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FROM THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF REGENTS MRS. KATHY LAVEZZO

Dear Alumni and Friends of Serra,

Congratulations to the Junípero Serra High School graduating Class of 2008. As the saying goes, "Once a Padre, Always a Padre." We are more than a school; we are a community of parents, teachers, staff and alumni dedicated to the success of our students and our school. As the 61st graduating class leaves behind the halls of Serra high school and moves on to the next phases of their lives ~ be it college, trade school or the workplace, their memories and the brotherhood of Serra will last them a lifetime.

Many of Serra's greatest accomplishments result from the assistance of our countless volunteers. Members of the Mothers' Auxiliary, Fathers' Club, Booster Club and the Board of Regents assist Serra in being a premier educational institution, forming young men of faith, wisdom and service.

As this year's Chairperson of the Advisory Board of Regents, I can say first-hand that our engaged and highly accomplished board has volunteered many hours ensuring the betterment of Serra. In our third year, this board has quickly developed into a body that is making significant contributions towards Serra's advancement. To share a few of this year's accomplishments . . .

- 21st Century Learning Committee (Kevin Dunleavy, Chair) – tracking student performance on standardized tests and looking at potential changes in science classes/labs offered at Serra as a result of a pending increase in UC requirements.
- Development Committee (David Philpott, Chair) – continuing to assist Serra in meeting or exceeding all of the school's long-term fundraising and development goals.
- Finance Committee (Ric Rosario, Chair) – working with staff and providing expertise and guidance on the 2008-2009 budget process. Assisting in finalizing a five-year financial plan that ensures the school remains financially sound, meets its financial goals and practices good short and long-term financial management.
- Phase II Core Team (Bob Olson, Chair) – working with the architect to finalize plans for Phase II of Serra's Master Plan, which will consist of art facilities, music facilities, aquatics, academic resource center and additional classrooms (including Science lecture/laboratories). Also, working to ascertain Serra's fundraising capacity in regard to the Phase II capital campaign.
- Buildings and Grounds Committee (Bob Jauregui, Chair) – working with the Phase II Core Team to ensure that maintenance and long-term capital improvements of the existing facility are incorporated into Phase II of Serra's Master Plan.
- Strategic Planning Committee (Mike Murphy, Chair) – identifying short and long-term strategic issues/challenges that set the vision for Serra's progress over the next three to five years by ensuring a continued high student enrollment.
- Admissions Marketing Committee (Mary Leahy, Chair) – reviewing existing marketing materials and comparing them to other schools. Working with an outside firm to develop new and consistently branded materials, along with updated marketing literature to ensure a strong enrollment.
- Ad Hoc Governance Committee (Brother Raymond Vercruysse, Chair) – after a detailed and thorough discernment process, recommending Lars Lund as President of JSJS.

In closing, I would like to recognize a long time Serra supporter and volunteer, my father-in-law, Oliver Lavezzo, who passed away in early April. Oliver leaves behind a legacy of sons and grandsons who are proud Serra graduates. It is through volunteers like Oliver that Serra has had so many successes and accomplishments over the years.

Lastly, I want to thank all the members of the Advisory Board of Regents who have offered so generously of their time and talents. Through all of your hard work and efforts, we have accomplished so much this year! Happy Summer!

Sincerely,

Kathy Lavezzo, Chair, Advisory Board of Regents

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR. LARS LUND



Dear Alumni and Friends of Serra,

My days as Serra's principal are winding down to a precious few. As I look forward to my new role as President of our school, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support and kindness over the past five years.

In my new role, my entire focus will be on strategically planning Serra's future growth and mission-effectiveness. My immediate focus will be supporting our financial aid program, so that Serra can be an affordable option for all students. After that, my focus will be on fundraising for and construction of new facilities for the arts and music, sciences, aquatic program, Academic Resource Center and technology. Ultimately, as the head of school -- in collaboration with our outstanding Board of Regents -- my job is to ensure that Serra continues to be the finest Catholic college-preparatory in the area for current and future Padres.

After a long and thoughtful search, I am very pleased and proud to announce that Archbishop Niederauer has appointed Mr. Barry Thornton as Serra's new principal, effective July 1, 2008. He is uniquely well-qualified to successfully serve as Serra's instructional and spiritual leader. As principal, Mr. Thornton will oversee all daily school operations, the academic program, extra-curricular programs, and the programs for student spiritual and moral formation.

For many years, Mr. Thornton effectively served as a teacher, coach and department chair before becoming Serra's Dean of Studies in 2002. In that role, he has been a key leader in our on-going school improvement efforts. In 2007, he completed coursework for his doctorate in educational leadership. Prior to becoming a teacher, he enjoyed a successful career as a city planner — experience that he is putting to good use in the design of our new facilities mentioned above. Mr. Thornton's service as a Peace Corps volunteer, and his graduate degree in Theology, also give him a unique perspective on the global issues that are key components in a 21st century Catholic school curriculum. Our students and teachers are truly blessed to have as their new principal a well-educated, experienced and effective educational leader such as Mr. Thornton.

As the 2007-2008 school year rapidly comes to its conclusion, we can all take pride in the wonderful community that we have found in Serra — a place that educates "Men of Faith, Wisdom and Service." Let us look back with gratitude on all the good that was accomplished this school year, and let us look forward with confident hope to all the good that will be done in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lars Lund". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a stylized "Lund" following.

Lars Lund, Principal

Educational Travel at Serra



Canal near the “old town” market in Prague

Group picture at
Alexandeplatz in Berlin



Ah, the pleasures of spring. For so many of us, spring is the season of renewal – a spiritual and physical awakening as lent gives way to a glorious Easter celebration. For others, spring means hay fever, or it brings the welcome, familiar ‘pop’ of a baseball meeting glove leather. For a few hearty Serra teachers and students, however, spring is the travel season. Such was the case this March with Mrs. Renee Duffey, Mr. Hans Frey, and [Mr. Tom Sullivan ‘81](#), who led a student group on an educational tour of Berlin, Prague, and Munich.

Educational travel is not new to Junípero Serra High School. No doubt many alumni look back with fondness on Mr. Solari’s many SET European tours, Ms. Tobias’ recent service project in Costa Rica, or one of Mr. Sullivan’s trips to England or Ireland. Additionally, this spring Mme Dowden recently coordinated a home stay with fourteen French students from Grenoble, France. She plans a reciprocal two-week visit to France and Spain in 2009.

Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Duffey decided to offer the 2008 German tour soon after they returned from their educational trip to Ireland in 2007.

“As Mrs. Duffey and I returned from our student educational travel trip to Ireland, we were really happy with so many aspects of the trip – the Serra travel culture had changed in ways that made student travel a valuable element to their educational experience here at Serra,” noted Mr. Sullivan. “So, we decided to offer to take a group of students on a German tour in 2008. We convinced Mr. Frey that the time was right, and he jumped on board with 16 students from his German program.”

The group grew to 24 students and adults, and off they went on their nine-day adventure to the “jewels of central Europe.” They began the tour by spending two nights in Berlin, seeing many of the more significant historical sites there, including the newly dedicated Holocaust memorial, the remnants of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, and Reichstag – home of the German Parliament.

After a short bus ride to Dresden for lunch, the group continued to Prague, Czech Republic. Prague is a really interesting city, as it was largely untouched by World War II, yet there are many reminders of its



St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague



Market Square in Dresden



Gate to Dachau Concentration Camp
just outside Munich, Germany



Student Travelers
Michael Tauskey '10 & Ronnie Gil '09

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decades of socialism behind the iron curtain. The boys wrestled with an unfamiliar currency and a beguiling language. If just for two days, they stepped far outside of their comfort zone negotiating unfamiliar streets and landmarks, ordering meals, and connecting with the local culture through their participation in the Easter mass – celebrated by Cardinal Miloslav Vlk in St. Vitus Cathedral, the Catholic seat of Czech Republic – and attending the famous black light theater performance of Faust.

