

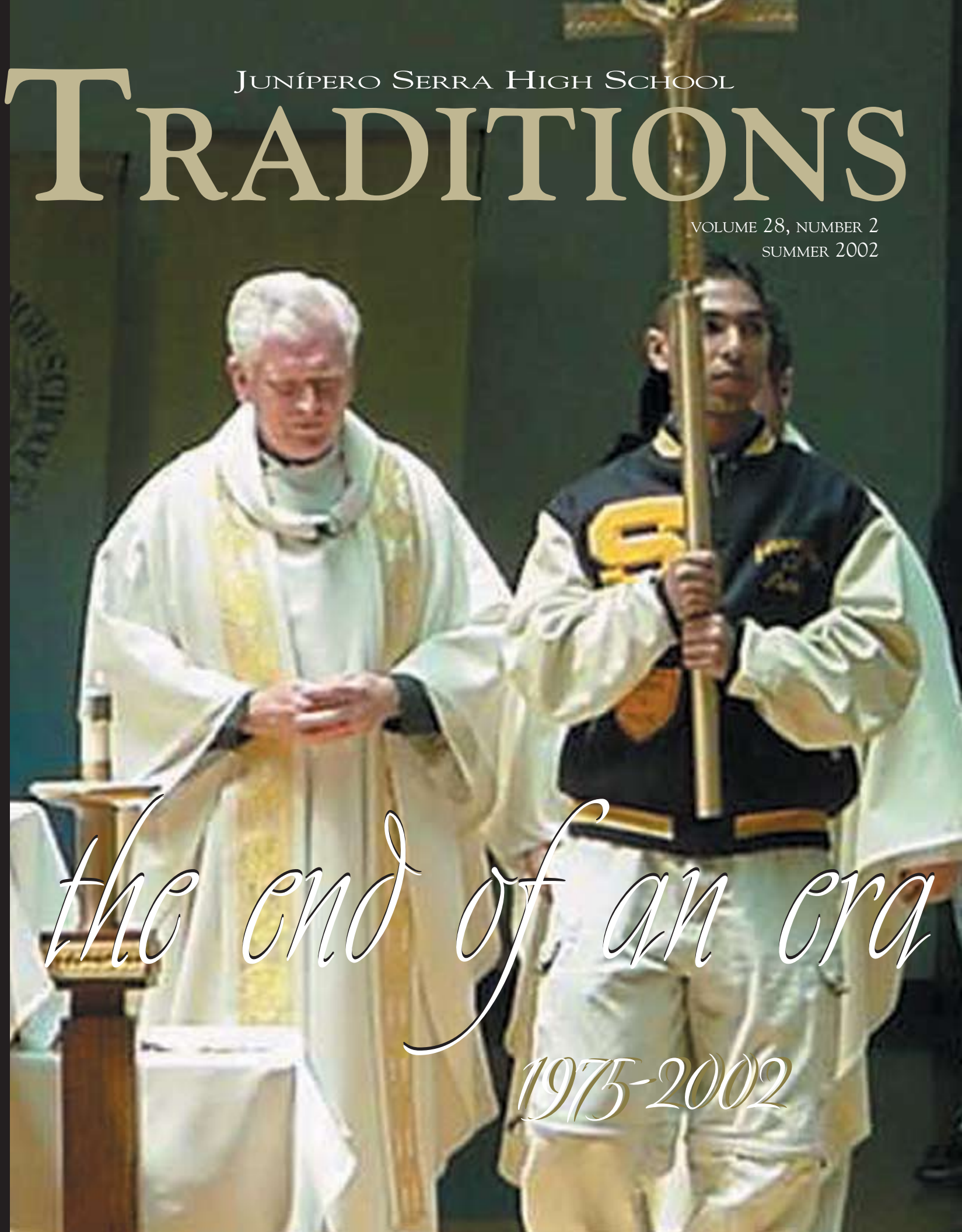


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Solving an Alumni Mystery...

In Winter issue of Traditions, we asked you to identify the junior scientists in the photo at right. The photo brought back fond memories for many alumni. Here are your guesses!

I am a 1960 graduate of Serra. A few of the people were good friends of mine when I attended Serra, so this prompted me to dust off the ol' yearbooks and have a look. Here's my answers: From left to right the people are: David Jackson, John Carraher, Dan Gaffney, John Carroll, Ernest Moreno and Roy Tresaugue.

Don Azevedo '60

I have some answers to the mystery photo. John Carraher, Class of '60, is at the bottom left, wearing dark jacket, looking in the microscope. Phil Mihalcik (me!) is looking at the bottle with Mr. Gaffney. I retired as a manager from AT&T in 1996. I married Carolyn O'Keefe in 1964. We have 3 children and live in Edmond, Oklahoma. The photo was taken in biology class.

Phil Mihalcik '60

The photo shows Daniel Gaffney (aka "the Deacon") holding the jar. I believe that the photo was taken during the 1958-59 school year in the biology lab. Hope I helped!

Dave Henry '61

If I had to guess I'd say they were members of the class of 1956. The middle boy standing may well be Forest Moore, and the left microscope person may be Will Silverthorne. Just a guess. It's been a long time since any of us looked that young!

Rich Bona '56

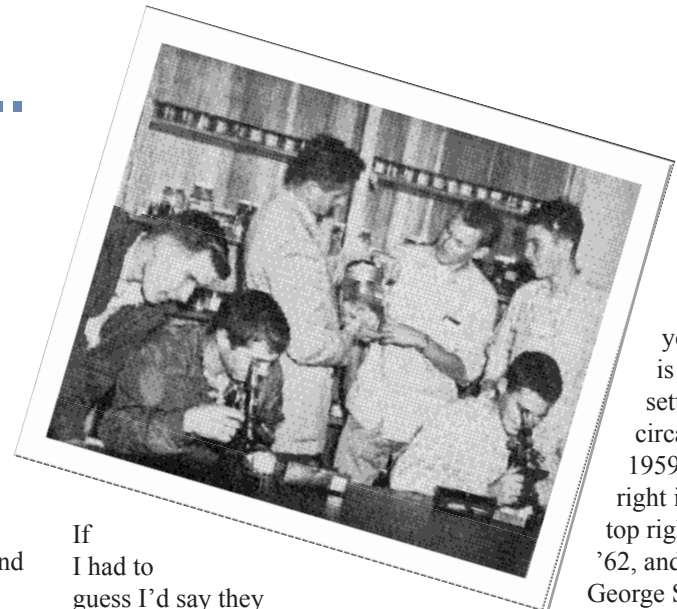
The teacher is Dan Gaffney, who taught Biology 3 and 4, and coached JV Baseball and Freshmen Football. He left Serra for Booneville in 1960. To his left is a classmate of mine, Dan Cannon.

