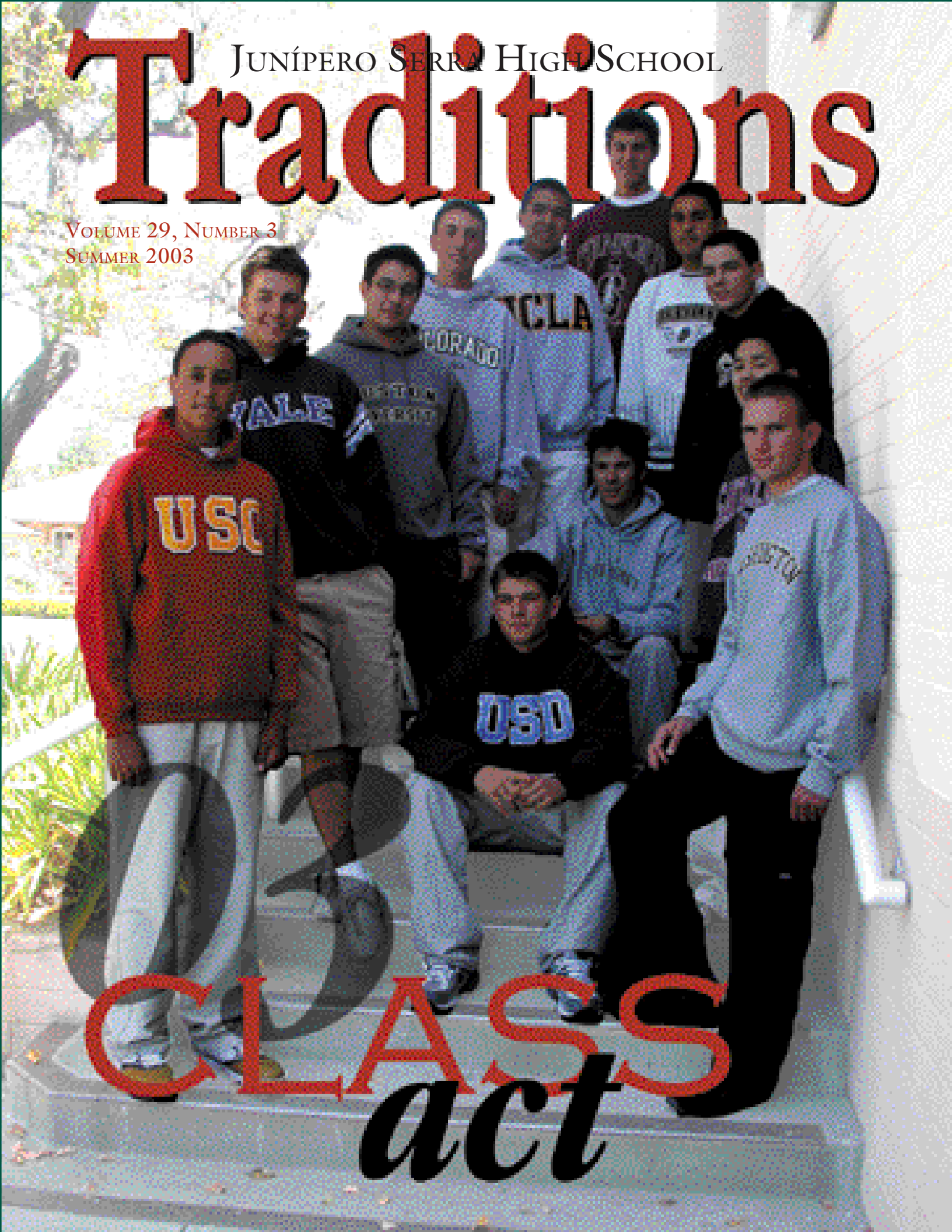


JUNÍPERO SERRA HIGH SCHOOL

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# CLASS

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# New Administration Will Carry on Tradition of Excellence

During the summer vacation, a major change in administration at Serra High School. After twenty-five years of dedicated service and leadership, Michael Peterson is leaving his role as Principal to take on his new and important role as Director of Institutional Advancement. Michael has provided and inspired a vision of Catholic education that has formed generations of Padres. Michael, on behalf of all of us in the Serra community, we offer a profound "thank you" for your vision and ministry. We are blessed and fortunate that Michael will continue to serve Serra in his new role.

In the same spirit of thanksgiving, we welcome Lars Lund as our new Principal. Lars has served as a teacher, Department Chair, and, last year, as Associate Principal. He is a family man and a faith-inspired educator and administrator, and I have every confidence in Lars as he continues in his new role of leadership in the mission of Serra High School.

Our mission at Serra is to "develop the gifts and talents of each student and foster gospel values in an environment of academic excellence and mutual respect." We seek to accomplish such a mission spiritually, academically and socially; it is truly a shared mission and responsibility. In the regard, we are blessed with an incredibly dedicated faculty and staff; the selfless hours they give before, during and after school allows this mission to be fulfilled on a daily basis.

We need only look to the cover of this issue of *Traditions* to see the results of such a mission — confident young men who are academically and spiritually prepared to take on the rigors of college at some of the top universities in the nation.

Today, as we welcome our young men back to school, we ask God's continued blessing and wisdom to lead and guide us each day throughout the year.

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## AROUND THE HALLS



**Lars Lund**  
Former Assistant  
Principal takes the  
helm as Principal



**Michael Peterson**  
Wearing a new hat  
in the Serra  
Development Office

## SPEAKING

### Michael Peterson Steps Down After 25 Years; Lars Lund Takes Helm

After 25 years as Principal of Junípero Serra High School—an era filled with school improvements, sports championships and academic laurels—Michael Peterson stepped down in June to play an integral role in the school's capital campaign and fund-raising efforts as the Director of Institutional Advancement.

In this new capacity, he will oversee the school's ongoing renovation projects, which entail

a new Academic Resource Center, a new arts and music wing, a reconfigured swimming pool and a new football field and track.

"I will continue to be involved in the life and activities of Junípero Serra, but in a new and exciting way," said Peterson. "These are challenging and complex projects, but they are also exciting because they will benefit the young men of Serra, both now and in the future."

Taking Peterson's place as leader of the school's day-to-day operations will be Lars Lund, who served as Assistant Principal during the 2002-03 school year.

Prior to last year, Lund served the Archdiocese of San Francisco as Assistant Superintendent for Faith Formation and Religion Curriculum.

He taught religion and served as a Department Chair at Serra for many years before his post at the Archdiocese, and is thankful for the patience and kindness that Peterson displayed as Principal while he was a rookie teacher.