“They represented their school and nation with great dignity in this remarkable and unfamiliar place,” said Sullivan.

Their tour concluded with an afternoon in Nuremberg, then three days in Munich, where the boys would certainly consider visits to the 1972 Olympic Complex and the BMW factory as highlights. However, the visit to the infamous concentration camp Dachau will linger in the entire group’s thoughts for a long, long time.

“I’ve been to the Holocaust Memorial in Washington, DC, and that visit was very powerful. But being in a concentration camp made the experience unforgettable,” noted Mr. Sullivan. “I will never forget how it made me feel.”

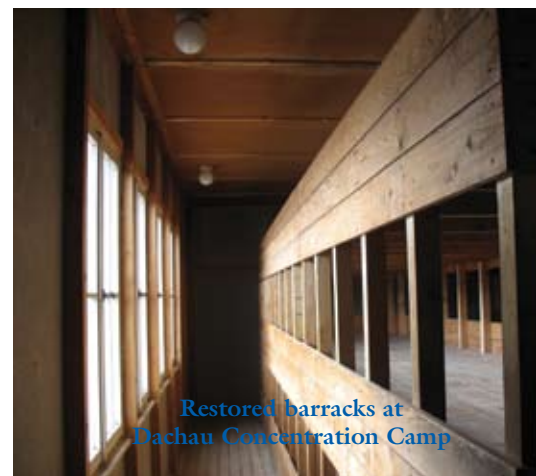
The group enjoyed traditional Bavarian food in the local Munich marketplace near Marienplatz and ended the tour with a wonderful dinner at the famous Ratskeller.

Over the years, educational travel has become an important part of the “Serra” experience for many students. Whether traveling to Germany with classmates testing out their foreign language skills, visiting historically significant sites, building houses in Costa Rica, or experiencing a home stay exchange in France, educational travel provides students with the opportunity to experience classrooms without walls – or borders.

This fall, visit our website at www.serrahs.com for new information on Mr. Sullivan’s spring break 2010 trip to Italy – including Easter in Rome.



Old Market Square in Prague on Easter



Restored barracks at
Dachau Concentration Camp

STUDENTS GET UP CLOSE & PERSONAL AT OUR NATION'S CAPITAL



ON THE STEPS OF THE SUPREME COURT

Pictured from L to R: Front Row: Max Rulon-Miller, Michael Rulon-Miller, Norrie Syme
Middle Row: David Motamed, James Murphy, Kian Akhayein
Back Row: Tim Haggarty, Andy Schwenk, Carl Rodriguez, Juan Carlos Jimenez

BE HERE, BE HEARD!

by David Motamed '09

On March 3rd, I traveled to Washington D.C. for an entire week with nine other Serra students with the Close Up Foundation. The purpose of this trip was to learn firsthand about our nation's government and discover what it means to be a proactive citizen.

The interactive workshops and rich history of America's capital impassioned us, encouraging us to stand up for significant causes through leadership and political action. Close Up's inspirational quote, "*Be Here. Be Heard,*" resonated deep within me long after I left D.C.

The instructors first taught us to create and organize our viewpoints, then to vocalize them in a constructive manner. Even the diversity among the ardent history students from across the nation played a huge role in allowing me, personally, to better understand the needs and outlooks of America as a whole.

The Close Up trip to Washington D.C. was unforgettable, molding a certain zeal within every one of us ~ inspiring us to make a positive difference in this world.

A key success of the program was its ability to turn us from apathetic stones into impassioned minds. History, the aggregate of past events, by definition even sounds boring. But history, when experienced, when seen in its true light, is not dreary in the least. Washington D.C, the heart of American politics, possesses a certain magnificence that one can only view firsthand.

Hitherto, when I read in a textbook that hundreds of thousands of men died in World War II, all I saw was a number. Yet, when we actually went to Arlington Cemetery and saw miles of whitewashed tombstones, providing homes to over 275,000 deceased American soldiers, we were awestruck. History was transformed from mere words on a page into fascinating, bona fide events of the past. Franklin Roosevelt's noteworthy quote, "I Hate War," rang true in a different chord thereafter, especially when walking through his poignant memorial.

I was not alone with this striking experience; time and time again, we all felt the need to stop talking and simply embrace the history we were seeing. We walked through a room filled with the very shoes the Jews wore to concentration camps in the National Holocaust Museum. We saw the Vietnam Wall, inscribed with the names of every American casualty. We saw the imposing 10,000 pound bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson. I often stood and marveled at the impact of a thought, a deed, a lifestyle, a man. Close Up offered instructive groups to help channel our thoughts into action.

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David Motamed ‘09

Multiple times a day, we would gather in small groups and discuss the connection between past events and present issues. Fervent debates echoed across our portion of D.C., as we learned the two sides to every argument, only to quickly learn of the third and fourth sides as well. The Close Up instructors encouraged us not to argue from a party line, but instead to speak from our personal, educated beliefs. In fact, on one night, we were fortunate enough to hear official

Democratic and Republican speakers debate before us about whatever issues we chose to inquire about. I think we all left that auditorium with a set of personal convictions about issues rather than regurgitated words from a family member or a CBS political analyst. We learned how to have informed opinions.

The diversity of the group and of D.C. itself taught us to view the United States, our nation, for what it actually is -- a melting pot. A blend of cultures, a blend of states, painted the line of students who participated in the Close Up trip. From liberal California to conservative Alabama, from tiny Rhode Island to vast Michigan, different students with different opinions on different issues came together to discuss and inform one another about our great nation as a whole.

With several hundred foreign embassies and representatives from every American state, even the city of D.C. is filled with cultures. The intertwining of people from all walks of life left me with an open, less finite, view of politics.

Besides mere memories, this trip presented me with knowledge, wisdom and a foundation to grow upon. Close Up is an extraordinary trip, invigorating its students and teaching them to become agents of positive change in our nation. I strongly believe that every inquisitive high-school student deserves this priceless opportunity.



Group poses in front of statue of Fr. Junípero Serra located in the National Statuary Hall, a chamber beneath the Capitol Building where each state displays two statues of prominent citizens. Fr. Serra represents California along with Thomas Starr King. Picture includes: Front row kneeling: David Motamed, Tim Haggarty, Max Rulon-Miller, Kian Akhavian, James Murphy. Top standing: Norrie Syme, Juan Carlos Jimenez, Sean Dugoni, Michael Rulon-Miller, Carl Rodriguez, Andy Schwenk, Kevin Carey.

Serra Families Open Their Hearts & Their Homes to Visiting French Students

“Serra International” French Cultural Exchange

On April 9, fourteen French students and their teacher from Grenoble, France arrived at Serra High School for a two-week “home stay” visit. All of the students are from ITEC-Boisfleury, a co-ed Catholic high school. The group (9 girls and 5 boys) met up with their host families and started a whirlwind tour of the bay area. After “shadowing” at Serra for a day with their host student, they explored some of the most exciting locations in the area, including a weekend trip to Yosemite Valley, an excursion to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, a hosted American style barbecue in Novato, and a visit to a family ranch out in San Gregorio.

