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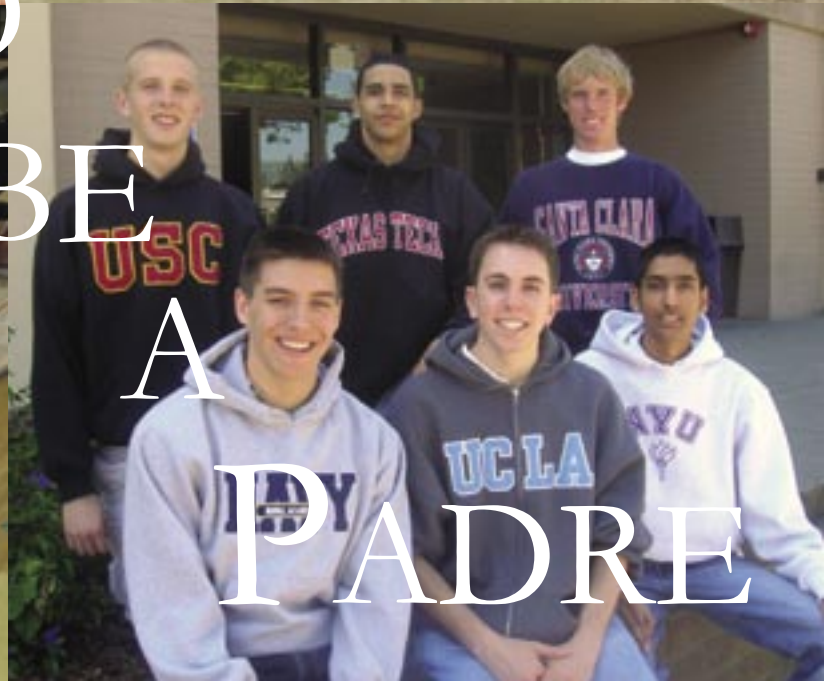
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR. LARS LUND

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Serra High School is at a crossroads.

Blessed with a large student body, a record number of applicants, great teachers, supportive parents and alumni, a variety of academic and extra-curricular programs, and wonderful new facilities, our school has never been in a stronger position.

However, we cannot be content to rest on our laurels; we also need to plan for our school's future. We must proactively address several strategic challenges and opportunities, if we are to keep moving forward.

For this reason, the Serra Advisory Board of Regents is doing very important preliminary work that will lead to the finalization of a Strategic Plan for Serra High School. In discussions so far, it has become clear that we need to set a course for Serra's advancement in the following areas:

- Curriculum Development for the 21st Century
- Attraction and retention of highly qualified teachers and staff, who are committed to the mission of Catholic Education
- Enrollment Management/Admissions Marketing
- Endowment and Capital Fund Raising that will fully fund financial aid and the construction of Phase II facilities.
- Enhancement of Serra's Catholic identity, so that all members of the school community can continue to grow in the gospel virtues of faith, hope and love.

In the next few months, we will be seeking input from our alumni regarding Serra's strengths, areas that need improvement, challenges and opportunities. We will also seek input from students, parents, benefactors and friends, and our dedicated faculty and staff. Our strategic plan will help us to build on the remarkable accomplishments our school has already achieved.

The vision that emerges from this process will position Serra to continue to educate "men of faith and service" well into the future. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lars Lund".

Lars Lund
Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT MR. MICHAEL PETERSON

Dear Alumni and Friends of Serra,

I hope the sun is shining wherever you may be because it has finally arrived here in San Mateo, albeit somewhat late in the year. Better late than never. I think that's how it is with fund raising sometimes. People often ask me how they can help Serra . . . how they can support the young men who are here now, and those who will be here in the future.

Actually, there are many ways to assist our students and faculty. We succeed because of the generosity of friends like you. We could not do all we do for our boys, if it weren't for our generous donors. Support of Serra comes from a variety of sources, which include our students, parents, our faculty and staff, our alumni and alumni parents, friends, corporations and foundations; they are the fund raising efforts of our Boosters' Club, Mothers' Auxiliary, Alumni Association, Fathers' Club and the Board of Regents.

HOW CAN ONE SUPPORT OUR YOUNG MEN? . . . IN A MULTITUDE OF WAYS:

MAKE A DONATION TO OUR ALUMNI PHON-A-THON
SPONSOR A STUDENT WITH A PARTIAL OR FULL SCHOLARSHIP
HAVE YOUR DONATION MATCHED BY YOUR COMPANY
MAKE A DONATION OF SECURITIES OR STOCK
ATTEND OUR ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION
GOLF IN OUR ANNUAL SERRA GOLF CLASSIC

SUPPORT OUR FUND-A-DREAM PROGRAM
ESTABLISH A NAMED SCHOLARSHIP
REMEMBER JUNIPERO SERRA IN YOUR WILL
ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO SUPPORT SERRA
MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT
COME VISIT US

If you have a question about any of the above, please give us a call in the Development Office. Again, thank you for all of your continued support.

From The Editor Michelle Wilkinson

As Serra's Public Relations Director and Editor of TRADITIONS, I have the great privilege of receiving written correspondence, e-mails, photographs, and personal phone calls keeping me apprised of the many wonderful things happening with our current students and the greater Padre alumni community.

Often times, a parent or grandparent of an alum will drop by the Development Office just to say "hello," or share something special about their son, grandson, or other member of their family. I don't believe this happens by accident. I believe it happens because of Serra's strong tradition of supporting, caring, and genuinely being interested in each and every Padre that walks through our doors as fresh-faced adolescent boys and graduate as proud, young men.

I recently attended the annual freshman orientation, where newly admitted Padres and their families learn about the exciting things to look forward to once they begin high school in the fall. The anxious eighth-graders listened to a variety of faculty and staff members who discussed important dates to remember, provided information about school curriculum, graduation requirements, and a variety of extracurricular activities they were encouraged to participate in. The attention of the audience intensified, however, when Student Body President James Longinotti '06 addressed them. James spoke candidly and eloquently to the young Padres about the many opportunities he has personally enjoyed at Serra, the life-time friends he has made, and his hopes for the future.

Michael Peterson, former Principal and currently the Director of Institutional Advancement, cautioned the new families about how fast their sons' four years in high school will go by. He encouraged them to stay as involved as possible in every aspect of their sons' lives. Mr. Peterson also made a comment that I found quite easy to relate to. He remarked that in the over twenty-five years he has been at Serra, he has never considered it work. "I just get up in the morning and go to Serra," he said.

Although I don't pretend to come close to Mike's tenure or experience, I must admit that I feel the same way. I, too, get up in the morning and "go to Serra." Each day brings something new and I am never disappointed. When a grandparent sits in my office sharing pictures of his/her grandchildren, or a proud wife calls to brag about her alumni husband's recent promotion, it makes me feel good to know that Serra is a place where they feel as comfortable as they would with members of their own family . . . but then, again, we are a family.

LARRY KOLLERER AND TISH MATULICH 2006 IN VIA AWARD RECIPIENTS



Jon Kollerer '00, Larry Kollerer & Tish Matulich

On Sunday, April 2, 2006, Serra's Principal Lars Lund presented alumni parents Larry Kollerer and Tish Matulich with the "In Via" Award which is given annually to a non-alumnus who, through word and deed, has given Christian example and has shown on-going support for Serra High School.

"When the selection committee sorted through an impressive list of candidates, the names of Larry and Tish just kept coming up over and over again," noted Director of Institutional Advancement Michael Peterson. "Their contributions over a long period of time were so impressive, we knew they would be the recipients."

Larry and Tish first became involved at Serra when their oldest son, Marc, was a freshman in 1994 and they have continued through today. They were actively involved as football team parents who helped prepare pre-game meals for the varsity each week during both Marc and Jon's (class of '00) careers. Larry served as president of the Fathers' Club from 1995 through 1998 and over-saw the club's change of focus to a service organization. Tish worked as a Bingo volunteer for a number of years before becoming the program's volunteer co-coordinator for six years. In 2002, Tish was selected as a member of San Mateo County's Women's Hall of Fame for her work in early childhood education, day care, and her volunteer work at Serra.

Nearly fifty family members and friends joined Tish and Larry and the Serra administration to thank them for their commitment to Serra High School and Catholic Education.

If you know someone who you think would make a worthy candidate for a future "In Via" Award, please contact the Development Office with the pertinent information.