**"I will continue to  
be involved in the  
life and activities  
at Serra, but in a  
new and exciting  
way."**

**— Michael Peterson**

## Faculty and Staff Thanked for Service

The following faculty and staff members were honored at an end-of-the-year luncheon in June for their years of outstanding service at Junípero Serra High School:

25

MR. MICHAEL PETERSON

15

MRS. GAIL DEFOE

5

FATHER JOE BRADLEY '73

MS. NOELLE BYLOOS

MS. BARB LUIS

MS. PEGGY FARRELL

MRS. GAYLE ROSENBERG

MRS. TERESA STOLOSKI

"It's an honor to be named principal, and I'll dedicate myself, heart and soul, to live up to the standards set by my predecessor," said Lund.

"The high quality of all the programs we offer to our students were made possible by his dedication and leadership," he added.

In fact, Peterson has paved the way in more ways than one for Lund. In 1978, when Peterson arrived at Serra High School, he was the first layperson to ever serve as principal for a school in the San Francisco Archdiocese. In many ways, his leadership has helped shape not only Serra's mission but also set a standard of excellence for other schools to follow.

Peterson will maintain his deep commitment to the young men and alumni of Serra, but will enjoy no longer being the one in charge.

"I'm looking forward to being at the Jungle Game this year, and sitting back and relaxing, letting someone else worry about the boys," he joked.



# while we were OUT

## Serra Summer Programs Take Over Campus

While Serra students enjoyed their respite from classes, the school's annual summer programs moved onto campus for the hiatus. With programs designed for both toddlers and teenagers, the Serra Swim School attracted hundreds of local families, while still more flocked to the Serra Summer Camp, which provides age-appropriate sports and activities for school-age children.



**Happy campers** Summer Camp students line up for a quick photo op before heading off for a soccer lesson.



**Cooling off** Young swimmers — and future Padres? —surround their instructor Juan Lopez '03 during a lesson at Serra Swim School, which serves hundreds of Peninsula families during the hot summer months.



# the newest ALUMNI

Junípero Serra High School's Class of 2003 graduated during the school's 57<sup>th</sup> commencement ceremony on May 31 in a graduation Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco.

Diplomas were presented by then Principal Michael Peterson and the valedictory address was given by graduating senior Nicholas de Ocampo. The following list of 2003 graduates is arranged alphabetically.

Michael James Ajuria  
Alexander Abraham Akay  
Brendan Jude-Carlos Albuquerque  
Christopher Franco Alcantar  
Andre Joseph Alfaro  
Joel Anthony Amato  
Ryan David Andrighetto  
Constantino Peter Anezinos  
Ronald Emmanuel Angeles  
Christopher Suyat Aquino  
Steven Christopher Arnold  
Jason Christopher Ashbrook  
Dara Ashrafi  
Juan Alex Aycinena  
Joseph Peter Baggetta  
Edwin Miguel Balli  
Ramie Sameh Barghouti  
Seamus O'Connor Bartlett  
Clifford Robert Benham  
Matthew Charles Berrini  
Nicolas Andrew Bojarski  
Richard Charles Bologna  
Robert Lee Boniface  
Benjamin Harper Brandt  
Phillip John Brenner  
Daniel Bernard Buell  
Frank Edward Busalacchi  
Matthew Adam Cairns  
Ryan Patrick Calavano  
Christopher Robert Caldwell  
John Joseph Cannizzaro  
Andres Alejandro Cano  
Stephen Anthony Cappa  
Danny Alexander Casillas  
Edgar Ceja  
Patrick James Celentano  
Aaron Pui Kean Chan  
Ryan Joseph Chenier  
Sandeep Singh Chhokar  
Marvin Stevie Go Choa  
Stephen James Cittadini  
Matthew Donald Ciucci  
Steven Michael Coccellato  
Dylan Owen Cook  
Ryan James Cooke  
Corey Franklin Cooper

**general excellence**  
Nicholas de Ocampo

**theology** Alexander Schiefer  
**english** Matthew Crockett &  
Nicholas de Ocampo

**foreign language** Matthew Crockett  
**mathematics** Matthew Crockett

**music** Richard Semelka

**science** Nicholas de Ocampo

**social studies** Tolmino Serafini

**campus ministry** Billy Gilmartin &  
Gino Lavezzo

**activity** Tristan Escott & Martin Kamau

**dramatic arts** Steven Nordberg

**service** Jonathon Fone

2003  
medal  
winners

Michael Vincent Costanzo  
 Anthony Sandino Cozzolino  
 Matthew Christopher Crockett  
 Zinjun Earl Croon  
 Eric Conrad Dacanay  
 Nicholas Alan de Ocampo  
 Michael Andrew Delfs  
 Myles Christopher Denny-Brown  
 Tony Huy Do  
 Christopher Rene Dubon  
 Thomas Edward Duggan  
 Antonio Paulo Encarnacion  
 Lorenzo Crisologo Escalante  
 Tristan Blake Escott  
 Victor Ray Esposto  
 Michael Joseph Ettel  
 Ronald Oliver Exley  
 Wesley Stephen Fay  
 Adan Jos Fletes, Jr.  
 Jonathan Justin Fone  
 James Frederick Foran  
 Garret Mitchell Forshee  
 Griffin Allen Forshee  
 Christopher Antonio Foti  
 Reid Harlan France  
 Justin Maurice Fuselier  
 Nicholas Tonelli Galletta  
 Michael David Garibaldi  
 Thomas Pool Geddes  
 Marc Nicholas Ghilarducci  
 Alfred Joseph Giannini  
 David Paul Giannini  
 Stephen Michael Gibbons II  
 William Joseph Gilmartin IV  
 Matthew Louis Ginocchio  
 Joseph Carlo Giovannetti  
 Matthew Paul Gomez  
 Ryan Christopher Grandov  
 Matthew Ugo Guerra  
 Theodore Joseph Guntren  
 Eric David Hage  
 Brenton Daniel Harman  
 Kyle Gregory Hart  
 Jeffrey Michael Hayward  
 Daniel Wayne Heck  
 James Carl Heckenberg  
 Michael John Hendricksen  
 Stefan Steingrimur Hermannsson  
 Robert Joseph Hitchens  
 Derrick Glen Homer  
 Matthew James Horton  
 Scott Allyn Hutter  
 Pierre Arnaud Idiart  
 Blair Allan Jamieson  
 Edgar-Alison Vasquez Japitana  
 Rajiv Jhurani  
 Jacob Joaquin Kafka  
 Michael Ambrosio Kaiser  
 Sunil Yeshwant Kamath  
 Martin Gonzaga Kamau  
 Essam Rayek Kardosh