The two weeks were filled with day trips to San Francisco, while the fabulous host families packed the evenings with family dinners, bowling, music, dance performances, Giants games, sailing on the bay and volleyball. Decked out in the latest “Padre” sweatshirts, the group even traversed the Golden Gate Bridge on bikes. A few bewildered locals questioned the head teacher, “Hey, isn’t Serra an all-boys’ school?” -- to which the gang enthusiastically replied “OUI!”



French students, along with host Serra Students,
on a bike trip across the Golden Gate Bridge



French students enjoy weekend trip to Yosemite Valley

The fun was balanced with a unique service opportunity as all of the French students joined Serra’s Junior “Urban Plunge” retreat at St. Anthony’s Dining Room and Foundation. Together, the students were able to serve, to learn, and to see a side of San Francisco that most tourists don’t normally view. When the day was done, they had made many new friends and came away with a deeper appreciation of the blessings, gifts and responsibilities life has to offer. They enhanced our community of “Faith, Wisdom, and Service” in action.

The trip was a coordinated effort between Mme Mary Dowden, Serra French teacher and Mme Marie Riboulet, ITEC-Boisfleury English teacher. The two avid travelers met by chance on a flight to Paris two years ago and planted the seeds of the exchange. The entire Foreign Language Department supported the exchange and the administration gave its stamp of approval. The most remarkable aspect of the trip is that it presented an opportunity for any Serra student to participate, regardless of the language studied. ITEC-Boisfleury focuses on international language study and prepares its students to enter the world of international affairs. Therefore, the visitors spoke a range of English, Spanish, German, Italian, and, of course, French. In fact, communication was rarely a problem as the French and Americans came together to share a profoundly enriching experience through laughter, song and, finally, tears upon departure. As noted by Mr. Lund’s farewell speech, bridges have been built between our two communities and our lives have been altered for the better. We look at the world through a fresh pair of eyes.

Mme Dowden expresses her deepest gratitude to all the intrepid host families, including the Abbott, Adams, Barulich, Dentler, Frank, Ginsberg, L’Heureux-Thomas, Murphy, Romig, Sahyoun, Schwenk, Smith, Twomey, Worthge and Williams families. Without their leap of faith and hospitality, this could not have been possible.

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“Merci mille fois to Mr. Lund, Mr. Strange, Mrs. Ortiz and Ms. Tobias who welcomed and transported the group to and from the airport, bringing the dream to reality.” offered Mme Dowden. “The encouragement of the Language department procured a lot of interest as well. Special thanks go to Mr. Lee and Mrs. Adams for chaperoning the Yosemite trip and getting our hearts pumping! And, finally, a warm hug to Camus Ministry Team, Mr. Boesen, Mr. Casey, Mr. Morin, Ms. Bohnert and especially Mr. Lierk for their blessings, ideas and accommodations. Mr. Lierk’s recital of a Pablo Neruda poem rings on in our hearts ‘*If you learn anything, learn to love.*’ . . . to which I add, “On ne voit bien qu’avec le cœur, l’essentiel est invisible aux yeux.”—Le Petit Prince.

A “return trip” to Grenoble is being planned for next spring. In addition to staying with host families, the trip will include visits to Spain, Provence and Paris and is open to Serra students with any language background. Contact Mme Dowden: mdowden@serrahs.com for more details.



French students and their Serra hosts enjoy a trip to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

PROUD TO BE A U.S. CITIZEN



Faculty member Renan Pineda was sworn-in as a citizen of the United States of America on April 15th at a ceremony held at the Masonic Auditorium in San Francisco. Renan joined 1,451 other new American citizens who were also sworn-in at the same ceremony that day.

Originally from Guatemala, Renan came to the United States on September 29, 1990 as a resident alien at the age of 15. He has two sisters currently living in Guatemala and one brother who recently became a U.S. citizen as well.

“I’m looking forward to having a say on the next presidential election,” said Renan. “I truly believe this is the best country in the world.”

Renan teaches Spanish and Theology at Serra, in addition to being the JV Soccer Coach and Assistant Cross Country Coach. He currently lives with his wife in Belmont.



Every 15 Minutes

a person is killed by a drunk driver

A powerful two-day program known as “Every 15 Minutes” was presented for the first time at Serra during the last week of February. The program, sponsored by the California Highway Patrol, is designed to teach students the effects of alcohol abuse and the dangers of drinking and driving. It offers real-life experience without the real-life risks.

On the first day of the program, students witnessed a staged crash scene with victims from their senior class. In the staged scenario, two of the students involved in the collision were killed and one was crippled.

The following day, a “mock” memorial service was held in the Serra gym. The service included impassioned speeches provided by an alumni police officer, an emergency room physician, grieving parents, and several students who shared letters they wrote to their families.

This emotionally charged two days at Serra dramatically instilled in our young men the dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol. The

program challenged students to think about drinking, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions when lives are involved.

Life’s lessons are best learned through experience. Unfortunately, when the target audience is teens and the topic is drinking and driving, experience is not the teacher of choice.



Kevin Casteck prayerfully reflects his thoughts on paper at the overnight retreat held as part of the “Every 15 Minutes” program.



*Some people come into our lives and quickly go.
Some people move our souls to dance.
They awaken us to a new understanding with the
passing whisper of their wisdom.
Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon.
They stay in our lives for awhile, leave footprints on our
hearts, and we are never, ever the same.
~Flavia*

Jared Braun '09

Participates on National Rugby Team

During Serra's spring break, many students travel to Lake Tahoe, San Diego or other vacation hot spots. Others spend days at the beach or work at their part-time jobs. Jared Braun '09, however, went to England as a member of the 28-man "Under 18" U.S. National Rugby team. Jared was selected to participate on the U.S. national team through a series of tryouts and camps. Several coaches noticed his skills during a local tournament at Stanford University, where Jared was invited to participate in the U.S. tryouts held in Elkhart, Indiana. He was selected for the final team following his performance at Selection Camp in Tempe, Arizona.

Braun and his team of players from throughout the States left for England in mid March and spent ten days in Lincolnshire, England, where they stayed at the Royal Air Force Base - Kirton in Lindsey.

While in England, Jared's team played three games against top premiership academies. It's common in England for professional coaches to choose players of high caliber whom they think can play at the professional level and place them in the academies where they compete against other premiership academies.

Jared and his teammates took on Bedford Academy, North Hampton Saints Academy and Doncaster Academy.

They first played Bedford

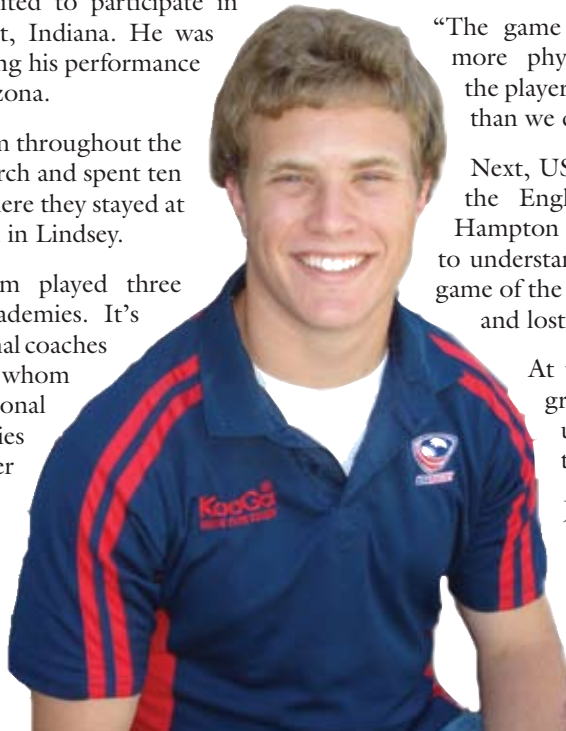
Academy, where the USA team played well considering they had only practiced for one day prior to the game before falling to Bedford. In England Braun found that the sport was completely different than it is in America.

