Plaza in Foster City. Joining the ranks of Junípero Serra High School's most accomplished and distinguished athletes or coaches are: (Back row L to R): Lefie Crawford '98, Bob Pindroh '64, Gary Hughes '59, Keith Strange; (Front row L to R): Jeff Perry '93, Rick Bianchina '63, Gus DeGara (missing from photo is Kevin Ellis '86).

Padre Alums Reunite at the 2006 Reunion Gala
Classes of '56, '66, '76, '81, '86 and '91



SAVE THE DATE!

HOMECOMING 2007

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

Junipero Serra Award & Alumni Award of Merit Presentations

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007

Homecoming Football Game vs. Valley Christian

7:00 p.m. - Freitas Field

Alumni Association Barbecue

Tour of the School

No-Host Cocktail Party at the Elks Lodge following the game.

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Reunion Gala

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007

Classes of '57, '67, '77, '82, '87, '97

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City

If you would like to nominate a candidate for the Junipero Serra Award, the Alumni Award of Merit, or would just like to help with your alumni class activities, please contact Russ Bertetta at 650-573-9935 or email: rbertetta@serrahs.com.

'50

Phillip Catto and his wife Carol have been living in the Reno area for the past ten years. Phillip served in the Navy from 1951-1955 and spent his career in electronics. He and his wife raised five children, two girls and three boys.

'57

Your 50-year reunion is coming up. Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 6, 2007!**

Mart Bushnell plans on retiring next year after many years with a career in the Air Force. Mart presently lives in Utah with his wife, Maryanne. His children and grandchildren are spread from California to Colorado.

Paul Moosbrugger has lived in Georgia for the past 33 years working in civil engineering as a Senior Field Inspector on several large construction projects. He has not thought of retiring as of yet and is enjoying his three children and seven grandchildren.

'59

Michael Hackworth and his wife Joan have funded the Hackworth Fellowship Program at Santa Clara University, which supports students in promoting ethical reflection and reflective ethical action among their undergraduate peers.

'60

Bert Figone is a gentleman cattle rancher in Amador County. In addition, Bert is selling real estate around Lake Camanche.

San Mateo County D.A. **Jim Fox** has been named president-elect of the National District Attorneys' Association. He will serve through July 2006, before becoming the president through July 2008.

Ken Stinson was recently appointed to the University of Notre Dame Board of Trustees.

'63

Joseph Fegan is currently a seminarian in his 2nd year of Pre-Theology at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park.

'65

Tom Maloney recently retired from the State of California, Department of Corrections in Stockton, as a parole Agent Unit Supervisor, finishing a 31 year career in the Criminal Justice System.

Kenneth Pool and his wife retired to Kona, Hawaii about three years ago.

'67

Your 40-year reunion is coming up! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 6, 2007!**

Steven Freed and his wife, Becky, moved to Norwell, MA in 1977. They have three grown children, all of whom graduated from college. Steve currently works at Mellon Financial in downtown Boston.

'69

Hans Bus is a teacher at a Catholic College in Geelong, Victoria Australia.

'70

Max Hoberg completed 22 years with the University of Alaska, Institute of Marine Science as a Marine Biologist/Asst. Dive Officer. He still conducts environmental monitoring in the Aleutian Islands and the Arctic coast. He's been married to his wife Molly for 17 years.

'73

Col John Gumbel retired from the Marine Corps in June 2005 and has been working for the Boeing Company supporting Marine Corps aircraft in the Carolinas. John, his wife and three boys reside in North Carolina.

David Montellato is currently the Founder & VP of Operations and Services of Beachhead Solutions, Inc., a security software company.

'77

Your 30-year reunion is coming up, Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 6, 2007!**

Daniel Greeley has been a sergeant with the San Francisco Police Department since he left the US Coast Guard. His son, Matthew, is starting the California Maritime Academy and his daughter is a student at Marin Catholic. Dan has been married to his wife, Nicole, a fellow San Francisco officer for 22 years.

'78

Stephen Holland and his wife, Jullee, announced the birth of their new baby girl, Keara Michelle Holland, born December 1, 2006.

'79

Robert Andreatta was recently promoted to Controller at Genentech in South San Francisco. Robert holds a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Santa Clara University.

'80

James Sullivan just started his new job as Principal of Woodcrest Christian High School and is getting ready to send his first child off to college.

'82

Your 25-year reunion is coming up. Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 6, 2007!**

Ray McDonald coaches Notre Dame High School's Varsity Softball Team. This past spring, he took a young squad to a 21-9 record and an appearance in the CCS Division II championship game. Ray was named County Times Softball Coach of the Year.

Robert O'Brien is a Group Product Manager for Symantic Corporation in Cupertino. He graduated from UCLA and earned an MBA from Penn State. Robert and his wife, Cathy, have two children, Ashlyn and Kylee. **Kevin Lloyd '82** was the best man at their wedding in January '03.

'83

Mark Clifford and his wife, Beth, proudly announced the arrival of their son, Quinn Patrick, who was born on June 12 in Walnut Creek. Mark is a San Leandro police officer and Beth a teacher in Alameda. They have two other children, Maggie (age 10) and Michael (age 8).