Andrew Edward Kochevar  
 Jonathan Joseph Kocjan  
 Andre August Koehler  
 Hiroshi Alexander Koga  
 Nathaniel Joseph Kolby  
 Joseph Anthony Komar  
 Ryan Joseph Landeck  
 Gino James Lavezzo  
 Bennett Thomas Lebherz  
 Michael Kenneth Lee  
 Richard Charles Lewis  
 Jason Sai-Ying Liang  
 Michael Paul Lombardi  
 Juan Antonio Lopez  
 Matthew Xavier Lucero  
 Scott Jason Lynch  
 Steven Rayner Mantegani  
 Alexander Crispin Martinez  
 Phillip Henry Mathews  
 Kristopher James McAlavey  
 Timothy Peter McElligott  
 Erich Gabriel Fong Meier  
 Andres Manuel Mendivil  
 Fernando Fabian Mendoza  
 Michael Clemens Minahan  
 Leonard Jean Minami  
 Leopoldo Andre Monney  
 Sanjay Naidu  
 Keith Brandon Nakano  
 Kevin William Nash  
 Daniel Nevarez  
 Kelly Kenton Ng  
 Kevin Anthony Niduaza, Jr.  
 Michael Sadao Nishiiwa  
 Steven Philip Nordberg  
 Matthew Patrick Nurisso  
 Christopher Conrad O'Leary  
 Robert Joseph Olague  
 Kevin Thomas Olcese  
 Matthew Thomas Olson  
 Alvaro Orozco  
 Michael Anthony Palladino  
 Arimig Edison Rosales Palomar  
 Brendan John Payne  
 Edwin Christopher Perez  
 Anthony Enrico Petrini  
 Joseph Daniel Picchi  
 Steven Joseph Pitcher  
 Michael Adolpho Portugal  
 Matthew Michael Povey  
 Michael Robert Prescott  
 William Warrington Preston III  
 Daniel Joseph Puts  
 Rohaum Raji  
 Joseph Ramacciotti  
 Alexander John Randall

Nikolai Alexandre Rastrullo  
 Christopher Michael Reardon  
 Carl James Roque  
 Leandro Rico Rosas, Jr.  
 Reis William Rosenbledt  
 Salvador Ruiz  
 Nicholas Thomas Ryan  
 Samir Salameh  
 Paul Antonio Salguero  
 Vigen Salmastlian  
 Anthony Joseph Sammut  
 Noel Jose Sanchez  
 Dino Mendoza Santos  
 Timothy Adam Santy  
 Michael Robert Sarrail  
 Spencer Louis Schalch  
 Alexander George Schiefer  
 James Louis Schneider  
 Justin Francis Schneider  
 Richard Edward Semelka III  
 Tolmino Joseph Serafini  
 Benjamin David Shleffar  
 Gerard Gomez Sison  
 Eric Clayton Snyder  
 Joseph George Stafford  
 Nicholas Jacob Staricha  
 Andrew Benjamin Statz  
 Paul Wesley Stelter  
 Richard Sumner Still  
 David Craig Stirling  
 Brian Robert Sullivan  
 Eugene Parfan Tardeo  
 Andrew Hourican Tatomer  
 Darrell Lopez Tecson  
 Daniel Emmanuel Thomas  
 Kyle Maurile Thompson  
 Richard Keenan Trueb  
 David Tongamana Tuipulotu  
 James Ryland Turdici  
 Adam Lawrence Tweed  
 Scott Edward Valencia  
 Jordan-Patrick Gutierrez Valera  
 Anthony Israel Valle  
 Marcelo DeBrito Vilela  
 Anthony Joseph Villafior  
 Jonathan Cassidy Viray  
 Lloyd Stevens Waldo  
 Jeffrey Ryan Ward  
 Michael Cecilio Wargo  
 James Paul Weigel  
 Patrick Harris Wyatt  
 Michael Brenton Yee  
 Eric Jorge Zatarain-Aguirre  
 Matthew Alan Zazzara  
 David John Zermani  
 Peter Nathaniel Zerzan







# a BANNER year

## Serra Teams Storm the WCAL With Wins Across the Board

Padre athletes accomplished the near-impossible this year — winning three back-to-back WCAL league titles in the Big 3 sports — a feat that hadn't been accomplished for almost 25 years.

By sweeping the league as champions or co-champions in football, basketball and baseball, the Serra sports program stands as the first school to successfully dominate the WCAL since St. Francis did the same during the 1978-79 school year.

The track and cross country teams both won CCS championships as well, rounding out one of the most phenomenal years in the annals of Serra sports.

"It was an exciting year," said Athletic Director Kevin Donahue. "It was very rewarding to watch these kids play, perform, succeed and just go out after their goals."

"It all culminated with these championships, which was fantastic," he added. "It's been one of the most exciting years I've spent at Serra."

blanket  
award

winners

**cross country**  
**football**  
**water polo**

**basketball**

**wrestling**  
**soccer**

Dominic Vogl  
Chris Denny-Brown  
Tom Harmon  
Nick Lera  
Andrew Kochevar  
Vic Esposto  
Rohaum Raji  
Jay Singh





“It’s been one of the most exciting years I’ve spent at Serra.”

— Kevin Donahue  
Athletic Director



**Exhausted but happy** Excited cross country athletes celebrated on the night of their November 16, 2002 CCS championship.



**Hoops win league** The varsity basketball team finished the season 12-2 as WCAL champions.

tennis  
golf  
swimming  
crew  
baseball

volleyball  
track

Chris Cardenas  
Dan Buell  
Spencer Healy  
Stefan Hermannsson  
Chuck Lofgren  
Al Orozco  
Phil Mathews  
Angelo Fobbs-Valentino

# breaking GROUND

## 2003

When the backpacks, the books and the boys moved out in June, the bulldozers moved in. During the lull of summer vacation, they took over the football field and track, and began to methodically tear into the turf and bleachers, making way for the first project of many in Serra's \$25 million campaign to update and improve the campus' physical landscape.