"The game is faster, more physical, and the players in England understand the game far better than we do," commented Braun.

Next, USA played the team that had already beaten the England Under 18 National Team, North Hampton Saints Academy. The USA lost, but began to understand the game more and more. In the third game of the series, the USA played Doncaster Academy, and lost by only one try (one score) 17-12.

At the end of the trip Jared stated, "It was a great learning experience for all of us; I picked up a lot of new tricks and will use it more in the USA."

Jared is currently in his fourth year as a member of the Peninsula Green Beaver Rugby Football Club, a member of the Skyhawk Conference of the Peninsula Rugby League. At Serra, Braun has been a three year member of the football and soccer programs.



Teddy Bears ~ Latest in Standard Equipment for Daly City Police Cars

Sophomore [Andrew Comstock](#), a volunteer at Seton Medical Center, presented Daly City Police Officer Lee Magalong with 100 Teddy Bears that will now go into the twenty-six police cars that make up the Daly City Force.

Often in the course of their duties, police officers have to care for traumatized youngsters under the age of five years old and for an officer to have this in their patrol car is an advantage. Police Officers report that just having this to hand out can make all the difference in a tense situation.

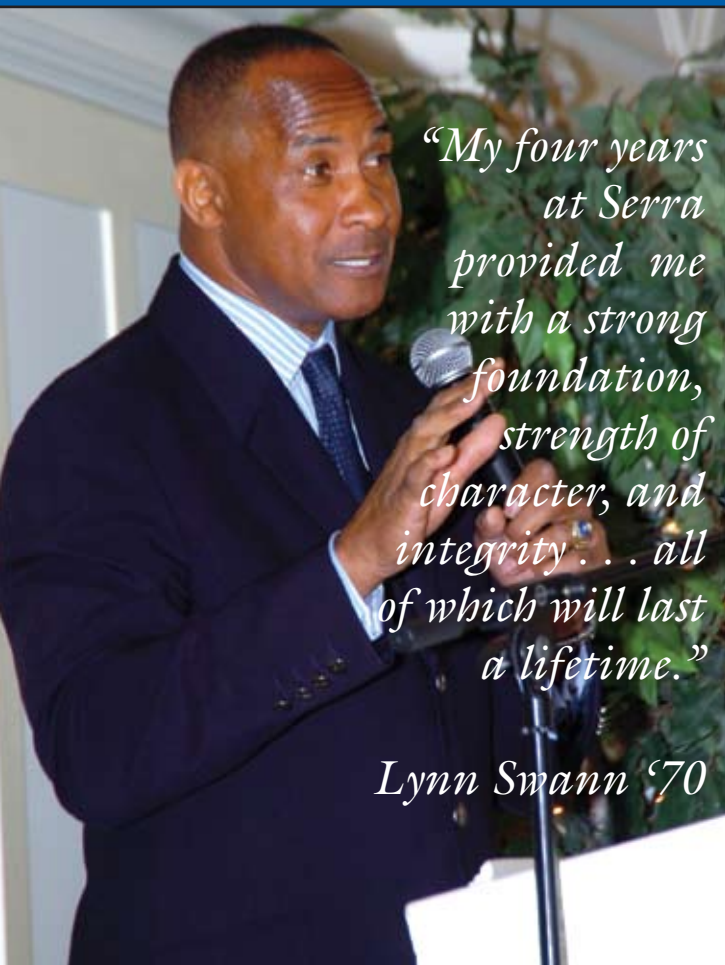
"The teddy bears are more than a gift to the police force," said Comstock. "They are also a gift to the community, to frightened children and troubled adults. Though they are not the type of police equipment one normally associates with the work Daly City Police Officers do, they are in fact vital accessories to patrolmen who are called upon to mediate domestic violence disputes and calm small children."

In the past two years, Andrew has earned over 180 volunteer hours at Seton. He works primarily with the community benefit department. In addition, he volunteers for the Daly City Police Athletic league, as well as the non-profit section of the Daly City-Colma Chamber of Commerce.



Sophomore Drew Comstock presenting "new equipment" to Daly City Police Officer Lee Magalong

AROUND THE HALLS



"My four years at Serra provided me with a strong foundation, strength of character, and integrity . . . all of which will last a lifetime."

Lynn Swann '70

Serra Alum & NFL Hall of Famer Lynn Swann '70



Fund A Dream guest Bob Grassilli '66
(Grassilli is the 2007 Junípero Serra Award Winner and currently Vice Mayor of the San Carlos City Council)



RECORD NUMBERS ATTEND SERRA'S 2008 FUND A DREAM LUNCHEON

Close to 300 guests including Padre alums, faculty and staff, clergy, Serra supporters, and area educators attended Serra's Fourth Annual Fund A Dream Luncheon held at the Peninsula Golf and Country Club in April. Keynote speaker was Serra alum and Football Hall of Famer Lynn Swann '70.

Established in 2005, the luncheon helps to raise the additional funds necessary to achieve Serra's goal of ensuring that all qualified applicants who dream of becoming a Padre are afforded that opportunity. To date, the event has raised over \$300,000 and helped more than 70 young men attend Serra. This year's committee members included Janet Abbott, Kelley Benetti, Karan Borg, Sandy Dalli, Sharon Dooley, Pam Frisella, Moya Goddard, Bob Grassilli '66, Judy Grosey, Mike Johnston, Abbe Keane, Ron Longinotti '72, Tish Matulich, Ralph Olcese, Joe Pert, Michael Peterson and Michelle Wilkinson.



Michael Peterson, Lynn Swann '08, Principal Lars Lund



"In less than two months I will be walking down the aisle of St. Mary's Cathedral proudly receiving my Junipero Serra High School diploma and joining nearly 9,800 other Serra graduates in the alumni brotherhood.

I cannot imagine my life without the Serra experience. All of my achievements, dreams and goals would never have been accomplished if it were not for the financial support I have received from so many generous people.

I am looking forward to giving back to Serra because it has done so much for me. The value of friendships, academics and service will be kept close to my heart for the rest of my life."

Hanna Malak '08



Hanna Malak '08



Padre Alum and NFL Hall of Famer Lynn Swann '70 poses with senior DeLeon Eskridge '08. Eskridge tied Swann's Serra record of 38 total career touchdowns.



Guests at Serra's 2007 Fund A Dream Luncheon



Serra's Men's Chorus *to participate in* *World Youth Day 2008* *Sydney, Australia*



This summer, the Serra Men's Chorus will be engaging in some exciting, international travel as they participate in World Youth Day, 2008 in Sydney, Australia. This will be the first time in Jay Jordan's thirty-one years at Serra that he will be taking a performing group "on the road."

"The timing of World Youth Day couldn't be better," said Jordan. The Serra's Men's Chorus has earned a Unanimous Superior Award for two consecutive years at the CMEA Choral Festival and they are well prepared for this trip.

The award-winning chorus will perform in and around Sydney, including an appearance on the main stage at the world-famous Sydney Opera House. To top it off, they will be part of the combined choir singing at the Papal Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI. Event organizers are expecting as many as 400,000 participants in what is anticipated to be the largest gathering of Catholic youth in history.

We need your help!

Fourteen of the current chorus members have committed to the trip, which will cost over \$4,000 per person. The members have set a goal to raise \$14,000 in order to reduce each Padre's trip by \$1,000. So far, the men's chorus has performed in the local community, sold See's Candy gift certificates, and engaged in other fundraising efforts.

