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FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF REGENTS

MR. ROBERT SULLIVAN



Dear Alumni and Friends of Serra,

As our 2006-07 school year rapidly nears its conclusion, I want to thank Serra's alumni and friends for their tremendous support of this great school. Student applications to Serra continue at record levels, enrollment is at capacity, and our attrition rate has declined to record lows — a testament to the quality Catholic college preparatory education Serra Padres receive day in and day out. More importantly, the environment at Serra encourages each student to achieve his best and have fun at the same time. The collegial relationships among teachers, students, staff, parents and alumni all factor into Serra's emergence as a "destination" school!

Although this is only the second year of existence for the Advisory Board of Regents, it has quickly developed into a body that is making significant contributions to Serra's strategic advancement. The following are a few examples of the Board/Committee achievements this year:

- By summer 2007, the Phase II Core Team will have made architectural design recommendations for the new Music, Art, and aquatic facilities, as well as the expanded Academic Resource Center. The fundraising feasibility study is well underway and a Phase II Capital Campaign Board will be established in fall 2007. This group is working closely with the Buildings & Ground Committee to ensure quality designs for the new facilities and continued improvements to existing buildings.
- The Finance Committee continues to oversee the administration's highly effective management of revenue and expenses, with the objective of controlling costs while ensuring program quality and effectiveness. This committee is now turning its focus to long range planning to assure Serra's continuing fiscal strength.
- The Development Committee has made important adjustments to the Parent Pledge Program and they have established a Planned Giving Program that will increase Serra's endowment. The committee's review of current programs is now complete and its recommendations will enhance our admissions marketing efforts.
- The Strategic Planning Committee's review and endorsement of changes to our Campus Ministry program have been approved and implemented. A national search for a new Campus Minister is complete and an announcement will be made in the next edition of TRADITIONS. The new campus minister will also benefit from the services of an expanded support team that will be poised to make a significant impact on our student and staff spiritual development. Also, the committee has done extensive research into affordable housing resources in San Mateo County, thus enhancing the ability of Serra to attract and retain high quality faculty and staff.
- Finally, a new committee has been approved for next year — the 21st Century Learning Committee. It will be comprised of educational and business leaders who will research and advise the school regarding continued enhancements to our academic program that will help our students be prepared for entry into the new global economy.

My wife, Juliane, and I have tremendously enjoyed the four years of growth that our son, Sterling, has experienced as a Padre. As we prepare for his graduation, we are as proud as any parent could be. Just as importantly, we are thankful for the opportunity we were given to be a part of the Padre community and tradition. Today, Serra stands tall as a premier educational institution, forming young men of faith, wisdom and service. Remember, once a Padre, always a Padre!

Good luck to the Class of 2007!

Sincerely,

Robert Sullivan, Chair
Advisory Board of Regents



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR. LARS LUND

120 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dear Alumni and Friends,

In this very special edition of Traditions, we celebrate the many years of outstanding service from Serra's own "Fab Four"—Bruce Anthony, Russ Bertetta, Jay Jordan and Rob Solari. Each of these men has given 30 years of dedicated service to Serra students.

Bruce has served as a Mathematics and Business Accounting teacher since his arrival at Serra from the University of California at Berkeley. He has also done outstanding work as our Assistant Admissions Director. For many years now, he has moderated Serra's chapter of the California Scholastic Federation as well as our Bowling Club. The annual Serra Bowling Tournament increases in popularity among students, faculty and staff each year. Of particular importance is the outstanding work Mr. Anthony does as the coordinator of our "Shadow Program," which hosts over 500 8th grade visitors to our campus each year. A true gentleman, Mr. Anthony has effectively served in this capacity as a "first impression" of Serra to countless future Serra Padres and their families. His son, Trevor, is a Serra graduate from the Class of 1998, and his son, Tyler, will graduate from Serra this year.

Russ Bertetta '67 has worn many hats since his arrival from the University of San Francisco. He has held the positions of English and History teacher, summer school principal, student activities director, football and basketball coach, and senior class moderator. Currently, as our Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Russ does a great job building community among Serra faculty and staff and generating support for Serra in the greater San Mateo County Community. His photographic memory about Serra High School, dating back to his days as a student here, enliven countless conversations among faculty, staff, students, alumni and alumni parents. He played a key role in the success of Phase I of our "*Building For Our Future*" capital campaign and has invigorated alumni support for Serra. In many ways, Russ is the "keeper of the flame" of Serra's lore and traditions. Russ is most proud of the fact that his three sons are all Padres: Joshua '94, Patrick '04, and Christopher '09!

Jay Jordan has been the inspiration behind our musical and theater arts program since his arrival from San Jose State University. As our Music Director, he has developed the talents of thousands of Padre musicians and singers. Graduates of his program have gone on to record and produce albums, perform on Broadway, in Hollywood and on national television series! He currently teaches the Tri-School chorus and conducts the Serra and Tri-School jazz and symphonic groups, beginning percussions and guitar. For many years, his Rock n' Roll History course was a popular mainstay in our curriculum. He also coordinates our theater arts program (in particular the fall play and spring musical) and numerous concerts throughout the school year. Over the past few years, this program has rightfully emerged as one of the finest in the Bay Area. For many years, Jay has been chair of Serra's Visual and Performing Arts Department and a member of the school's Academic Council. In this capacity, he has played a key role in the development of Serra's outstanding college preparatory academic program, also one of the finest in the Bay Area!

Rob Solari has been a Biology teacher at Serra since his arrival from Stanford University. Under his tenure as the department chair, the Science Department program has become one of Serra's strongest. He has done an outstanding job mentoring each teacher in his department and has made several enhancements to the curriculum. He has expanded course offerings to include AP Biology and AP Physics and has integrated units regarding health and environmental issues throughout the Science curriculum. In a recent collaboration with the school's Leadership Club, the Science Department sponsored a viewing of "*An Inconvenient Truth*." The turnout was tremendous, with capacity crowds at the lunchtime viewings in the auditorium. Rob has also served as a track coach and bike club moderator over the years. As a member of the Academic Council, his influence has been a key reason for the outstanding quality of our college preparatory program. His son, Andy, is a 1999 Serra graduate who went on to UC Berkeley (with Mr. Anthony's endorsement) where he graduated with a degree in Political Science.

Please join me in thanking and congratulating each of these wonderful teachers for their service to Serra. Each of them in their own way and in their own fields of expertise has helped our Padres grow into "Men of Faith, Wisdom and Service." They have made a difference for the good in the lives of thousands of students and are examples of the best Serra has to offer.

Sincerely,

Lars Lund
Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTION ADVANCEMENT

MR. MICHAEL PETERSON

Dear Friends of Serra,

Imagine what life at Serra was like when the “Fab Four” of Anthony, Bertetta, Jordan and Solari arrived here in 1977. Hair styles were different; computers and graphing calculators were not used in schools ; and there was no such thing as a PowerPoint presentation. So, too, was fund raising different.

In 1977, and the years prior to the “Fab Four’s” arrival, money for items outside of the normal budget was raised by car washes, cookbook sales and cookie sales. Parent Clubs would sponsor a Spring Festival or have a dance in the gym; or, once a year, there might be a casino night. Fathers and sons would often work together to put up bleachers that were donated by another agency. Parents and students would spend evenings and weekends erecting sets for the Spring Musical.

Now, thirty years later, we still have fund raising events take place, except on a more grandiose scale. Our parents, alumni and students still continue to build sets for the musicals, construct benches for the courtyard, paint dugouts, and install shelves in storage areas. However, now, we have a Benefit Auction every fall which contributes over \$225,000. to the school. Our Booster Club sponsors a number of functions, such as the Tri-Tip and Crab Cioppino dinners, which net thousands of dollars for our Athletic Program. The Mothers’ Auxiliary supports a myriad of programs by staffing the refreshment stands throughout the year and by their well-attended Fashion Show. The Fathers’ Club raises money for the Financial Aid Program through their “Pot of Gold” Dinner & Dance (formerly the Cadillac Raffle/St. Patrick’s Day Raffle). Our Alumni Association continues to sponsor our Annual Golf Tournament and, most recently, the school sponsored its Third Annual Fund a Dream Luncheon held at the Peninsula Golf & Country Club to raise money for families in need of financial assistance.

What is all this saying? Simply, that Serra continues to rely on its friends, parents, alumni and other benefactors. If it were not for these activities and the support of our parents, alumni, and the support we receive from a number of foundations, we would not be able to do all we do for our young men.

Sincerely,

Michael Peterson

Director of Institutional Advancement



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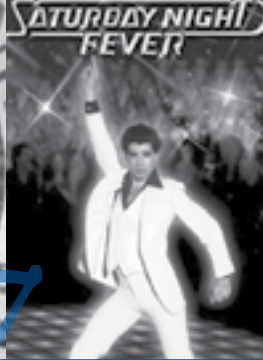
2007 Fund A Dream Luncheon

... more to come in the Graduation Issue of TRADITIONS

David Philpott '87, Randy Vogel, Steve Philpott '93



James Earl Carter, Jr.
President



John Travolta stars in
"Saturday Night Fever"



Miniseries "Roots" Draws
Audience of 130 million



"Rocky" Receives Oscar
for Best Picture



Elvis Presley dies
at age 42

The "Fab Four" Join Serra

Bruce Anthony

Russ Bertetta

Jay Jordan

Rob Solari

The year was 1977 and former peanut farmer and Governor of Georgia, James Earl Carter Jr., had been sworn in as President. The miniseries "Roots" drew an audience of 130 million, while "Laverne & Shirley" and "Happy Days" were among the top shows. Stephen Wozniak and Steven Jobs introduced the new Apple II personal computer, which required that users employ their TV sets as monitors and store data on audiocassettes. An immediate success, it was an improvement over the Apple I model and retailed for \$1,298.

"Rocky" won the Oscar for Best Picture, while other top movies included "Annie Hall," "Star Wars" and "Saturday Night Fever," which fueled the disco craze for years to come. Singers Debby Boone, Stevie Wonder, Barbra Streisand, Andy Gibb and the Eagles all had hits that topped the charts.

In the world of sports, the NY Yankees won the World Series behind series MVP Reggie Jackson who hit three home runs in game six to eliminate the Dodgers and their rookie Manager Tommy Lasorda. As a result of his clutch hitting and five home runs during the series, Jackson was dubbed "Mr. October," a moniker that would stick for the rest of his career. In college football, the University of Notre Dame was led to the National Football College Championship by a young quarterback named Joe Montana.

At Serra High School, nine new faculty members were hired for the fall of 1977, four of whom would continue to have a lasting impact on the school thirty years later. Among the 1977 "rookies" were our own "Fab Four" -- Bruce Anthony, Russ Bertetta, Jay Jordan and Rob Solari.

A perusal of the Serra archives reveals that the new teachers were introduced to the school community as follows:

"Mr. Russ Bertetta, a 1967 graduate of Serra received his Bachelor's degree from University of San Francisco. He joins the English department and most recently taught at St. Albert the Great in Palo Alto where he served as Athletic Director and Vice Principal. He is also assisting with the Junior varsity football program and will be coaching freshmen basketball."



Back L to R: Bruce Anthony, Rob Solari
Front L to R: Jay Jordan, Russ Bertetta

"Mr. Bruce Anthony comes to Serra having taught at Doyle Elementary School and St. Gregory's in San Mateo. He most recently was doing substitute work in the Siskiyou County High School District. A graduate of University of California at Berkeley, Anthony is teaching business finance and business accounting."

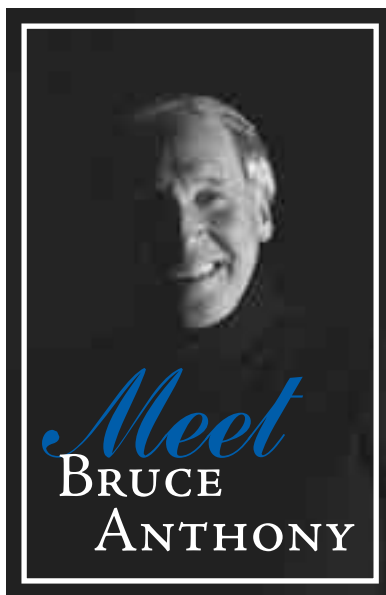
"Joining the science department is Mr. Robert Solari, who is teaching biology and science methods. Solari, who obtained his Bachelor's and Master's from Stanford University, did his student teaching at San Carlos High School and will assist in Serra's track and field program."

"Mr. Jay Jordan takes over Serra's music program. A graduate of San Jose State University, Jordan has worked with the Conquistadors Drum and Bugle Corps in South San Francisco and the Santa Clara Vanguard for the past two years. Jordan replaces Mr. Phillip Garay who has moved on to Capuchino High School to teach music."

As the "Fab Four" began their teaching careers, there were no cell phones, iPods, DVDs, personal computers or digital watches. In many ways, it was a much simpler time. The median U.S. household income was \$13,572; the Porsche 928 made its debut; and a letter cost thirteen cents to mail. The starting salary for most first year teachers was approximately \$10,000.

Highlights on the Serra campus in 1977 include more than 100 students enrolling in the school's first technical drawing classes (now better known as Architectural Design), a week long mini-course program in its early stages of development, the spring musical production of "Oklahoma" and yearly tuition of less than \$935. One hundred forty-one seniors received diplomas at the 31st graduation ceremony, which was held at St. Matthews Catholic Church.

1977 was a time marked by change and growth, and no where was it more evident than at Serra High School, where four young men in their 20's would lay the foundation for stellar careers in education -- displaying an everlasting commitment, dedication, enthusiasm, loyalty and devotion to their chosen craft and a never ending allegiance to the students of Junípero Serra High School.



Tell me about your early years.

"I was born at Stanford Hospital; however, as the offspring of a dyed-in-the-wool 'blue & gold' Cal family, I've tried not to hold that against my parents. My childhood was pretty much an 'Ozzie & Harriet' existence. I was the older brother (like 'David' the one who couldn't sing) with two younger sisters (they were the little 'Rickys' with the musical talent). Many people think those 50's sitcoms were a myth; but, to me, it was real life. Dad worked (what he did, I wasn't quite sure), while Mom performed her daily miracles at home. There was a constant flow of characters (friends, neighbors and relatives) in and out of the

house, as our adventures rotated throughout the neighborhood and town of San Carlos -- pick-up games in the streets and schoolyards, riding bikes all over town, Saturday matinees at one of two old-style movie theaters, collecting Coke bottles and using the cash deposits to buy a double-scoop ice cream cone and three packs of baseball cards (all for thirty-five cents). During football season, the kids in the neighborhood would hop on their bikes (with football cards clothes-pinned through the spokes -- we thought it made the bikes sound like motorcycles) and head over to Red Morton Park in Redwood City, where the 49ers held their practices and we would wait for the players to come out and sign autographs. Summer evenings, we would have marathon games of baseball and hide-and-go-seek until darkness forced us inside for cut-throat games of Hearts. What a life!"