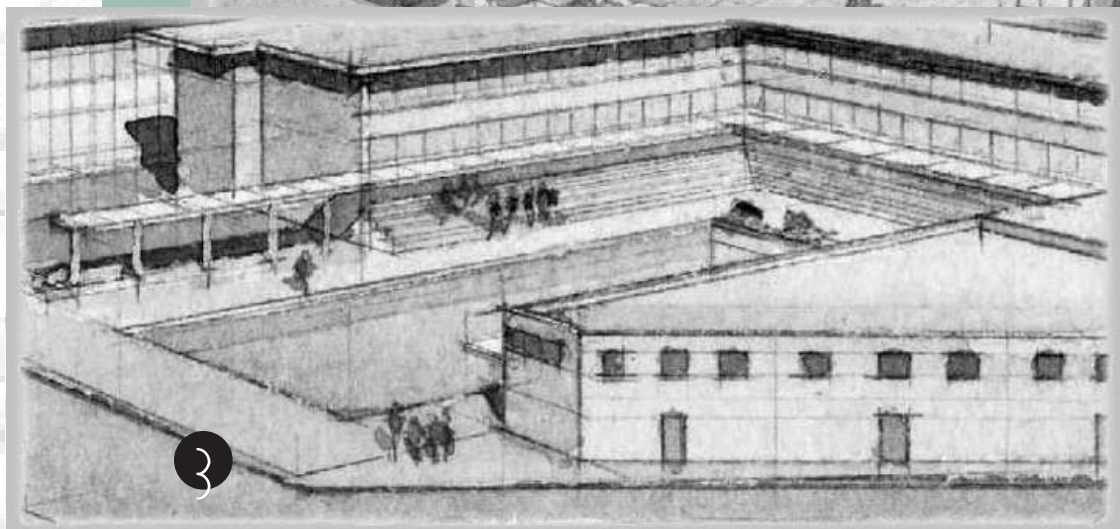
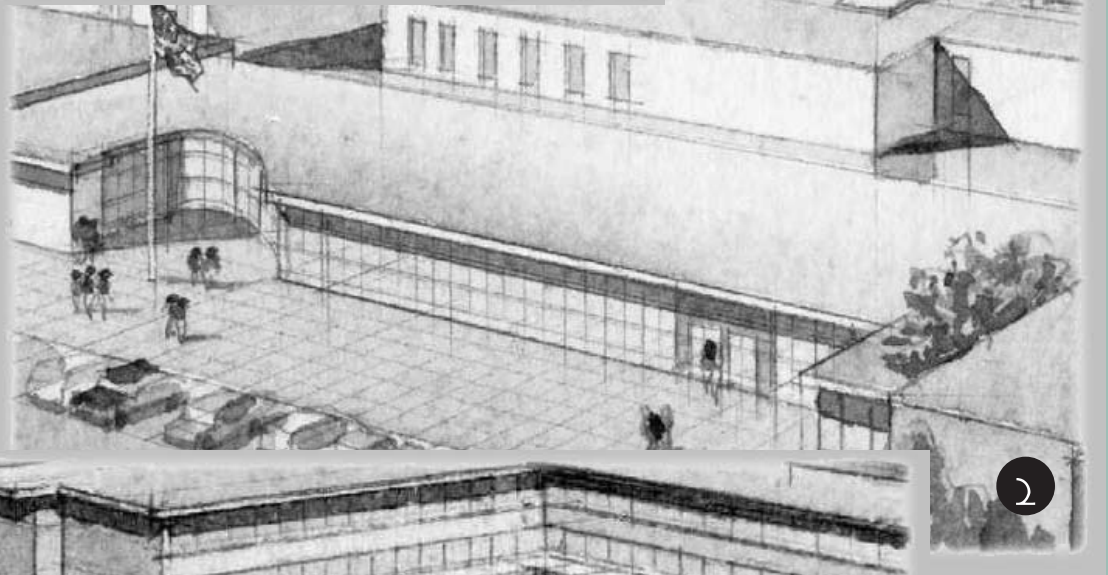
This first order of business — a new stadium with a resurfaced track and state-of-the-art synthetic turf — will be followed soon after by the beginning construction stages of a new Arts and Music Wing, a new aquatic

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— Michael Peterson,  
Director of Institutional  
Advancement



- 1 Upgraded Stadium With 8,000 Square Foot Bleacher Structure
- 2 Student Activity Center and New Administrative Wing
- 3 Arts and Music Wing and Adjacent Aquatic Complex with Deck, Awning Structure and Lockers





**Demolition derby begins** Director of Development Russ Bertetta '67 stands in front of one of the bulldozers before removal of the existing track, football field and bleacher structure in late June. The old press box will be replaced on the opposite side of the stadium, housed in a bleacher structure that will also accommodate a weight room, wrestling room, storage facility and restrooms.

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center, a new baseball press box and bleachers, and a parking structure that will accommodate student vehicles. Once this first phase is complete, construction will proceed on a new Student Activity Center and new administrative space, and existing buildings will undergo seismic retrofitting and renovation.

The project's scale is immense, and the timeline will encompass almost a decade. The renovation plans are the boldest and most extensive in Serra's 60-year history. Yet they almost didn't happen.

Setbacks large and small have plagued the start of construction for almost a year. During the approval of plans by the San Mateo City Council and Planning Commission, disputes with local neighbors over permanent lighting fixtures on the football field and general hours of operation threatened to put a stop to the entire enterprise.

However, on June 2, Serra received the go-ahead from a unanimous City Council to begin work, after Serra sacrificed the lighting and agreed to create more parking spaces on campus to alleviate street parking.

"There's an excitement in the air now," said Michael Peterson. In his new role as the Director of Institutional Advancement, he will be largely responsible for overseeing the progress of the construction.

"We were finally able to put a shovel to the ground and

begin this project. It was great to see the trucks roll in, and know that we were finally moving after months and months of discussion."

Over the last two decades, classrooms, hallways and technology have been updated, but the school's physical plant has become outdated and inadequate.

**"It was great to see those trucks roll in, and see the demolition of the track begin."**

"The athletic areas and the blacktop haven't been maintained at the same levels as the classrooms," said Director of Development Russ Bertetta '67. "They're highly visible, and in order for us to be competitive, we have to improve all of our facilities, not just the learning spaces."

However, both faculty and staff are excited about the advent of change in one academic arena — specifically new classroom space for the fine arts department. Teacher Peggy Farrell and her six classes of art students will graduate from cramped quarters in a converted storage facility on the edge of the football field to a brand-new wing that will feature elbow room, plenty of natural light, and adequate storage.

Meanwhile, the other half of the fine arts department — the music program — will be able to utilize three new large music classrooms with state-of-the-art acoustics.

"This is where our fund-raising focus will move after the football field is complete," said Bertetta. "The arts and music wing is the biggest financial component of



**Prepping for greener grass** Workers are currently readying the football field for state-of-the-art synthetic turf, which will be laid in September. The stadium-grade turf is beginning to be used in both professional football stadiums and high school playing fields alike, because it reduces injury, softens impact, and is almost maintenance-free.

the project, and it's also the most critical. It's going to call for even greater alumni and parent involvement. It's a massive project, unlike anything we've undertaken in the school's history."

Adjacent to the new wing of classroom space will be the new aquatic center, slated to be ready for use by 2005 for Serra's swimmers, water polo players and the community's programs. Replacing a woefully inadequate, unsafe pool built in 1966, the planned improvements include a 35-meter regulation pool with accompanying deck area, bleachers, awning structures and locker facilities for men and women.

Despite the strife that these plans originally caused in the neighborhood, Peterson is confident that the improvements will ultimately make Serra High School a better neighbor.

"The neighborhood will be strengthened by the improvements at Serra," he said. "I am very pleased with how everything was settled. It's a win-win situation for everybody."