Bart Araujo '61

This is 100% accurate information. Left to right: Bob Moran '60, John Carraher '60, Mr. Dan Gaffney, Brad Terrill '60, Ernie Moreno '60, Roy Tresauque '60.

Jack Macy '60

Great photo, which brought out my



yearbooks. My guess is as follows: The setting is Science Club, circa either 1958/59 or 1959/60. On the lower right is William Raffo '62, top right is James Dunkley '62, and lower right is George Stueck '60. Thanks for the memories!

Steve Cerruti '62

Memories of '51

The reunion photo had two familiar guys (Father Zoph insisted that "guy" was not in the dictionary, but that caught up with him): Bob Ughe, the best guard at setting up plays on the basketball court (that was when short guys could play); and the other, Tom Healy, who wore glasses playing football as well as basketball. Actually, the first string of the football team played the first strings on the basketball team and called football plays, causing confusion on the opposing team; also when a fullback, or a halfback in Healy's case, came in for a set-up, no one would dare get in the way... we'd be constantly retaping Healy's glasses.

Jim Flanagan '52

Attention 50-Year Graduates!

Join the Class of 1952 as they celebrate their Golden Anniversary of graduation from Serra High School and the Class of 1947 as they become the first class to celebrate 55 years of graduation.

Each alumnus who is a member of the 50-year club is invited to attend the Reunion Gala on Homecoming Night. We hope that this will become as much a part of the tradition of Homecoming as the football game during the day.

More information will be coming, but mark your calendars for October 12, 2002, when the Junipero Serra Alumni Association will inaugurate the 50-Year Club! If you have any questions about this or any other alumni activity, please feel free to call the Alumni Office at (650) 573-9935.

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LookingBack...



WHO ARE THESE COWBOYS?

We have no idea who this photo depicts or where it was taken! Please help us identify these Padres! In the next issue of *Traditions*, this photo will be reprinted with guesses from Serra alumni. We can be reached via e-mail, mail or fax. All contact information can be found on the left-hand side of this page.

Career Day 2003

Join the growing list of Padre alumni who want to share their careers with our current students. On Friday, February 21, the Alumni Association and the College and Career Center will present our 3rd Annual Career Day.

In 2001 over 50 alums spoke about their experiences in the work force, ranging from careers in the biotech world to rock music production, from guarding the President of the United States to building homes as a general contractor. This day has become one of the most popular and successful days of the school year.

Contact the Alumni Office by January 3, 2003 if you are interested in participating this year!

Letters Welcome!

Tell us what you think of *Traditions*! Do you have an opinion on articles that have appeared in this magazine? Please send us your thoughts. This is your opportunity to ask us anything, whether it's something you've always wondered about or a something specific you'd like to read about. *Traditions* is written for you, and we want to serve your interests!

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In the Tradition of Blessed Junipero Serra...



July 1
Feast of Blessed Junipero Serra

Prayer from the Mass

O God, in your ineffable mercy, you chose Blessed Junipero Serra as a means of gathering many peoples of the Americas into your Church. Grant that through his intercession our hearts may be united to you in ever greater love so that at all times and in all places we may show forth the image of your Only-Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Dear Friends,

As I complete twenty-seven years as a member of the faculty of Junipero Serra High School, the most important thing I can say is "Thank you."

This "Thank you" is to all of you — faculty, staff, students, alumni and parents — who have helped to make Junipero Serra into a caring, familial environment over the years. By living the ideal of "sharing the Word of God, living Christian community and being of service to all people," you have provided me with the inspiration, support and community necessary to grow and develop as a person and as a priest. You have helped me deal with the difficult and sad times and you have helped me enjoy the good and happy times.

To any who may have felt hurt or offended at any time or in any way by my words or actions, or by the omission of my words or actions, I apologize. Know that my goal has always been to live out the Great Commandment of Jesus, "to love God and to express this love of God through love of neighbor."

Our school is under the patronage of Blessed Junipero Serra, a humble Franciscan friar. As we who are connected in any way with this school proceed with our lives, let us remember to live out the admonition of St. Francis of Assisi, who inspired Blessed Junipero and us: "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary." It is not what we say, it is how we live.

Finally, I will pray for all of you and for Father Joseph Bradley '73, our new President. I will pray for the continued success and well-being of each of you and the school. Please remember me in your prayers.

Peace,

Father Stephen H. Howell, '63

Changing of the

Guard



Early Days
Top, Fr. Howell as a young priest.
Above, Fr. Howell celebrates Mass at Serra in the late 1960's.

During the farewell Mass for Father Stephen H. Howell, '63 on May 18, Junipero Serra alumnus Mark Geenen, Class of 1978, called to mind the enduring image many students will remember when they think about Father Stephen Howell.

"He is walking down the halls of Serra, brows furrowed, lips locked together, fists tightly clenched, shoulders draw up around his neck," said Geenen.

But as many Padres found in times of distress, "his veneer of toughness is among the thinnest shells around," said Geenen. "That drill sergeant exterior is a ruse — inside, he is a thoughtful, caring individual, a real softy. At the same time, he is a leader, a loyal man, a key contributor, and a fine example of a Christian human being."

After twenty seven years of service to the Junipero Serra community, Fr. Howell moved on to Notre Dame High School in Belmont on July 1, to serve as the school's chaplain. Father Joe Bradley, '73 stepped up as Serra's second

President in school history.