Now, they would like to reach out to alums -- especially former Serra musicians. All donations received will go directly to the Men's Chorus participants and be used to offset the expenses of the World Youth Day trip.

We hope you'll be able to help our young men realize this amazing opportunity.



(CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE)

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A "New" Kind of Team Work for Serra's Coaching Staff!

Six members of the Padre coaching staff have much more in common than preparing their student athletes for fierce athletic competition. They have all been introduced recently to a new kind of teamwork . . . in a whole different *league*. Since January of this year, five new bundles of joy (all boys) have made first-time fathers for three Padre coaches: (Dean Ayoob '92 - Assistant Athletic Director and Assistant Varsity Football Coach; Eric Morin, Head Freshman Football Coach; Christian Clifford '89, Assistant Varsity Football Coach and second-time fathers for two coaches (Patrick Walsh - Head Varsity Football Coach and Jim Marheineke, Head Track & Field Coach. Plus, Assistant Varsity Football Coach John Kirby '95 is expecting his first child in mid August!



Andrew Joseph Marheineke
Born January 8th
(Head Track & Field
Coach Jim Marheineke)



Charles Virgil Walsh
Born March 12th
Pictured with Big Brother William
(Head Varsity Football Coach Patrick Walsh)



Blake Wesley Ayoob
Born March 25, 2008
(Assistant Varsity Football Coach
Dean Ayoob)



*Already
dreamin'
of being
a Padre
football
star!*



John Anthony Morin Born
April 6th
(Head Freshman Football
Coach Eric Morin)



John Paul Clifford
Born April 30th
(Assistant Varsity Football
Coach Christian Clifford)



This year's 25th Anniversary Mothers' Auxiliary Fashion Show "Silver Jubilee . . . a walk thru time" was certainly an event to remember. Co-chairs Caroline Bottoms, Emily Keyser, Laura Moraros and Pat Zurcher, as well as countless volunteers from the Mothers' Auxiliary, helped make this years show one of the most successful in Serra's history. Over 600 guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon and were treated to a lively show at the San Francisco

Marriott Hotel in Burlingame. Models included Serra, Notre Dame and Mercy High School students, as well as faculty and parents from Serra.





The Dirty Work of Campus Ministry

by Kyle Lierk, Director of Campus Ministry

We, as Catholic Christians, are a resurrection people! Our environment drips with Easter trimmings – extended hours of daylight, budding spring flowers, and bright-eyed new life. We write to you from Campus Ministry deep in this Easter season surrounded by a rooted hope in the resurrection, growing anticipation for Pentecost (and summer break!), and ongoing evaluation of the work we are doing. We have adopted as our mission in Campus Ministry that which is found in the thirteenth chapter of

the Gospel of John – the foot-washing scene. Hope, anticipation, and evaluation . . . all three of these ring out from Christ's humble act of servant leadership he models for his followers the night before his crucifixion and ensuing resurrection.

Jesus was confident enough in his identity that he was able to bend low and fulfill a task that was reserved to the servant of the house for his disciples. Taking a cue from Jesus, we in Campus Ministry understand that in order to serve, we must first know ourselves.

The freshmen and senior retreats at Serra this year have worked to foster self-awareness. Freshmen spent a day talking about the masks they wear and unpacking their results from a personality survey. It is always humbling to hear new Padres speak with pride about the gifts they



want to share with our community and with determination about the weaknesses they hope to overcome.

On a different level, the handful of seniors who took advantage of an optional retreat offered to their class focused on trust. A low-ropes course one day prompted a discussion on trusting our community while the following day's high-ropes course (some 60 feet up in redwood trees!) encouraged a reflection on trusting in one's self.

The feet of Jesus' followers most definitely were not a pretty sight. Filth, warts, and all, Jesus did the dirty work of scrubbing feet. Each drop of cleansing water and touch of the drying towel set in motion the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion, ushering in the moment of his resurrection. As a resurrection people, we too must follow Jesus' model of radical service. While it may be uncomfortable for us and put us face-to-face with those being crucified in our world, it is nevertheless what Jesus set for us as an example to emulate. All of Serra's juniors did just this. Each theology class spent a day at the St. Anthony Foundation in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco. After learning about the neighborhood and its inhabitants, small groups of juniors ventured off to different service sites. Some played dominoes and Othello with highly skilled and competitive 75 year-olds in day centers, others organized and arranged clothes at the clothing

and housewares program, and still others hand delivered hot meals to inhabitants of the numerous single residence occupancies. The day culminated in standing in the lunch line of the dining room. Through it all, each Serra junior was living in solidarity with those our society would rather overlook.

By stooping down and putting himself at the feet of his followers, Jesus sent a clear message that no member of a community should stand above another.

The sophomores spent a day on retreat looking at friendship, dating, and family life. On a similar note, our school liturgies work to foster and create a community of love, respect, and equality. While some of us may be more talented athletes or more intelligent students or more experienced educators, all of us come to the Eucharistic table at Mass as brothers and sisters. It is our hope in Campus Ministry that the values of these liturgical actions will spill over into our hallways, our locker rooms, and our classrooms.

Happy Easter to each of you! We humbly ask that you continue to pray for the work of servant leadership that we are about in Campus Ministry. You should know that it is our prayer that all of us will struggle to discover who we are as individuals, that we will do the sometimes humbling and dirty work of service to others, and that all of this will be lived out in a community of love.

"It is always humbling to hear new Padres speak with pride about the gifts they want to share with our community and with determination about the weaknesses they hope to overcome."

Kyle Lierk, Director of Campus Ministry





"Once a Padre, Always a Padre"

The Morton Family Tradition

Brian '83, Brendan '11 & Scott '08 Morton

by Connor Toomey '08

How closely can a son really follow in his father's footsteps? Are *all* of your genes passed down to your children? This seems to be the case for Serra alumnus **Brian Morton '83**. Never in his years of walking the halls of Serra High School would he imagine that his future eldest son, **Scott '08**, would be a mirror image in so many ways.

Brian was an athlete playing football, basketball and golf throughout his high school years. He was the Padre Mascot during his senior year, leading the cheering section at almost every Serra event. He went on to play golf and earn his degree at Santa Clara University.

Scott, almost an exact replica, is also an athlete, Spirit Commissioner, excellent student, and will follow in his dad's footsteps becoming a Bronco when he attends Santa Clara in the fall. Both Brian and Scott exemplify Serra school spirit, as both had the honor of wearing the Padre robe and serving as Cheerleader during their senior year.

Brian is president of McMorgan & Company, a San Francisco investment management company. He met his wife, Diane, during his junior year when she attended Notre Dame High

School. They have three children, **Scott '08**, **Brendan '11** and daughter Ashley. With all the hours he spends on the job, Brian still manages to devote time to Serra, whether it be on the Board of Regents, working on an alumni board, attending numerous events or, as many know him, "that guy who taught us the cheer at the Jungle Game Rally," which Brian remembers as *"the most excitement I have had in that gym in 25 years."*

Brian has always come across as the ideal Serra Padre. He recalls events that happened over twenty years ago and they are well ingrained in his memory. His most memorable event, however, took place at the beginning of his senior year. Brian was just starting out leading the cheering section at a football game against Sacred Heart Cathedral. The game took place at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco. Everyone present felt the intensity of the game. With just five seconds remaining, Serra was losing and had possession of the ball on the 42-yard line. Kicker Steve Forrester attempted a field goal but, with all eyes watching, came up short. Suddenly flags were thrown and it turned out Sacred Heart was off sides and was penalized five yards. Forrester would get another chance. According to Brian, this was the

first time he was really able to step up and lead the cheering section during a crucial moment. The second time around, Forrester made the field goal and Serra left Kezar with a thrilling win.