The school community will officially inaugurate the first phase of construction with a toast to the new football field and track during Homecoming Weekend. On Saturday afternoon, October 11, a barbecue and dedication ceremony at 1 pm will kick off Serra's first home football game against Archbishop Mitty High School.

## join US

While the construction on the Serra campus in the coming years will be new, it will be imbued with the thoughts, actions and memories of graduates who strode through Padre halls and played on Padre turf in years past. Your participation in our capital campaign will ensure that future generations of young men will have every opportunity to learn, grow and serve the world of tomorrow, while carrying on the legacy of Serra.

If you would like an opportunity to be involved in writing this newest phase of Serra history, please contact Director of Institutional Advancement Michael Peterson or Director of Development Russ Bertetta '67 at 650.573.9935.

Many naming opportunities are still available! Check for updates on the status of construction and the capital campaign on the Serra website, at [www.serra.org](http://www.serra.org).

## ALUMNI

### Nagle '02 'Neagles' for a Victory in State Golf Amateur

In the world of amateur golf in California, Patrick Nagle '02 rules the state.

He won two of the most prestigious events on the West Coast this year, becoming the first player since 1976 to win both the State Amateur and the Northern California Amateur Championship in the same season.

After a stellar freshman year at the University of Illinois, the former Serra golf standout turned collegiate All-American has now entered an entirely new bracket of play.

Winning the 92nd annual California Golf Association State Amateur at Pebble Beach made Nagle — dubbed “Neagle” at Illinois for his number of eagles — the youngest State Amateur champion in almost 13 years. Meanwhile, at the NCGA he memorably trounced a 41-year veteran with ease.

He finished his Illini season ranked second on the team, with a 72.35 stroke average, and is making waves off campus as well. He was ranked 55th in the nation by Golfweek/Sagarin ratings, and recorded 10 Top-10 finishes in 13 tournaments.



**Golf champ** Patrick Nagle '02 took the prize at the California Golf Association State Amateur in June.



**Rising Star** Michael Bulatao '97 chatted with current Serra students in the Serra Auditorium, sharing the ups and downs of a career in theatre, and offering glimpses into the backstage life.

### Returning to Rave Reviews

When he auditioned for the national tour of “Miss Saigon,” actor Michael Bulatao '97 had a memory lapse and forgot the words to his monologue.

Sure that he had ruined his chance of performing with the musical, he was stunned when he ended up earning the part of under-study to the lead.

Michael shared this story and other anecdotes on the ups and downs of life on the stage with a rapt audience of Serra students in May.

Bulatao graduated from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City.





## Front Page News: Keller '66 Named Editor of NY Times



**Literary beginnings** Keller, in the inset, and seated at the far left above, helped run the Serra Friar as Assistant Features Editor his senior year. His cohort John Lescroart, who went on to become a New York Times best-selling author, is standing fourth from the left.

Bill Keller '66 capped off a career filled with distinguished moments — including winning a Pulitzer Prize in 1989 — when he was named the Executive Editor of The New York Times in late July.

The appointment, which is the highest-ranking position in The Times newsroom, is also one of the most prestigious titles in American journalism.

The position comes saddled with not only the responsibility of running a 1200-member newsroom staff; the paper also must recover from the devastating disclosure of journalistic fraud and plagiarism earlier this year.

If anyone is up for the job, it's Keller, who has been the second-in-command at The Times for four years, as its managing editor. In his almost 20 years on the staff, he has covered domestic and international news, as a correspondent in Washington DC, and Moscow.

Before returning to the U.S. as foreign editor, he was the chief of The Times bureau in Johannesburg, South Africa.

It was during his tenure in Moscow that he won a 1989 Pulitzer Prize, for his coverage of the Soviet Union.

On the day of his appointment, Keller called The Times “a national treasure,” and said, “I will do everything in my power to uphold its high standards, preserve its integrity and build on its achievements.”

Keller and his wife, Emma Gilbey, have three children, Tom, Molly and Alice.

**“I will do everything in my power to uphold (the paper’s) high standards.”**

**—Bill Keller '66,  
Executive Editor,  
The New York Times**

## ALUMNI

### NEWS & NOTES

'50

**Al Molinari** was mistakenly reported as deceased in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Alumni Directory, printed in 1993. He wrote to inform *Traditions* that he is alive and well.

'53

It's your 50-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 11, 2003!**

'61

**Terry Belton** is retired from Chevron, working part-time as an attorney in Elizabeth, Colorado with his wife Monica and two children. In the spring of 2003, **Russell Magnaghi** was named a series editor for the Discovering the People of Michigan Series by Michigan State University Press. On July 1 he became head of four departments – Economics, History, Philosophy and Political Science – Administration – at Northern Michigan University.

'62

**Mike Stanley** serves as President

of the Northern California Numismatic Association, which pursues the study and collection of coins, medals and paper money. Mike lives in Concord, California.

'63

It's your 40-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 11, 2003!**

'63

**Barry Belton** resides in Elizabeth, Colorado and is still working for United Airlines, where he went to work shortly after graduating from Serra.

'64

**James Ghielmetti** — the CEO of Signature Properties — has been appointed to the California Transportation Commission by Governor Gray Davis. As the San Francisco Chronicle quipped, "Given that he has a house in Pacific Heights *and* a house at the Ruby Hills golf course in Pleasanton — the guy must know *something* about commuting." **Dennis Glenn** sold his wholesale giftware business and retired to Estero,

Florida with his wife Susan. In May, **Kenn Cunningham** was recognized as an outstanding advocate of small businesses by the U.S. Small Business Administration. He serves as the Business Development Officer for SAFE-BIDCO, a Santa Rosa-based nonprofit corporation that serves as a nontraditional lender and catalyst for economic development.

'65

**Kevin Belton** returned to California recently after 30 years in South Bend, Indiana. He began the Newcomer Program — for new arrivals from Mexico — at Redwood Middle School in Napa, where he also teaches Spanish. He is married and has eight children.

'67

**Bill Bailey** will retire in October as Captain from the Santa Cruz Fire Department after 30 years.

'70

**David Adams** attained the rank of Colonel in the United States Armed Forces in July of 2002, and is currently the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Forces Command, and Assistant Chief

## Baby Padres

Samantha Ruby Belding, daughter of Serra history teacher **Brian Belding** and his wife Katie, made her debut on July 16, 2003.

**Al Bianchi '68** and his wife Becky Jo welcomed their first child, Justin Lee, on November 9, 2002. The Bianchis live in Red Bluff, California. Al enclosed the photo of himself and Justin with the caption, "It's never too late!"