Who was your favorite teacher in school? "I really idolized my teachers, but 4th grade was a real wake-up call -- my first male teacher, Mr. Kelly. Kids dreaded the thought of getting Mr. Kelly as their teacher. He was tough, but he was genuinely one of those teachers who change lives; he challenged his students to bring out their best. Each day, I would try to live up to his expectations and, nearly 50 years later, I still am."

What are some of your high school memories? "I attended San Carlos High (demolished in the 80's when the educational planners thought the 'baby boom' was over and the city no longer needed a high school -- after all, if parents wanted a really good education for their sons, they could send them to Serra). I recall lots of losing football, basketball and baseball teams, until senior year -- league champs in basketball; running for class office ('Hey, Bruce, what are you running for?' 'I'm not running, I'm walking!'); sneaking a transistor radio into class to listen to the '62 World Series (Giants vs. Yankees); and an end to my childhood with the '63 assassination of President Kennedy. But, the event that would change my life the most was meeting a fellow classmate who would become my best friend, my best man at my wedding, the godfather of my first born, and my mentor -- a young man by the name of Randy Vogel."

What were some of your first jobs? "Mowing lawns, cleaning pools, delivering papers, baby-sitting (twenty-five cents per hour), selling greeting cards door-to-door."

Where did you go to college? "CAL! (*THE* University of California) Go Bears!!!"

Who is a significant person in your life that you have looked up to? "Throughout my life, my parents. I couldn't have asked for two finer people. For each of them, family always came first, no matter the sacrifice. They set the bar high, and still do to this day. Now in their

eighties, still in love after 60 years of marriage, they remain their children's and grandchildren's biggest fans."

Personal Favorites: Color? "Blue & Gold"; **Food?** "Peanut Butter & Jelly (some things never change)"; **Dessert?** "Chocolate Chip cookies (no nuts, please)"; **Ice Cream Flavor?** "Chocolate (except at Christmas, then it's Dreyer's Peppermint Stick)"; **Book?** '*If I Never Get Back*'; **Movie?** '*It's A Wonderful Life*'; **Song?** '*You Know What I Mean*' (Neil Diamond); **Sport?** "Serra Basketball, Cal Football, Giants Baseball (and Bowling . . . is that a sport? Of course it is!)"; **Place to Visit?** "My parents' house."

What are your hobbies? "Sports, Music, Photography, Movies, Television."

What was your favorite vacation? "As a child, no question, Disneyland. And, for that small part of me that's still a child, it's still Disneyland. But, for pure escape and relaxation, give me two weeks (no, make that three weeks) on Tahoe's North or West Shore."

What do you get passionate about? "My wife, my children, my students, and my teams."

What are some goals you are still working towards. "Never be satisfied or complacent. I can always be better, life can be better, the world can be a better place. Work hard, live life to the fullest, and enjoy it along the way. Pay for my children's college educations. And, of course, write that book (the definitive Algebra text?) that will bring me riches beyond measure. Ahhh, what a glorious retirement it will be."

Why did you decide to work at Serra? "Did I mention that guy named Randy Vogel? I was enjoying the idyllic life of a newlywed in Mt. Shasta when I got a call from Mr. Vogel beckoning me back to the Bay Area. I never thought 30 years could go by so quickly!"

What positions have you held here at Serra? "Dept. Chair of the one-man Business Education Dept. (teaching Accounting, Finance, Economics); Bookstore Mgr; Faculty Council Chair; Bowling Club Moderator/Coach; CSF Moderator; National Honor Society Faculty Review Board; Basketball Announcer ('Voice of the Padres' . . . thrrreeeee); Algebra Teacher; Asst. Admissions Director; Parent and Friend."

Tell me about a memorable moment at Serra that you will never forget. "Oh, there are far too many to list, and I've gone on much too long. But, among my 30 years, there are eight that stand out as the most memorable, and those are the eight years when my two sons attended Serra. To teach at Serra this long has been a thrill, but to be the parent of a Padre, and share the experience each day, tops it all."

What do you like most about working for Serra? "All the connections; they cut across place and time. We come together -- students, faculty, staff, parents -- and we connect. From different backgrounds, with different experiences, we come together and we connect. We learn from each other, and we learn to appreciate each other. Students grow, mature, graduate, and leave; but stay connected. They return with their wives and their children, with stories to tell and memories to share. It's an experience that binds us all together, keeping us connected for all time."

When people look back at your life, how do you want to be remembered? "Not that I'm planning on checking out anytime soon, but I hope someone might remember me as a good man, good son, good husband, good father, good teacher, and good friend; a man of faith, compassion and passion -- and, of course, extremely good looking."



Tell me about your early years.

"I was born in San Francisco in 1949 and our family moved to Redwood City in 1952. My childhood was a pretty typical 50's childhood. I grew up with my sister Caron, attended Mt. Carmel in Redwood City, played Little League, and always played ball in the streets with the neighbor boys. I loved following the Giants and 49ers from the time I was eight."

Who was your favorite teacher in school?

"It's probably a toss-up between Sr. Andrew (2nd

grade) and Mrs. Zehender (5th grade)."

What are some of your high school memories?

"I graduated from Serra in 1967. I have many memories . . . my first Bellarmine football game in 1963 and the day JFK was killed. I was in 3rd period Spanish class with Mr. Medrano when Monsignor Maher came over the PA and told the student body. At the end of the day, the student body officers took turns leading the Rosary over the PA.

I recall being a cheerleader when we lost to Bellarmine 60-0, but still having our cheering section cheer so loudly that they echoed off Carey School -- and the raid we staged on Bellarmine's campus the night before the Bell game when we were seniors and Fr. Kelly knowing exactly who was there and busting all of us. I remember the Senior Prom costing \$2. I'd also have to include all the great guys I went to school with and the many different teachers we had - some better than others, but most of them memorable in their own right."

What were some of your first jobs?

"My first job was working at A&W Root Beer making \$1.25 an hour. I got fired and then delivered chicken for Chicken Delight."

Where did you go to college?

"I graduated from USF in '71 and went on to get my credential in '72."

Who is a significant person in your life that you have looked up to?

"I guess the person I looked up to most was my grandfather. He was a guy who was full of life, always looking to organize friends and family for an event, a party, something where people could have fun together. But he was also very giving, doing things for others until the moment he died. It also helped that I was the first grandchild and definitely his favorite. "

Personal Favorites:

Color? "Blue."

Food? "A great steak or Mexican food."

Dessert? "Cherry pie."

Ice Cream Flavor? "I used to love marble fudge (but you don't see it any more). I also like raspberry sherbet."

Book? "*The Glory and the Dream*" by William Manchester

Movie? "That's a tough call - maybe '*Bonnie and Clyde*.' "

Song/Music? "Another tough call - 'Southern Cross' by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, 'Born to Run' (live) by Springsteen - basically any classic rock.

Sport? "Baseball, basketball, football . . . whatever is in season; golf to play."

What are your hobbies?

"Collecting baseball cards and different kinds of sports memorabilia."

What was your favorite vacation?

"Every vacation is the best vacation."

What do you get passionate about?

"I'm passionate about my wife and family. I'm passionate about the Giants and 49ers, and I'm passionate about Serra High School and what we do here."

What are some goals you are still working towards.

"Professionally, my goal is to help make the new buildings of Phase II possible and to ensure that our planned giving program, the Father Serra Heritage Society, is successful so that Serra's needs will be met well into the future."

Why did you decide to work at Serra?

"I loved teaching and wanted to be able to give something back to the school. I wanted to follow in the footsteps of so many teachers who inspired our young men to learn, to get involved, to give back. After teaching grammar school for four years, I was ready to make the move and I was lucky that Serra had some openings."

What positions have you held here at Serra?

"I've been the Director of Student Activities, Senior Class Moderator, Summer School Director, coached basketball for 15 years, coached JV golf for seven years, and JV football for one year. I announced the varsity baseball games from 1981 through 1990 and taught US history and English from 1977 through 2001."

Tell me about a memorable moment at Serra that you will never forget.

"That's another tough one; there have been so many. Beating St. Francis in football this past year, the "gorilla" rally of 1998, and the Tom Brady Cadillac raffle as part of the 2004 Benefit Auction - that was crazy."

What do you like most about working for Serra?

"The best thing is the people - both my colleagues, past and present and the students. One of the best things is developing strong friendships with guys that I have taught over the years. I think that is one of the real unique things about Serra; there is a real bond."

When people look back at your life, how do you want to be remembered?

"I guess it would be that I was a good guy who treated people the 'right' way, a person who is passionate about his beliefs, a person who enjoyed life to its fullest, and a person who made a difference in the lives of people and made Serra a better place."



Tell me about your early years. “I was born in SF and some of my earliest memories were living on Teddy Ave. in the Visitation Valley section of the city. I have one sister, Kris and my late stepbrother, Corey. My father was an expert dog trainer and we had a German Shepherd that was so well-trained my mother would leave my sister and me outside the grocery store, guarded by our dog, while she shopped. We moved to Ocean View Ave. in San Mateo before I started kindergarten and, from kindergarten to 4th grade, I was really into riding my bike with an older boy who lived across the street. We would

ride throughout San Mateo and Belmont all summer long. Before I started 5th grade, we moved to the other end of Norfolk St. to Foster St. I was really into sports, especially basketball; there were lots of great athletes in our neighborhood (I was not one of them!) I played Little League and flag football. Fifth grade is also when I began playing trumpet and, for whatever reason, it was something that came easily to me. In the 6th grade, I remember playing in the 7th & 8th grade honor band. I attended Bayside Jr High, where I continued to play basketball and play in the band. I have memories of the band director letting me experiment with the instruments and tune the band before performances. All of my childhood memories filter through life on Foster St., a community unto itself. I played with other kids (street football especially), hunted and played sports with the dads, many of whom were police officers, had communal barbecues constantly (in the front driveways, of course), left our garage doors open and our front doors unlocked. I’m still friends with those special folks and see them at life’s punctuation points: weddings, milestone anniversaries, and, sadly, funerals. My wife, June, was a Foster Street kid like me, though we wouldn’t meet as adults until many years later.”

Who was your favorite teacher in school? “My JR high band director, Bill Dial, was an enormous influence (though I didn’t know it at the time.) I had two English teachers who made a huge impact, Mr. Rock in 7th & 8th and Mrs. Trask in high school. Mr. Rock encouraged me when I began writing poetry and Mrs. Trask turned me on to several great books, including *‘A Clockwork Orange,’* *‘Exodus,’* and many others. The teacher who had the biggest influence on my life was Bill Wright, my private trumpet teacher. I almost quit playing because of a physical problem with my embouchure and he patiently corrected the problem and set my future in motion in the process.”

What are some of your high school memories? “I attended Hillsdale and was quite aware of Serra because my sister dated a ‘Serra guy.’ I continued with sports during freshman year playing football and lettering in track (low hurdles) -- then finally giving it up to concentrate on music. I started playing guitar during sophomore year and made life-long friends in the process. Though I had many school friends, social life really continued to revolve around Foster St. As we grew up together, we moved from bikes to cars and explored our newfound mobility by attending concerts at Winterland, the Cow Palace, or the Oakland Coliseum. We saw some of the greatest rock artists of all time and had no clue of how special it was.”

What were some of your first jobs? “I’ve really only had one ‘job’ my entire life (I don’t consider teaching a job) working as a stock boy at Variety Supply Co., a small goods wholesale business owned by my brother Corey’s grandparents. This was during my junior and

senior years of high school. I never worked during college because most of my free time and all of my summer vacations were taken up marching with the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps.”

Where did you go to college? “I attended SJ State where I received my BA and also SF State where I received my MA.”

Who is a significant person in your life that you have looked up to? “My mother and father who gave me many opportunities to explore my interests; my late step mother, Pat -- one of the most genuinely nicest person I’ve ever met, and Dr. Carolyn Lindeman at SFSU who was my college music education advisor.”

Personal Favorites:

Color? “I guess blue though I’ve been leaning towards lavender a lot lately.”; **Food?** “Seared Ahi tuna (only in Hawaii though); any meat that is well prepared; anything that I’m cooking.”; **Dessert?** “Cake, not pie, cookies.”; **Ice Cream Flavor?** “Mocha.”; **Book?** “*Lonesome Dove.*” *‘Dune’*; **Movie?** “*Dr. Zhivago.*”; **Song/Music?** “Way too hard to narrow down -- Beatles to Be-Bop to Beethoven, and the Dead.”; **Sport?** “Baseball.”; **Places to Visit?** “Napili Bay, Maui.”

What are your hobbies? “Guitar, cooking, camping, films, reading, writing.”

What was your favorite vacation? “One of my favorite vacations was when we went to Volcanoes National Park on the Big Island of Hawaii. Walking on ground that was younger than I am was something. There are many square miles of surface that look like another planet. My favorite all-time vacation was the all-expenses paid Caribbean cruise my wife earned as a consultant for Creative Memories. There are many great memories of the trip, but none tops singing a song I wrote about scrapbooking for over 800 rabid photo album enthusiasts.”

What do you get passionate about? “My family. I’m very proud of the accomplishments of my wife June, our daughter, Maddie, and our son, Alex -- and we’re all passionate about the Giants. More than anything, though, music is my passion. It’s my vocation, my hobby; it’s at the center of my faith and it’s the source of much joy and, at times, much frustration. I also can get pretty worked up discussing politics.”

What are some goals you are still working towards. “Being a good role model, writing a good song, being an educator who inspires students to love music.”

Why did you decide to work at Serra? “I applied for the music director position at Capuccino, but didn’t get it. I later found out that the director from Serra got the job and that the Serra job was still open.”

What positions have you held here at Serra? “Music Director, VPA Department Chair, Director of Summer School.”

Tell me about a memorable moment at Serra that you will never forget. “One that stands out is when Richard Quock, a senior artist on the ‘Anything Goes’ crew ‘got’ me by secretly painting a caricature portrait of me and dramatically revealing it during the final dress rehearsal.”

What do you like most about working for Serra? “I like the family atmosphere and the special friendships that have developed over the years. I feel blessed being able to explore my faith as part of my job. Most of all, I like the students and having opportunity to bear witness to a period in their lives that will begin building the foundation of who they will become as adults.”

When people look back at your life, how do you want to be remembered? “As someone who cared about others and as someone who made a difference in people’s lives.”



Tell me about your early years.

"I was born in Hollywood and moved to San Carlos as a child. There were over 40 baby boomers on our block. I spent most of my time playing outdoors with kids, riding bikes, and exploring the woods behind our neighborhood. I didn't perform well academically in grammar school, so sports was where I first experienced success. I went to Clifford School in Redwood City and many of my friends joined the Boy Scouts – so did I. It turned out to be one of the most valuable experiences of my life. My son was also a Boy Scout and both of us reached the rank of Eagle. I have a sister Candy, with whom I am very

close. We support each other in good times and bad."

Who was your favorite teacher in school? "I was very fortunate to have some really wonderful teachers. Perhaps the one I respect the most was my high school track coach Jim Luttrell (still coaching track at Woodside). He was not only a great athlete, but a great role model. He taught through example – he was always encouraging, positive, honest, and giving. I had the good fortune to coach with him for three years."