Brian's favorite and most inspirational teacher was Bob Davis, who taught English as well as coached wrestling. The intensity he brought to the classroom, Brian took on the field and into the stands. It was great teachers at Serra like Mr. Davis that Brian credits for instilling in him a great work ethic. Working hard and being confident are the two qualities he believes prepared him for Santa Clara University and beyond.

Another quality that Brian still carries with him on a daily basis is the brotherhood experienced through being a Padre. To Brian, brotherhood means that it doesn't matter if you graduated in the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's or beyond, you have something in common which makes you part of the Padre family. According to Brian, the greatest attribute Serra has to offer is its unique college prep environment that educates the entire person academically and spiritually no matter what background you may come from.



McCulloch wrote, "The Padre from Serra High brought intensity to his work that no other mascot in the region could match."

Preparing for college, Scott credits all of his teachers but would like to especially thank those who inspired him the most. Academically, Mrs. Rhoda Leonardi for her style of teaching, along with Mr. Joe Kmak and Mr. Mark Goyette who have taught Scott what it means to be a true Padre and a part of the brotherhood. To Scott, the brotherhood cannot fully be described in words.

"It means more than anything else because it is a sense of community, knowing you will always have that connection to your *brothers* . . . knowing you, along with so many others, had an amazing four years of high school," said Scott.

Scott says that he will most likely continue to attend Serra events, as going to school at Santa Clara means he is close enough to come to everything. He would also love to continue the Morton tradition and have his sons attend Serra.

It is families like the Mortons that make the most of their time at Serra and bring out the best in their "brother" Padres. Their devotion and dedication bonds them to every Serra graduate, and that bond will last a lifetime.



Scott's most memorable experience was being recognized for his job as Spirit Commissioner at the last home basketball game. Even though he played football, basketball, water polo and swimming throughout his four years, his heart was, is and always will be with the basketball team. In April, Scott was honored by the San Francisco Chronicle in an article featuring outstanding performers and performances from the recently completed high school basketball season. Writer Will McCulloch singled out Scott as the top mascot in the Bay Area.



Tri School Productions

Mercy ⇔ Notre Dame ⇔ Serra



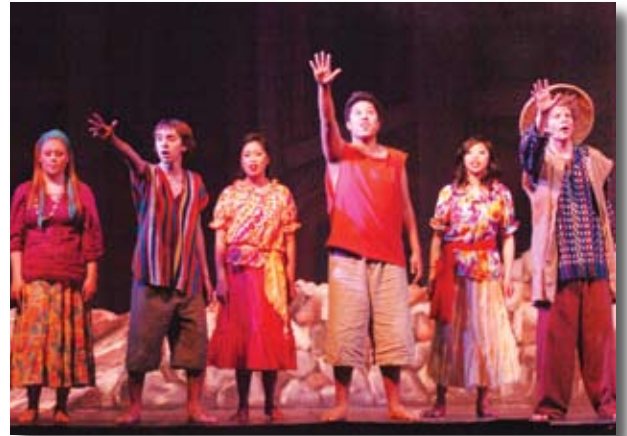
Spring Musical *"Once on this Island"*





Tri-School Productions (Mercy ★ Notre Dame ★ Serra) once again packed Serra's Gellert Auditorium during each of their spring musical performances of *"Once on this Island."* This highly original and theatrical Caribbean adaptation of the popular fairy tale "The Little Mermaid" sings and dances the story of Ti Moune, the black peasant girl who rescues, nurses and falls in love with Daniel, a mulatto from a wealthy family. When Daniel is returned to his people, the gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest to test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and death.

The cast featured over 60 performers, including Grace Komarek-Meyer (M) as Ti Moune, [Alex Maggi](#) (S) as Daniel, Kim Lauber (NDB) as Asaka, Jenelle Alexander (M) as Erzulie, [Alex Jordan](#) (S) as Agwe, [Addison Goss](#) (S) as Papa Ge, Elizabeth Owen (M) as Mama Euralie, [Owen McInnis](#) (S) as Ton Ton Julian, Katherine Russell (NDB) as Andrea, and [Matthew Elkins](#) (S) as Armand.



For the first time in Serra High School history, Tri-School Productions took part in the High School Musical Theater Honors program sponsored by American Musical Theater of San Jose. As one of thirty Bay Area schools participating, the Tri-School production of *"Once On This Island"* was viewed by four theater professionals who made note of strengths and weaknesses in all aspects of the production including sets, lighting and sound design, characterization, blocking, choreography, vocals, costumes, and orchestra.

In addition to the overwhelmingly positive comments, Nancy Fitzgerald, coordinator of the Honors Program, awarded certificates of recognition to: [Addison Goss](#) for outstanding actor in a lead role; Grace Komarek-Meyer and Kim Lauber for outstanding actress in a leading role; and [Alex Jordan](#), Janelle Alexander and Elizabeth Owen for outstanding vocals. Other recipients included students [John Wayne Haynes](#) for outstanding Stage Manager, as well as trumpeter [Jonathan Eiseman](#) and drummer [Taylor Rankin](#) for outstanding pit musicians. Staff honorees included 2007 Serra graduate [Jon Hayward](#) for outstanding lighting design, Pam Matthews (Mercy) for vocal direction, Mark Bowles for Technical Direction, Barbara Braeutigam for costume design, Jay Jordan for Musical Direction and Orchestra performance, and Gennine Harrington for Direction and Choreography.



Serra Musicians Receive Superior Ratings for Solo Performances

Congratulations to sophomore [Lucas Adams](#) (French horn), and seniors [Alex Jordan](#) (trombone) and [Brian McKee](#) (bassoon), all of whom received Superior ratings for their solo instrumental performances at the CMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival at San Francisco State University in March.

Brian McKee, who also performed in a woodwind ensemble with fellow members of the Peninsula Youth Orchestra, received the special distinction of "Command Performance" for both of his performances. Way to go Padre musicians!

PADRE BASKETBALL



Tom Leahy '08

overtime and rejuvenate the Padres.

"This was a vital win for a young team. To step up in this type of an atmosphere is a sign of character . . . and character is what Serra basketball is all about!" said Coach Rapp.

The Padres outscored SHC by twelve in overtime for a 78-66 win.

The team then struggled a bit, losing to three top basketball rivals in the WCAL before turning their season around by beating the Lancers of St. Francis 68-56 in a pivotal game. The Padres needed to get back on track and did so by fashioning a 3-game winning streak, highlighted by the traditional "Rumble in the Jungle" against the Wildcats of SI.

Serra ignited the raucous sell-out crowd by starting the Jungle Game with a 15-1 scoring run, holding the Wildcats to only one point with 33 seconds left in the first quarter. The Wildcats came back, but key Padre free throws late in the game made the difference in a 52-43 Serra's victory. After the game, Coach Rapp commented on the seventh consecutive Jungle Game win.

Coach Chuck Rapp's Padres had an outstanding basketball season once again this year led by returning starter and American University bound senior [Stephen Lumpkins](#), along with seniors [Tom Leahy](#) and [Anthony DeCossio](#). The Padres started play by taking home the consolation trophy from the Chris Vontoure Tourney at De La Salle, and followed that with the championship trophy from the Sobrato Bulldog Tourney.

The WCAL opener against Sacred Heart Cathedral was one of the high points of the Padres' season. With four ticks left on the clock, [Tim Dunleavy](#) hit the game tying basket to send the contest into

"This game means so much to our students, players and fans. This game is the epicenter of the Serra basketball community and we defended the jungle in a fashion that would make any Padre proud," said Rapp.