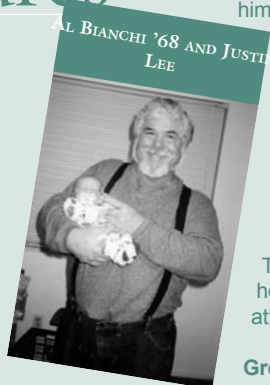
**Tom O'Sullivan '80** and his wife Sue welcomed a daughter, Marie Catherine, on September 12, 2002. She joined her brothers Tommy, 5, and Patrick, 3. The O'Sullivans live in Concord.

**Tom Sullivan '81** and his wife Yvonne welcomed Fiona Kathryn on July 2, 2003. Tom teaches English and Film Studies at Serra High School. Fiona joins older brother Corey in the family's San Mateo home.

Twin boys, Dominic Christopher and Vincent Anthony, graced the **Anthony Agrella** household on May 16, 2003. Anthony, class of 1983, and his wife Julie will be attending his 20<sup>th</sup> reunion in the fall.

**Greg Hons '86** and his wife welcomed Margaret Geraldine on May 27, 2003.

**Keith Orchard '86** and his wife Nancy are the proud parents of Amanda Elizabeth,



**'73**

It's your 30-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 11, 2003!**

**'74**

**Tevis P. Martin** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Olympic Club Foundation. The sports foundation supports programs that promote the belief that participation in organized sports enriches young lives and develops future community leaders.

**'75**

**Kevin Raffaelli** was promoted to the rank of Captain with the San Mateo Police Department on July 3, 2003. **Steven Maggi** is the President of Aanko Technologies. Steve earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and holds a law degree from McGeorge School of Law. In addition, Steve teaches business courses for National University. **Stephen Frost** is currently an



## Protecting 'POTUS'

**Dan Schott '81** just completed a 5-year tour at the White House protecting former President Clinton and current President Bush as a Special Agent for the United States Secret Service. The photo at left was taken by a member of the White House Press Corps, and captures Dan guarding 'POTUS,' Secret Service jargon for President of the United States. Schott now mans the Criminal Investigative Division - Middle East Desk at Secret Service Headquarters in Washington DC. He recently married Patricia Corey, a 1985 alumna of Notre Dame High School, Belmont.

LTC in the United States Army,

**'78**

It's your 25-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 11, 2003!**

months. John is employed as Vice

**'83**

It's your 20-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 11, 2003!**

**'83**

**John Giacomini** and his wife Lori celebrated twelve years of marriage in June and live in Los Alamitos, California with their children, Evan, 7, Sarah, 5 and Emma, 17

**'84**

**Eddie Turdici** started his own business, B.T. Building Maintenance, in 2001. He and his wife Theresa have two children.

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born on September 4, 2002. The Orchards live in Redwood City.

**Brian Stevens '86** and his wife Allison welcomed their second child and first son, Logan Cooper, on July 9, 2003.

**Ken Woofter '87** and his wife Mary welcomed their first child, Conor Paul, on April 21, 2003.

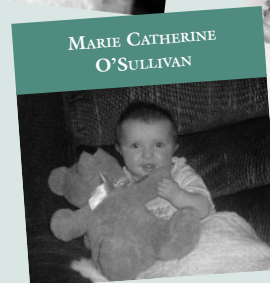
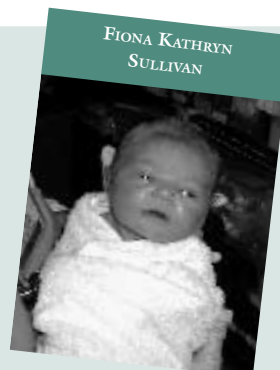
**Jim Lanzone '89** and his wife Shannon welcomed daughter Devin Elizabeth into their family recently. Devin joined her two year-old brother in the family's Danville home.

Ryan Thomas McLaughlin, son of **Steve McLaughlin '90** and his wife Heather, was born on June 24, 2003 in Redwood City.

**Scott Severe '93** and his wife Tracy welcomed baby boy Ryan Scott on April 11, 2003.

**Nathan Mei '96** and his wife Kelly welcomed daughter Bella Rose on November 22, 2003.

**Richard Ghidossi '99** and his wife welcomed daughter Emilee Janae on April 12, 2002. Emilee made Serra College and Career Center Director Karen Ghidossi a first-time grandmother.





## ALUMNI

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Tyler, 13 and Lori, 9.

'85

**Chris Costa** is currently serving as Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Lane Office, a corporate interiors firm based in Lower Manhattan. He and his wife Andrea have two children, Ryan, age 7 and Caroline, age 3.

'88

**Andy Beater** is currently a Major in the United States Air Force Reserves. He is a pilot on the C-5 transports out of Travis Air Force Base. His current assignments include flying "to the desert," as he describes it, from various points in the US and Europe. He and his wife recently moved to Sacramento. **Ric Turek** married Lori Fraser on April 26, 2003 in Palo Alto. Fellow Padres **Steve Ughe '82**, **John Heckenkemper '85**, and classmate **Mike Fadelli '88** served as groomsmen. **Robert Ughe '51**, **Tony Uccelli '87** and **Rob Crowe '89** also attended. The Tureks live in San Carlos and both Ric and Lori work as territory managers for Allergan, Inc, a pharmaceutical company.

'89

**Bill Fahrner** is a full-time member of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Moon Company, and in July he shared the stage at the Herbst Theater in San Francisco with Leslie Caron in a tribute to a musical great: "I Remember It Well: The Songs of Alan Jay Lerner."

'91

**Giovanni Barbieri** is a group supervisor at Camp Glenwood in La Honda, the San Mateo County Probation Department's therapeutic detention center for 13-to18 year-old boys.

'92

**Matthew Clark** married Jennifer Verna on May 16 at the Kohl Mansion in Burlingame, California. Fellow Padre and brother **Jeff Clark '94** served as one of Matt's groomsmen. Matt is currently working as a Deputy Sheriff for the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department, in the Canine Unit. He and Jen will make their home in Gilroy. **Brian Donellan** is a Captain in the United States Army Reserve.