The years Fr. Howell spent at Serra constitute the largest chapter of his life. As a young priest in 1975, he returned to his alma mater and joined the faculty, utilizing his history degree from the University of San Francisco.

He was thrilled to come back to Serra, where during his own high school years, he looked up to many of the priests who served on the faculty.

"One of the reasons I became a Diocesan priest was because the priests at Serra had a real influence on me," he said. "I knew I wanted to be a priest and an educator."

He learned that he was being assigned to Serra while serving in the parish of St. Timothy in San Mateo in his first year of priesthood.

"When the call came, I was very happy to move back into education," he said.

Just three years later, he was named the first president of the school, and he and the school's

Serra in Seattle



former Serra parents, Bob and Edna, gathered to reconnect on April 20, 2001. Present were Principal Mike Peterson, Stan Ross '77, Director of Development and Alumni Relations Russ Bertetta '67, Bob Dugoni '79, Ed Laine '85, Mike Lujan '84 and Trevor Antony '98.

Nye is currently a second class midshipman at the Naval Academy and just completed spring football camp. He will be the starting right guard for Navy in the fall. **John Bologna** earned the California Collegiate Athletic Association's Player of the Week award for April 15-21 this year. Bologna is a left-fielder for the UC San Diego Tritons.

'00

Ryan Swets earned his commercial multiengine instrument pilot's certificate in February of 2001, while finishing up his bachelor's degree in psychology at Hawaii Pacific University. **Christopher** and **Matthew Hunter** finished their sophomore year at the University of San Francisco. Both are majoring in Exercise and Sports Science, and are on the Dean's List. Matthew is also working toward his advanced certificate in Japanese. **Rich Heintz** earned his second straight junior

college All-American football honor, in addition to leading all California kick scorers, with 108 points for the City College of San Francisco. Rich accepted a full-ride scholarship to Eastern Washington University. **Michael Karcher** is continuing his studies at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. He is majoring in Animal Science. After two years of playing tight end for CSM, **Jason Hardee** signed with West Virginia University.

'02

Eric Haig earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. His final project consisted of building a brick patio at St. Peter's Church in Pacifica.

IN MEMORIAM

Stephen Edwards '57 passed away on April 5, 2001, after suffering from congestive heart failure for two years. His wife Virginia lives in Onalaska, Washington, where the Edwards family has made their home for 23 years.

Robert Mellott '57 passed away on March 2, 2002 from complications with cancer. He and his wife Faith Mellott had retired in January to live in Laughlin, Nevada.

Father Peter Sammon, a member of the Junipero Serra faculty from 1950 to 1964, died on March 21, 2002 following a long illness. Father Sammon was ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco on June 14, 1947, and served in a number of assignments before being named Pastor of St. Teresa's Parish in 1970.

Joanne Howell Gallegos, mother of Jeffrey Gallegos '89 and cousin of Fr. Stephen Howell '63, passed away on March 25, 2002 in South San Francisco.

Ron Vella '60, owner of Alpine Awards and father of Greg Vella '83, died April 19, 2002 in Walnut Creek.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, the mother of B.C. Thomas, a former Serra faculty member, died on April 25, 2002 in Ohio.

Joseph Gleason '62, the brother of Ms. Rita Gleason, the Principal of Notre Dame, Belmont, died unexpectedly on May 6, 2002 in Southern California.

Mike Riddell '67 passed away on May 27, 2002.

Keep us posted!

Your fellow Padres want to know what you've been up to! If you recently married, just celebrated the birth of a baby, started a new job, or retired, let us know! Feel free to include a snapshot with your news!

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Alumni

Curley, Asiano & McCarthy in Larkspur, California.

'94

Sean Fatooh was married to Robyn Castanet of San Mateo on February 2, 2002. Members of the wedding party included Sean's best man and brother Kevin Fatooh, **George Trelat '94**, **Paul Laustsen '93** and **Matt McMichael '93**. **Stephen Markas** graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law on May 18, 2002. His mother, Pauline Markas, is the head librarian at Serra High School.

'96

Former Serra catcher **Bill Duplissea** began his fourth season with the Los Angeles Dodgers organization in March. Late in spring training he was placed on the Major League 40-man roster, and played in the March 24 game against the St. Louis Cardinals. Since joining the Dodgers organization in 1999, Bill has played at all levels for the Dodgers, including Major League, AAA, AA, A and Rookie. He is currently assigned to the Vero Beach Dodgers in Vero Beach, Florida.

'98

At the University of Texas, Austin, **Leffie Crawford's** has helped win three team championships, and also helped his 200 Medley relay team secure a men's swimming title. Leffie's events are freestyle sprints and the butterfly stroke. He is majoring in youth and community studies. After graduating from Stanford University, **Kevin Phillip** joined Bel Air Investment Advisors, a private wealth management firm located in Century City, California.

'99

Former Serra football player **Matt**

Baby Padres

Kevin Monahan '80 and his wife Tracey welcomed Michael Joseph into their family on May 12, 2002. Jim Monahan, who taught at Serra High School from 1959 to 1998, is the proud grandfather.

A baby boy, Liam, was born to **Kevin Griffin '80** and his wife Susan this year. Liam joined 3 year-old brother Trevor. Kevin has worked at Oracle for 12 years, and currently is a senior network engineer.

A new baby boy, Matthew Bryant Rollandi, was born to **Scott Rollandi '81** and his wife on March 16, 2002. Matthew joins his older brother, Nico, in the family's Redwood City home.



Justin Markas

Pete

Thompson '83 and his wife Angela welcomed their first baby. A daughter, Olivia Louise, was born on Mothers' Day, May 12, 2002. Pete is the area manager for Countrywide Home Loans and he and his family make their home in Redwood City.

Perry Carter '84 and his wife Meronig welcomed baby girl Camille Elise Carter on April 20th, 2002. Perry, class of '84, is a math teacher at Serra, and his family also includes 2 year-old son Perry Walton.

Michael Canziani '84 and his wife Andrea welcomed their first child, Isabella Gloria, on May 11, 2002.