Proud Padres Welcome New Freshman With A Smile



Seniors Dhurv Patel and Dan Mavraides welcome incoming freshman Brendan Sabean '10 and Serra Madre Barbara Sabean (Brendan is Barbara's third son to attend Serra)

Padre pride was certainly present at Serra's freshman orientation held in March. The orientations were split over two evenings, welcoming 275 new young Padres and their families to the Serra community.

California Youth Symphony Selects **RYAN SVENDSEN '06** as Senior Soloist Competition Winner

Each year, high school senior members of the California Youth Symphony compete for the honor of being featured as soloists in the orchestra's May concerts.

Principal Trumpet player Ryan Svendsen '06 was selected as one of only two Senior Soloist Competition winners.

The state's first independent youth orchestra, the California Youth Symphony is one of the



Ryan Svendsen '06

largest and most influential youth symphony organizations in the United States. CYS includes two full symphony orchestras, as well as six ensembles for younger musicians.

This season's CYS membership includes five hundred of the most promising young musicians from throughout the Bay Area and representing more than 100 different schools between San Francisco and Morgan Hill.

A VERY SPECIAL BLOOD DRIVE FOR SENIOR NICK CLARK



Nick Clark '06



Nick's Aunt Estela Taylor created a photo collage of Nick, which was displayed during the special blood drive.

Padre parents and concerned members of the extended Serra community lined up to donate blood for Serra senior Nick Clark, who is currently battling a rare type of Leukemia. The blood drive was set up in the hopes of locating a potential marrow donor to assist in Nick's treatment. Serra's cafeteria was transformed into a mini-medical facility by representatives from the Stanford Blood Center. Seventy-two people arrived throughout the afternoon and into the evening ready to donate blood or tested for placement in the National Marrow Donor Registry. Nick continues to remain in all of our thoughts and prayers.



The Romero Family (center of photo) were among the many concerned Serra community members to join the drive to help Nick. (Pictured with representatives from the Stanford Blood Center are Padre parents Eric and Frances Romero and Padre grandparents Lou and Mary Romero.

"The minute we heard that this young man needed help, we knew that we should come down and do whatever we could to help him live a healthy life."

*Mary Romero
Grandmother to Dustin
'07 and Devin '09.*

SENIOR ADAM LEE '06 RECEIVES EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Senior Adam Lee '06 was recognized at a National Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony last December for achieving Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout. This is a challenging accomplishment, achieved by only five percent of all Boy Scouts. This honored group includes former President Gerald R. Ford, former Senator and NBA Hall of Famer Bill Bradley, Academy Award winning Director Steven Spielberg, Astronaut Neil Armstrong, and our own Director of Institutional Advancement, Mr. Michael Peterson and Science Department Chairperson, Mr. Rob Solari.

Adam began his scouting days in Den 5 of Cub Scout Pack 175, where he advanced to the rank of Webelo and earned his Arrow of Light. In fifth grade, he joined Boy Scout Troop 175. During his seven years as a Boy Scout, Adam's leadership positions included being a Den Chief for a Cub Scout Pack, an Assistant Patrol Leader, a Patrol leader, a Senior Patrol Leader and a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Adam enthusiastically participated in the many high adventure activities Troop 175 is known for, including rock climbing, white water rafting, ocean kayaking, snow camping, 50 mile backpacking trips in the High Sierra and a 100 mile canoe trip retracing the Lewis and Clark trail down the Missouri River.

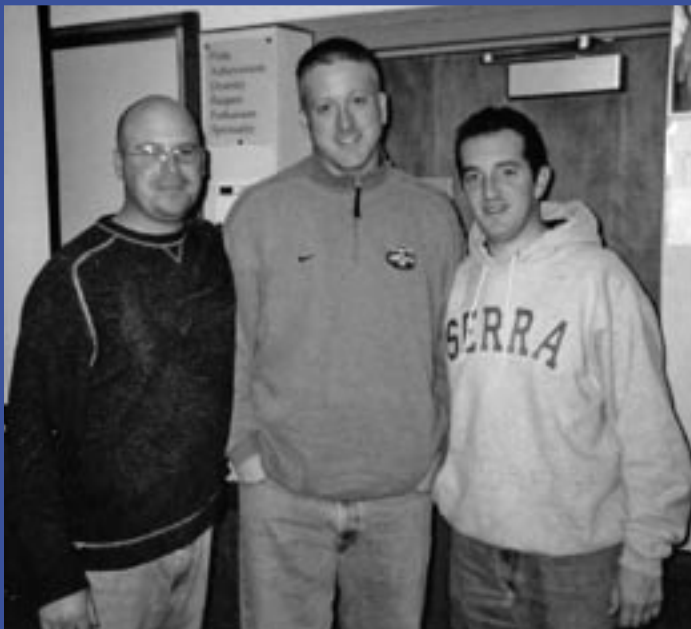
For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Adam constructed a storage shed for St. Luke's Church in Foster City. His project included raising \$1300 for materials, clearing the land, creating a foundation, and then constructing, roofing and painting the 10x10x8 foot shed. He was also the "main contractor" and had to organize and schedule the other Scouts who helped him.

Adam received commendation letters from Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Governor Schwarzeneger, President Bush and Serra Principal Lars Lund. The ceremony was attended by Serra History teacher Mr. Kevin Carey, who presented Principal Lars Lund's commendation. Upon graduation, Adam plans on pursuing his passion for the music and recording industry at a University still to be chosen.



Senior Adam Lee '06

Serra Teachers Have Some "History" In Common



Teaching junior U.S. History is not the only thing that these three Serra teachers have in common . . . they are all also Serra grads!

Padres Christian Clifford and Sean Dugoni graduated in 1989, and Kevin Carey graduated in 1992.

(L to R:) Christian Clifford '89, Sean Dugoni '89, Kevin Carey '92

ELECTED STUDENT BODY OFFICERS



Jason Whitney '07
President

"My name is Jason Whitney. I am the Student Body President Elect. This year, I played varsity basketball and baseball under Coach Rapp and Coach Jensen. I also took three AP classes and one honors class. I take great pride in challenging myself in everyday life. However, I don't hesitate to have fun and enjoy myself with my friends and family. I make it a priority to talk to as many people as possible; I believe nobody has ever had too many friends. When I actually have free time, I enjoy eating and having low-key hangouts with my closest friends. I still don't know where I want to attend school after senior year; however, I plan to evaluate colleges and universities this summer extensively. I eventually hope to pursue a career in business, possibly something similar to my parents' occupations as financial consultants."



Jon Becker '07
Vice-President

My name is Jon Becker and I am the Student Body Vice-President elect for my senior year. At Serra I play soccer and football at the varsity level, along with many other activities which keep me very busy. This coming year, I hope to construct a new level of pride, above what has been developed now, in our school. I want to emphasize participation not only within a club, sport, or activity, but also as a spectator.

Outside of my life at Serra, I like to spend time with my friends, eating food, and watching soccer on T.V. I also enjoy flying with my Dad and traveling to cool places, experiencing new places, and cultures. In the future, I hope to go to college someplace warm, relax a little, and have a good time."

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Peter Day '07
Executive Council Secretary

"Before coming to Serra, I attended Trinity Elementary School and Crocker Middle School. I was always involved with student activities, especially sports. I played many team sports including soccer, basketball, baseball, and volleyball. As a child, I also learned and loved to play golf and am now playing competitively.

Serra has offered me many opportunities to become involved in our community. Here I have been able to continue playing golf, have the experience of being a

retreat leader and big brother, as well as join a variety of clubs and other activities. This year, I decided to run for student government because I wanted to give back to the community that has given me so much opportunity. I am looking forward to this experience and I am really excited to serve my school."



David Lee '07
Executive Treasurer

"I was born and raised in San Francisco. I attended Holy Name School in the Sunset District for nine years, and coming to Serra High School as a freshman in 2003 was a scary thing. San Mateo and Serra High School, although it's only a thirty-minute drive from the city, was a whole new world for me. I didn't know what to expect. After I started school in the fall; however, everything just fit well. The faculty, the students, the classes . . . everyday it became clearer that Serra was the right choice. I ran for

the Executive Treasurer position to give back to the Serra Community, which has done so much for me over the past three years."