'93

**Stephen Major** recently received a promotion to Captain with the East Contra Costa Fire Department. Stephen currently resides in Walnut Creek. **Paul**

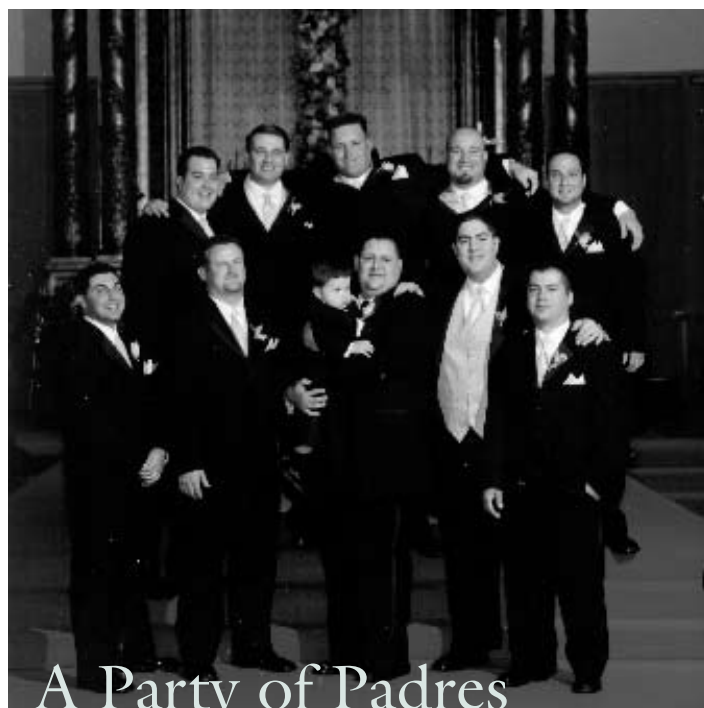
**Kochler** works at P&S Towing and just celebrated his sixth wedding anniversary this year with his wife Tracy. They have two daughters, Anastasia and Allison, and live in San Bruno. **Brian Bedell** was recently admitted into Georgetown University's Master of Science in Foreign Service program.

'93

It's your 10-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 11, 2003!**

'96

**Brian Affrunti** was awarded a degree in law from Hastings



### A Party of Padres

**Ron Ortiz '91** married current Serra High School Spanish teacher and Student Activities Director **Marybeth Jones** on May 10, 2003 at Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame. In the photo above, Ron is surrounded by his groomsmen, seven of which are Serra grads. In the top row, from left to right, are Matt Jones, John Brown, **Mike Langridge '91**, **Matt Abrahamson '91**, and **Al Morando '91**. In the second row, from left to right, are **Ayad Bunni '92**, **Sean McGee '91**, ringbearer Kegan Martin (son of **Luke Martin '91**), Ron Ortiz, Shahmir Moussavi and **Francisco Leon '91**. **John De Foe '91** and **Claudio Urzua '91** also took part in the wedding celebration.

College of Law in May of 2003 in San Francisco. Beginning this fall, **Robert Stangelini** will pursue a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago School of Business. **Brian Rafferty** served in the Iraq conflict as a member of the United States Navy.

## '97

**Chris Montgomery** completed his second year of law school and will be spending the summer in Vancouver, British Columbia on a summer exchange program. He is engaged to Sandra Plesko.

**Brian Anderson** is a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

**Gregory Lizak** is currently a Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, stationed in Quantico, Virginia. He graduated from UC Berkeley. **Jeff Smith** is a sergeant in the US Marine Corps, stationed in San Diego.

## '98

**Scott Phelps** is currently playing a major role on "Rome is Burning," the new Jim Rome show on

ESPN. The show airs on Tuesday evenings at 4 pm, and is re-aired at 10:30 pm on Tuesdays on ESPN2. Scott currently lives in Studio City, California.

## '99

**Justin Collins** graduated from University of California, Davis with a Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology, with an emphasis in Archaeology.

## '00

**Marcus Johnson** is entering his senior year at UC Davis as a human development major. He hopes to earn his teaching credential after graduating in June. **Tony Ancelj** was elected president of the student body at St. Mary's College for the academic year of 2003-2004. Tony is pursuing a double major in politics and philosophy and will be a senior this fall.

## '01

**Adam Montgomery** completed his second year at American University and is currently a paid staff person for the Senate

Committee on Small Business. Adam spent his summer working on Capitol Hill.

## '02

**Steve Pollastrini** is stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina. In May, **John Drago** graduated from basic Army combat training

## 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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## In Memoriam

**John Tillinghast '62** died on April 14, 2002 in Santa Clara. He lived most recently in Santa Cruz and fought a long battle against cancer with spirit and strength.

**Steve Mongillo '65** succumbed to cancer on May 7, 2003 after an 8-year struggle brought on by the disease. He was employed as a mortgage broker in Carmel, and lived in Monterey.

**Robert Kessler '78** died on June 13, 2003 at his home in Pioneer, California. He was a self-employed plumber for 22 years, and was a member of the Iron Mountain Ski Patrol.

After battling melanoma cancer for over a year, **John Caselli '88** passed away at his home in Fresno on June 14, 2003. He served in the US Navy from 1990 to 1994, and obtained his Associate of Arts degree from Fresno City College in 2001.

**Scott Morris '68** passed away on June 28, 2003 at

his home in San Mateo. Scott was a mainstay in the Bay Area jazz scene, and taught his art to a whole generation of percussionists in the area through his local business.

On July 21, 2003, Bernice Jensen passed away. She was the mother of Serra baseball coach and teacher **Pete Jensen** and the mother-in-law of Serra Development Office assistant **Robin Jensen**.

Glynis Paulson, the mother of **Eric Paulson '91**, passed away on August 12, 2003.

Joseph Taylor, the brother of Serra theology teacher **Ed Taylor**, passed away on August 17, 2003 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Mifsud recently passed away. He was the father of five Serra graduates, **Brian Mifsud '83**, **John Mifsud '86**, **Kenneth Mifsud '79**, **Steven Mifsud '78** and **William Mifsud '90**.

## NEWS & NOTES



### Kevin Ragan Leaves Legacy of Kindness

Kevin Ragan, a beloved longtime faculty member at Junípero Serra High School, passed away in San Mateo on May 14, 2003 in San Mateo.

During his long tenure at Serra, from 1967 to 2001, he taught Spanish, served as chair of the Foreign Language Department, coached swimming and assisted in any way he was asked, especially as Sacristan of the school chapel.

In addition, he officiated at high school football games and track meets throughout San Mateo County, and when he retired, he was actively involved with the Accrediting Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Educational Association.

He is remembered fondly by both colleagues and former students.

"He was a kind man who led by example and truly cared about everyone in his guidance," recalls Bill Stephens Jr. '94, who worked with Ragan as a senior.

Ragan was a former member of the Society of Mary, the Marianists, and taught at several of their schools in California and Hawaii before beginning his teaching career at Serra. He is survived by his aunt, Helen Ragan, and many cousins, friends and former

Before Kevin Ragan passed away, he left a sizable piece of his estate to Junípero Serra High School.

"Kevin helped Serra throughout his life and now he's helping the school even after his death," said Director of Development Russ Bertetta '67.

By naming Serra in your will or bequest, you can impact generations of future Padres. To make arrangements similar to those that Kevin Ragan made, or to discuss other ways to contribute to Serra, contact the Development Office at 650.573.9935.

### From Serra Rally Commissioner to Fire Captain: Dan Nightingale '85 Led Spirit-Filled Life

The life of Dan Nightingale '85 was cut tragically short while he was on vacation with his family in El Dorado County on July 21, 2003.