Michael Markas, M.D. '85 and his wife Miranda welcomed their second child, Justin Wyatt Markas, on January 29, 2002. Justin joins older sister Joselyn at the family home in Baltimore, Maryland, where Michael is the Director of OB Anesthesia at Sinai Hospital.

Robert Centis '86 and his wife



Camille Carter

Ann celebrated the birth of their son James Glenn this year. Along with daughter Olivia, the family lives in Beaverton, Oregon, where Rob is a middle school teacher.

Rob Rush '86 and his wife Chris welcomed Andrew Scott Rush on March 6, 2002. He was eight pounds, seven ounces at birth.

Maddie Rae Stevens met her parents, **Brian Stevens '86** and his wife Alison on April 1, 2002.

Mr. and Mrs. **Doug Holcomb '89** had a son, Braden James, on March 23, 2002.

Aaron Borg '92 and his wife Leigh Anne welcomed their first child, Anthony, on February 6. The Borgs live in Sacramento.

“Fr. Howell has touched the lives of hundreds of young men. In many ways they were his flock, and he was their shepherd.”
— Michael Peterson, Prinicipal



A Message
from the President

first lay principal Michael Peterson, put together a job description as the years progressed. Along the way, he has come to have a profound appreciation for Catholic school education. “Catholic education is the key for the future of the Church and society in general,” he said. “We are making good Catholics, and we’re making good members of society.” His lifelong commitment to Catholic education will never be forgotten. A number of students — past and present — have benefitted from the Howell-McDermott-Rach scholarship that Fr. Howell established in memory of deceased members of his family. Many more will benefit in the future, ensuring that Fr. Howell’s passion for education will allow students to learn and grow in an environment that reflects the values of the Catholic faith. “I wanted to ensure that for anyone who wants to come to Junipero Serra, money will not be the sole determining factor,” he said. “Middle class and poor students will always need access to this education.”

Moving on from Serra has been a test of character. The length of his assignment at Serra was unusual, and he is grateful that the various archbishops over the years have allowed him to stay as long as he has.

“I’ve been here for more than half my life,” he said. “Moving on is going to be a challenge, but I’m looking forward to it.”

As Chaplain at NDB, things may seem a little topsy-turvy at first. “Instead of 980 boys, there will be 760 girls,” he said, laughing. “It will be different.”

But he’ll still be in familiar territory, thanks to the Tri-School program that has been in place over the last decade. “It’s not like I’m going to a foreign land,” he said. “Because of the sharing, there’s a knowledge and comfort level.”

The faculty, staff and students he’s left behind at Serra will remember him as one of the most important elements of a Padre education, especially a group of students who came through the school in the early 1980s.

Calling themselves the “B Team,” they were disaffected, received poor grades, and desperately needed a guiding influence in their teenage years. Fr. Howell proved to be their salvation.

“He has touched the lives of hundreds of young men,” said Peterson. “Kids who were suffering academically, spiritually, physically.

“Often times he was the only person willing to listen. In many ways they were his flock, and he was their shepherd.”

For the past 27 years, Fr. Stephen Howell was shepherd of the community of Junipero Serra High School; always present, always available, Fr. Howell taught, lead and mentored countless students, faculty, alumni and fellow priests.

Throughout my years of seminary study and eleven years as a priest, including four years as chaplain at Serra, he has been a genuine source of support and encouragement. I am forever grateful and consider it a privilege and blessing to follow him in the role as President. Perhaps the real tribute is simply my resolve to continue in the spirit of his ministry.

We have a sacred, time-honored tradition of sending our graduates into the larger community in roles of service. I feel very blessed to continue this mission with our families and our faculty and staff.

Fr. Joe
Fr. Joseph Bradley, '73

TO SIR, WITH LOVE...

MIKE WILCOX '85 RECALLS HOW FATHER HOWELL HELPED THE 'B TEAM' FIND THEIR PLACE AT SERRA

As an anthropologist I am interested in liminality, rites of passage, events that mark our transition from one part of life to another.

High school is one of these times.

For some, this is a time of weaving dreams, thinking big, asking yourself, "Who am I and who and what do I want to be?" And for others, sometimes for reasons beyond our control, high school is something that you just have to get through until the next phase of life comes along.



Maybe your family situation is unstable, maybe you can't imagine who or what you might be, maybe you are the first person in your family to go to college. Maybe in facing the challenges of young adulthood you make unwise choices, maybe as young people do, by turning to drugs or alcohol. Or perhaps in measuring yourself against the academic, artistic or athletic champions who make things look so easy, you realize that this may not be your moment to shine.

But as my own story at Serra demonstrates, sometimes the lessons we learn from people about facing challenges, failure and success stay with us long after our ears have heard them. Sometimes we are able to learn from people in our lives long after we part company. For many Serra students, Father Howell is one of these people.

Many of you may not think that you know Father Howell very well and if that's the case it's probably because you are already making good choices and decisions.

In my mind, Father Howell's legacy is in helping those who had worn thin the patience and goodwill of teachers. Those who had seemingly squandered the opportunities presented them in a place like Serra where opportunity, wisdom and guidance are plentiful.

In thinking about Father Howell, I think most of St. Jude, the patron saint of hopeless causes — and at Serra, Father Howell has been for many an advocate, a confidant, a friend and sometimes in the reflection of later years, a role model of how to live a life of faith.

Father Howell has always been available to those who were struggling — not with hopelessness but with life's difficulties which for some, come during these years.

There is a passage in the Bible where Jesus is asked why he isn't recognizing the good works of his disciples and his reply to them was that he recognized who was living a just life, but that he was here to help those who were struggling, those who were not attractive in their behavior.

I was part of a group of friends who fell into this category.

For most of us, the prospect of going to college was simply not in the cards. In the hours after school we went to work in trades schools as electricians, plumbers carpenters or volunteer firefighters.

Most of these guys had serious problems at home. There were broken families, alcoholism, absentee fathers, mothers who were too busy working two jobs to cope with the demands imposed by restless, angry and sometimes reckless sons and daughters.