After the 3-game winning streak, the Padres had an especially tough stretch, falling in the next four games with four, two, three and one point losses in the always tough WCAL.

Again the Padres dug deep to find success in the next three games, earning a key 71-60 win against St. Francis, whipping SI once again, and knocking off Valley Christian by 28 points at home on "Senior Night."

Serra was seeded as the sixth team in the WCAL playoffs, playing number three Bellarmine. The Padres made the third time a charm as they kept the lead the entire game and never backed down, topping the Bells 61-50. [Lumpkins](#), [Dunleavy](#), [DeCossio](#) and [Matt Richardson](#) all scored in double figures. The Padres were a perfect ten for ten from the line. Serra then fell to the hot Crusaders in the second round of the WCAL tournament. The four-game winning streak had come to an end and the Padres now awaited their seed in the CCS tournament.

After a first-round CCS bye, the Padres played San Benito in the semi-finals of CCS defeating them easily 76-48. Then the Padres had to play Bellarmine again for the fourth time. Although the Bells trailed the whole game, they came back to end the season for the Padres on a last second shot. The Padres concluded their winning season with 18-11 and 7-7 in WCAL play.

[Lumpkins](#) was honored by being named First Team All-WCAL, All-Metro and San Mateo County Player of the Year. He broke a number of school records, including average points per game in a season with 21.1, highest career average at 17.9, and tied the single game rebounding record with 22 (tying [John Turner '60](#) and [Bob Pindroh '64](#)). [Lumpkins](#), who finished with more than 1000 career points scored, also came close to setting the record for total points in a season with 612, second to [Decensae White '06](#) who scored 691 points in the 2005-06 season.

One thousand was truly a magic number for Padre basketball this past year as [Steve Lumpkins](#)

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Stephen Lumpkins '08



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finished his two-year Serra career with a total of 1023 points placing him fourth in scoring in school history behind current Padre Junior Varsity basketball Coach [Tim Kennedy '95](#), Santa Clara University sophomore [Decensae White '06](#) and [Jack Keehan '67](#).

Padre guard [Leahy](#) and forward [DeCossio](#) were also recognized for their outstanding athleticism with All-WCAL Honorable Mention. [Dunleavy](#) was superb from the perimeter, while [Richardson](#), [Tyler Morehead](#) and [Ryan Allgrove](#) all handled the point guard position with success. [Adam Zoucha](#) was stellar on the defensive end.



Tim Dunleavy '08



Tyler Morehead '08



Ryan Allgrove '08



Anthony DeCossio '08



Matt Richardson '08

JV BASKETBALL

At the JV level, Coach Tim Kennedy's Padres finished with a 12-2 record in WCAL play and an overall mark of 19-4. A strong pre-season included second place finishes in both the Riordan and De La Salle tournaments along with an impressive 69-33 victory over Burlingame. In league play, Serra was victorious in their first ten games before hitting a speed bump with losses in back-to-back games against Bellarmine and St. Francis. The Padres finished strong with wins over SI and Valley Christian to place second in the league. Standouts for Coach Kennedy included [Connor McGrath](#), [Ryan Tana](#), [Jordan Reudy](#) and [Andy McAlindon](#).

WCAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON FOR FRESHMEN B TEAM

A WCAL championship season for the Freshman B basketball team highlighted this year's frosh program. Coach Mark Massey's club took the WCAL crown with a final league record of 11-1. The Padres started the season off strong with convincing wins over Sacred Heart Cathedral, Mitty, Riordan and Bellarmine. The B's came up just short against St. Francis losing by three points, but the Lancers then fell to the Bells to give Serra an opportunity to challenge for the league championship. The Padres set the tone for the second half of the season by beating SHC, Mitty, Riordan and Bellarmine. When the Lancers came for the rematch to the jungle it was an intense atmosphere. The Lancers were shutdown by the Padres stunning defense, which came out strong right off the tip. The Padres continued their tenacious defense led by [Mike Bertoldi](#) and were led on offense by [Barry Timko](#) and [Andre Mercurio](#). [Austin March](#) stepped up his defense as well while guarding St. Francis' number one scorer. The Padres also got a boost from their bench, with all of the players energizing and helping the five men on the floor. When all was said and done, the Padres emerged victorious 54-48.

The Padres then needed to beat SI to win the WCAL title and got the job done with a 41-32 victory. Serra averaged the most points per game and gave up the least points throughout the season which led them to the crown in a season to remember.

At the Frosh A level, the Padres finished in the middle of the WCAL standings with several Padres showing promise for the future. Those leading the way included [Dalyn Pacheco](#), [Anthony Santo](#), [Danny Flaherty](#), [Michael McEntee](#), [Sam Leahy](#), [John Vincent](#), [Barrett Cordery](#) and [Zach Swinney](#).

Thanks to [Paul Borromeo '09](#), [Connor Toomey '08](#), [Jake Moore '10](#) and [Andre Mercurio '11](#) who contributed to this article.



PADRE SOCCER



In its second year under Coach Jeff Panos, the Serra Padres soccer team had high expectations. Led by Coach Panos and Assistant Coach Matt Angel, the Padres had built a strong team chemistry starting in the summer and continuing through the fall. Senior captains [Scott Lenahan](#), [Ryan Ratto](#), and [Andrew Carrillo](#) directed the team with a sense of pride and discipline. Serra completed the season with an 11-8-4 record, which included numerous close and hard-fought games.



The Padres finished the regular season in fourth place, earning them a home match up against the fifth seeded Sacred Heart Cathedral Fighting Irish. In this game, senior captain and Cal-State Stanislaus bound [Ratto](#) scored two goals to lead Serra to a 2-0 victory. Up next were the second seeded Mitty Monarchs. After a tough 110 minute game, including two over times, the Padres and Monarchs went to penalty kicks. Sophomore goalie [Matt Grosey](#) came up clutch, blocking five out of seven penalty attempts. On Serra's seventh penalty shot, senior [Shayan Baradar](#) kicked in the game winner to end one of the most thrilling contests in many years. With a win, the Padres awaited the #1 team in the state, the Bellarmine Bells. This game was back and forth for 80 minutes and could have easily been a different result. However, the Padres dropped a heartbreaker 2-0 in the WCAL championship game. Bellarmine later went on to win the Division I CCS championship. Unfortunately, the Padres missed the CCS playoffs by one-third of a point. The Padre soccer program looks forward to the many returning juniors and sophomores [Luca Ponti](#), [Nick Roberts](#) and goaltender [Grosey](#).

Four-year varsity player [Hitallo Nava](#) along with junior [Nick Carrara](#) received First Team All WCAL Soccer honors. Senior sweeper [Oliver McElhone](#) earned Second Team All League recognition, while senior captain [Ratto](#) received Honorable Mention. [Ratto](#) also finished third in the league with 16 goals. [Nava](#) finished second in the league with ten assists. Seniors [Kevin DeMartini](#) and [Danny Browning](#) and juniors [Zack Alspaugh](#) and [Joey Chesio](#) also contributed to a successful year.

JV SOCCER

The Junior Varsity Soccer team started off on fire in pre-season play, winning all of its matches and scoring a total of 14 goals. During the pre-season, the JV's defense, especially goalkeeper [Matt Grosey](#) did a tremendous job holding off the opponents' offense as they did not allow a single goal. In the WCAL, the JV soccer team finished with a record of 5 wins, 7 losses and 2 ties, scoring 27 goals and allowing only 20 goals. Key performers for the Padres included [Sam Vella](#), [Eoin Doherty](#), [Doug Bradshaw](#), [Chris Mansfield](#), [Kevin Rogers](#), [Evan Roberts](#) and [Chandler Pessah](#). Coach Renan Pineda expressed satisfaction with the performance of the team because "they were able to handle the ball in the pitch, make accurate passes during the matches, and had an idea of how to play the most beautiful sport in the world."