While the family was en route to a camping trip, the vehicle in which they were travelling overturned, killing Dan instantly. His wife Lauriann, and their two young children, Ashley, 5, and Dan, Jr., 2, were transported to the hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Classmates and friends of Dan during his years at Junípero Serra High School will remember him for his stint as a spirited rally commissioner, as well as for his athleticism on Padre teams, including football, baseball and soccer.

Mike Wilcox '85, who met Dan during tryouts for freshmen football, recalls a guy who had confidence, determination and drive.

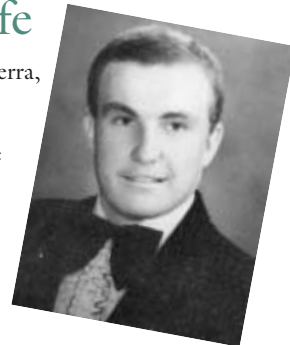
"He looked like a slightly deranged version of Pigpen," he reminisced, calling to mind Dan's appellation in his senior yearbook, "Special Classification."

After graduating from Serra, Dan joined the Foster City Fire Department in 1989, as a Firefighter, and became a Firefighter/ Paramedic in 1998. In March 2002, he was promoted to Fire Captain.

In his 14-year tenure as a firefighter, he developed many significant friendships, but his most important priority was his family. Wilcox described him as "rock steady as a father and a husband."

He spent all his spare time with them, cooking, gardening, and coaching his daughter's soccer and T-ball teams.

The Foster City Firefighter's Association has set up a fund for donations in Dan's memory. All donations will go to the Nightingale Family, and are intended for the education of the Nightingale children. Donations can be sent to: Lauriann Nightingale, c/o Foster City Firefighters Association, P.O. Box 4907, Foster City, CA. 94404.





Dear Editor,

## Father Zoph tribute inspires fond memories

Your story on Father Zoph was priceless. I entered Serra High when it opened in 1944 and was in the first graduating class — of 16 — in 1947. Father Zoph was a tyrant, a teacher that you appreciate only after you have been away for a while. He took great pride in his teaching.

Your story and the remembrances

of various students brought fond memories of my three years at Serra. Thanks for the memories.

Angelo J. Siracusa '47

Thanks for using my quotes in the article about Father Zoph. He was a very memorable man who touched many lives, including mine.

Jim Flanagan '52

That was a great story on Father Zoph, who was my instructor for Junior English and Senior Latin. I corresponded with him in 1998 and he remembered me, as I'm sure he remembered everyone else!

Ken Schieck '64

Your article on Fr. Zoph was a beautiful and wonderful tribute to him.

I am amazed at how you captured him since you had never met him. You are truly amazing. Thank you. I know he would have appreciated it.

Pauline Markas

Current Serra Librarian

Kudos, again. Another wonderful issue of *Traditions*. I especially liked your article on Father Zoph. You captured the man, the teacher and the priest.

Jim Monahan,

Serra Faculty, 1959-98

## the Junipero Serra Professional Achievement Award

Join us as we celebrate "Serra Greats" in the professional world! The following alumni will be recognized for their accomplishments in public service, arts and letters, business and science and technology.

Edward Keller '47

John Shields '50

David Littlejohn '54

Michael Hackworth '59

Bart Araujo '61

David Giuliani '64

Bill Keller '66

Ruben Barrales '80

September 30, 2003

10AM

Student Body Assembly, Serra Gymnasium

11:30 AM

Businessmen's Lunch, San Mateo Marriott



## Looking Back...



### SHAVE AND A HAIRCUT...TWO BITS

Who are these Padres? In the next issue of *Traditions*, this photo will be reprinted with guesses from Serra alumni. Send your responses to Sara Cecchin at Junípero Serra High School, Development Office, 451 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA. 94403. You may also e-mail responses to [scecchin@serrahs.com](mailto:scecchin@serrahs.com).

# Yellow (and Blue) Journalism

In the spring issue  
of *Traditions*,  
we asked you to  
identify the Padres  
above. Here are  
some of your  
responses!

I recognized this picture right away from an old yearbook of mine from my junior year at Serra, in 1964. Pretty sure that the guy sitting on the desk, second from right, is Bill Campisi. The other guys look so familiar. Possibly Claude Beaudouin and Tom Ames, both other Friar staff that year. It was great fun to see that photo again.

**Kevin Belton '65**

Some of our stellar performers from the Class of 1964: Standing on the table, Bruce Adornato; face down on the table, Claude Beaudouin; smoking and drinking, Jim McCarthy; sitting half backwards, Tom Ames; sitting on the table reading, Bill Campisi; and leaning against the file cabinet reading, Don Mulvey.

**Curt Mignacco '64**

This apparently staged photo is the staff, Class of 64, of the Serra Friar newspaper. Standing on the desk is Bruce Adornato, apparently reminding a recumbent Claude Beaudouin of the importance of proper punctuation. Seated behind the desk is Jim McCarthy enjoying a tobacco product of unidentified origin and likely toasting the staff with near beer. Next Tom Ames who is desperately trying to stay awake, in the back is Don Mulvey apparently looking for "idea starters" in the *Enquirer*, and seated in pseudo yoga style, looking at things in his own special way, is Bill Campisi. Rumor has it that this seldom viewed photograph was the inspiration for the Stephen Sondheim tune "Send in the Clowns" — or it may just be an urban legend.

**Kenn Cunningham '64**

I recognize this picture, since I was there with the camera. It was taken in 1964, in the Padre News Room, the first room on the first floor of the west wing. All were fellows of immense energy and intellect, and as you can see, Bruce Adornato, who later became a doctor, is trying to decapitate Claude Beaudouin, who later became a first-rate skier, so it is good that the picture was shot before the actual decapitation.

**Jerry O'Shea '64**

From left, Bruce Adornato throttling Claude Beaudouin, Jim McCarthy behind the desk, Tom Ames, Bill Campisi sitting cross-legged, and Don Mulvey on the far right. Myself, Beaudouin and Ames are regular attendees at the yearly Class of '64 reunion at Rosie's in Millbrae (first Friday of every December, mark your calendars!).

**Bruce Adornato '64**


These clowns are the staff of the 1963-64 Serra newspaper, The Friar. From upper left: Bruce Adornato, Jim McCarthy (editor), Tom Ames, Don Mulvey, Bill Campisi, and myself, under the blade. I was the paper's photographer, which makes me wonder how we took this shot. We were young once, I

## SERRA FRIAR

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A group of men in suits standing on a baseball field.

# out of the ballpark!

The Junipero Serra Mens' Chorus hit a musical home run on May 12 at Pacific Bell Park. A group of 17 students opened the Giants - Montreal Expos game with both the United States and Canadian National Anthems.

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