What are some of your high school memories? "I went to San Carlos High where I was in student government, played football (tailback and ran back punts & kickoffs), wrestled, ran relays and hurdles. I'm very lucky to have formed many long-term relationships in high school that are still important to me today. My best friends include people from as far back as kindergarten, as well as many good friends from high school – including my best friend, my wife Noreen. My parents were very trusting. When I was 16, it was nothing for them to let me go to Tahoe late on a Friday night to go skiing with friends. I truly enjoyed high school and my memories mostly fall back to sports, but also to the many dumb things that we would do – which I won't mention specifically."

What were some of your first jobs? "I worked at a gas station, dug ditches, worked at a fabric store as a "bolt boy," and had my own jewelry business throughout college. In addition to selling to stores, I set up a table and sold the jewelry I made at Fisherman's Wharf."

Where did you go to college? "I earned my BA in Human Biology in '75 from Stanford and my MA in Education from Stanford in '77."

Who is a significant person in your life that you have looked up to? "Certainly Mr. Luttrell (as I mentioned earlier), but I was also blessed with other great teachers. Mrs. Madigan from Clifford School who recently passed away and also taught both of my children – we all loved her dearly; Mr. Liner my football coach from San Carlos, and Mr. Jackson, my government teacher. I looked up to many relatives, too. My Uncle Lloyd was an inventor and taught me mechanics. My Uncle Eddy was always there for me. My parents were also very supportive; my mom taught me to be consistent and my dad to be passionate (When I applied to Stanford, my dad was one of the only people who was *sure* I'd get in).

Personal Favorites: **Color?** "Green."; **Food?** "Pretty much everything and lots of it."; **Dessert?** "Anything chocolate."; **Ice Cream Flavor?** "Chocolate Chip."; **Book?** "Does National Geographic count? How about "Adventures of Narnia?"; **Movie?** "Cinema Paradiso."; **Music?** "Anything Motown, British Invasion, Summer of Love stuff."; **Sport?** "I like to watch football, bike racing and track and field."

What are your hobbies? "I like to bike ride (both street & mountain). I ride about 5-days per week and try to commute to school one day a week on my bike. I love water and snow skiing, backpacking and weight lifting. I also like to build furniture and dabble in art."

What was your favorite vacation? "Any vacation is great, but our best have been to New England, Canada, Italy, and England. I love to travel. Our family has been to Europe over twenty times, but there are also many wonderful places we have seen in the U.S. – the North East is great, especially Boston."

What do you get passionate about? "I am still very passionate about teaching. I have always felt that the most important thing I could dedicate my life to is family and teaching. I am passionate about my family. My wife and I have been married for almost 30 years. Our son, Andy, 23, is a Serra graduate ('01) and a '05 Berkeley grad. He is working for Presidential candidate John Edwards in North Carolina. Our daughter Katie, 20, is a junior at Berkeley majoring in biology and completing a soon to be published research project in physics/biology."

What are some goals you are still working towards.

"A teacher who thinks they have it all figured out is an idiot. So I do work at being a better teacher – there is always something to learn. I also want to do more art work and furniture making – perhaps sculpture."

Why did you decide to work at Serra? "Thirty years ago, there was a glut of teachers – unlike today. I went for several interviews at various local high schools. Serra was the closest to my home and the first to offer me a job. My 1st year was really tough; I wasn't sure I would go back. After some soul searching and realizing I had wanted to be a teacher since I was 14 years old, I returned for my 2nd year and it all seemed to fall into place."

What positions have you held here at Serra? "I've been a science teacher, department chair, track coach, Student European Director (took about thirty kids for a month tour of Europe), bike club moderator, and have served on various committees."

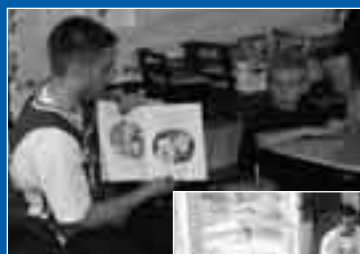
Tell me about a memorable moment at Serra that you will never forget. "Well, I *could* go in the direction of the fights I'd break up years ago and sometimes come home with blood on my shirt -- to my wife's dismay. However, I'll choose to go in the direction of those moments when I was there for students who really needed someone and I was there to make a difference. There are those times when you see students turn themselves around and you can see them become happier and accelerate both academically and personally. Or, those times when you look at our community and you are reminded that this is a special place."

What do you like most about working for Serra?

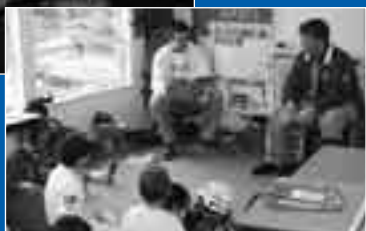
"Working here is very demanding, but also very fulfilling. I have the good fortune to work with some really great teachers who inspire me and with whom I am able to collaborate with. Most importantly, I'm given the opportunity to step into a very important time in the lives of our students and have some influence."

When people look back at your life, how do you want to be remembered?

This is an odd question that someone should not answer for themselves; after all, how a person will be remembered is up to others. So, I passed it to my son and I liked what he said: "Someone who loved his family, friends and students and someone who was not afraid to stand up for what he believed in."



Phoenix
O'Rourke '07



Brian Hammel '07 & Derek Carthy '07



Nick Poggetti '07



Dusty Baker &
Kevin Donahue

Padres Participate in "Celebration of Literature" At Neighboring Carey School

When Serra's Athletic Director Kevin Donahue was asked by Linda Underwood of the neighboring Carey School if he could arrange for a few Padres to participate in their "Celebration of Literature" program, he didn't hesitate to say 'yes.' "I never have a problem finding students to help out for a good cause," Donahue said.

This was the Carey School's First Annual Celebration of Literature, a week-long event which embraces literature and encourages young students to read. "We asked Kevin he could provide us with several student-athletes because we wanted to convey to the kids that 'big boys' don't just play sports; they take academics seriously, too," said Ms. Underwood.

Volunteer readers from throughout the Bay Area participated, including local firemen, police officers, and former San Francisco Giant's Manager, Dusty Baker, whose daughter attends Carey School. Representing Serra and enjoying the time they spent reading to the young students were seniors Ray Baldonado, Derek Carthy, Andrew Guttas, Brian Hammel, Nick Poggetti, Marcus Pointer, Phoenix O'Rourke and Marcus Tong.

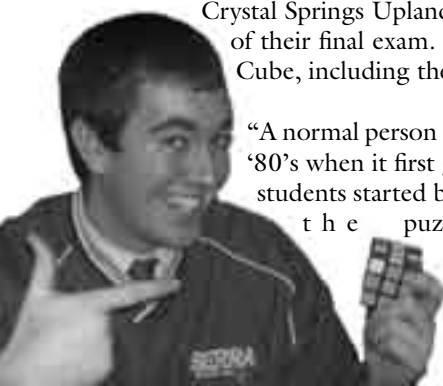
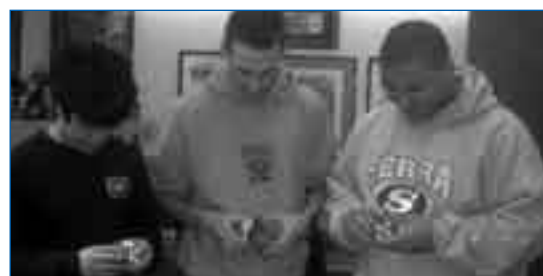
Serra and the Carey school have shared a special "backyard neighbor" relationship for over 40 years. The Carey school is located on the Alameda directly behind Serra's Football Field. On a daily basis, you can see the young grade school children enjoying recess and sometimes peeking through the "friendship gate" to see the "big boys" here at Serra.

1980's Rubik's Cube Fad Makes a Comeback

Senior Max Gilula '07 took 49 seconds to solve the Rubik's Cube — and that was slow for him (his fastest time is 40 seconds). Other students followed behind at one minute; one minute, nine seconds; and one minute, 25 seconds.

The 1980's fad took off last year after students in Sheila Scafina's calculus classes started playing cubes to pass time after they finished their Advanced Placement exams. Sheila was inspired by the movie "Pursuit of Happyness" in which the main character, played by Will Smith, completes a Rubik's Cube in two minutes. It turns out the "speedcubing" champion Tyson Mao, who was hired as a consultant to teach Smith how to solve the Rubik's Cube, is a former student of Scafina's from when she taught at Crystal Springs Uplands School in Hillsborough. This year, Sheila plans on making students solve the Rubik's Cube as part of their final exam. Students often spend breaks between classes timing each other with different versions of the Rubik's Cube, including the 3x3x3 standard cube, the 4x4x4 Rubik's Revenge and the 5x5x5 Professor's Cube.

"A normal person couldn't learn how to do it on their own unless they were very mathematical," Sheila said. "Unlike the '80's when it first gained popularity, people now have the help of the Internet to solve the Rubik's Cube." She gets her students started by teaching them the first few steps and lets them figure out the rest. The trick, she said, is completing the puzzle in layers instead of trying to solve each side.



A Padre's Journey to the Naval Academy

Four years ago, Gavin Callies '07 received his papers admitting him to Junípero Serra High School. He was so proud to know that he would finally be a Padre. Gavin had worked hard to get to this point and knew he would have to work even harder to achieve his next goal of college.

In the seventh grade, after reading "*Marine Sniper*," by Charles Henderson, Gavin began to consider the possibility of a career in the military. His interest peaked again during his sophomore year when he attended Serra's College Night. Gavin was drawn to the Naval Academy tables and wanted to find out as much as he could about a career there.

In his senior year, Gavin knew that he wanted to study engineering; he also knew that he wanted to continue rowing (Gavin is a four-year Serra Crew team member). So, the hunt was on for a college that offered both.

Although Gavin dreamed of being accepted into the Naval Academy, he was worried about his chances. "I'm not going to try for the Naval Academy," Gavin told his parents. "I've heard that it's much too hard to get in and you need a nomination." However, Gavin has never been a quitter. He spent many late nights filling out paperwork, afternoons running errands to gather needed information, and obtaining records and letters of recommendation written by half a dozen teachers. Gavin managed all of this while getting up for crew practice at 5:15 a.m.

Gavin's hard work finally paid off when he received a letter from Congressman Tom Lantos, which informed him that he had received a nomination to the Naval Academy. After another long waiting period, his mother, Loretta, received a phone call from Congressman Lantos' office advising her that Gavin had received his appointment. Upon arriving home that evening, Gavin was greeted with a poster reading, "Go Navy, Beat Army!" Gavin still had his doubts, however, as there was no *real* "physical evidence" of his acceptance. When the actual appointment letter finally arrived, it was a wonderful experience for the whole family to see how proud he was of himself. Gavin will be inducted on June 27th to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. **Go Navy! Go Padres!**



Pictured L to R:

Gavin Callies '07, Mom Loretta, Tom Teshara (US Naval Academy Representative), Dad Peter

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Members of Serra's 2007 championship Quiz Bowl Team: Back Row (LtoR): Moderator Bruce Anthony, Steve Erickson, Jeff Flaherty, Brian Hammel, Tyler Anthony; Front: Alan Terranova, Marcus Tong, Brad Satterwhite, Kevin Sibucan and Moderator Randy Vogel.

Serra Students Place 1st in Quiz Bowl

A team made up of Serra seniors placed first in the Inaugural Bay Area Catholic High School Quiz Bowl hosted by San Francisco's Archbishop Riordan High School. The competition was directed by a member of the National Academic Quiz Tournament Committee with questions supplied by NAQT. The contest consisted of six rounds and included questions from academic disciplines such as literature, geography, history, art, science, Catholic history, mathematics and current events.

Each member of the all senior Serra team recently made his college choice for next year. [Jeff Flaherty](#), [Brad Satterwhite](#), [Alan Terranova](#) and [Marcus Tong](#) will be attending UCLA; [Brian Hammel](#) has chosen the University of Notre Dame; [Steven Erickson](#) has selected the University of California San Diego; [Kevin Sibucan](#) will attend UC Berkeley, and [Tyler Anthony](#) will be going to the University of San Diego. Sibucan placed third in the individual competition. Serra faculty members Bruce Anthony and Randy Vogel served as the team moderators. The team from Riordan placed second with Mercy Burlingame and Sacred Heart Cathedral tying for third. The Padres will proudly display their championship plaque in the school's trophy case.

Serra's Liturgy Committee



A FULFILLING YEAR IN CAMPUS MINISTRY

by Hanna Malak, '08, Campus Ministry Commissioner

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Hanna Malak '08

Campus Ministry Commissioner

As Serra High School's Campus Ministry Commissioner, I have had a very busy, yet extremely fulfilling year. With a tremendous amount of help and support from Campus Minister Paul Casey and Father Jim Livingstone, I have had the privilege of being involved in a variety of activities that build and enrich spirituality in our Serra community.

One activity that I played an active role in was the further development of Serra's Liturgy Committee -- the "spiritual voice" of the students here at Serra. The students who were chosen for the committee were selected because they are leaders and have a desire to serve the Church. These Padres include myself (serving as Chairman), [Tyler Anthony](#), [Ryan Borg](#), [A.J. Diggins](#), [Jason Dunn](#), [Anthony Heimuli](#), [Andy Seckler](#), [Alex Pan](#), [Mitch Vogl](#) and [Michael Wise](#) (all members of the Class of 2007), along with Juniors [Tim Allen](#), [John Dutto](#), [Liam Grosshauser](#), [David Maciel](#), [Dom Matteucci](#), [Spencer McLeod](#), and [Chad Mezzera](#). [Anthony Vassallo '09](#) was the lone underclassman.

The Liturgy committee met once a month to plan school masses and its prayer and reconciliation services. Members of the committee had a choice whether to minister at the liturgies themselves, or to go out to the student body and find someone they thought would be good at a particular ministry.

Along with the newly-founded Liturgy Committee, Campus Ministry began having students share their reflections on the gospel at school masses. After the priest would give the homily, a student would share their thoughts to the whole Serra community. The beauty of these student reflections is that 1,000 young men are hearing the Word of God through the insights of their classmates.

RETREATS

- The freshman class enjoyed its traditional trip to Mission Carmel to visit the grave of Father Junípero Serra and to learn more about his life.
- Sophomores spent a day away from school where they were able to relax and reflect on their lives and others with their tri-school friends at Mercy High School.
- Juniors served the poor during a hands-on retreat at St. Anthony's Foundation in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco, which was a real "eye-opener" for them.
- Serra seniors made their annual class retreat to Christ the King Orthodox Church in Belmont.

Campus Ministry also supported a variety of worthwhile causes, including: the Walk for Life, the Annual Tri-School Walk for Justice, Adopt-a-Family Program, the Winter Coat Drive, and the yearly Sandwich Brigade -- made up of Padres who make sandwiches each month and deliver them to the hungry at St. Vincent de Paul in San Mateo.