By the time we graduated, all of these guys had seen the back of a police car more than once, had been in trouble for with the law for fighting, or using alcohol or drugs. They had grades that were abysmal, had spent so much time in detention and what was then known as mandatory study, that we were close personal friends of the janitors. Our leader, Tim Whalen, distinguished himself in Padre

"When I think about Father Howell, I think most about St. Jude, the patron saint of hopeless causes."

'90

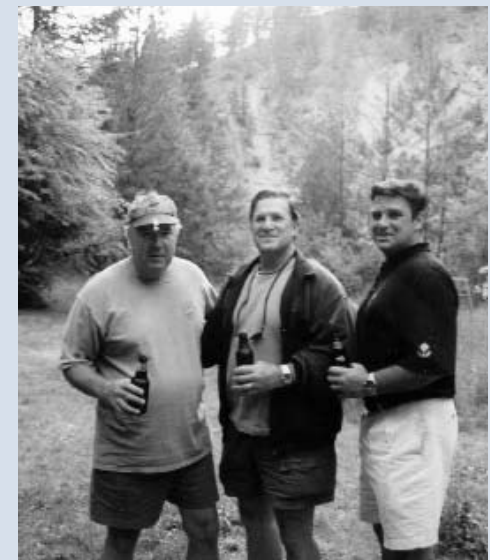
Tony Kyaw married Regina Yabes on May 4, 2002 in Burlingame. Classmate Steve McLaughlin, Jr. served as the best man and groomsmen included Serra alumni **Orlando Yabes, Jr. '99**, **Scott Harden '90** and **John Ruiz '90**. **Scott Harden** married Sora Kim on October 13, 2001 in Santa Barbara. Classmate Tony Kyaw was a groomsman. **Timothy Sharpe** is engaged to be married to Beth Kwasny on July 20, 2002 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Tim is currently an options trader on the Pacific Options Exchange.

'92

Silvio Lopez works for Sun Microsystems as a manager in Information Technology and is actively involved with Sierra Club.

'93

Brian Murray was appointed the Executive Director of the Arizona Republican Party, the youngest state party director in America. After graduating from Arizona State University, Brian interned for Senator John McCain, directed Congressman J.D. Hayworth's campaign, and worked as a professional staffer for both Steve Forbes and McCain. Brian and a friend also founded their own political consulting firm, Southwest Strategies. Most recently he served as Congressman Hayworth's representative to the Arizona Reappointment Committee. On April 6, 2002, **Eric Osterling** was married to Linda Henao in Redondo Beach. Three of the groomsmen were fellow Padres, including **Leo Tealdi '91**, **Steve Major '93** and **Shawn Jones '93**. Eric and Linda honeymooned in Kauai and are now living in Millbrae. **Geroge Millionis** passed the California Bar Exam and now works as a lawyer for Bradley,



Alumni

NEWS & NOTES

'59

Richard Fambrini, retired Serra coach and teacher, has been elected the Grand Knight of Council 4781 of the Knights of Columbus in Carson City, Nevada for the Fraternal Year of 2002-03. Richard and his wife Sally live in Minden, Nevada.

'63

Father Stephen H. Howell has been appointed Chaplain at Notre Dame High School, Belmont. He will be in residence at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Belmont.

'65

Michael J. Burke was appointed to serve on the Business Advisory Council for the National Republican Congressional Committee in recognition of his valuable contributions and dedication to the Republican Party. Michael will serve the state of Arizona and is expected to play a crucial role in the party's efforts to involve top business people in the process of government reform.

'66

After 31 years, **Jim Rohrbach** retired from Lucent Technologies at the end of 1999. During his tenure with Lucent, Jim worked at almost every Catholic grammar school on the San Francisco Peninsula, installing and maintaining telephone systems. His youngest daughter, Katie, an eighth grader at St. Gregory's, attends an honors math class at Serra. She will be entering Mercy Burlingame next year as a member of the class of 2006, and will graduate 40 years after her dad graduated from Serra. Jim and his wife Cheri will celebrate 29 years of marriage in July, and have two other children, Stacy and Mike.

'67

Gerry Bundy, owner of Bundy Opticians, was named top small businessman in San Mateo by the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce in May of 2002. The award recognized his long years of community support in providing glasses for students who couldn't afford them in the San Mateo School District, and for children at the Samaritan House.

'70

Tom McBreen, a former swimmer at Serra High School and USC, was inducted into the 14th annual San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame on June 4, 2002. He captured a bronze medal in the 1972 Olympics for the U.S.

'73

Mark Harden married Linda Kotsaftis on December 2, 2000 in Centennial, Colorado.

'76

Bob Harden married Laurie Pascucci on September 7, 2001 in Beverly, Massachusetts.

'78

Ray Greene recently became a board member of the Peninsula Humane Society, joining fellow Serra alum **Scott Delucchi** '85.

'81

Kevin Cook and his wife Kim have two little girls, ages 6 and 4. The Cook family currently resides in South Burlington, Vermont, where Kevin teaches English at the high school level.

'82

Mark Stemmy is married and is currently employed at Intel in

Folsom, California.

'84

Tom Moore and his wife Sharon welcomed Reed Gene Moore and Angus Joseph Moore into their family on September 17, 2001. Just six days before their homecoming, the boys' grandfather, Neil Moore, was a member of the first search and rescue team from California to respond to the attack on the Twin Towers. He spent 10 days working in and around Ground Zero as a structural specialist with the Sacramento Urban Search and Rescue team. **Bill DeMarco** has been intimately involved with Operation Enduring Freedom. He was one of the first into Afghanistan just after September 11, 2001. He is currently deployed at the Indian Ocean's Diego Garcia base, a support facility for the U.S. Navy. Bill is second in command of his squadron, and is married with two young sons.

'86

Ray Looze, former Serra and USC swimming All-American, won his fourth straight Big West men's swimming Coach of the Year Award at University of the Pacific. Looze resigned from UOP in June and accepted the head coaching position at the University of Indiana.

'88

Mark Domine was married to Shelley Ames on July 21, 2001 in Santa Cruz, California. **Tom Finn** married Kristen Catri on April 27, 2002 in San Mateo.