2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR



John Wayne Haynes '08
Performing Arts Commissioner

"My name is John Wayne Haynes and I have been elected Executive Student Council, Performing Arts Commissioner for the 2006-07 school year. I attended Good Shepherd Elementary School in Pacifica prior to coming to Serra.

Since the 2004-2005 school year, I have been involved in Serra's performing arts program, participating in stage crew for plays and musicals, as well as doing other audio visual activities. Tri-School and Serra Performing Arts programs have helped shape who I am today. This is the main reason I ran for Performing Arts Commissioner. Next year, I hope to keep and improve upon the great reputation of performing arts here at Serra."



Hanna Malak '08
Campus Ministry Commissioner

"My name is Hanna Malak. I attended St. Timothy's in San Mateo for nine years. I play three sports at Serra -- football, wrestling and track. I was a class officer for two years and wanted to represent my whole school by being a member of the Executive Council.

You must be a junior to be on the Executive Council as a commissioner, so I knew that I had to be a commissioner. I have been very involved with Campus Ministry since my freshman year, and felt that this commission was best fit for me. I'm looking forward to all of the activities next year."



Tyler Tuiasosopo '08
Athletic Commissioner

"I attended Parkside Intermediate School in San Bruno and always knew that I wanted to attend Serra High School.

I decided to run for office because I wanted to be able to have a voice in our school.

I'm proud to be a Padre and am looking forward to my newly elected office of Athletic Commissioner."



Chuck Stimson '07
Spirit Commissioner

"My name is Chuck Stimson and I will be next year's Spirit Commissioner. I attended Ralston Middle School in Belmont and have wanted to come to Serra since I was in the second grade. I feel that my job as Spirit Commissioner is a perfect way for me to show how much I appreciate everything the Serra Community has done for me.

In this role, I get to give back to the Serra community while having fun in the process."

Rotary Club of San Mateo Features Guest Speaker Dan Schott '81

The Rotary Club of San Mateo recently featured Dan Schott '81 as its program speaker. Dan spoke about the U.S. Secret Service and his experience in the Department.

Other Serra alumni who are members of the Rotary Club of San Mateo include Frank Baldanzi '71, Eric Barrett '83, John Barrett '69, Michael Berube '71, Gerry Bundy '67, Shawn DeLuna '86, John Horgan '60, Bill Kenney '53, Jeff Lowenstein '86, Ralph Podesta '52, Phil Raiser '85, and Greg Schweitzer '65.

Pictured from L to R: Jon Becker '07, James Longinotti '06, Randy Vogel (Admissions Director), Dan Schott '81, Patrick Stumbaugh '06, Michael Peterson (Director of Institutional Advancement) & Russ Bertetta '67 (Director of Development & Alumni Relations).



JAMES LONGINOTTI '06

NAMED FOOTBALL SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Pictured from L to R: Mike Langridge '91, Varsity Football Coach Patrick Walsh, James Longinotti '06, Assistant Athletic Director Dean Ayoob '92, John Langridge '97

James Longinotti '06 was an honored guest at the National Football Foundation's Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Banquet held at the Burlingame Airport Marriott in late February. James was selected as one of San Mateo County's two Football Scholar Athletes of the year by the Selection Committee of the Northern California Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

"In my five years coaching at Serra, no player has fit the mold better for this award than James Longinotti," said Serra's Head Varsity Football Coach Patrick Walsh. "James' play on the field has been exceptional the last two seasons. He is a sure-fire Ivy League prospect and his academic record is off the charts."

During the past four years, James has continued to maintain an outstanding GPA while being enrolled in a variety of honors and AP courses. In addition, James is Serra's Student Body President and Team Captain of the Football team.

"James has brought in 100% to our core values of commitment, brotherhood, leadership, work-ethic, and competition at Serra High School," commented Coach Walsh.

SERRA RECEIVES HIGH MARKS FROM WASC



Pictured (L to R:) Mr. Barry Thornton, Dean of Studies with WASC visiting committee representatives Sister Carolyn McCormack and Gary Cannon

In 2003, the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) gave Serra a six-year accreditation, with a three-year review. The review process required that we complete a mid-term report and host a visiting team for a one-day visit in 2006.

In April of 2006, members of the original visiting team, Sr. Carolyn McCormack, O.P. President of Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy in La Canada and Gary Cannon, Assistant Principal: Student Services at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory in San Francisco visited our campus to review our progress, meet with our faculty, staff, and students, and observe teaching in numerous classrooms.

The Serra faculty and staff met in the library later that day to listen to Sister Carolyn's and Mr. Cannon's observations. Sr. Carolyn and Mr. Cannon highly complemented the entire Serra community stating, "We commend each of you for the significant investment of time, energy, commitment and creativity that has resulted in this excellent Mid-term Report. It has been a pleasure and privilege to re-visit the school and to see the evident growth that has taken place in these past three years. Most important to both of us is the clear, strong commitment to the Catholic identity and mission of Junipero Serra High School."

They further commented on the clear and collaborative leadership of the administration, the effective work of the department chairs in curriculum development, the "vibrant" teaching by the faculty using a variety of methodologies, and the commitment to a strong athletic program that develops the whole person. In addition, they noted the strong planning for the future through the newly established Board of Regents and the new Assistant Principal for Student Services that will ensure the "continued growth and success of the mission of Junipero Serra High School." They ended their comments with "We applaud your work!"

The Serra community was affirmed that our effort to provide the best education to the whole person was recognized by skilled educators observing our community in action, and we were motivated to continue our mission!

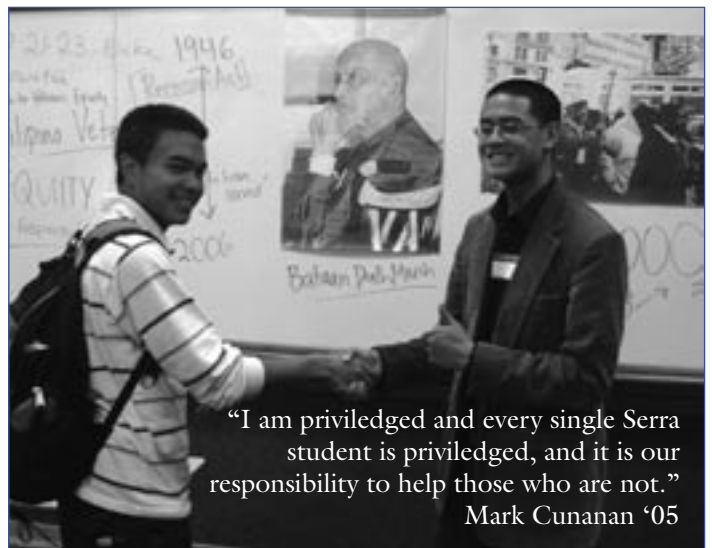
MARK CUNANAN '05 SPEAKS TO THEOLOGY STUDENTS ABOUT FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS

One of our newest Serra alums, Mark Cunanan '05, returned to Serra in March to speak to theology students about the "Veteranos" or Pilipino World War II Veterans and what he feels is his "cultural responsibility" to help them in their battle to receive equitable benefits for fighting alongside the U.S. during WW II.

Mark is currently a student at San Francisco State University and plans in minoring in Asian American Studies. During his fall semester, Mark joined a ten-week internship program called PACE (Pilipino American Collegiate Endeavors), which provided him the opportunity to learn about his Filipino history, culture and community.

"Joining PACE is one of the best decisions I have ever made. I was able to grow so much more as a person because I started to fill in the dark spots of my identity and to gain an understanding of my cultural responsibility," said Mark.

Mark also spoke to students about an organization called SAVE (Student Action for Veterans Equity), which is a San Francisco Bay Area based coalition of youth and students working towards getting the Veterans Equity Bills passed in Congress.



"I am privileged and every single Serra student is privileged, and it is our responsibility to help those who are not."
Mark Cunanan '05

Justin Enriquez '06 and Mark Cunanan '05

"I want to inspire students to get involved in social justice problems such as the "veteranos" issue, which I personally hold close to my heart," shared Mark. I am privileged and every single Serra student is privileged, and it is our responsibility to help those who are not."

BASKETBALL STAR DECENSAE WHITE '06 ASSAULTS THE SERRA RECORD BOOKS



When the Padres walked off the court at St. Mary's College on March 9 following a devastating loss to DeLaSalle in the Northern Cal semi-finals, one of the most outstanding careers in Serra basketball history came to an end. Decensae White, who helped bring six basketball championship banners to the rafters of the gym, had played his last game.