Serra's Elite Eight

by Anthony Vassallo '08

Serra Padres are premier students, athletes, and men of service. They often surpass rather than merely meet requirements, especially when it comes to Christian Service.

Starting early in the Spring semester, fifteen upperclassmen redefined "service" with their unprecedented efforts as retreat leaders to their brothers and sisters in the Class of 2009 at Mercy and Serra.

Their journey began with their own retreat to Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. As retreat leaders, they reviewed the planned day of reflection, focusing on two important themes to pass on to the sophomores: Vocation and discipleship. Vocation, as retreat leader [Jack Rieflin](#) defines it is, *"What you bring to the table when you're called to do so by God."*

The upperclassmen took advantage of their overnight retreat at Vallombrosa in many ways. Not only did they plan several retreats for the sophomore students from Mercy and Serra, but they also had the opportunity to get to know each other better. After all the planning, activities and experiences they shared, the retreat concluded with Mass celebrated by Serra Chaplain Fr. Jim Livingstone.

Before their final retreat, however, the leaders faced a problem. Prior retreats consisted of both Serra and Mercy sophomores, but an overflow of thirty-two Serra sophomores had yet to attend their retreat while all of the Mercy sophomores had already attended theirs. The eight Serra leaders, selected by Fr. Livingstone, found themselves in the middle of a dilemma. Finding it necessary to hold another, special retreat for just the thirty-two Padres, the "Eight" went back to Vallombrosa for a day of planning. They decided to focus the retreat on the brotherhood of Serra and wanted it to be apparent in the retreat's atmosphere.

The remaining sophomores and the eight retreat leaders met at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Belmont. "We wanted the sophomores to leave the retreat knowing what their calling was, or at least to be prepared for it," said leader [Jack Rieflin](#). Or, as [Donnie DalBroi](#) explained to the sophomores, with a hint of warning, *"Keep your eyes open, you'll find your vocation, not necessarily when you're ready to."*

The sophomore retreat concluded with a Communion service and with the sophomores sharing in the brotherhood with the upperclassmen. They asked questions and really revealed themselves. The Eucharist, as leader [Robert Monk](#) describes it, *"Triggers recognizing your faith with God."* Beyond the retreat, beyond the Eucharist -- these eight Padres really fulfilled their own vocation, to lead their peers in the Faith. The retreat was, as Campus Minister Mr. Paul Casey described it, *"Of the boys, for the boys, by the boys."* Livingstone was equally amazed with their efforts and share these words: *"These young men spoke from their experience as Catholic Christians and trusted that the Holy Spirit would guide them in all their words. I was privileged to be a witness of their faith sharing with their brothers in Christ."*



[Andy Seckler](#) '07, [Sterling Sullivan](#) '07, [Tyler Anthony](#) '07, [Jack Rieflin](#) '08, [Robert Monk](#) '07, [Kevin Castech](#) '08, [Mario Morales](#) '08, and [Donnie DalBroi](#) '07



TRI SCHOOL ANNUAL WALK FOR JUSTICE

Serra Padres joined students from Mercy (Burlingame) and Notre Dame (Belmont) in the Annual Tri-School Walk for Justice.

Their goal was to help raise awareness, as well as much needed funds for the many homeless in the Bay Area. The group traveled along the El Camino Real from the Serra Campus on 20th Avenue to the Catholic Worker House in San Bruno.

After 20 Year Drought **PADRE WRESTLING** **Wins WCAL Title**

AND WCAL History is Made!

A Perspective from Assistant Padre Wrestling Coach & Serra Alum Mike Klobuchar '90

Some Wrestling History

How long is twenty years? Think back, if your old enough; how old were you and what were you up to? Me, I was a skinny little freshman entering Serra. I was cut from freshman football because I was too small (119 lbs.) and I thought I was too short for the basketball team so I was left pondering what sport I should play. Paul Bristow, computer teacher and head wrestling coach, suggested I come out for wrestling where you can compete against guys your age and weight -- and it's a non-cut sport. I figured since I wrestled all the time with my older brother, why not. The decision changed my life forever.

I have spent twelve of the last twenty years involved with the Serra Wrestling Program (four as a Padre wrestler and eight as an assistant wrestling coach), and I have loved it since day one.

How long is 20 years in Serra Wrestling? Let me tell you. Serra Wrestling has had seven different head coaches, one State Medalist (Erick Vera 3rd - 1993), ten State Qualifiers, sixteen CCS placers, twenty-two WCAL champions and graduated over 700 wrestlers. They had only won ONE WCAL Varsity league title. Let's go back to the 1986-87 season.

I remember a lot from my first season. Some, not so good memories, were wrestling in the cafeteria -- freshman were only allowed on the old Riordan mats, getting "pounded" and "worked" by the more experienced wrestlers. I recall having aches and pains in places I didn't know about and doing more pushups, sit-ups and running then I care to remember. The good memories, however, are the reasons I am still involved today. The fellow Padres I wrestled with whom have become lifelong friends and the coaches -- Paul Bristow (who commuted from Modesto) and Alan Pometta in his first year at Serra and first year wrestling. Both who seemed to care and relate to us kids better than most of the other "adults" in our lives at that time. And, the lifelong lesson we learned about hard work, dedication, and sacrifice that would eventually reap rewards.

In 1986-87 the Padre wrestling team moved out of the PAL (Peninsula Athletic League) and joined the WCAL in its inaugural season. The team was led by Senior Dan Burgett (175 lbs.) who had qualified for the State Tournament the year before by making the top six at the CCS Championship Tournament. Paul Bristow seemed to always have a practice plan and would make sure that we not only learned, but executed fundamentals. He would go over moves in front of the whole team and then give us time to work on the moves. It seemed at times that all we did was drill, drill and drill the same moves over and over and over again. What we *wanted* to do was just "wrestle live" and skip drilling. Of course, the drilling and practice plans paid off and the Serra Wrestlers enjoyed a great season with many of the varsity wrestlers



placing at tournaments and bringing home medals. The WCAL dual meet season began in January and I recall Coach Bristow saying that everything up to this point was practice and that WCAL is where and when you want to win.

The Padres did this and breezed through most of the dual matches. Then came the last home dual meet vs. Bellarmine, who was always strong in *every* sport. The match went back and forth and the crowded gym went nuts "under the mat light." Every match was exciting and wrestlers from both teams were giving it all they

had. I can still remember most of the team lineup (Please forgive me for anyone I miss) -- [Oliver Ongpin](#), [Jack Reynolds](#), [Mark Vella](#), [Greg Killroy](#), the [Spillane](#) brothers, [Paul Olson](#), [Mark Shoffa](#), [Dan Burgett](#), [Rob Waldshmidt](#), and [Andy Cost](#).

The Padres were losing by three points going into Andy Cost's match. A loss would mean a loss for the team; a win by points would mean a tie; and a pin would seal the deal. The crowd was on their feet and cheering Andy on. His match was going back and forth as he was wrestling a bigger guy. Then, in the 2nd round, he got a takedown and sent the Bellarmine guy straight to his back. The Serra gym erupted into a chant of "PIN! PIN! PIN! PIN!" and then the referee raised his hand and slapped the mat indicating a PIN for Andy. The crowd went nuts and ran onto the mat and raised Andy up. It was incredible and a memory that I believe is still in everyone's minds who was there to witness it. It was a truly a surreal moment.

The team ended up winning the 1987 WCAL Varsity Team Championship and had four WCAL League individual champions: [Mark Vella](#), [Paul Olson](#), [Dan Burgett](#) and [Rob Waldschmidt](#) -- a feat no Serra Wrestling team has had since.

At this year's alumni night, we had a few wrestlers from that team show up express how every time they walk into the Serra gym and look up into the rafters they feel so much pride for being a member of the 1986-87 Wrestling team.

As a coach, I have used the memories of my freshman year and the subsequent years I spent wearing the Padre singlet to try to inspire young wrestlers. I am occasionally reminded that my stories are *history* and sometimes boring. So, I promised them that once *they* put up a new banner in the rafters I would retire my 1987 story.

I am honored to say this year the Padre wrestlers have been able to silence my twenty-year old stories and, now, they have some incredible stories of their own.

HOW IS SERRA WRESTLING DIFFERENT FROM 1987?

Serra has undergone many changes over the past 20 years. For wrestling, the team has now moved from wrestling in the cafeteria to the

new wrestling room with new state-of-the-art mats and equipment. This enables the team to come to practice and get started right away. No longer do we need to spend many hours per week rolling up and down up mats. The coaching staff has increased to five from two. So, how did this 20-year drought end you might be asking yourself? The story is pretty simple.

We had a great group of kids whose hard work, dedication, and sacrifice would reap unimaginable rewards in the 2006-07 season. The coaching staff under Dan Vogl's reign -- Harold Lorber, Bob Marshall, Steve Heimuli and myself had been discussing for the past few summers how we could reach the "next level" and put a WCAL title banner in the rafters. In the end, I believe that keeping practices simple, sticking to the basics and fundamentals, and having a plan has enabled Dan Vogl's wrestlers to start building their own legacy.

We had a JV team in 2004-05 that became the first team in the history of the WCAL to beat Bellarmine in a WCAL JV dual meet. Coming into the 2006-07, season most of the wrestlers on that team were now seniors and the coaches knew we had the talent and skills to compete for the WCAL title.

The varsity wrestlers were intent on doing the "extras" needed to become champions. They attended the Padre Wrestling Club summer sessions, the off season lifting and running, and many attended summer camps to improve their skills, learn new moves and stay focused on the sport of wrestling. They came back hungry and ready to do what it takes to win, to lead and to inspire our younger wrestlers.

Our season started at the Peninsula Invitational where the Padres competed against 32 teams and finished 3rd behind Watsonville and St. Francis. The next competition was the American Duals in Fremont where we brought home the championship trophy. The following weekend, the team competed at the Livermore Invitational where they finished in 2nd place. During the Christmas break, the team traveled to Reno and competed in the Sierra Nevada Classic -- a tournament ranked in the Top 10 in the nation. Again, this was all practice leading up to the start of the WCAL season.

The WCAL season began with victories at Valley Christian and Archbishop Mitty. On the weekends, we competed and won the Silver Bracket Championship at the Silicon Valley Cup Tournament and were champions at the Bishops Cup Tournament for the 2nd year in row. The next WCAL dual meet was against Bellarmine and the coaches had billed it as the "League Championship." We knew whomever won this had a great chance at winning the WCAL.

The emails and phone calls between the coaches were too many to count. Coach Vogl had about ten different lineups and scenarios on who would win at what weights and how we would beat Bellarmine (who had won 16 out of the last 20 WCAL titles). Unfortunately, the team came up a little short and lost a very tough and exciting match 38-30. I thought the Bellarmine match was the 3rd best high school match I had ever witnessed -- until the next week, when we faced St. Francis, another strong contender for the WCAL title. The match went back and forth and came down to the last match where we needed a pin to win. We did not get it and lost 30-27 to a tough Lancer team. Our hearts were broken and we were disappointed because we believed we could have won both of those matches. At this point, the coaches wondered how the wrestlers would react since they lost two tough dual meets that could have cost them a shot at the WCAL title.

The wrestlers were upset, but did not allow this to deter them from their goal to put another banner up. They finished the season

with impressive victories against Archbishop Riordan and Sacred Heart Cathedral. Leading up to the WCAL League championships, the wrestlers increased the intensity of the practices and pushed each other to be the best they could be. At the seeding meeting, a few of the other coaches mentioned that they thought we had a definite shot at winning the WCAL Tournament (which in my eight years of coaching I had never experienced). The next day at practice we told the team that a Tournament win was possible and we needed everyone to wrestle the best they could.

FEBRUARY 10, 2007 . . . a day that will forever be remembered.

The WCAL championships were being held at Serra for the first time since 1990. We had four mats running, two in the gym and two in the cafeteria. The coaches and parents were running around to make sure we put on a great tournament. When the matches began, every Serra wrestler did all a coach could ask for, which was to go out and do the best they could. We had many impressive matches and things were looking great. By the time the championship round was here, every varsity wrestler was still in the tournament. We had eight wrestlers in the 1st and 2nd place matches and the other six going for 3rd and 4th. We knew that the 3rd and 4th place matches would be vital for team points. I can tell you that while the championship round was going on, the coaching staff's emotions were riding sky high. Our wrestlers were performing at a level I have never seen from a Serra team in the twelve years I have been around. It was a great feeling and other WCAL coaches, like Tim Kerr from Bellarmine, said our kids were wrestling "*out of their minds*" and he was impressed on how they stepped up in the tournament.

In the end, we had three WCAL champions -- [Steve Spina](#) (125), [Koa LamCenteio](#) (130) and [Andrew Guttas](#) (171), five 2nd place finishers: [JP Rastrullo](#) (112), [Jared Roberts](#) (119), [Mitch Vogl](#) (152), [Hanna Malak](#) (189) and [Ray Baldanado](#) (HWT), five 3rd place finishers: [Nick Ochoa](#) (103), [Michael Dekker](#) (135), [Steven Toubas](#) (145), [Steven Erickson](#) (160) and [Kyle McLoughlin](#) (215), and one 4th place [Anthony Scheifer](#) (140). With all of these wrestlers placing, the WCAL Tournament Championship went to Serra with 212.5 points. Bellarmine had 196 and St. Francis 184. Everyone involved in the program was on cloud nine and living in the moment. It was great to sit back in the gym while and go over the days remarkable events. It was and continues to be a high I will never forget.

Thirteen out of the fourteen wrestlers headed to CCS. [Andrew Guttas](#) (171) finished 2nd and made it to State. [Steven Erickson](#) place 6th. Our varsity team totals for 2007 were a 19-3 dual meet record. The team placed 9th in CCS, set five individual school records and fifty top-ten individual records.

You may think this wraps it up, but the heading of this story includes "making WCAL history." How did this happen? Well, not only did our varsity win the WCAL, but our JV and Freshman teams also won WCAL titles. The JV finished their season with an UNDEFEATED dual meet record of 19-0. They had eight WCAL champions, one 2nd place finish and three 3rd place finishes, which equated to 12 out of 14 weight classes placed. Our freshman team finished the season with a dual meet record of 5-1; they share the WCAL title with Bellarmine and St. Francis. No team other than Bellarmine has ever swept the WCAL wrestling titles and after 20 years without a Varsity Title, Serra did.

The entire team of 78 wrestlers and three managers need to be applauded for their dedication, sacrifice, and hard work. The records and statistics prove just how much these young men put into the program and believed in their abilities. For me, I am already looking forward to next season, defending our title and talking to the future wrestling teams about the 2007 WCAL championship teams - the best group of wrestlers and young men I have had the opportunity of coaching.

GO PADRES!!

" . . . so, I
promised the team
that once *they* put
up a new banner in
the rafters,
I would retire my
1987 story."

Mike Klobuchar '90

PADRE BASKETBALL

PADRE BENCH

At the start of the basketball season, head varsity coach Chuck Rapp told his team that what he wanted most from them was to end the season with at least one memorable moment that would last a lifetime. Featured below are excerpts taken from essays written by six senior varsity players. The essays were presented to Coach Rapp in the form of a scrapbook at their end of season party.