'87

Your 20-year reunion is coming up! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 6, 2007!**

'89

John Aguilar is now the Director of Sales and Operations for PodTech Network Inc. in Menlo Park.

Kevin Trosian has ran the gamut from investment banker, to lifeguard, to independent consultant, to professor, to world traveler. And then there's surfing!. Last we heard, Kevin was training for a race to paddle a surfboard from Catalina Island to Manhattan Beach (32 miles and 7 to 8 hrs!).

'91

Ivan Hrga and his wife, Marissa, are the proud new parents of their first child, Isabella Caroline, born on June 3, 2006.

Christopher Sfarzo currently lives in Belmont and is working for Advantage Sales & Marketing. He also plays the drums in the Hard Rock Band "LIQUID," who has just released their first EP "Twist of Fate."

'92

August Thorn was recently named Manager of Premium Services at LaGuardia Airport in NY, responsible for the operations of the Admirals Club Airport Lounge, Executive Center Conference Room Facility & VIP Conceirge Services.

'93

Jeff Bacigalupi recently accepted a position with the Apopka Police Department in Apopka, Florida.

Michael Conti married Heidi Lynn Bren on July 1, 2006 at St. Peters and Paul Church in San Francisco. **Steven Ellingson '93** served as one of the groomsmen.

'94

Chris McLaughlin married Stephanie Henderson of Sunnyvale on August 12, 2006 at Seascape Resort in Aptos. His brother **Steve McLaughlin '90** was the best man. **Dan Henderson '94**, **Carlos Mariano '94** and **Dan Haskins '94** were groomsmen.

'95

Dan Frisella currently teaches Special Education at Natomas High School in Sacramento, where he also coaches football. Dan is engaged to be married in June 2007 to Julie Scheidt, a nurse at UCSF and fellow Chico State Grad.

Preston McCrary married Kelly Ryan on August 28, 2004. He is currently in his 6th year working for Mattress Discounters as a District Sales Manager. This Spring, Preston will be starting his second season as the Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach at Carlmont High School.

David Nazzaro recently passed his comprehensive final exam and will be conferred with the degree of MA Strategic Intelligence Middle East Studies.

'96

Greg Magni married Elaine Marinase on July 8, 2006. Greg is an English teacher and Varsity baseball coach at Central Valley High School in Ceres, CA.

Daniel Munda teaches at Seneca Center in San Leandro and enjoys playing basketball and going to the gym.

Anthony Villanueva married Monica Sciutti on August 20, 2006 in Lake Tahoe. Anthony's brothers, **Rene '00** and **Joseph** were best men and **DJ Villa '96** and **Ryan Farrell '96** served as groomsmen. Guests included **Greg Moreno '96** and **Dr. Tom Nichol '82**.

Sgt. **Joseph R. Zamora** is on his 4th deployment to Iraq in the U.S. Marines.

'97

Your 10-year reunion is coming up! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 6, 2007!**

Brian Houle married Meagan Salmon on June 10, 2006 in Carmel. Brian's brother **Chris Houle '92** (current Serra faculty member and JV Baseball Coach) served as best man.

'99

Paul-Henry Munda is a Health Ed Program Assistant at Kaiser Permanente in Redwood City. He is also working towards a marketing certificate through the UC Extension program.

'01

Ryan Bedrosian graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 2005 and then traveled throughout Europe for a few months. After returning home, he joined his father at Bedrosian & Associates.

'02

Ross Stilesen spent his fourth year of five abroad in Florence, Italy, and has achieved "Exceptional Academic Achievement," President's Honors List from Cal Poly. He will graduate in June 2007 with a degree in Architecture.



In Memoriam



Lawrence Alary '59 died on May 9, 2006 from Lou Gehrig's disease.

Leo Aparacio, brother of faculty member Enrique Aparacio passed away on December 6, 2006.

Lawrence A. Bielstein, father of Col. Larry Bielstein '54, passed away on July 31, 2005 at the age of 94. Larry's mom, Victoria, passed away on July 25, 2006, also at the age of 94.

Jose Barrales, father of Hugo '77 and Ruben '80 passed away on January 12, 2007.

Mike Cannon '57 passed away on June 26, 2006.

Patrick Condon '64 passed away.

Tony Crisafi '69, stepfather of Andrew Banis '06 passed away on October 24, 2006.

Theodore de Lusignan, father of Roger '81 passed away on January 12, 2007.

John H. Diggins, father of John A. Diggins '71 and grandfather of Andrew '07 passed away in September 2006.

Brian Evans '04 died tragically on September 24, 2006 after falling from the roof of his residence in Boston, where he had begun his third year at Northeastern University.

Joseph R. Fegan, father of Joseph '63, Tom '65 and Steve '69, passed away on May 20, 2006. Joseph was an active supporter of Serra back in the 60's who also supervised and installed the original football field scoreboard.

Alfred I. Ferrer, father of Alfred J. Ferrer '63, passed away on June 3, 2006.