Decensae began his assault on the Serra record books as a sophomore coming off the bench until starter John Moe went down with an injury shortly before the CCS championship game. Thrust into the starting line-up, he had the unenviable task of guarding the WCAL Player of the Year Paul Phanguerra from Mitty. He held his own that night as the Padres came from behind to capture the first of three consecutive CCS titles. The next year, with Decensae entrenched in the starting line-up, he became part of the "Big Three,, with Tom McMahon (now playing at Penn) and Chaz Thomas (a

starter at Cal Poly), which led Serra to its greatest season ever -- a Nor Cal Championship and a berth in the State Championship game against Westchester. This game marked Decensae's greatest accomplishment -- both as a team and as an individual. From the team perspective, it meant that "Serra had reached the top." He added that people had "given us up for dead when we lost some games early, but now we proved them all wrong." From the personal perspective, he was the leading scorer in the game with 17 points, two more than Westchester's heralded Amir Johnson who went straight from high school to playing for the NBA's Detroit Pistons.

With three starters from last year's team gone, Decensae knew he would have to assume the leadership role for this year's Padres. He wanted to make sure we "played the right way- get back to that old Serra 'D'." He did this and more -- playing some point guard, leading the team in rebounds and scoring, and averaging a "double-double" for the season. There were games when, according to Coach Chuck Rapp, "Decensae just put the team on his back and carried us to a win."



Although the season ended so disappointingly, the honors for Decensae began to pile in. He was named the WCAL Player of the Year, the County Player of the Year, All-Metro first team and 2nd team All-State. He also broke four of Tim Kennedy's (Class of '95) school records along the way including most points in a season (691), highest season scoring average (20.9), most field goals in a season (237) and most free throws in a career (328). John Carmichael's (class of '62) record



Tim Kennedy '95 & Decensae White '06

of most free throws in a season also fell. He nearly broke four others, including Kennedy's career scoring record and Jack Keehan's (class of '67) record of most rebounds in a season. It truly was an amazing season and earned Decensae a scholarship to Texas Tech, where he will play for legendary coach Bob Knight. Despite Knight's famous temper, Decensae is looking forward to playing for him and to life in Lubbock, Texas.

His memories of playing basketball for Serra will always be with him, especially the pre-game stories of Coach Rapp. Decensae smiled when he talked of coach's pre-game talk before the 2005 St. Ignatius game and the meaning behind the Japanese characters on the team's

warm-up shirts. The story of the "500 Ronin" and their commitment to discipline "brought things into focus for us so that our commitment would be just as great." He hopes that sense of leadership that was handed down from Paul Shamieh '02, to Andew Kochever '03, to Kevin Ochoa '04, to Thomas and McMahon '05, then to him will now be passed on to Travis Haynes and Phoenix O'Rourke and also hopes that future generations of Padres will take the court with a commitment to each other to play hard every night.

Thanks Decensae and good luck with the Red Raiders.

WCAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

COUNTY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ALL-METRO FIRST TEAM

SECOND TEAM ALL-STATE

MOST POINTS IN A SEASON

HIGHEST SEASON SCORING AVERAGE

MOST FIELD GOALS IN A SEASON

MOST FREE THROWS IN A CAREER



Elton John's Broadway Hit

Fida

Tri School Productions



Visual &

Performing Arts

The year's spring performance of Elton John's musical creation "Aida" was another blockbuster success for Tri-School Productions (Serra, Mercy & Notre Dame)! This was the second opportunity for Serra's Visual & Performing Arts Director Jay Jordan to be the first on the peninsula to stage a production (also the first to stage Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" in 2005).

"Aida," based on Verdi's popular opera, is a classic tale of the love between a soldier and an enslaved princess - a love that condemns them to death, but ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between the two warring nations, heralding an unprecedented time of peace and prosperity.



MATT FERRETTI '02

(PICTURED SECOND FROM LEFT)

Matt Ferretti '02 just finished performing in his 7th musical at San Mateo's "Broadway by the Bay." He portrayed brother "Ephraim" in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Matt plans on graduating from San Francisco State this December with a BA in Theater Arts. On the other side of the curtain, last year Matt designed the sets for Serra's own production of "Beauty and the Beast," and is currently designing sets for "Into the Woods" at San Mateo High School. He is looking forward to earning his Master's in New York next year.

CHRISTOPHER GOSS '01 STARS AS HAMLET
AT THE MAVERICK THEATER
IN DOWNTOWN FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

Hamlet

by
William
Shakespeare

Starring
Christopher Goss



ALUM TOM ARVETIS '92 MAKING THEATER FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Tom Arvetis '92 is currently the Producing Artistic Director for The Vittum Theater in Chicago. The theater is one of more than forty theaters in the Chicago area offering family entertainment that aims to educate and stretch the imagination of children. "We want to start a life-long relationship between the arts and their elementary school-aged audience," said Tom. "We hope to initiate open dialogue with our audience on race and cultural diversity and how those issues relate to growing up in today's world."

SERRA CREW ALUM LARRY SANTY '00 SPECIALIZES IN THE "RIGGING BUSINESS"

Larry Santy '00 is currently working for Stage Rigging, Inc., one of the most respected stage rigging outfits in the country. Beginning in 1977, Stage Rigging began offering specialized services for touring rock shows with clients such as Earth, Wind & Fire, Pink Floyd and The Grateful Dead. Currently, in addition to the music industry, Stage Rigging provides services for corporate events, political conventions and trade shows. They have locations in Atlanta and Las Vegas, in addition to their headquarters in Redwood City, California.

C JORDAN X^{'06}

by Matt Hovan '06

“One Swingin’ PAdRe”

Imagine if Mozart played in the high school band. That’s what it’s like to watch Jordan Cox ‘06 play in a WCAL golf tournament. The Stanford-bound senior has posted some eye-catching golf numbers in his final year at Serra. He’s averaged a league-low, 2-under par for nine-hole golf matches and set a WCAL record for the lowest nine-hole match score with a round of 7-under par 29 at San Mateo’s Poplar Creek. Even with those numbers, though, Cox makes it seem like it’s just another day at the office. After posting his record-breaking score, he was unconcerned about the accolades. He scurried off to the practice green to work on his putting game. It seemed to pay off.

The next day, Cox shot a 5-under par 31 in a match against Mitty at San Jose Muni. Over the course of two days and 18 holes, Cox was 12-under par and made 12 birdies without a single bogey. He was promptly named “*Athlete of the Week*” by both the San Jose Mercury News and San Mateo Daily Journal.

“Jordan’s pretty modest about his accomplishments,” said varsity golf coach Joe Hession. “He lets his actions speak for themselves. I’ve never heard him brag or say anything negative about his opponents. He just goes out and beats them.”

It all started in the backyard of his Redwood Shores home when Jordan began hitting the little white ball with a plastic golf club. At the tender age of 12, he broke par for the first time with a round of 70 at Green Hills Country Club in Millbrae. Not long after that, Cox decided to shelf his soccer cleats and baseball bats and dedicate himself to the golf links.

“I’d played a lot of other sports as a kid and I really like soccer and baseball; but around sixth or seventh grade, I decided golf was the sport I wanted to pursue,” Cox said. “I decided myself that it was the sport for me.”

No one can argue with that choice. After spending his freshman year at Sacred Heart Prep, Cox transferred to Serra for his sophomore year. He led the Serra golf team to WCAL and CCS championships last year, and the number three ranking in the state. He was voted team MVP for the past three seasons and named to the all-WCAL golf team.

“I really enjoyed Sacred Heart,” Cox said. “It’s a great school, but I wanted to come to Serra because it has a great mix of academics and athletics. I knew the Serra golf team was always competitive and played in top-notch tournaments so that was important to me.”

Cox’s deft putting and 300-yard drives did not go unnoticed by colleges across the country. Next year, he will take his game to Stanford University on a full golf scholarship.

“It came down to either Duke or Stanford,” Cox said. “I chose Stanford because of the history of its golf program with players like Tom Watson

and Tiger Woods coming out of there. I thought it was a good fit.”

Jordan, who has maintained a 3.6 GPA while taking AP courses at Serra, intends to pursue a business degree at Stanford, but he also has his eye on the PGA tour. His accomplishments as a junior golfer indicate he could be a success at the professional level. Last summer, he won the American Junior Golf Association Rolex Tournament of Champions. Two summers ago, he won the British Junior Open in Scotland and also placed second at the US Junior Open. He also qualified for the US Amateur the past two seasons.