Senior Phoenix O'Rourke



"I'd like to be able to talk about just *one* memory, but there are just way too many to choose from. So, instead, I'm just going to recall all of your pre-game speeches. From the fight stories to the backyard boxing with your dad, I've enjoyed every one of them. They've given me inspiration not only on the court, but

off the court as well. The Riordan game is a great example of that. You gave me confidence and we upset the No. 1 team in northern California. That's a memory I'll cherish for the rest of my life. Thank you coach. You've taught me a great deal throughout my career at Serra -- not just about basketball, but about life in general. You've taught me to always go for it, and not to back down from anybody, anywhere. You definitely made me a big believer in myself. I'd like to thank you for the past two years as a coach and the past four years as a friend."

Senior Matt Christman



"The Jungle Game has to be the most memorable experience for me as Serra basketball player. Thinking back on what was most memorable, however, were the incidents that led up to the game itself. For the previous four games that lead up to the Jungle Game, I had been playing the worst I could ever imagine . . . and, I was so focused on trying to get out of the slump, I began to play even worse. The negative thinking just got into my head and I felt like I would never have another good game. I remember talking to you about it and you told me not to worry about those bad games. You told me it was

only a matter of time before I started to play well again and that everyone has bad games. I remember the conversation like it was yesterday. On game night, I walked into the locker room and there was a note on my locker from Coach Dugoni. The note had every single stat that I had during the first game we played against SI (and we all know they were not too good). After seeing that note, I told myself that I *was* going to have a good game. I knew that my coaches had confidence in me. That game will always be the most memorable game of my high school basketball career and I owe it to my coaches. Thank you Coach Rapp and Coach Dugoni for all the memories, I will never forget either of you."

Bobby McCarthy



"I remember the day after our third game of the season (after we played Acalanes) and you called me into the coaches office. I can remember having chills run through my body wondering what I had done wrong. But that was the day that I understood what Serra Basketball was all about. You told me that I was playing the best basketball you had ever seen me play and to keep it up. You told me to keep playing my hardest and to have fun. Those few words motivated me throughout the whole season because I finally understood that I was the one

player that you expected to play hard *every* time and to always try and lead the team. I will never forget that moment because it taught me a lesson to be grateful for the comment, but never to be satisfied and to keep accomplishing the most possible at anything I do."

Senior Brian Hammel



"The 'one special moment' during the season that I will remember the rest of my life is the celebration after we beat Riordan in the first half of league. Nobody believed in us, but we played without fear and with a lot of intensity. The fact that no one thought we could win made the victory that much sweeter. You told us before the game that Coach Forslund had let it slip that we were 'on the easy part of their schedule.' I think that this really fired up the team. For me, the best part of that game was getting to go toe-to-toe with Rob Jones. I got to play my favorite style of basketball - physical. I loved hearing Rob complain to the refs when I kept putting him on his back. The best part of the contest, however, was the

celebration on the court and in the locker-room after the game. As the buzzer sounded, the entire student section stormed the court and the only thing I was thinking was, 'This is what high school basketball is all about.'

Senior Marcus Pointer



"It was Tuesday, January 9, 2007 and our third league game of the year. We started out 0-2 and were scheduled to play Riordan, ranked in the top of the State and still undefeated. On that Monday, students began to talk about the game; it wasn't good talk. They were taking bets on how much we would lose by, and how many dunks Rob Jones would have. Our team kept to ourselves; we had confidence that we could beat the Crusaders. Tuesday night came and the *Jungle* was filled

with unoptimistic students. That quickly changed, as we came out of the 1st quarter ready to play, taking the lead 18-8. Our confidence was contagious as the cheering Padres began to believe we could win. Our lead decreased, and we went into halftime with a 2 point lead, 29-27. Then our lead was gone and by the end of the 3rd quarter we trailed 39-42. Before the 4th quarter, the team talked. We told each other we knew we could play with this team, and we knew we could beat them, so let's prove it. We did just that. We outscored Riordan 15-9 in the 4th to bring home our first WCAL victory and handed Riordan its first loss of the season. Finally, our own peers gave us some respect. The win was great, but the most memorable part of the night was in our locker room. The team was sitting on the benches exhausted from battle, anticipating the moment Coach Rapp walked in. He told everybody to stand up. We stood up somewhat confused, not knowing what was coming next. And then one locker was hit, followed by another, until everyone was pounding their lockers, creating one of the most awful, but at the same time beautiful sounds in my life. The sound of those lockers banging, signaled victory and truly brought our team closer together."

Senior Fielding Bohllken



"My favorite memory in all my time playing Serra basketball was beating Riordan at home. We just simply out played them and showed all of the people who didn't believe in us that we weren't push overs. We spent all week preparing and I could tell in the first few minutes of the game that we were ready. You coached a great game coming up with all different sets for us to counter Riordan's runs towards the end of the game. My favorite part of the whole night was after the game when we were in the locker room and we all got on the benches and

started banging on the lockers in celebration. I don't think I will ever forget that win because it was really our coming out. Coach Rapp, you're the best coach I have ever had and I know you don't like to take credit for any of our wins but you played a vital part of the success of our team. If it wasn't for you, our team would have never overcome all of the obstacles we had to face. Thanks for always having our backs and always believing in us."

Senior Jason Whitney



"The anticipation was incredible. I felt like a little kid who knew he was going to Disneyland. I have never been as excited as I was the day of the 2007 Jungle Game. Kids, teachers, and alumni were introducing themselves to me, telling me their Jungle Game stories and memories, explaining how much this tradition meant to them. However, the true source of the excitement was something else -- I came to Serra because I went to the Jungle Game in 8th grade. This was my chance to give back to Serra, my chance to inspire another middle school kid to take the route

I took. Thank God my Dad taped the game. It was all a blur. I definitely never had achieved that level of focus in any setting before that night. I was so concentrated on accomplishing the goal, on beating SI, that all I really remember is the score, 39-34. It wasn't until the next day when I realized I had played the game of my life. I had 4 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, and 4 blocks. On top of that, I held Victor Bull to one field goal and 3 total points. He came into the game averaging over 10 points per game. I had become a different player.

I will never forget the two hours after the game. I have never felt so alive in all my life. Sorry Lou, but that night, I was the luckiest man on the face of the earth. When the cheering section rushed the floor, I felt like I hugged everyone on it. The yell leaders were all going insane. I was so ecstatic that I almost forgot to shake hands with the skinned Cats. I dressed as fast as I could so I could get outside. That's when I saw everyone. I didn't care who they were or if I even knew them, they had been a part of the greatest night of my life and they needed to know how much that meant to me. I hugged them all -- my teammates' parents, teachers, and strangers. I left no stone unturned. I think I even hugged Mr. Donahue and my ex-girlfriend who I had broken up with less than 48 hours earlier.

I went home and thanked my parents for everything they had done, gave them both huge hugs, and told them I loved them. They were the ones that let me choose my high school and encouraged me to follow my heart in every decision I make. I had an epiphany as I lay down in bed, in a sorry attempt to go to sleep. We all struggle with other people. Friends, family, acquaintances, it doesn't matter; we will always have disagreements. But when something so amazing, so positive, so divine takes place, it bonds you to the people present at that moment with a force so powerful that it is almost physical. No matter what happens, I will always be able to find a place in my heart for the people that came to be with us that night. Whether they were playing, coaching, or watching, they were part of the greatest night of my life and for that I am eternally grateful. Coach Rapp, Coach Dugoni, and Coach Carson — I want to let you know that you are all special people. Every kid who graduates from Serra Basketball is a better person because it is so much more than help defense and filling the X's in Indiana. Serra Basketball is about stepping up in times of need, trying just because you can; giving everything you have to the people you care about the most. I became a man playing for you over the last four years. A piece of Serra Basketball, a piece of all of you, now rests in my heart. Hopefully at the end of my life, I can say that I passed on that piece to the people I care about, altering the course of their lives forever, as you have done with mine."

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Mercy ~ *Notre Dame* ~ *Serra*

Tri-School Productions' performance of "*Bye Bye Birdie*," was a huge success -- selling out closing weekend. Set in 1958, "*Bye Bye Birdie*" is a Tony Award-winning musical based on a book by Michael Stewart, lyrics by Lee Adams, and music by Charles Strouse. The story focuses on Conrad Birdie (played by Brad Satterwhite) a hip-thrusting, rock 'n roll superstar (a la Elvis Presley), his agent and songwriter Albert Peterson (played by Brendan Quirk), and Albert's secretary and sweetheart Rosie Alvarez (played by Jessica Malekos-Smith of Mercy). Albert finds himself in trouble when Conrad is drafted into the army, but Rosie comes up with a last-ditch publicity stunt to premiere one last hit Conrad Birdie record before he is sent to the army.

“Bye Bye Birdie” Cast

Albert Peterson.....	Brendan Quirk (S)
Rosie Alvarez.....	Jessica Malekos-Smith (M)
Kim MacAfee.....	Kelly Cory (M)
Conrad Birdie.....	Brad Satterwhite (S)
Mac Peterson.....	Lauren Rhodes (M)
Mr. MacAfee.....	Addison Goss (S)
Mrs. MacAfee.....	Adrianna Echandi (NDB)
Randolph MacAfee.....	Gabe Hoffman (CSUS)
Hugo.....	Donnie Dal Broi (S)
Ursula.....	Kristen Joe (NDB)
Debra Sue.....	Kimberly Lauber (NDB)
Sally.....	Elizabeth Owen (M)
Helen.....	Katie Russell (NDB)
Harvey Johnson.....	Robert Monk (S)
Mayor.....	Alex Maggi (S)
Mayor's Wife.....	Jenny Gibbons (NDB)
Mrs. Merkle.....	Melanie Elvena (M)
Gloria Rasputin.....	Molly Zimmerman (M)
Guitar Man.....	Alex Jordan (S)
Sad Girls.....	Melanie Dellings (NDB) & Kristen Schulz (NDB)
Maude.....	Patrick Niemeyer (S)

Quartet: Alex Jordan (S), Robert Monk (S), Owen
McInnis (S), Jade Rey (S)

Dippity Do's: Katherine Christensen (M), Emily Pickens-Jones (M), Alex Jordan (S), Owen McInnis (S)

Shriners: John Ballas (S), Chris Issel (S), Alex Maggi (S), Owen McInnis (S), Robert Monk (S), Patrick Niemeyer (S), Jade Rey (S)

General Director/Choreographer.....	Gennine Harrington
General Music Director & Sound Design.....	J. Jordan
Vocal Director.....	Pam Matthews
Vocal Director.....	Kristin Pfeifer
Co-Director.....	Dan Demers
Co-Choreographer.....	Emily Queliza
Vocal Coach.....	Peter Becker
Technical Director.....	Mark Bowles
Scenie Artist.....	Deborah Goss
Costume Designer.....	Barbara Braeutigam
Property Master & Hair Stylist.....	Juliane Sullivan
Make-up Coordinator.....	Dan Demers
Production Manager.....	Thomas E. Sullivan
Production Assistant.....	Moya Goddard





Bye Bye Birdie



Led by a strong defense that yielded only 18 goals throughout the entire 23-game season, the Padre soccer team made huge strides under new Head Coach, Jeff Panos. Senior Captains [Eric Angell](#), [Nader Ramezanbeigi](#) and [Andy Mendez](#) led the team with a renewed sense of Padre tradition, discipline and commitment. Serra posted a 12-5-5 regular season record with a 7-4-5 mark in WCAL play, including two hard fought ties against a nationally ranked and eventual WCAL champ, Bellarmine College Prep.

In the WCAL playoff's first round, Serra came from behind to knock off defending CCS champs Mitty 2-1 in dramatic fashion when [Pat Maier](#) scored the go ahead goal with two minutes remaining. The win propelled the Padres to a #5 seed in the Div I CCS playoffs, qualifying with the highest point total of any at-large team selected. Serra hosted Woodside in the first round and dominated play for all 110 minutes of action, out shooting the Wildcats 25-2, and leading for much of the match off of a goal scored by sophomore midfielder [Nick Carrara](#). The score would be equalized, however, on an unfortunate deflected pass and subsequently stay tied at 1-1 following four OT periods. The Padres dropped an absolute heartbreaker in the subsequent penalty kick shootout.

The tough playoff loss could not overshadow the tremendous accomplishments the team achieved this year. Serra finished the season ranked #1 in San Mateo County and #9 in the section by the San Jose Mercury News. Senior [Andy Mendez](#) won the team's season scoring title with nine goals. Overall, the team scored a blistering 45 goals on the season and compiled a +27 goal difference. Eleven varsity players in 2008 led by 4-year varsity standout [Hitallo Nava](#) gives the Padre Soccer program much to look forward to.

[Eric Angell](#), the team's MVP and blanket award winner, was named to the First Team All West Catholic Athletic League Soccer Team. Eric, a senior, had an outstanding season for the Padres as a central midfielder and Coach Panos was delighted that the other coaches in the league acknowledged his contributions to the team. Eric will be playing for and attending Division II Cal-State

Stanislaus next year. [Ramezanbeigi](#), [Mendez](#), [Nick Carrara](#) and [Nava](#) were all named to the second team and [Ryan Tung](#) received honorable mention.

"The recognition of all of these players who contributed to our success this year is extremely important," stated Panos. "We emphasize team play and to have this many of our players recognized is outstanding."

Senior goalkeepers [Johnny Carrara](#) and [Jon Becker](#) ended their Serra Soccer careers this year in top form with a combined 12 shutouts on the season, including six of seven games in the second half of league play. [Carrara](#), along with [Angell](#) and [Tung](#), were named to the San Mateo Times All County Soccer team.

JV Team

First-year Serra JV Soccer Coach Renan Pineda led his JV soccer squad to an outstanding 10-4-5 overall record. Junior standout [Ryan Ratto](#) was named the team's most outstanding offensive player and led the attack scoring 18 goals on the season including a goal against Bellarmine after being called up to the Varsity team for the WCAL playoffs. Defensive player of the year honors went to [Joey Cheso](#) for his speedy play as a central defender on the team.

Freshman Team

Coaches Patrick Cody and Matt Angell began the process of working the freshman into Serra Soccer's new program mentality and possession oriented attack. They orchestrated an 8-6-3 overall record making the entire program three for three with winning records. Outstanding players included top goal scorer, [Luca Ponti](#), and defensive stalwart, [Nick Roberts](#).

For Serra Soccer, the season represented an incredible step towards returning to the elite ranks of high school soccer programs within the Central Coast Section.





SERRA'S H₂O Boy Gets Promoted to Padre

As far back as Bradley Robbins could remember, he knew he wanted to be a Serra Padre. Having been on campus many times with his mother and current Serra staff member, Pam Robbins, Bradley felt right at home and always looked forward to attending as many athletic competitions as possible.