'89

Daryl Sid will marry Kerryn Asher on July 15, 2002 at the Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto. The couple will make their home in Belmont.





Breaking News

GREG VISTICA '72 RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS PEA-BODY AWARD

After spending most of his career in print journalism, Greg Vistica '72 applied his reporting skills to a bigger medium — television — this year, and came away with a Peabody Award, considered the most prestigious prize in the electronic media industry.

Vistica adapted a piece he had written for the New York Times Magazine exploring Senator Bob Kerrey's role in a Vietnam War mission that ended in an alleged massacre of women and children. The story, entitled "Memories of a Massacre," aired on 60 Minutes II on CBS News, and examined two dramatically different accounts of what happened in the village of Thanh Phong in February of 1969.

After graduating from Serra, Vistica, who went by the nickname "Buzz," went on to earn his undergraduate degree in international relations at San Francisco State. He wasn't introduced to journalism until his senior year, but when he returned to SF State for his master's degree, he split his thesis between international relations and journalism.

Vistica's piece on Kerrey reached the finalist stage in judging for the 2001 Pulitzer Prize as

Peavey Brothers Go Pro

ASTROS AND INDIANS PICK UP SERRA BROTH-

Two Serra brothers, Patrick and Bill Peavey, can compare notes this year as they both embark on their careers in professional baseball.

Pat '98, signed with the Houston Astros, and Bill, '97, signed with the Cleveland Indians within one day of each other in June. They played their inaugural games in the New York-Penn League on the same day — June 18. Pat plays third base for the Tri-city Valley Cats in Troy, New York, while Bill was scheduled to play first base for the Mahoning Valley Scrappers in Ohio. Later this season, the Valley Cats will travel south to Ohio to take on the Scrappers.

Bill and Pat played together at Serra, and then got a taste of competing against each other in college, when Bill's USC team played against Pat's Santa Clara team.

Serra Honors Those Who Protect and Serve

On Thursday, October 10, Junipero Serra High School will honor and thank all members of the Serra community — alumni, alumni parents, and current parents — who serve local communities as members of police forces, fire departments, sheriff's departments, California Highway Patrol, and paramedic/ EMT units.

This will take place during Homecoming Week's Mass. Please send us your name and address, year of graduation, rank and affiliation so we can

Alumni

Reaching Out SERRA ALUM TRAVELS TO INDIA TO BUILD HOUSES

For two and a half weeks in March I was fortunate to have been part of a trip that no doubt was the experience of a lifetime. I was joining a group of fourteen other individuals who would be participating in Habitat for Humanities Global Village program in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India.

After a grueling 35-hour trip, I landed in Bombay, ready to meet up with the Habitat group that was co-led by Una Kinsella, sister of Serra graduate Patrick Kinsella '86.

We proceeded to fly to Thiruvananthapuram where we were met by local members of the Habitat affiliate there. The landscape there was surprisingly tropical, with numerous palm trees and beautiful beaches. Soon enough, however, I realized that there was so much work to be done that relaxing

in this beautiful setting would not be an option.

The work was very fulfilling as we were involved with three different projects. The first involved demolishing an unusable home which had been ransacked by 30 years of monsoons. We carried away the remains of the house in buckets made out of old tires. The work was done in 95 degree heat, but with good teamwork, we had the area cleared in three days. When we finished carting away the debris, local shamans performed a dedication ceremony which would prepare the site for the new 300 square foot residence to be built on that site.

The next project was to carry cinder blocks up to a site where a home was being built and we all pitched in to do some of the actual masonry work. After three days on that site, we had nearly completed a new structure.

Finally, with the help of local workers, we all constructed a roof on a newly built house. All in all the work was very satisfying and we were helped by eager townspeople who were more than happy to volunteer their services.

We were fed daily by a group of nuns who were of the order of the Daughters of Charity, and they

prepared an amazing display of local cuisine.

In addition to all of the work, we were treated to a day at a local resort on the Arabian Sea, a demonstration of yoga, a team dinner at a local restaurant and more than enough time to explore this beautiful southern Indian city of more than one million people.

After our work was completed we flew to Delhi, and enjoyed seeing the Taj Mahal as well as the ancient city of Jaipur.

The experience was truly life changing.

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How to Help

Habitat for Humanity brings families and communities in need together with volunteers and resources to build decent and affordable housing.

For more information about how you can help, visit www.habitat.org or call (229)924-6935 ext. 2552.

Global village
Chris Bankovitch meets local children in the village of Thiruvananthapuram.





BASEBALL YOUNG TEAM SHOWS IMPROVE-

Starting off the season with a young team that included five juniors and a sophomore, the varsity baseball program had room to grow this year, and the players met the challenge.

With an overall record of 26-9, the young team broke two records.

Senior Brandon Ramsey set the single season hit record, with 51 hits. The previous record, set in 1987, was 49 hits. Ramsey, who won the Blanket Award, was named to first team All-WCAL, All-County and All-CCS. He is headed to Skyline College.

Fellow record-breaker Matt Campbell pitched 18 strike-outs in a game versus Burlingame High School. Campbell, an All-WCAL player, will attend the College of San Mateo in the fall.

Other standouts included junior Alvaro Orozco, who was named the WCAL Pitcher of the Year, and the Serra Pitcher of the Year. Senior John Perry won the Dan Frisella Award.

Orozco will be one of the team's returning players next year, along with sophomore Chuck Lofgren, an outfielder and pitcher who was selected for All-CCS, All-County and All-WCAL teams. All-WCAL second baseman Anthony Cozzolino will return as a senior as well.

"We started off the year with an 8-6 record,

and finished strong, winning 18 of our last 21 games," said head coach Pete Jensen. "It was a great improvement."



Padre Power Sophomore Chuck Lofgren challenges a WCAL hitter.

TRACK&FIELD SENIORS EXCEL IN FINAL SEASON

The Track and Field head coach Jim Marheineke summed up the 2002 season by praising this year's seniors, who gave an outstanding final performance as Padres.

The highlight of the season came during the CCS championships, when Serra's 4x400 meter relay team took second place.

"Taking second at CCS was unbelievable," crowed Marheineke.