“Playing professional golf would be the ultimate,” Cox said. “To get paid for doing something you love to do is hard to imagine.”

“If anybody has a chance to play on the pro tour it’s Jordan,” coach Hession said. “Not only is he a talented athlete, he’s a hard worker who never stops practicing. He’s also got the perfect demeanor for a golfer. He’s a hard guy to rattle. Nothing seems to bother him. He’s always calm. In fact, the bigger the challenge the better he plays.”

Jordan’s opponents know how dangerous he can be. In an early season match against Bellarmine, Cox had the rockiest start of his life, hitting two balls out of bounds on the first tee at Silver Creek Country Club and taking a quadruple bogey. Many junior golfers would fall apart at that point, but Cox proceeded to play the next seven holes at one-under par.

“I think that is one of the things that makes him a good player,” Bellarmine coach Leo Ruth said. “He can have a disastrous hole and just forget about it. I know how he plays, so I figured he would come around and finish even-par by the end of the match.”

And . . . if he did make the tour, who would be in his dream foursome?

“I’d love to be in a foursome with Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Phil Mickelson,” Cox said. “They are some of the best players of our time. I think I could learn something from every one of them.”

Cox also has learned a few lessons inside the walls of Junipero Serra High School. “Serra has been invaluable to me,” he said. “It has taught me organizational skills and discipline. Those are things that will be important for my success in college and for the rest of my life.”

It appears Jordan Cox’s road to success has just begun.

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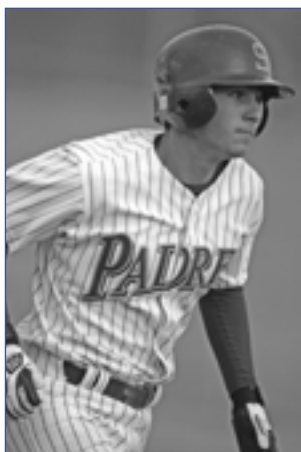
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JON KARCICH '06

BELMONT, CALIF. > Baseball

Jon, a senior shortstop and pitcher at Serra High, hit three home runs and had six RBIs in the Padres' season-opening 8-5 victory over De La Salle High. He tied a 21-year-old school record for most home runs in a game and also earned the win when he came over from shortstop and pitched one inning in relief.

TENNIS

Serra freshman **Spencer Talmadge '09** was recently named San Mateo Daily Journal's Athlete of the Week. Spencer is currently ranked 10th in the United States Tennis Association Northern California 16-and-under rankings. As of this writing, Spencer has won three West Catholic Athletic League matches in team play and advanced to the semifinals of the league singles tournament.



Spencer Talmadge '09

At 6 foot 2 and 200 pounds, Talmadge has a serve that's been clocked at 110 mph, and a huge forehand . . . and no one is happier than Padres coach Tom Stone that Talmadge enrolled at Serra.

"Obviously, I'm ecstatic that Spencer decided to come to Serra," said Tennis Coach Tom Stone. "He's the type of player that can change a program around. He's that good. The sky is the limit for him."

Talmadge is a fierce competitor, capable of coming back from a set and break down to win in three sets. He's 4-0 in three-set matches in the last four USTA tournaments he's played in, and recently advanced to his first-ever USTA juniors final in the Spare Time tournament near Sacramento. Talmadge said that was the biggest tournament of his career, and you can bet there will be more tournament finals in his future.

If Talmadge continues to improve, there's no telling how far his enormous talents can take him. No player from Serra has ever reached the final of the Central Coast Section singles tournament, and Talmadge could be the first by his junior or senior year. Also an excellent doubles player, Talmadge is focused on maximizing his potential and making net gains everyday.

Athleticism most certainly "runs in the family," as both of Spencer's uncles, Lee '85 and Rene '86 are members of Serra's Athletic Hall of Fame as swimmers.

(Excerpts were taken from an article written by Emanuel Lee, San Mateo Daily Journal)



Serra's varsity golf team posted an 11-3 record this season and at the time of this writing is attempting to win its second straight WCAL and CCS championship. Senior golfer Jordan Cox established a new WCAL 9-hole scoring record by shooting a 29 at Poplar Creek Golf Course in a match against Valley Christian. Jordan has maintained a scoring average of 2-under par throughout the season and will attend Stanford University on a golf scholarship next year. Other golf standouts include freshman Alex Duvivier who has averaged 1-over par throughout the season, sophomore Dennis Carson, seniors Bryan Moquin, Mike Minto, Matt Tham and juniors Matt Hovan, Kaivon Talai and Andrew Tilton.

The JV golf team completed its second consecutive undefeated season. This makes four straight league titles and a 30-match win streak. The outstanding play of juniors Vance De Martini, Peter Day, Matt Hovan, CJ Nunez, and Billy Paras all contributed to this record. Sophomores look good also. Dominic De Martini, a little guy with a big heart and straight drives, played solidly all season. Johnny O'Leary, Kevin Ryan, Denis Young, Kyle Perri and Mike Domanico look like they will make a strong showing next year based upon their play this year.

The best surprise of the year came with freshmen Pat West and Alex Duvivier, who averaged 1-over par throughout the season. Alex was good enough to be called up to the varsity in the early season after two solid rounds of one over par against De La Salle and Sacred Heart. Pat West, a three sport athlete, was consistent all year and outstanding at our last match with Mitty. Serra had to beat Mitty to secure an undefeated season and undisputed possession of the league title. Pat shot a one over par 38 at Coyote Creek tournament course on the back nine. The weeds just off the fairway were three feet deep, so any ball off the fairway was gone. The numbers soared, but West just kept the ball in play and made putts. It was an outstanding performance by the entire team.

NEW TO TRADITIONS . . .

“ALUMNI MEMORIES” CLASSIC MOMENTS FROM PADRES’ PAST

SERRA’S BEGINNINGS: THE UNVARNISHED TRUTH

by

Richard McLean ‘48

“Sarah? Sarah? What’s that, a girl’s school?,” friends would ask.

“No. It’s a new archdiocese high school for boys staffed by priests from the seminary and parishes. It’s named for the California missionary priest.”

“Never match Bellarmine or St. Ignatius,” they’d reply.

Recall that the Serra of 1944 bore little resemblance to the Serra of 2006, with its elite prerogative of skimming off the cream of the applying crop. No way! If you graduated from a local Catholic grammar school, you were accepted. If you couldn’t afford it, the bill they gave you was blank. A motley conglomeration we were, a rough-and-tumble mix of the worst and best of Our Lady of Angels, St. Catherine’s, St. Matthew’s and other assorted parishes tossed together into a converted San Mateo grade school off “The Alameda” in September of 1944. At first, there were only freshman and sophomore years with junior and senior years added progressively. Original student body consisted of eighty-six, with a faculty of five.

Today, we alumni from those rollicking days shudder at the contrast between the young dedicated priest who came to Serra with such grand dreams and the student body that assaulted them. From our conduct, we might have resembled a minimum-security reform school or a teenage version of an “Our Gang” comedy. We were bad!

HORRIBLE DICTU

A certain sophomore (no names mentioned) invented a time bomb armed with a fire cracker that when inserted into the barrel of a construction pipe would explode ten minutes after we returned from recess. The word would be whispered from room to room, “bomb set.”

On the day of the school’s dedication, we took Archbishop Mitty by the arms and sequestered him in the principal’s office where he agreed to decree one day of vacation to celebrate the event. (Father Breen was embarrassed, but we got our day!)

The third string quarterback got expelled for tossing a stink bomb in the library. On rainy days, the football team would form a phalanx — like in Caesar’s Gallic wars — and charge down the middle of the hallway.

At one Fathers’ Club Carnival, they offered cases of donated Regal Pale Beer if the person put his chip on the right number. We would play for our “parents” and then offer to carry the beer to our father’s trunk, but instead stashed it in the eucalyptus grove on the edge of the campus.

FATHER ZOPH

The battle, however, was hardly one-sided. “Jug,” parent conferences and expulsion were the weapons employed by the faculty. Not equal combat, but spirited.