When he was just seven years old, Bradley was recruited (along with his older brother, Benny '09) by Freshman Head Coach Ed Berry to be Serra's "waterboy" for the 2001 Football Season. The following year, Bradley started working for Varsity Head Coach Patrick Walsh, who was in his first season with the Padres. Bradley has continued to quench the thirst of Padre athletes ever since and, for the past two years, was the "Hydration Manager" for the 2005 freshman and 2006 JV team as well. Bradley has never missed a game -- sometimes having to work two games at different fields back-to-back.

"Bradley Robbins has been as much a member of the Serra Varsity football team as anybody during the last six years since I have been head coach," said Walsh. "This year Bradley is going from 'High Quality H₂O Specialist' to full-fledged Serra Padre! It has been a great run for Bradley. His commitments and efforts on game day were second to none and we will miss him tremendously. Who will be the next Bradley Robbins? Whoever it is will have to fill the shoes of a watering legend. Without Bradley, we would not have been able to win two WCAL Championships or beat St. Francis last season. The football staff and community can only hope that we find a reasonable alternative that will serve the Serra Football Community with the same type of commitment and resolve that Bradley has done the last six years. Thank you Bradley for being a great Padre!"

And, if you're a Serra basketball fan, it's likely that you've seen Bradley hard at work on the court, too. For the past two Varsity seasons, Bradley took on the job of key sweeper!

On Friday, March 16, 2007, Bradley received the most exciting news of his young life – he was accepted as a member of the Junípero Serra High School Class of 2011. Becoming an "official" Serra student allows Bradley to truly express the Serra motto "Once a Padre, Always a Padre"!



CAREER DAY 2007

Keynote Speaker
Jim Lanzone '89
Ask.com CEO

As written by Anthony Vassallo '07 for the Serra Friar

Most high school students have no idea what career they might pursue once out in the work world. Presented by the Alumni Association and College and Career Center biannually, Career Day is designed to help alleviate the uncertainty and pressure about the potential career choices of Serra students.

Winemaker **Tony Biagi '90** experienced the same uncertainty as a Serra student. "I was in the same position you guys are in right now," Biagi said. "I had no idea what I wanted to be, but I wish I had stuff like this when I was in high school. I wish I had someone with experience giving me advice."

During his keynote speech, Ask.com CEO **Jim Lanzone '89** stated, "In high school, I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do with my life."

Photo Courtesy of Kenneth Zurcher '08

Before becoming the CEO of the world's fourth largest search engine, Lanzone was a "busboy, court runner, camp counselor, worked for Congressman Tom Lantos, river guard, worked at Smith and Barney, worked at a Law Firm, taught English in Spain, and worked at a bookstore." So what advice would this successful Serra alumnus give to current Padres?

"Try everything, keep your options open, and try really, really hard."

The purpose of Career Day is to keep students' "options open." This year, students had the opportunity to listen to over forty-five presentations ranging from winemaking to the United States Secret Service to radio broadcasting, acting and everything else in between. So, what did the alumni presenters say Serra did for them?



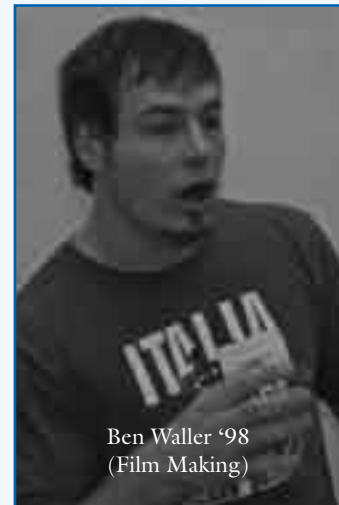
Vince Breen '81
(Mortgage Broker)



Blair Calhoun '79
(Biotechnology)



Kevin Flynn '82
(Tax Consultant / C.P.A.)



Ben Waller '98
(Film Making)

Entrepreneur and multiple business owner [Mike Ferguson '87](#) really enjoyed his days at Serra. He played basketball with Coach Rapp, and is good friends with Alumni & Development Director [Russ Bertetta '67](#). Ferguson said, "Going to Serra was the best move I have ever made. Take advantage of everything at Serra. The best way to start your business plan, in life, is with Serra. It promotes loyalty, team spirit, and pride."

Many of the alumni speakers shared their thoughts on the benefits of a Serra education. Alameda County District Attorneys [John Misfud '86](#) and [Kevin Dunleavy '80](#) shared theirs. Misfud says that he applies the competitive nature of Serra sports in the courtroom; he never holds back until his opponent is beaten. Dunleavy stated that "Serra is a hard place to get an 'A', a hard place to make a team, and essentially prepares you for life." The two alums work together in the Alameda County District Attorneys' Office. During their presentation, the prosecutors elaborated on the competition Serra provided. As for their work field, Misfud and Dunleavy talked about how Serra's competition in the classroom and on the field has helped them try cases.

How exactly did these two Serra Padres who graduated six years apart decide to become District Attorneys in one of California's most crime-filled counties? Well, like keynote speaker Lanzone, Misfud did not know what career he wanted to pursue. "I originally went to college with the thoughts of becoming a stock broker," Misfud said. Things obviously turned out much differently. John's brother, seven years older, worked as a District Attorney and had great experiences. Inspired by the stories of interesting cases his brother would tell him, Misfud decided he would go to law school late in college.

On the other hand, Misfud's colleague, Dunleavy, had started to make career plans very early on. Alum and attorney [Jim Fox '62](#) actually spoke at Kevin's Career Day when he attended Serra. Dunleavy had developed thoughts of pursuing law school as a sophomore when Kevin Donahue was his coach.

Mentors also played a role in the decisions made by these speakers. Prosecutor Dunleavy said that Fox was a mentor for him. His Career Day speech and success aided in Dunleavy's decision to attend law school. As for entrepreneur Ferguson, he said he had a unique mentor while playing basketball at Serra. He said Coach Larson was "as intense as Bobby Knight." Ferguson said that his coach taught him to "be passionate." During his presentation, Ferguson expressed an important point -- "being passionate about what you do is the most important part of a career."

So, what did the Padres think of Career Day?

Some students, such as [Joe Wong '09](#) are now overwhelmed. "Before Career Day, I was uncertain about my future; now, I am thoroughly confused," Wong confessed.

Other students, like senior [Gavin Callies '07](#) thought the exposure of these multifarious careers as beneficial. "As long as you take advantage of it, Career Day can be a great asset."

As Mr. Bertetta stated, Career Day is "an excellent vehicle for the students to learn about what it takes to make it in the 'real world'."

If there is one thing that can lead us Padres to success in the future, we should listen to keynote speaker and Ask.com CEO, Jim Lanzone -- "Try everything. Keep your options open, and try really, really hard."



Ron Longinotti '72 & KPIX Anchor Man Ken Bastida
(TV Management)



Michael Trucco '88 (Actor)



John Bentley (Restaurant Business)



Ryan Monaghan '90, Matt Earnshaw '89, Mike Callagy '80
(Law Enforcement)

The Palace

They call it "The Palace." It is a basement in the Burlingame home of Serra alum **Steve Ughe '82**. A basement filled with weight lifting equipment -- from benches to squat racks to deadlift platforms.

For more than fifteen years, a group of Ughe's friends, including several Serra grads, have lifted and worked out there. Ughe's allegiances are clear, as the walls of the Palace are adorned with Serra memorabilia, University of Notre Dame souvenirs and record boards of past lifting competitions. Fifteen year's ago, Ughe held his inaugural Palace Gym Extravaganza, a weight lifting competition for the regulars who frequent the Palace.

At this year's 15th Anniversary Competition held in the Spring, **Michael Salemi '05** took home the championship trophy. The competition consists of three events -- the squat, the bench and the dead lift. Scores are earned and then the Schwartz Formula is used to compare the results according to each participant's body weight to determine a pound for pound champion. Michael won the 2007 event by achieving a squat of 605 pounds, a bench press of 430 pounds and a deadlift of 615 pounds for a total of 1650 pounds! This gave him a Schwartz coefficient of 1045.9, a new Palace Gym record.



15th Anniversary Palace Competition Winner
Michael Salemi '05

Among the sixteen participants in this year's contest were **Sebby Salemi '02**, **Mike Dees '82**, **Dustin Vorsatz '04**, **Kurt Vorsatz '00** and **Erik Vorsatz '04**. Sebby Salemi and Steve Ughe are both former winners of the Palace competition.



Belle & Steve Ughe '82 with last year's Extravaganza Winner, Sebby Salemi '02

Sebby commented, "The Palace is a place where friends can get together to work out in a spirit of competition and camaraderie." He continued, "Steve is an intense competitor and a caring individual who always has his door open for us."

Steve's father **Bob Ughe '51** serves as the general overseer and *Sergeant at Arms*. Steve's wife, Belle, has served as the official scorekeeper for ten years and also loves to cook and provide "goodies" for the Palace gymers. Bob's wife and Steve's mother, Carol, does her part during the festivities by taking care of Steve and Belle's energetic two year old son Mario, a future Padre and weightlifter.



Alumni Basketball Update . . .

DAN MAVRAIDES '06 HEADED TO PRINCETON

Dan Mavraides '06, who was a two-year starter on the Padre basketball team could have gone to a Division II or III school or to a community college, but Mavraides had his mind set on D-I. A compromise solution was to stay in high school another year by going the prep school route -- so that's what he did. Not just any prep school, but prestigious Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. He played basketball there and applied himself to the demanding academic curriculum. Now it looks as though the decision has paid off. Mavraides has been admitted to Princeton, where he will get his opportunity to play Division I basketball. So, beginning next season, Mavraides will play Ivy League basketball. And, when Princeton takes on Penn, Mavraides will face off with former Serra teammate Tommy McMahon '05 -- Mavraides is aware of the history.

"I think it's 45 of the last 48 years that Penn or Princeton have won the Ivy," Mavraides said. "The last 19 years, Penn has won 10, Princeton nine." But Princeton has fallen on hard times the past two years, finishing in last place this season.

"I'm hoping to change that," Mavraides said.

Excerpts taken from an article written by Glenn Reeves of the "San Mateo County Times."

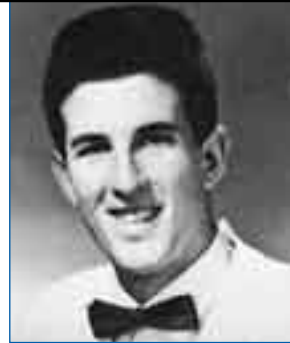
SERRA ALUMS PLAY IN NCAA TOURNAMENT!

Alums Decensae White '06 (Texas Tech) and Tom McMahon '05 (Penn) played in the 2007 NCAA Tournament game, with White scoring seven points. These Padres joined alums Tom Nelson '53, who played on USF's two-time national championship team (1955-56), and Jack Keehan '67 who was a member of the Dayton team which went to the NCAA in '69. Chaz Thomas '05 (Cal Poly) missed joining his former teammates by one game when Chaz's Cal Poly team lost in the conference championship to Long Beach State. In that game, Chaz scored 31 points!

“ALUMNI MEMORIES” CLASSIC MOMENTS FROM PADRES PAST

NOSTALGIA

by John Horgan '60



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Back in the innocent 1950s, the concept of sports marketing was in its relative infancy. There were no such things as ESPN, agents, sports Web sites, the Super Bowl, or, heaven forbid, Dick Vitale. We were flying blind.

But at Serra High School, we were way ahead of the promotional curve and didn't know it. We promoted our athletic teams, but we usually called them “rallies.” They were more than that. With guys like [Bob Garratt '58](#), [Rene White '60](#) and a host of other merry pranksters happily on the loose, the giddy years between 1958 and 1960 were wild and woolly on West 20th Avenue.



1960's Rally Committee

L to R: Colonel Betz '61, Philip Murphy '60, John Horgan '60, Richard Bond '60, Edward Marshall '60

Rallies were held with calculated regularity. At one point, there was more than one per game day. Pranks, of course, were key -- so was entertainment. Anything to get fannies in the seats. The whole point of this manic activity was crowds. We wanted numbers.

One of the successful highlights was a 1960 Catholic Athletic League championship baseball contest against St. Mary's of Berkeley. The afternoon game was played at Fitzgerald Field in downtown San Mateo right after classes had been dismissed for the day. Serra had one of its best teams. The Padres, the defending CAL champs, had a 20-3-3 record, 10-1-1 in CAL play. St. Mary's wasn't chopped liver

by any means.

There were reasons for that. The school was growing rapidly. The Classes of 1959 and 1960 were the first two to go through the “new” Serra all four years. There was a fresh sense of anticipation and achievement in the air as the Eisenhower Era came to a blissful close. There was a lot of energy.

Serra's sports program was coming of age as well. Athletes like [Jim Fregosi '59](#), [Nick Carboni '59](#), [Bill Yaley '59](#), [Tim Cullen '60](#), [Clayton Stephens '60](#), [Pete Cocconi '60](#), [Tom Culligan '60](#), [Bob Kane '60](#) and others established themselves, and the school, in the forefront of the Peninsula sports scene on a consistent basis. Naturally, those of us dedicated to stimulating school spirit and attendance at ball games had plenty of incentive to produce. And we had fun in the process.

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In the first game of a best-of-three series for the crown, the Padres, with [Cocconi](#) on the mound, got past the Panthers, 3-2. That set up the Fitzgerald Field encounter as a possible finale. Naturally, the Padres' wacky promoters were in high gear. The rally lads made sure the student body had been properly revved up with appropriate inducements to attend the game. And the pupils responded.

They showed up by the hundreds at the baseball venue, located 15 blocks north of the school, and they were in full cry early on. During warm ups, as St. Mary's went through its infield routine, the assembled Serra masses loudly counted as each throw was made. When a gaffe occurred, they went wild. As they bellowed lustily and mockingly for each Panther miscue, the pre-game workout became a portent for what was to come. It was almost a party atmosphere.

St. Mary's never had a chance. With the Serra kids standing and roaring, Serra came out smoking. [Jim White '60](#) pitched one of his finest ball games. Serra routed St. Mary's, 9-0. The CAL title remained in San Mateo. The student body got a huge assist. Writing in the long-gone Burlingame Advance Star, the late Bill Warden wrote that, “The Padre rooting section should get some kind of assist in the scorebook.”

Jason Minsky '88

Makin' It as a Mascot

by John Minsky '88



Jason Minsky '88

"I used to watch a television show in the 80's called the *"Baseball Bunch,"* which frequently starred Hall of Famer Johnny Bench as the "Chicken" (the mascot at the time for the San Diego Padres). I thought some of the stuff he used to do was so funny and I imagined what a great job it would be. Serra did not have a formal mascot at the time, so it wasn't until I got to college that the opportunity presented itself.

At San Francisco State in the Spring of '89, I saw a sign asking for interested parties to try out to be the school mascot.

I did and won the job as 'Big Al,' the school's green alligator mascot who would perform at football and basketball games. While at SFSU, I attended College Cheerleading camp and was eventually awarded top college mascot honors in addition to being hired by the camp to instruct high school and college mascots.