Senior Paul Comaroto, who is headed to Dartmouth University in the fall, tied a Serra school record in pole vault, by clearing 14 feet, six inches. He was a WCAL champion in his event, and went on to take second place in the CCS championships. He also qualified for the

CIF State meet. He was given the Blanket Award for his accomplishments during the season.

Taking second and third place in shot put and discus in the WCAL, senior Eric Dooley was awarded the Outstanding Field Event recognition by his coaches. Eric will attend Duke University.

Marheineke is also excited about the younger talent on the 2002 team. The freshmen/sophomore team were WCAL co-champions.

Standouts at the freshmen and sophomore level included Angelo Fobbs-Valentino, who broke three school records and took home three awards from CCS. He also qualified for the CIF state finals.

Padres Hit the Road!

Join Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Russ Bertetta, and others for the first ever Serra Road Trip this December, when members of the Junípero Serra community will head to Phoenix for a weekend of football, good food, good friends and great golf!

Be among the first 30 to sign up for this trip to the Valley of the Sun!

Our itinerary consists of:

Friday, December 20
Leave San Jose Airport at 1:20;
Arrive in Phoenix at 3:20

Saturday, December 21
49ers vs. Phoenix Cardinals at Sun Devil Stadium
Hosted dinner at one of the Phoenix area's top restaurants.

Sunday, December 22
Breakfast at the hotel followed by golf at one of Phoenix's leading desert golf courses
Leave Phoenix at 5:55 p.m.
Arrive in San Jose 8:45 p.m.

Total Cost
\$615 per person*

*Includes lodging (double occupancy) at the Fiesta Inn in Tempe, transportation to and from the airport, to and from the game and to the golf course.

This trip is open to all members of the Serra High School community. Phoenix area alums should contact Russ for a separate package deal.

Make checks out to the Junípero Serra Alumni Association.
For more information, please call the Alumni Office at 650.573.9935.

Padre Bench

GOLF PADRES SHOW OFF AT HAWAIIAN TOUR-

Finishing second in the WCAL as well as second in the CCS championship, Serra golfers had another successful season. They were led by Blanket Award winner Patrick Nagle, who won the WCAL championship tournament by shooting a 2-under par 68 at Silver Creek Valley Country Club in San Jose.

However, the highlight of the season came when the Serra golfers left San Mateo for a golfer's paradise, the tropical Waiakea Invitational Tournament, held on the big island of Hawaii. On the first day of the tournament, Nagle shot a 69, followed by a 72 on the second day.

His total of 141 for 36 holes left him tied with Adam Porzak of San Diego, and forced a sudden

death playoff.

In the playoff, both golfers matched pars for 3 holes. On the fourth playoff hole, a 497-yard par 5, Nagle crushed his second shot, a 4-iron, to within 10 feet of the cup. Nagle then watched his opponent sink a 25-foot birdie putt.

Nagle stepped up and knocked his putt in for an eagle to win the tournament and bring the coveted Kona Cup, which is made of valuable Koa wood, back to Serra. The tournament consisted of high school teams from Hawaii and the continental U.S., and included league championship teams from Southern California, Arizona and New Jersey.

Senior Patrick Nagle, who won high-school All-American

status at the 2001 National High School Open last year, earned a scholarship to play golf at the University of Illinois next year, joining fellow Padre and former teammate, Garrett Chaussard '01.

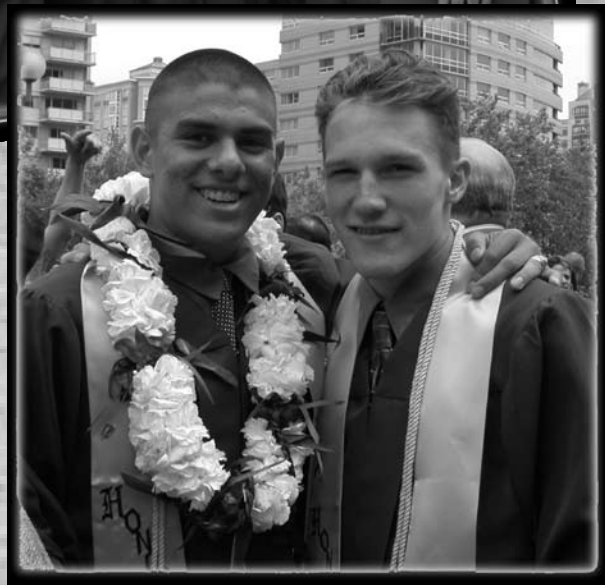
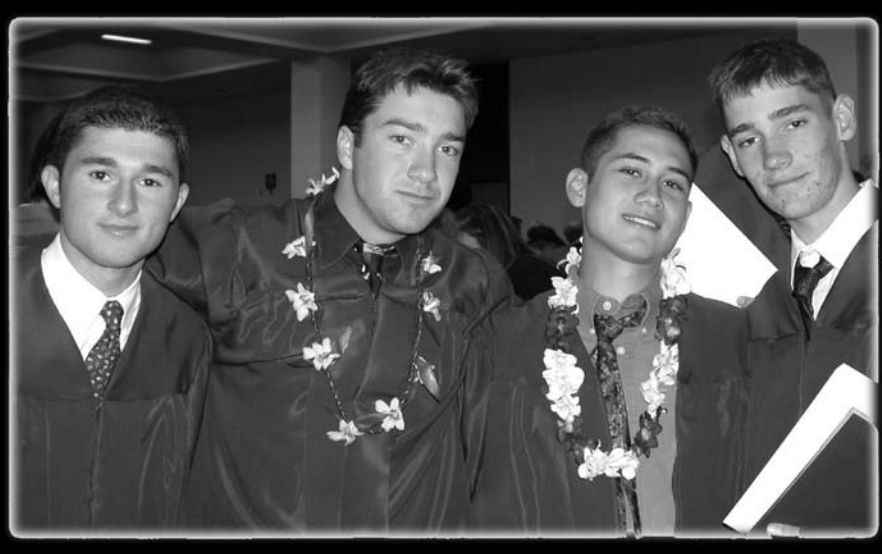
Senior Mike Barbieri was named Most Improved Player by Coach Joe Hession.