Father John Zoph of late beloved memory was not always the gentle elder statesman of his latter years. As a young priest in 1946, he would blaze with an ascending redness from his Roman color to his hot eyes. “Jug for the whole class,” he would thunder like Jove tossing a lightning bolt and we would all translate an hour of Latin after school.

One time we “set up” Father Zoph with a trick question regarding an arcane grammar rule that he had forgotten. Fifty years later at his jubilee, he remembered the trap, who set it and who sprung it.

FOOTBALL AND RELIGION

Like the NFL draft, the Serra football team needed bodies. If yours was big enough, you were signed up. No choice, no argument. Our first practice field consisted of a parched baseball outfield in San Mateo where we scrimmaged in gagging dust with scrapped knees and elbows. They equipped us with used leather helmets with no face guards and we would return from practice to change in a locker room without showers. On the way back aching and smelly, we sang ribald songs.

Beyond core education, we also received a firm grounding in our faith that armed us for atheistic college professors, fraternity bull sessions and the moral challenges facing every young man. Being taught by priest

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Richard McLean ‘48

Alumni are invited to submit their special Padre memories and pictures to be included in this new regular feature of Traditions.

Please submit your “Classic Serra Moment” to: mwilkinson@serrahs.com or by mail to:
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Attention: Michelle Wilkinson, Director of Public Relations



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added an important dimension. If we had a problem, we could talk it over with a favorite teacher "under the seal" and receive sound spiritual and practical advice. (Note: Every teacher at Serra for our four years was an ordained priest.)

RETREATS AND HARD REALITIES

Off-campus retreats also served as part of our religious education. After a day of devotions and silence, we would kneel in a darkened chapel and, from the back, a retreat priest would intone:

"The doctor comes into your hospital room and says "Son, I have some very sad news for you." And, at the tender age of 16, you looked into the abyss of eternity and the state of your eternal soul.

Or...

"Your girlfriend, with eyes red from crying appears at your door with her father and older brother. 'I demand to speak to your parents,' growls her father".

INVENTING OUR OWN TRADITIONS

Not having a tradition handed down to us, we invented our own. We were tough, not afraid to challenge schools with bigger student bodies and better teams. Serra demanded mental toughness too, that willingness to stick with a difficult assignment into the wee hours. We were resilient; without a practice field and with limited equipment, we fielded credible teams. We were loyal to our own with broad attendance at sporting events and school activities. And we respected excellence; if a person did well, his classmates saluted him. There was no shame in winning an inter-school competition or working hard enough for the rare 'A.'

LATE BLOOMING APPRECIATION

Not until years later did we realize what had been done for us. Despite our groaning and boyish peccadilloes, we had been given a topflight classical education! Not fancy, but fundamental with 4 years of history, religion (including moral theology), Latin, speech, English (plus literature) mathematics up to trigonometry as well as physics and chemistry. But when it was done, we could write a comprehensive essay and solve problems with both inductive and deductive reasoning. From the faculty's credo of "no mercy," we developed mature study habits that served us all the years of our education (and life). From our small 1948 class emerged future graduates from Stanford, Berkeley, San Jose State, Santa Clara, as well as two priests, two doctors and one PhD.

BOYS BECOMING MEN TOGETHER

Above all, the "Serra experience" nurtured the bonding of boys becoming men together and the forging of friendships that last to this day. At alumni gatherings, we greet one another as if we haven't seen them for a week despite the decades in between. At a recent lunch, Father Dan Cardelli (of generous beam nick named "Father Buns") reminded the author that "we would have won the San Mateo game except for a fumble by the fullback."

In conclusion, we, the Class of 1948, might charge to the present Serra colossus — just as Knute Rockne croaked to the Notre Dame team about winning one for the Gipper — "If you ever get the chance when you are beating Bellarmine, POUR IT ON." (We lost 62-6 in 1947!)

About the author: Richard McLean ('48) is a published author who combines a career in advertising with his other creative endeavors. He currently lives in San Rafael and would love to hear from his classmates by email about a final-final class reunion of years '47 through '49 — dmclean9@comcast.net.

THE PADRE SPIRIT LIVES ON WITH THE CLASS OF '64

Each year on the first Friday in December, approximately forty members of the Padre Class of 1964 get together to have lunch, reminisce about old times, and catch-up on each other's lives as of today. Besides seeing the regulars, there's always the possibility of someone attending who we haven't seen in many years, possibly as far back as 1964.

For many years, this annual affair was organized by [Larry Scigliano](#) and [Brian Woodell](#). Larry and Brian relinquished their roll a couple of years ago and [Mike Scott](#) and [Jerry Wentworth](#) took on the organizing of the yearly reunion. Father John Kavanaugh, who taught Spanish and Latin, and John Kelly, who was Dean of Men and who also taught Latin, are regular attendees.



Wayne Podesta, Jerry Wentworth, Dan Alioto

While the location of the reunion has changed several times over the years, the current location is at the Lucky Chances Casino in Colma, California. Past locations were determined by where our classmate, [Mike Quivey](#), might be the manager or owner of the establishment. A couple of years ago, Mike got married and moved back East so we now have settled on the Lucky Chances Casino. Classmates have traveled from as far as London, England to attend the annual luncheon.

In 2004, we celebrated our 40th reunion at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in San Francisco as we danced to the music of Butch Whacks and the Glass Packs. While we average about forty attendees, the number is growing each year as more and more of our classmates decide to attend for the first time.

If you are a Class of '64 Padre and want to renew old friendships or make new ones, be that new guy we look forward to seeing each year. Remember, the first Friday in December at the Lucky Chances Casino. We will be very glad to see you.



Jim Ghielmetti, Dan Alioto, Mike Scott, Wayne Podesta



Ted Ammiro and Tom Ames



Jim Haberlin, Al Scigliano



Pete Stein, Ken Scheick, Mike Scott



Frank Kennedy and Dr. Bruce Adornato



Terry Gioni and Jim Bautavich



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with Wayne Podesta



Jim Haberlin, Larry Galvin, Roy Urbach, Ken Schiek, Jerry Wentworth



Ed Sawicki and Bob Beaudreau



Paul Rossi & Joe Cullen



Jim Waters



Joe Scheid



Bob Beaudreau and Jim Nicholas



AN IMPRESSIVE KINSTON INDIANS SEASON OPENER DEBUT FOR SERRA ALUM CHUCK LOFGREN '04



Twenty-year old Serra Alum Chuck Lofgren '04 blew through opposing batters in his impressive Carolina League debut, leading the Kinston Tribe to a 4-1 victory over the Wilmington Blue Rocks. Lofgren struck out eight batters, giving up just two hits in five innings of work, looking right at home during the Indian's home opener.

The Serra baseball star visited Serra last December as a Booster Club guest speaker where he discussed "Life After Serra: Launching My Professional Career." The following are some excerpts from his speech:

"I think I must have known since I was around seven or eight that I wanted to become a professional baseball player when I grew up. I always loved going to practice, spending time on the field with my friends and especially playing in the games. I couldn't wait for weekends to roll around because I knew there would be a game and the thrill and excitement would flow through my veins once again. The feeling you experience when you get a clutch base hit or hit a smashing home run is unexplainable.

"One of my fondest memories is when my dad used to imitate a radio sports announcer and he would call my pitches or my batting practice as if it were being broadcast on the radio. He would pretend the bases were loaded and Chuck Lofgren was coming up to bat."

Chuck Lofgren '04

My dad spent many hours with me at the park hitting grounders and fly balls to help me improve my skills. We really enjoyed our time together practicing and developing a very close relationship of caring and trust. One of my fondest memories is when my dad used to imitate a radio sports announcer and he would call my pitches or my batting practice as if it were being broadcast on the radio. He would pretend the bases were loaded and Chuck Lofgren was coming up to bat. He would call the pitches and then when I got a hit, he would say, 'It's a drive over the right fielder's head; it's going, going, and you can tell that one good-bye.' It made practice so much fun that I couldn't wait to get back to the ballpark.