The same company then, and now, provides the entertainment for the SF 49ers. In 1992, I was hired to be the mascot 'handler' (assistant) and, within a year, I was asked to be "Huddles" (the 49ers team mascot back then). During the early part of that season, the 49ers switched characters to 'Sourdough Sam.' The 49ers job was strictly part-time.

When I graduated from college that fall, I auditioned for the San Jose Sharks and became their mascot, S.J. Sharkie. The Sharks mascot position was full-time. My starting salary was \$25,000 for the first year. I couldn't believe I would be making that much money running around in a mascot costume. By the time I had finished being the Sharks mascot, I was making over \$50,000.

After my first year with the Sharks, I helped develop and performed as 'Rocky the Rhino' for the San Jose Roller Hockey team the Rhinos, and as 'Gus the Grizzly' for the San Jose Soccer team the Grizzlies – both teams were owned by the Sharks and played at the San Jose Arena, so there was no conflict with being all three mascots at the same time. Also, around the same time, I was asked to coach the Homestead High School (Cupertino) mascot squad and they ended up winning a national championship under my direction!

During the five years I was the Sharks mascot, I received job offers from the Pittsburgh Pirates and SF Giants to become their characters. I turned down both positions, but helped them find quality people

for the characters. Not only would I perform at Sharks home games, but would also be invited to perform at minor league and professional baseball, professional basketball and other professional and minor league hockey games during my time as Sharkie.

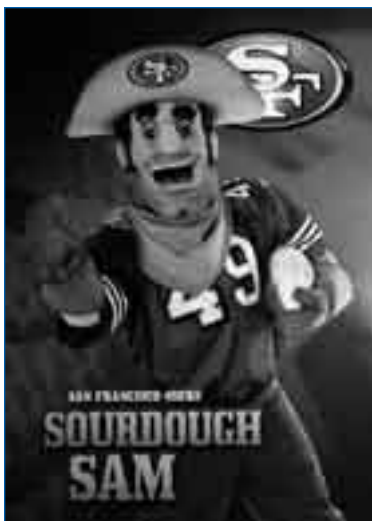
In costume, I would do everything from rappel from the rafters of the arena to jump onto the ice riding an ATV. Several of my antics over the years were featured on ESPN SportsCenter and other sports related highlight shows.

In 1998, I took a new position with the Sharks as Director of Event Presentation – basically in charge of all the in-house entertainment for the Sharks. I stayed with the Sharks for another five years until 2003.

Last Spring I received an email from the 49ers asking if I knew of anyone who would be interested in trying out to be the 49ers character, as they were going to have a new look -- 'Sourdough Sam.' I replied, 'What about me?' After a tryout, I was hired to become the team mascot once again – some 13 years after my first professional mascot job. ”



Jason Minsky as
SJ Sharks Mascot



Jason Minsky as 49ers Sourdough Sam

Some of Jason's Notable Highlights:

- Good friend and Serra Alum [Jim Olson '88](#) was a minor league baseball broadcaster with the Prince William Cannons and flew Jason out as Sharkie to perform at a game. Jason and Jim grew up together playing baseball (Serra Varsity 1988), so this was something very special to the both of them.
- As Sharkie, Jason was briefly in the movie *Ed TV*.
- Featured on *Extra* and *NHL Cool Shots* as the Sharks mascot.
- Assisted in dropping the first puck at the 1997 NHL All-Star game by rappelling down with it and handing it off to Wayne Gretzky.
- Recently attended and performed at the 2007 NFL Pro Bowl in Hawaii as Sourdough Sam.
- Attended the Mascot Games (Orlando) - an Olympic style event where mascots compete in "wild and wacky" events. Competed and was on the winning team for four straight years.
- Organized All-Star Mascot Challenge – similar to the Mascot games – where we brought in 28 professional mascots to put on a charity event in San Jose.
- Established SJ Sharkie Invitational Miniature Golf Tournament for the American Cancer Society (kids with cancer playing mini-golf with Sharks players).
- Developed the SJ Sharkie "Be A Sport" elementary school program that taught kids good sportsmanship skills.

THE FATHER SERRA SOCIETY

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

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

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MR. AND MRS. JACK ALLAIN '53
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If you have already made Serra High School part of your estate plans and are not listed above, or if you would like to learn more about Serra's Planned Giving Program, please contact Russ Bertetta at (650)573-9935 or by e-mail to : RBERTETTA@SERRAHS.COM

SAVE THE DATE! HOMECOMING 2007

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

Junipero Serra Award & Alumni Award of Merit Presentations

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007

Homecoming Football Game vs. Valley Christian

7:00 p.m. - Freitas Field

Alumni Association Barbecue

Tour of the School

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

Reunion Gala

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007

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

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City

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

JOIN SERRA'S ALUMNI BOARD

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

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

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



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GIFTS TO SERRA ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Dennis Lucey '58 Co-Chairs National American-Ireland Dinner Fundraiser



Pam and Dennis Lucey '58 with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi

Dennis Lucey '58 and his wife, Pam, are shown above with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi at the March 14th National American-Ireland Dinner held in Washington, D.C.. The dinner honored both the Speaker and Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell. Dennis co-chaired the dinner, which annually raises funds to support programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland.

Over 1,000 guests attended this year's dinner with more than \$800,000 being raised.

Brian Rafferty '96 Sworn in as U.S. Navy SEAL



Former Padre dad Don Shalvey shared some proud alumni news about Brian Rafferty '96 in a recent e-mail to Admissions Director Randy Vogel.

"I thought I'd drop you an email to let you know that the frightened little 9th grader you helped find his way at Serra will soon be sworn in as a United States Navy SEAL," Rafferty wrote. "You and your colleagues certainly should be proud of the resilience and perseverance you developed, not to mention the loyalty that is so essential. He mentions Serra every time Sue and I are fortunate enough to see him."

Brian used his academic preparation at Serra to earn his degree from UC Santa Cruz where he studied history and math. In addition, following a passion, he used the rigor and resilience he was taught as a Serra swimmer and water polo player to earn entrance to one of nation's most elite teams. In April, Brian was one of 44 finishers from a starting class of over 200 to earn his Trident and designation as a United States Navy SEAL.

Brian's parents, Sue and Don Shalvey remarked, "The mental and physical demands of SEAL training are beyond belief. It's truly just a few good men who survive and make the grade. Brian was one of those few and his foundation began at Serra."



Is that guy sportin' a Serra "beanie" in Berlin?

Joe Stafford '03 didn't leave home without at least one article of Serra Padre attire. Joe is pictured here staying warm with his fashionable Serra beanie at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

Currently studying at the University of Regensburg, Joe is majoring in German and Roman History.

ALUMNI SPORTS



ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL GAME 2007

Alumni Volleyball Makes a Big Spike in the Ratings

On Saturday, April 7th, more than a dozen alumni volleyball players, as well as former coaches Eric Plett and Brian Belding gathered at Serra to play this year's Varsity squad.

The Alumni squad, featuring such former stand-outs as [Garrett Larsen '00](#), [David McCollum '04](#) and [Todd Stagnaro '98](#), used their size and experience to overpower the smaller and youthful Varsity in four straight matches.

One of the highlights of the game was the appearance of four sets of "volleyball brothers" -- [Todd '98](#) and [Ryan '07 Stagnaro](#), [Evan '06](#) and [Elliott '08 Lanam](#), [David '04](#) and [Brett '09 McCollum](#), and [Tom '06](#) and [Joe '08 Mitchell](#).

The plan is to make this an annual game on the Saturday before Easter. So, alumni volleyballers, mark your calendar for next year's game now!



PADRE BROTHER SETS

Brett '09 & David '04 McCollum; Ryan '07 & Todd '98 Stagnaro;
Evan '06 & Elliott '08 Lanam; Joe '08 & Tom Mitchell

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
June 25, 2007
JUNIPERO SERRA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S

20th annual

SERRA GOLF CLASSIC

Peninsula Golf & Country Club





Alum Ruben Barrales '80 President & Chief Executive of San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

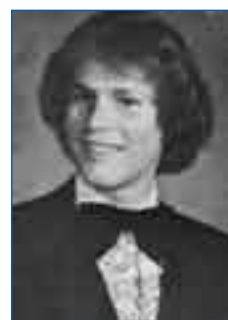
Serra Alum and former San Mateo County Supervisor **Ruben Barrales '80**, who spent five years in the White House as a deputy assistant to President Bush and Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, has returned to California to become the new president and chief executive of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

In 1992, Barrales was the first Latino elected to the San Mateo Board of Supervisors. He was re-elected again in 1996 and served as board president. Before working at the White House, Barrales was president and chief executive of Joint Venture - Silicon Valley Network, a chamber of sorts for the tech industry.

While representing the Fourth Supervisorial District, which covers East Palo Alto, Redwood City, and Menlo Park, Barrales helped establish the Garfield Charter School in the unincorporated North Fair Oaks area. He championed reform of the county's investment policies and instituted a debt-

ratio limit of four percent for the county, the first of its kind in the state. He also formed a coalition that helped to eradicate East Palo Alto's status as the "murder capital" of the country in 1992.

Barrales was named as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the U.S. by Hispanic Business Magazine in 1996 and 1998. His heritage will be helpful to the 3,000-member chamber, which is keen on business exchange between San Diego and Mexico, said Rachel Laing, a spokesperson for the San Diego Regional Chamber.



1980 Yearbook Photo

Former Serra Padre Football Team Captain & Class President Father Daniel Cardelli '48 Celebrates His Golden Jubilee

The Reverend Daniel Cardelli '48 -- the first Serra Padre to be ordained to the priesthood -- will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of his ordination on June 24, 2007 at St. Isidore's Church in Danville. The actual date of Rev. Daniel's ordination was June 15, 1957.

Most recently, Fr. Cardelli was appointed by Bishop Vigneron as Vicar for Retired Clergy. During his twenty seven year pastorate of St. Isidore Parish, Fr. Cardelli was noted for his hospitality to priests and Bishop Cummins presented him with a special award in recognition of this hospitality.

During his years at Serra, Father Cardelli was Class President, Captain of the football team and had his name embroidered on Serra first sports blanket.



Father Daniel Cardelli '48

Barrett Brothers Get Together at San Mateo Rotary Club to Honor "Mom"



Three Barrett alums attended a San Mateo Rotary Club's luncheon recently to honor their mother, former Serra Madre LaVerne Barrett, who was presented with the Paul Harris Fellow Award. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary International and rotary clubs around the world honor his name by bestowing a "Paul Harris Fellow" award on those members and leaders from the community who best exemplify the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

John '69, Steve '74, and Eric '83 (Class Valedictorian) are three of five sons LaVerne put through Serra, in addition to three daughters who attended Notre Dame and Mercy! Former Serra Principal Mike Peterson also attended the ceremony and luncheon.

Pictured from L to R: Steve Barrett '74, John Barrett '69, Director of Institutional Advancement Mike Peterson (former Serra Principal) and Eric Barrett '83

Paul Stafford '99 Wins Trainer's Title at Hawthorne Race Course



For the past five years, [Paul Stafford '99](#) has been training standardbred racehorses, also known as harness racing. Paul earned his trainer's license in his own stable and, although his horses primarily race in Chicago, they also compete in New Jersey, New York, Kentucky, Ohio, Delaware, Indiana, Florida, and just about everywhere else there is racing. Harness racing consists of racing Standardbred horses either trotters or pacers (based upon the gait of the horse).

"Here in Chicago, we race year round, said Paul. "We race when it is five degrees out . . . and snowing (Tuesday through Sunday!)"

Harness unlike thoroughbreds race at night, so Paul trains and jogs in the morning and comes back to race at night. An average day starts at 6:30 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m. and then again at 7:30 p.m. to race until about midnight.

"The hours are long, so if you don't love to work, then you don't want to train racehorses," says Paul.

Horses racing under Paul's name have earned over \$1 million dollars from just 572 starts. Of those 572 horses raced, Paul boasts 106 wins, 93 seconds, and 85 thirds.

"My UDR or say batting average is .320, which landed me in the top 25 in the country last year," Paul said. "I train anywhere from 20 to 75 horses depending upon the time of year it is."

Paul recently received his provisional license to drive horses last month. A driver is like a jockey except they sit behind the horse in a race bike or sulky rather than on top like a jock.

During the summer meet at Hawthorne Race Course in Chicago last year, Paul was awarded with the Trainer's Title" for having his horses win the most races at the meet. At the end of the year, he finished in the top five trainers for all three Chicago tracks.

Padres Alums Tie The Knot



Kevin Carey '93 & Kim Vorsatz (NDB '97) Wedding
(See Class of '93 News & Notes)



Fred Bertetta, III '83 & Jennifer Gambrioli Wedding
(See Class of '83 News & Notes)



Matt Powers '00 & Natalie Warga Wedding
(See Class of '00 News & Notes)



UPDATE ON *Serrans in the Desert*

Three winters ago, several St. Catherine and Serra grads got together after fifty years being out of contact with one another. [John Arnold](#) from Houston, [Jim Greening](#) from Great Falls, Montana, [Bill Miramontes](#) from Picton, Ontario, [Dick Redmond](#) from Palm Desert, and [Jim Viano](#) from San Diego enjoyed what Bill called a “desert pre-union” before their 50th reunion as Serra grads from the Class of 1955.

That desert get-together was such a success that three of them -- Dick Redmond, Jim Viano and Bill Miramontes -- and their wives, have enjoyed one another's company in the Palm Springs area for the past two winters. The Vianos and the Miramontes' also enjoyed a Canada-New England cruise together in September, after a visit to New York City, where they met another '55 grad, [Tom McGanney](#).



The Miramontes', Redmonds, and Viano's reunite in Palm Desert



Bill Miramontes and John Arnold (Class of '55)

This year's reunion featured the 1st Annual St. Catherine Golf Invitational. Bill and Mireille Miramontes will return next winter to Rancho Mirage, for this continuing reunion. The Miramontes' and the Neely's have gotten together in the Bay Area and the Miramontes' visited the Arnold's this past December on their way to California.

After a previous article in TRADITIONS featuring the “Serrans in the Dessert,” three other '55 grads, [Bill Neely](#), [Richard Hartmann](#), and [Richard Smith](#) have made contact with the group. They were all saddened to learn of the death of Jim Greening this past April, just a few days before Bill Miramontes shared this article for the Alumni News section. (See In Memoriam, pg. 38).



Padre Alum On His Way to Makin' Movies

[Nick Ferraro '99](#) will graduate in May from San Jose State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Radio, Television & Film Production with an emphasis in Film Production and a minor in Sociology. Nick served as the Vice President of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.



LOG ON TO SERRA'S WEBSITE & RECONNECT WITH PADRE ALUMS WWW.SERRAHS.COM

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

Your log-in ID is the number located to the right of your name on the address label of this edition of Traditions. It's all you need to begin catching up with your Padre pals. Follow these easy steps:

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4. Click on [Register Here](#). You will need to enter your last name, choose your class, and enter your Log-In ID.