Junior Dan Buell earned a spot on the WCAL team, and also won the De La Salle Tournament after shooting a 71 at Diablo Country Club.

Buell, along with juniors Mike Prescott, Blair Jamieson, and R.C. Lewis, sophomore Matt Norton and freshman Brett Bocci, will return to steer the Padres in the 2003 season.



***Golfer's Paradise** Left: The Serra golf team brings home the coveted Kona cup from the Waiakea Tournament. Right: Senior Patrick Nagle watches his opponent putt during the sudden-death playoff in Hawaii.*



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for more information!

VOLLEYBALL SERRA SQUAD RULES LEAGUE PLAY

Head volleyball coach Brian Belding and his 2002 team made Serra history this year, as the WCAL undefeated league champions.

Although the team fell just slightly short of their goal to win CCS, they accomplished more than any past Serra volleyball team, by beating Bellarmine three times, and getting past CCS quarterfinals.

Belding is most proud of the compliment that De La Salle High School's head volleyball coach paid the Padres.

"He said that this year's Serra squad looked more like a college team than any other high school team he'd ever seen," said Belding. "We truly ran a college-level offense effectively, with an attacking setter, two strong middles, outside hitters who can terminate any rally, and an opposite hitter who could attack effectively from all six positions."

In early March, the Padres traveled south to Santa Barbara to play in the Laguna Blanca Classic Tournament. It was during the playoffs of this tournament that the Padres first gelled as a team, according to Belding. Serra pounded South Pasadena High School of Los Angeles and Viewpoint High School of Santa Barbara behind an overwhelming serving and hitting performance by junior Phil Mathews.

On March 30, Serra ventured onto NCS turf to play in the elite Spartan Classic hosted by De La Salle. The Padres came out strong, sweeping Monte Vista from the East Bay and Sir Francis Drake High School of the North Bay. Serra battled the number one seed, De La Salle, defeating them 15-10, but ran out of steam during the second game, losing 10-15. Although De La Salle eventually won the tournament in decisive fashion over Deer Valley, the Padres soundly defeated El Cerrito High School to secure third place.

On April 27, the Padres played in the Los Gatos tournament, featuring the best competition in the CCS. The last game of the championship match, against the St. Francis Lancers, was a true nail-biter. Late in the game, junior Justin Schneider and senior Chris Stagnaro collided

diving for a ball, and Stagnaro continued to play the match, even though it was later discovered that he had sustained a minor concussion.

"That's intensity!" said Belding, who later named Stagnaro the best defensive player of the 2002 season.

The Padres finished the Los Gatos championship in first place.

The highlight game of the season, however, was on March 19, when the Padres took on Bellarmine. Prior to their match-up, Bellarmine's record was 72-0 — undefeated in the league for a decade. Serra went on a 15-4 run behind Stagnaro's blocking and digging, senior Chris McKenna's ball distribution and Mathews' 11 kills. The Padres walked off the Bellarmine court as the first visiting team to win at Bellarmine, and the first WCAL team to defeat them since the inception of the league.

Senior Chris McKenna, who at 6'7" is a skilled setter with the best attack in the region, won the Serra Blanket Award. McKenna was also selected second team All-WCAL.

Meanwhile, junior Phil Mathews was named the best offensive player. He was also the first junior ever selected as the WCAL MVP.

Most Improved Player, senior Jermaine Randolph, was selected for the WCAL first team, and also received the Shea Award, the highest schoolwide recognition for a senior athlete.



Padre intensity
Senior Jermaine Randolph dominates at the net.

"We truly ran a college-level offense effectively, and we accomplished more than any past Serra volleyball team!"

— Coach
Brian Belding

Padre Bench

BASKETBALL PADRES FINISH AS RUNNER-UPS IN NORCAL PLAYOFFS

After a 9-3 league finish, the Serra Padres made it to the Northern California Playoffs for the fourth time in school history, and finished as runner-ups in Division I.

“We had a very successful season,” said head coach Chuck Rapp. “We ‘ran the table’ the second half of league, beating every team in the league.”

The season was full of highlights, including a “Jungle Game” that was dramatically preempted by a broken water main that shut down the campus on the night of January 16.

But the most intense game of the year was played against Archbishop Riordan in early February. The Padres played in front of a packed house, with standing room only in the gym. At the time, Riordan was undefeated in the league, but the Padres pushed the game into overtime, and defeated the league leaders 62-54. The victory was appreciated even more post-season, when Riordan went on to win the state championship.

Key games for the 2002 team included a win against Sacred Heart on January 30 and a victory over St. Francis on February 1. Both of these teams later won CCS championships. The Padres also swept St. Ignatius, defeating the Wildcats 44-39 on January 17 and 53-48 on February 8.

Standout players included senior Paul Shamieh, who was chosen for first team All-WCAL, and first team All-County. Shamieh also earned the Blanket Award. Senior Delphino Williams and Zach Rand also earned Honorable Mention All-WCAL.

Vic Esposto, who will return as a senior this fall, won the Serra Basketball Award.

***B-Ball** Top: Vic Esposto, who will be a senior this fall, scores for the Padres during a game against Oak Grove High School at the CCS Finals; Right: Delphino Williams was named Most Improved Player.*



Fashion Show

Ladies Steal the Spotlight



Showstoppers

Left: Principal Michael Peterson suits up in a tuxedo and top hat for the show; Below: Parent Gloria Chirichillo, alumni parent Cathy Fragola, parent Denise Severi and Joe Fragola chat before the curtain comes up; Bottom Right: Irish folk dancers liven things up; Bottom Left: Brothers Alexander and Andre Monney welcome guests.



Oh, What a Night!

Top Left: Notre Dame and Mercy students show off evening wear; Above: Serra teachers Annie Tobias, Mary Dowden, Amy King and Marybeth Jones dress up when they're away from class; Bottom Left: Two Tri-School students add to the Broadway theme; and Bottom Right: Fashion Show organizers Pam Groshong and Karen Ghidossi beam over the show's success.