As I look back on my high school years at Serra, I fondly remember my classmates, teammates, teachers and coaches who were all instrumental in helping me attain the goals I had set for my future. From Mr. Monaghan to Mr. Houle to

Mr. Jefferies and Coach Pete Jensen, I received excellent coaching and an opportunity to establish my presence as a significant contributor on their baseball teams. I have so many great memories of my high school baseball experience in the WCAL that it's hard to describe which one is the most memorable. The one that sticks out the foremost in my mind is when I was a Junior and we faced St. Francis in the 8th inning of the WCAL Championship at Santa Clara University. We were in extra innings with the score tied at 5 to 5. I passed Mr. Jefferies on my way to the on-deck circle and he said (now I have to clean

this up a bit) 'I'm cold and I want to go home -- just get up there and hit a home run so we can get out of here.' I came up to bat and launched the first pitch over the parking lot at Buck Shaw Stadium. The crowd roared and I'll never forget how I felt rounding those bases, listening to the Serra fans cheer. I even had a few St. Francis dads come up to me after the game and tell me that they had never seen a ball hit that far by a high school player. The Padres went home that night ecstatic that we had won the WCAL Championship. There was an eclipse occurring at the same time I hit the ball and it came to be known as the 'Moon Shot' on

High School Sports Focus. Cal Hi Sports ran clips of the 'Moon Shot' for over a month after the season ended and they named me the High School Player of the Year.

My Catholic education has always been very important to me. I have always been close to God and the four years I spent at Serra helped me realize that my talent in baseball is a gift from God. Some people are blessed with brilliant minds, some are blessed with artistic ability, some are musicians -- but I was blessed with exceptional athleticism and a powerful left arm. I have a very strong work ethic and an extremely competitive spirit. I thank God every day for helping me with my baseball career and I know that if I make it to the major leagues, he will be beside me showering his guidance and support and reassuring me when times get tough."



PADRES REUNITE AT SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS SPRING TRAINING



Pictured L to R: Nick Conte '00, Pat Mahoney '02, Mike Mooney '01



Pictured L to R: Russ Bertetta '67, Barry Bonds '82, Brian Morton '83

Serra alums, [Nick Conte '00](#), [Pat Mahoney '02](#), and [Mike Mooney '01](#) reunited during the San Francisco Giants spring training in Scottsdale, Arizona in March, while [Russ Bertetta '67](#) and [Brian Morton '83](#) enjoyed a visit with alumni slugger [Barry Bonds '82](#).

Pat Mahoney '01 is in his final year at the University of California, Santa Barbara and is planning on attending medical school next year.

Nick Conte '00 was drafted by the Giants organization in the 2003 draft out of St. Mary's College, where he had a breakout season earning All-West Coast honors after raising his batting average 98 points and producing 12 multi-hit games. He played with the Salem Keizer Volcanoes during the 2003 season before joining the Giants' South Atlantic League single-A affiliate, the Augusta GreenJackets, where he is currently playing.

Mike Mooney '01 was drafted by the Giants organization in the 2003 draft out of the College of San Mateo. He spent most of the 2004 season with Arizona Rookie League Giants leading the team in hits, triples, home runs, RBI's, total bases (110) and slugging percentage (.512). He led the ARL in RBI's, tied for second in home runs, and was selected to the ARL All-Star Team. Mike joined the Salem Keizer Volcanoes for the final week of the NWL season and for the 2005 season. He is also currently a member of the GreenJackets organization.



ALUM **BILL DUPLISSEA '96** BECOMES 11TH PADRE TO REACH THE MAJOR LEAGUES



Alum [Bill Duplissee '96](#) is currently a Major League Bullpen Coach, Catching Instructor and Batting Practice Pitcher for the Kansas City Royals. Bill becomes the 11th Padre to reach the major leagues as a player or a coach.

Brady '95 and Peterson at Pebble Beach



Tom Brady '95 and Michael Peterson, Director of Institutional Advancement reunited at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Amateur in February, 2006.

Michael Peterson was Tom's Principal during the four years that he attended Serra.

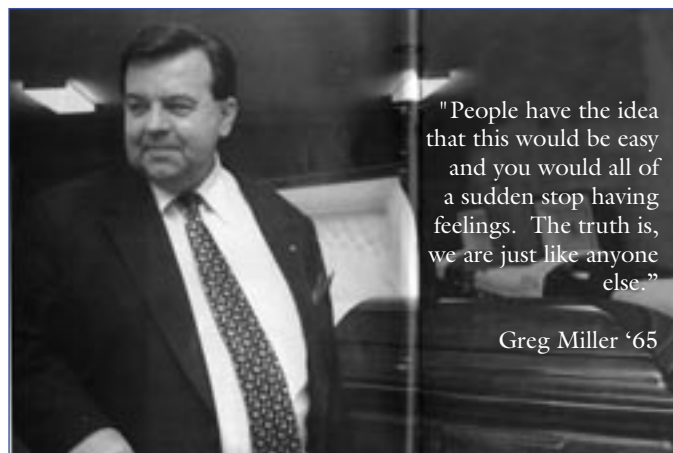
ALUMNI BROTHERS HAVE A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP IN THE FUNERAL BUSINESS

Greg Miller '65 and his brother Chris '70 work together in a successful partnership at the Miller-Dutra Coastside Chapel in Half Moon Bay. While Greg works closely with the families, Chris focuses on the finances. "They are just two local guys, helping about 100 local families a year get through one of the hardest trials of life: the death of a loved one," writes Carol Hunter of Half Moon Bay Preview Magazine.

Greg entered the funeral business by chance when he was in college. "Back then, there was no answering service, so most funeral homes had a place for students to live," Greg said. "When the door closed, I was answering the phones." He wasn't paid much for his services; however, it was just enough to get by and, at the age of 18, Greg was just thrilled to be living on his own. Gradually, the owners of the funeral home asked Greg to take on more responsibility and, over time, he came to appreciate what a helpful funeral home could mean to a grieving family.

Greg eventually left the funeral home and headed overseas to Vietnam and then back to school at S.F. State to get his bachelor's degree. But he always remembered the funeral home and, once he graduated, decided that's what he wanted to do. "I found that families were just looking for someone to be nice to them. I thought this is a great profession, where someone pays you to be nice to other people," he said.

Greg enrolled in the San Francisco Mortuary College, where he studied courses like anatomy, microbiology, and a little bit of business. In 1982, he took over what is now the Miller-Dutra Coastside Chapel where he currently works with his brother, Chris.



"People have the idea that this would be easy and you would all of a sudden stop having feelings. The truth is, we are just like anyone else."

Greg Miller '65

Funeral Director Greg Miller '65
Excerpts taken from story by Carol Hunter
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ALUMNI TRACK UPDATE



CCS Triple Jump Champion
Aven Wright '05
(Padre Record Jump of 48 feet 2 inches)

Matt O'Connor '04 will be a Sooner next year. After competing one season at the College of San Mateo, Matt signed a Letter of Intent to compete at the University of Oklahoma next year. After leaving Serra, Matt truly found his calling as a decathlete. He finished in 3rd place at the 2005 California State Junior College Championships with a score of 6,658 points. Following the State Meet, Matt traveled to southern California to compete in the USA Track and Field Junior Nationals (picture taken at the meet with Dominic Vogl ('04)). Matt placed 6th place with his score of 6670, which earned him Junior All-American honors.



Matt O'Connor '04 and Dominic Vogl '04 at the
USA Track and Field Junior Nationals

Dominic Vogl '04 is finishing his second year at Sacramento State. Immediately making an impact for the Hornets, Dominic has consistently been one of the top distance runners on the team. This past indoor season, Dominic broke the school record in the 3000m with his time of 8:43.31. Last season, Dominic qualified for the

USA Track and Field Junior Nationals in Carson, CA in the 3000m Steeplechase and placed 13th overall.

Aven Wright finished the 2005 track season in impressive fashion. Despite re-injuring his hamstring, Aven was the CCS Champion in the triple jump with a school record jump of 48 feet 2 inches. At the California State Championships, Aven's 4th place finish was the best place for a Padre since Lynn Swann's ('70) State Meet championship in the long jump. Aven is currently at student at the University of Southern California.

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'56

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'65

Pat Seltzer retired in 2003 after over thirty years as a bilingual teacher on the New Mexico/Mexico border. Pat's youngest of seven children is now in college. He and his wife, Mary, have grandchildren . . . so far. Pat still enjoys participating in music activities that were learned from Mr. Catalano.

'66

It's your 40-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 21, 2006!**

'67

Hal Grant is currently the Director for the HBO hit "Real Time with Bill Maher." Hal is one of the leading television directors in the genres of talk, reality and variety shows, with credits that include "The Bachelor," "Paradise Hotel," "Who Wants to Marry My Dad?," "The Simple Life," and "Politically Incorrect." Hal began his career in San Francisco directing the long-running morning talk show "People Are Talking." He then moved to New York to direct The "Carnie Wilson Show," and then back to the west coast to Los Angeles for the production of "Leeza," for which he was nominated for the 1996 Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Director.