Mary Fox, former Serra Madre (Steve '79 and grandson Ryan '07), and school secretary at St. Gregory for over 25 years passed away in December 2006.

Robert Galindo '59 passed away.

Sister Diane Grassilli, sister of Bob Grassilli '66, passed away on July 16, 2006.

Lou Geenen '51, brother of Mickey '57 and father of John '75 and Mark '78 passed away on October 22, 2006.

Geraldine Giacomini, mother of Kevin '80, John '83 and Tim '87, passed away on October 1, 2006.

Stanley Laufer '57 passed away.

Lewis Mason '69, brother of Bill '70, Paul '72 and Bobby passed away.

Lanny McCrary, father of Preston McCrary '95, passed away on June 4, 2005.

Jim Olsson '65 passed away on October 11, 2006.

Angelo Rosi, father of Michael Rosi '68, passed away on December 30, 2006. Angelo was preceded in death by his son Peter '70.

Bill Roth, father of Dan Rush '77 passed away on January 22, 2007.

Paul Sciarini '65 passed away on October 19, 2006.

Dennis E. Smith '62 passed away.

Craig Stagnaro, father of Todd '98, Chris '03 and Ryan '07 passed away on September 19, 2006.

Ed Valencia '49 passed away on October 28, 2006. Ed was the Senior Class President for the Class of '49.

Alba Veille, grandmother to Scott Alstad '80 passed away on September 20 2006 at the age of 94.

Carol Williamson, mother of Greg '01 and Blake '06 passed away in September 2006.

2006-2007 ALUMNI CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
September 2006	
7	Alumni Father Son Mass (Serra Chapel)
12	Alumni Board Meeting
October 2006	
19	Junipero Serra Award Mass
20	Hall of Fame Induction Dinner @ Crowne Plaza, Foster City
21	Reunion Gala 2006 @ Crowne Plaza, Foster City Classes of '56, '66, '76, '81, '86, '96
November 2006	
22	Alumni Soccer Game
22	Alumni Basketball Games
23	Alumni Water Polo Game
27, 28, & 29	Alumni Phon-A-Thon
December 2006	
12	Alumni Board Meeting
15	Alumni 50-YR Club Luncheon, San Mateo Marriott
February 2007	
9	Career Day
13	Alumni Board Meeting
March 2007	Alumni Award of Merit Selection Meeting
May 2007	
8	Alumni Board Meeting
June 2007	
1	Senior "Welcome to the Alumni Association" Lunch
25	Alumni Golf Tournament @ Peninsula Golf & Country Club

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Tim Maquire '80 Padre Wedding Picture!
 Front L to R: Armando Ferrer, Jr. '08 (Cousin of Bride), Mariel Melarpis (Bride), Tim Maquire '80 (Groom), Greg Quiqley '80;
 Back Row L to R: Tim Baldocchi '80 (Groomsman), Dave Collins '80, Jamie Cravalho '81, Tom Cravalho '80 (Groomsman)



Alum Baby Posse (L to R: Twins Giuliana & Ricco Petrini (Rico '90 & Kim Petrini); Hayden Ricci (grandson of Emilio Ricci '58, parents Mark & Annette Ricci); Julian Anzelc (Joel '91 & Tiffany Anzele); Isabella Hrga (Ivan '91 & Marissa Hrga)



Michael Conti '93
 & Heidi Lynn Bren Wedding



Scott Delucchi '85 & JoAnn Schultz Wedding



Twins Rico Luciano & Giuliana Vittoria Petrini
 (Rico '90 & Kimberly Petrini)

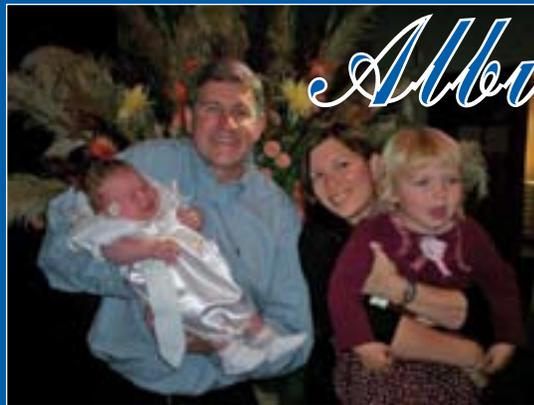


Matea Anne Houle
 (Chris '92 & Noelle Houle)

*Padre
 Family
 Photo
 Album*



Twin Girls Simone & Lyra Arvetis
 Tom '92 & Dana (Cruz) Arvetis



Rob O'Brien '82 & Family
 (L to R: Baby Kylee, Rob, Wife Cathy & Ashlyn)



Faculty Member Rick Boesen
 & Son "JJ"



Anthony '96 & Monica (Sciutti) Villanueva



Big Sister Jennifer, Baby Gabriella Sofia & Big Brother
 Christian DeLuna - ((USMC Lieutenant Colonel Mark
 '83 & Jessica DeLuna)



Baby Luke Tyler Turek
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