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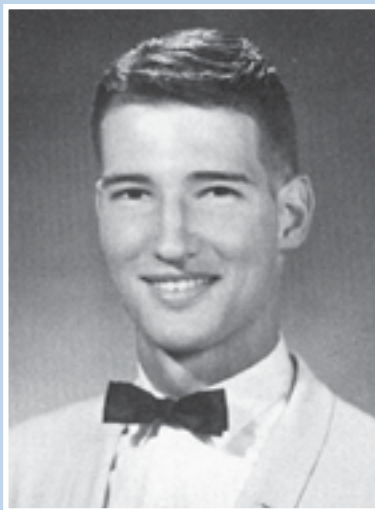
A Padre Connection . . .

In an email sent to Principal Lars Lund in March, [Kevin Belton '65](#) shared his amazing story about reuniting with a fellow Padre after almost thirty years of living in the same town of South Bend, Indiana. Here's what he wrote:

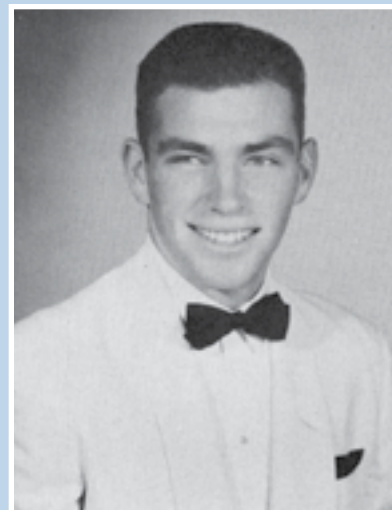
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TRADITIONS Magazine just arrived today and I opened to an article about [Bill Killilea '56](#) and his Junípero Serra Award. Before I even began to read the article I had the feeling that I was about to make some sort of discovery. Everyone in South Bend knows the Killelea name because of their car dealership and Bill's involvement in the community. I remembered shaking hands with him on numerous occasions at events over the years. I recalled, in particular, his connection to Hanna's House -- which was an offshoot of the Women's Care Center where I was

once the Executive Director. I looked at his picture, and his face looked so familiar; I had no idea that he had gone to Serra. After nearly 30 years living in the same town with this Serra grad and having similar interests and concerns, it just seemed so odd that we never made this connection. So, I decided to pick up the phone to call Bill and congratulate him on the award. He said that he not only knew who I was, but that his family lived very close to mine when I was in high school and living in San Carlos. He reminded me that I had baby-sat for his now 43 year old son at their home in San Carlos on several occasions and that I had asked him and his wife once to chaperone a dance at St. Charles, where I was president of the Teen Club. He had read a couple of articles in the South Bend Tribune last year about my theater involvement and directing plays. I now can picture perfectly their home in San Carlos and even changing their son's diaper, something I had never done before! In any case, it was wonderful to make this connection and we plan to get together soon. I am simply amazed at this. I heard a priest once say, 'God writes straight with crooked lines.' This is a perfect example. ”



Kevin Belton '65 Yearbook Photo



Bill Killilea '56 Yearbook Photo



Parents Welcome!

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VISIT . . . *Jewels of East & West*

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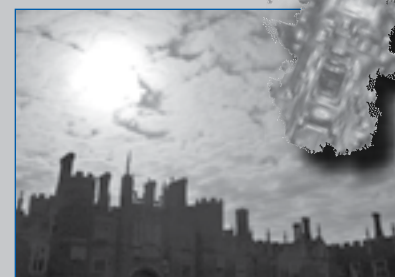
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'56

Hank Fagundes was instrumental in getting Bishop Quinn Catholic High School built in Palo Cedro in 1995. Bishop Quinn serves Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Redding. Hank worked with alum Paul Crique '66 under the steering committee that formed OLM.

'57

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

James Ernst retired with his wife, Nora, in Indian Wells, Ca. They also have a small cabin on their son's property in Healdsburg, where they enjoy time with their five grandchildren.

'61

John Riffle has retired to Reno with his wife, Fran, of 33 years.

'62

Thomas Shimer has been teaching math and computer science for the past 35 years (6 in California and 29 in Las Vegas.)

Michael Stanley retired after 20 years with the US Navy and 22 years with the US Postal Service. He currently manages the Veterans Hall in Concord.

'63

Patrick Petitclerc recently retired from USGS in Menlo Park where he was employed in the Western Mapping Center as a Cartographic Technician.

'64

Thomas Nelson has been living in Oregon for the past 26 years. He works in the restaurant, bar and legalized gambling business.

'65

Kevin Belton currently lives in South Bend, Indiana, but will be moving back to Napa Valley soon. Kevin is a Spanish and ESL teacher, as well as a Drama Coach/Director.

Edward Ritner currently lives in Brentwood and works in San Francisco. He has two grandchildren and one on the way!

Tom Roth is in Family Practice Medicine and has lived in Chico since 1976. His wife, Julie, of 35 years teaches at Chico State. Tom has a 31-year old son, a 27-year old daughter and a three-year old granddaughter.

Robert Ver has been living in Hawaii since 1976. He has a daughter and a son, as well as two grandsons who also reside in Hawaii. Robert is in the retail business.

'66

Paul Crique joined the US Army in '66, where he served as a combat Engineer. Upon his discharge in '69, Paul attended CSM and with his AA in hand went to work as an area space tech for HP in Santa Clara. He married a Mercy girl (June) in 1970 and together they have a son, daughter and four grandchildren. He spent some time going back to school finished his BA, MA, and earned a professional clear teaching credential in social science. During the school year, Paul assists severely disabled children in a special day class at Anderson Union High School.

Ronald Dominquez works for a semiconductor materials company as VP of Marketing & Sales and was recently relocated to Phoenix.

'67

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

'68

Timothy Dillon currently lives in Southern California. He has twin sons, both of whom are serving in the military -- one as a Marine and the other as soldier in the U.S. Army.

'77

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

'82

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

'83

Fred Bertetta, III recently married Jennifer Gambrioli. Padres Mike Pappas '83, Greg Terry '80, Brad Bertetta '89 and Fred Bertetta, Jr. '54 joined in the celebration.

'84

Rich O'Leary and his wife, Kristin, are the proud new parents of a baby daughter Katelyn Marie born on February 25th in San Jose. Rich is currently Vice President of Associated Anesthesiologist Medical Group and the Medical Director of Forest Surgery Center in San Jose.

SEND US YOUR FAMILY PHOTOS!

If you would like to share your family photos with us, we would be glad to include them in our "Padre Family Photo Album" section of TRADITIONS. You may send printed photos or digital images to: Serra High School Development Office 451 West 20th Avenue San Mateo, CA 94403 Attention: Michelle Wilkinson, Director of Public Relations or by e-mail to mwilkinson@serrahs.com

'85

Scott Gaffney and his wife welcomed their first child on January 2nd. Their new baby boy, Lincoln, was not the only "Padre baby" in the hospital. Scott just happened to meet up with a fellow Padre Justin Bronson '93 whose wife had just given birth to triplets (two boys and one girl)!

'86

George Husack married Kristina Bass on November 3, 2006. They make their home in Los Gatos. George is currently the Tennis Coach at Santa Clara University.

Juan Orozco was recently presented with the Hispanic in Technology Government Award from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. The award is presented to an individual whose outstanding achievements have contributed to the field of engineering and resulted in significant impact. Juan recently became a Commander in the United States Navy and is in his 15th year of service.

'87

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

'88

Michael Prendergast and his wife, Jasmina El-Bietar, welcomed the newest member to their family, Cordelia, born on December 11, 2006. Cordelia joins her older brother Marcel, age 1 1/2.

'92

Sean McKinney is a firefighter with the SF Fire Department (following his father who recently retired after 30 years.) Sean lives in Concord with his wife, Jeannine, and his two sons, Dominic and Zachary.

Jeff Smiley and his wife Emily (currently a 5th grade teacher at All Souls Catholic School) welcomed a baby girl Savannah Lynn on March 2nd. Jeff is currently a firefighter for the Southern Marin Fire District where he works along with Padre alum Jason Pace.

'93

Justin Bronson and his wife welcomed triplets (two boys and one girl) in January. Their triplets were not the only "Padre babies" in the hospital -- Justin happened to meet fellow Padre Scott Gaffney '85 whose wife had just given birth to their first son, Lincoln.

Kevin Carey recently married Kim Vorsatz (NDB '97). Tons of Padres attended Kevin's wedding, including: Patrick Carey '98 (best man); Kevin Gurtiza '98, Kurt Vorsatz '00, Eric Vorsatz '03, Nick Cagnacci '92 (groomsmen); Karl Vorsatz '69 (father of the bride); Paul Vorsatz '57 (uncle), Mark Vorsatz '72 (uncle), Tom Tallon '68 (uncle) and Dusty Vorsatz '03 (Cousin)!

'96

Anthony Agresti and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed a new baby girl, Adrianna Gia on January 16th.

Declan Kelly and his wife proudly announce the birth of Baby Isabelle Kathleen born on February 22nd. Declan currently lives with his family in Ireland.

Tim McKinney was married on August 19, 2006 in Sacramento to Emily Rizk. Best man for Tim's wedding was classmate John Robblee. Other Padres in attendance were Sean McKinney '92, Kevin Carey '93, Patrick Carey '98, and Michael Robblee '99. Tim owns and re-sells Mr. Pickles Deli's.

'97

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

Derek Gurtler and his wife Mandy welcomed a new baby boy Dale Earl born on January 16, 2007 in San Jose.

'99

Paul Stafford won the Harness Horse Trainer's Title at Hawthorne Race Course near Chicago last year. Paul's horses won the most races during the meet.

'00

Matt Powers married Natalie Warga on July 28, 2006 in Omaha, Nebraska (Natalie's home town). Ryan Nowakowski '00 was Matt's best man and his brother Will '05 was one of his groomsmen. Matt's sister, Brittany (Notre Dame Belmont '09), also participated as part of the wedding party.

'01

Peter Fonda received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from UC Davis in 2005 and continued at Davis to receive his M.S. in 2007. Peter has traveled for the past four years during school vacations to Japan to study the latest in manufacturing technology with well-known machine tool builders. Recently, he accepted a position as an Application Engineer with the U.S. branch of Socick, Inc. and will be relocating to Chicago in August to begin his career.

'02

Joe Stafford is currently studying at the University of Regensburg in Germany majoring in German and Roman History.

'05

Will Powers was honored with the Honorable Mention Pac-10 All-Academic Honors for the fall 2006 football season. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be either a starter or significant substitute. Will is attending Stanford University and is playing outside linebacker.



In Memoriam



Father Paul Emmet Duggan passed away on March 30th. Fr. Paul was one of three siblings who became priests of the SF Archdiocese. He was ordained by Archbishop John J. Mitty at St. Mary's Cathedral in 1948 and joined the Serra faculty in 1956 where he worked until 1967.

William Eymmer, father of Rick Eymmer '71, passed away on March 16th.

Patricia Ann Fano, mother of Frank Fano '77 and Mike Fano '79 passed away on February 27th.

David Goddard '84, son of Serra Faculty Member Moya Goddard, and brother to Michael '87, passed away in April of this year.

James Greening '55 passed away on April 16th. Jim was part of the 2005 reunion of "Serrans in the Desert." He is survived by his five children and their families, and his two sisters.

Oliver Martin Diehl-Gomez, son of Peter Gomez '00, nephew of Christopher Gomez '99, Chuck Stimson '07, great nephew of Mark Norcross '72, John Norcross '73, David Norcross '76 and Paul Norcross '82, passed away on April 26th.

Curtis Fernandez, father of sophomore Keith Fernandez passed away in March of this year.

Micki Guntren, mother of Teddy '03, Joey '04, and Kelsey Guntren (NDB '07) passed away on April 20th after a very long and courageous battle with cancer.

Christopher Hayhurst '79 passed away on January 3rd. Chris sustained a head injury on December 15, 2006. He is survived by his wife Nancy of 22 years; sons Sean (18) and Alec (16), and daughter Casey (12).

Frank P. Kelley, Jr. (SI '44, SCU '50), father of Richard '82 passed away on February 25th.

Eugene Longinotti, father of Rick '70, Ron '72, and grandfather of James '06 passed away on February 16th at age of 93.

Reverend Philip Edward McCrillis '53, a Roman Catholic priest for over 45 years, passed away at the age of 71 on February 1st. His mother died earlier on the same day in Southern California; she was 98.

Alice Murphy, mother of Phil Murphy '60 passed away on February 27th at the age of 94. Alice was a past vice-president of Serra High School Mothers' Auxiliary.

Casey Raffaelli passed away on March 22nd, at age 20, after succumbing to head injuries sustained in a skateboarding accident. Casey is the son of Kevin '75 and Elizabeth Raffaelli and nephew of Mark '67.

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

Chris Soto '01 passed away on April 19th after a six-month battle with cancer. Chris is the brother of Ken '96 and cousin of Robert Romero '85, Thomas Romero '87 and Michael Romero '89.

Phil Tague '49 passed away on February 22nd.

Gail Norcross Trigueiro, sister of Mark Norcross '72, twin John Norcross '73, David Norcross '76, Paul Norcross '82, aunt of Christopher Gomez '99, Peter Gomez '00, Chuck Stimson '07, and sister-in-law of Kirt Trigueiro '72, passed on January 7th.

Luke Wilcox, five-week old son of Mike Wilcox '85 died unexpectedly on February 3rd.

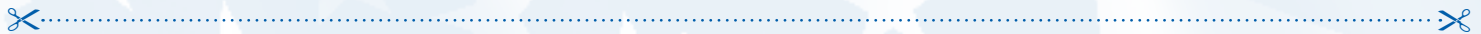
SERRA HONORS THOSE WHO SERVE

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

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

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Michael Prendergast '88 & Family
L to R: Son Marcel, Wife Jasmina El-Bietar,
new baby Cordelia & Mike



Fred Bertetta, III '83 Wedding
L to R: Chris Gambrioli (brother of bride), Mike Pappas '83,
Greg Terry '80, Fred Bertetta (Groom) '83, Brad Bertetta '89



Emilia Govea Luis (daughter of Serra
Faculty Member Barbara Luis)



Jim Lanzone '89 & Family
Pictured: Proud parents Jim and Shannon,
big brother Asher, new baby girl Reese Ann,
and big sister Devin

Padre Family Photo Album



Chris '69 & Sandra Freeberg



Joseph Cecchin (son of former Serra
staff member Sara Cecchin)



Isabelle Kathleen Kelly (Declan Kelly '96)



Michael '73 & Teresa Freeberg



Katelyn Marie O'Leary
(Rich '84 & Kristin O'Leary)



Derek Gurtler '97 & Family
New son Dale Earl and proud mom Mandy



Fred Bertetta, Jr. '54 (Toast at
Wedding of Fred Bertetta, III '83)



Corey Sullivan '10 with little
sister (and biggest fan) Fiona
(children of Serra Faculty Member
& alum Tom Sullivan '81)



Baby Téa Lee Milagros Ballew
(daughter of former Serra Faculty
Member Rosario Ballew)



Anthony Thomas Paré (son of Serra
Faculty Member Kathy Paré)



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