Brothers Jack and Bill Keehan currently both live in the Chicago area. Jack is a dentist and Bill is a Sales Manager for Owens Corning. Jack has four children and Bill has two children, plus a grandchild. Both brothers have the dubious distinction of being classmates with Serra Development Director, Russ Bertetta, and look forward to their 40th reunion next year.

'73

Mark Harden is currently the National Foreign Editor at The Denver Post, overseeing the newspaper's coverage of Washington, the nation, and the world. Mark and his wife, Linda, a news producer at Denver's NBC station, are raising their two children -- son, Mackenzie, 15, a sophomore theater major at Denver School of the Arts, and daughter, Hannah, 13, a seventh grader and member of her school jazz band.

'76

It's your 30-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 21, 2006!**

'81

It's your 25-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 21, 2006!**

'82

Walter Bankovitch married Jocelyn Pou-Rivera on April 8, 2006 in Berkeley.

Robert Peccolo is currently a Sales Specialist for Microsoft Corporation in Mountain View. After Serra, Robert graduated in 1986 with a Mechanical Engineering Degree from Santa Clara University. He and his wife, Maureen, are the proud parents of four children, Gianmarco, Giuliana, Caterina and Chiara.

'86

It's your 20-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 21, 2006!**

'87

Pete Celli and his wife, Teresa, welcomed a new baby daughter, Gianna Marie, on January 27, 2006.

Tim Giacomini and his wife, Jenny, welcomed a new baby boy, Quinn Joseph, on December 4, 2005. The happy family currently lives in San Mateo.

'88

Colin Cooper and his wife, Michelle, welcomed their first son, Carson Matthew, on January 2, 2006. Carson joins proud sister, Caitlin. Colin is currently the Copywriter and Production Assistant for Salem broadcasting in Sacramento. He's been writing commercials for three stations full-time since March of 2005. In his spare time, he assists local high school sports broadcasts with sideline reporting.

'89

Chris Waizenegger and his wife, Jeanne, welcomed a new baby girl, Emily, to their family. Emily joins big brother, Nicholas and big sister Grace Elizabeth.

'90

Tom Maffei and his wife, Bonnie, welcomed their third son on September 7, 2005. Baby Michael joins big brothers, Nick 10 and Zack 8.

Todd Leyte-Vidal and his wife, Kelly, announced the birth of their baby daughter, Ryann Rae, born January 25, 2006.

'91

Jeff Bordin and his wife, Crissy, welcomed twins, Will and Karly Michelle, to their family on December 3, 2005.

John Defoe and his wife, Jodie, welcomed a new baby girl, Grace, on December 7, 2005. Grace joins her big brother Sam.

'92

Tom Arvetis and his wife, Dana, are proud to announce the birth of twins, Lyra and Simone, born on January 30, 2006. Tom is currently the Producing Artistic Director for Vittum Theater in Chicago.

Clyde Beffa, III, and his wife, Kirsten, welcomed a new baby girl, Kindall Ashley, born on March 14, 2006.

Brian Philip and his wife, Bridget Marchetti Philip (NDHS Class of '92) welcomed a new baby daughter, Sabrina Maria, on February 5, 2006 (Superbowl Sunday!) Brian is the nephew and godson of Serra staff member Maryann O'Leary. Baby Sabrina's proud uncle is Kevin Philip '98 and cousin is Chris O'Leary '03

'93

Steven Fisher is currently a police officer living in San Diego with his wife, Jenna, and their new baby daughter, McKenzie.

Chris Scofield and his wife, Rachel, proudly announce the arrival of their son, Davis Wilmot, who was born on December 27, 2005.

'94

Jeff Clark '94 and his wife, Nieves, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Ava Amelia on April 13, 2006. Jeff is currently working at Oracle (originally a PeopleSoft employee) in Pleasanton.

'96

It's your 10-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of **October 21, 2006!**

'02

Robert Hervatine graduated with honors in May '06 and will continue on to law school. He spent his junior year in Florence and traveled all over Europe, the Middle East and Asia.



In Memoriam



Alfred Paul Alessandri, father of James Alessandri '74, passed away on March 30, 2006.

Milton Blank, father-in-law of Serra faculty member Jane Blank and grandfather to Danny '05 and Steven '06, passed away on December 16, 2005.

Luigi Calderoni '59 passed away on January 3, 2006.

Toni DeFriesse, grandmother to Sean DeFriesse '05, passed away on December 18, 2005.

Agatha Duffey, mother-in-law of Serra staff member Renée (Rusty) Duffey, passed away on March 2, 2006.

Diane Earnshaw, mother of Matt '89, passed away on November 7, 2005.

Donald Fisher, father of Steven '93, passed away on January 8, 2006.

Paul Joseph Giguere '53, brother of Bill '62, passed away on July 31, 2005. Paul loved attending as many Serra ball games as he could -- even as he battled cancer. He will be missed by his Padre classmates and friends.

Edward Garnier '47 passed away.

Claire Haycock, mother of Chuck '64, Tom '67, Steve '70, Robert '76, and grandmother to Brian '86 passed away on April 20, 2006.

James Keefe '66 passed away.

William Keehan, father of Jack '67 and Bill '67, passed away on March 19, 2006.

Stuart Lockie, father-in-law of Serra staff member Sally Lockie, passed away on September 18, 2005.

Randi Lonergan, mother of Dolan Lonergan '05, passed away on November 5, 2005.

John Loretz '50 passed away.

Kerstin Brodin Plett, mother of Serra faculty member Eric Plett, passed away in January 2006.

Carmel Romanski, mother of Dan '94 and Rich '91, passed away on December 13, 2005.

Sandra Seymour, mother of Serra faculty member Kevin Carey, passed away on February 6, 2006.

Donald Tattenham '57 passed away.

Tina Vassallo, mother of Anthony '09, passed away.

Rest in Peace

KEEP US POSTED!

Your fellow Padres want to know what you've been up to! If you've recently graduated, married, just celebrated the birth of a baby, started a new job, or retired, please let us know! Send Alumni News to: Serra High School Development Office ■ 451 West 20th Avenue ■ San Mateo ■ CA 94403 or E-mail to: mwilkinson@serrahs.com



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SEND US YOUR FAMILY PHOTOS!

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You may send printed photos or digital images to:

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Attention: Michelle Wilkinson, Director of Public Relations, or by e-mail to mwilkinson@serrahs.com



Jack & Bill Keehan '67
(More info in Alumni News & Notes)



Baby Carson Matthew Cooper with Big Sister Caitlin
(Colin Cooper '88)



Sam DeFoe
(John Paul '91 & Jodie DeFoe)



Baby Sabrina Philip
(Brian Philip '92 & Bridget Marchetti
Philip NDHS '92)



Twins Will Robert and Karly Michelle Bordin (Jeff '91 & Crissy Bordin)



Davis Wilmot Scofield (Chris '93 and Rachel)

Padre Family Photo Album



Grace Ilene DeFoe (John '91 & Jodie DeFoe)



Big Sister Samanta and little
sister Alexandra Shoomiloff
(George '96 & Brenda Shoomiloff)



Baby Joseph Ignatius Cecchin
(Mother is former Serra staff member Sara Cecchin)



Baby Gianna Marie Celli (Peter '87 & Teresa Celli)



Robert Dugoni '79 (Top L) with son, Joe, (Bottom R).
Third grade basketball team from Clyde Hill, Washington.
Joe is the nephew of social studies teacher Sean Dugoni



Baby Emily, Big Brother Nicholas, & Sister Grace
Elizabeth Waizenegger (Chris '89 & Jeanne)



Serra's crew program continues to add to an already impressive list of accomplishments. At the recent Long Beach Invitational, the Freshman 4-boat of Aaron Gonzales, Zach Felise, Cameron Woods and Ongley Ocon, along with coxswain Chris Delzompo, captured a gold medal. Senior Kirk Halterman earned a silver in the men's single and the JV boat of James Leighlitner, Matt Levin, Nick Willard, Joey Frank and coxswain Mario Morales, won a bronze in the JV 4 event.

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