FROSH SOCCER

The soccer season for the freshmen proved to be a both a learning and rewarding experience. The team finished 3-6-2 in league and was led by captains [Parker Toms](#), [Spencer Hall](#) and [Giancarlo Gavidia](#). A highlight was the 1-0 win over Mitty with [Gavidia](#) scoring the goal and goalkeeper [Alex Trulio](#) recording the shutout.

Thanks to [Kevin DeMartini '08](#) who contributed to this story.

PADRE WRESTLING



Hanna Malak '08

The Padres made a strong showing at the WCAL tournament. Hanna Malak led the way as he earned the individual WCAL championship for the Padres in the 189 pound weight division. Nick Ochoa, Jared Roberts and David Maciel took second place, while JP Rastrullo, Koa LamCenteio, Michael Dekker, Steven Touba, Kevin Castech, John Dutto and first-year standout Danny DeAlba all took home third place medals. As a result, eleven Serra wrestlers qualified to continue on to Central Coast Section competition with Malak taking the title in his division.

Malak was unquestionably the team's Most Valuable Player with consistent high finishes including earning first place at the prestigious Overfelt and Granada Mat Classic tournaments. He went on to become the CCS champion at his 189 pound

weight class and then advanced to the state tournament where he reached the quarter finals before being eliminated. Finishing with a record of 43-7, Malak set several school marks, including records for single season (120) and career (258) takedowns. Recognized for his achievements and outstanding season, he was named the San Mateo County Wrestler of the Year.



Hanna Malak '08

Coach Dan Vogl showed his respect and admiration for his senior wrestler, one of the most unselfish athletes he has ever coached, commenting, "I've never seen an athlete do as much for his fellow teammates and community as Hanna. He did things that were right for the team and not necessarily for him." Vogl recognized Hanna's extreme involvement in the school as

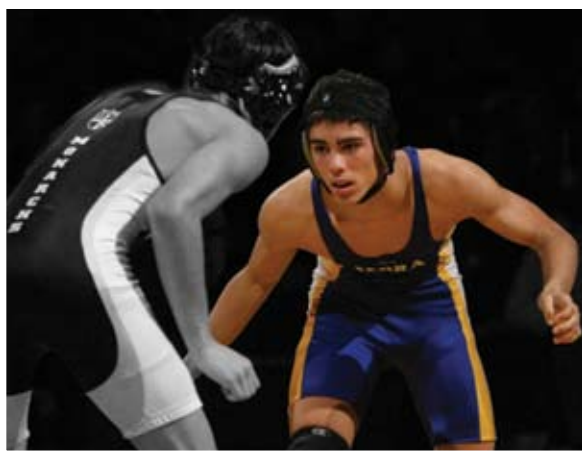
Student Body President stating, "I'm kind of surprised at times how he makes it through the day because a lot of people lean on him."



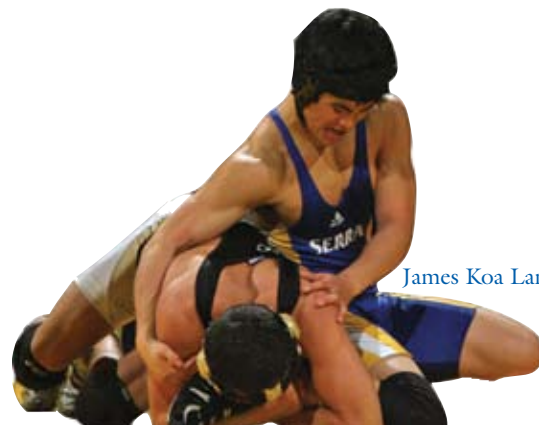
John Dutto '08

Other seniors who put their names in the Padre record books were Michael Dekker and Koa LamCenteio. Senior John Dutto was honored by the Central Coast Section by being awarded the Steve Stearns Sportsmanship Award. This honor is given to four wrestlers from the 139 school Central Coast Section based on attitude, sportsmanship and leadership.

Thanks to John Dutto '08 who contributed to this story.



Michael DeLuca '11



James Koa LamCenteio



Jared Roberts '09



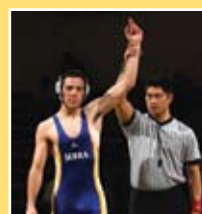
Andrew O'Leary '08



Steven Touba '09



David Maciel '08



Kevin Castech '08



Danny DeAlba '09



Brent Rockwell '08

'04 Grads "Meet" Up at Stanford Invitational



Padre Track Alums [Matt Delaurenti '04](#) (far right in Santa Clara Jersey) and [Dominic Vogl '04](#) (first in Sacramento State Jersey) at Stanford Invitational

Padre alums [Dominic Vogl '04](#) (a junior at Sacramento State) and [Matt Delaurenti '04](#) (a senior at Santa Clara University) reunited in early April at the 2008 Nike Stanford Track & Field Invitational. Featuring many of the top collegiate and high school athletes from around the country, the event is one of the biggest annual track meets on the West Coast. Vogl ran the Men's 3000 Meter steeplechase in 9:10.33 to take the conference lead.

Two weeks later, at the Brutus Invitational at Cal Berkeley, Delaurenti becoming the first Bronco runner to qualify for the NCAA West Regionals in school history with his win in the men's steeplechase. Delaurenti just barely made the cutoff time of 9:07 with a finishing time of 9:06.84, just enough to propel him into Santa Clara track history. Delaurenti's time was also a new personal all-time record for him in the steeplechase, breaking his previous record of 9:16.7.

Lindo '05 ~ First Latino Student Body President at University of the Pacific in Nearly 30 Years!



University of the Pacific students elected [Edwin Lindo '05](#) to be its first Latin American student body president in nearly three decades.

"Learning that I am the first Latin-American to be elected ASUOP President at the University of the Pacific was exciting, considering we are one of the oldest Universities on the West Coast," Lindo said. "I see this accomplishment as a small contribution to the advancement of people from disadvantaged backgrounds, proving, in a very small way that with a positive vision pulling us, and a strong background pushing us forward, more dreams can become reality."

Lindo, currently a Junior at UOP, is majoring in International Business with a minor in Pre-Law. After giving up baseball in the beginning of his junior year, Edwin became increasingly involved with on-campus organizations. He became president of the Association of Latin American Students, a member of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, in addition to working fifteen hours per week.

He is expected to graduate in May 2009 and plans to attend law school with ambitions of practicing International Civil Rights Law. He said he eventually would like to practice in the World Court.

Meet The Murphy's



Tom Murphy '07 (far right) was destined to graduate from Serra High School -- it appears that's what the Murphy men do!

The above photo, which was taken last June at the graduation celebration for Tom, include eight Murphy grads dating back to the 1966 Cadillac Raffle and continuing through the 2007 Pot of Gold.

Pictured from left to right are: Tom Murphy '66 (Retired from PG&E); Joe Murphy '69 (Retired from BofA/Financial Consultant); Dan Murphy '71 Design/Consultant); Steve Murphy '74 (Construction Manager); Joe Murphy '96 (RWC Fireman); Jeff Murphy '00 (Graphic Artist); Sean Murphy '02 Business/Consultant) and Tom Murphy '07 (Freshman SDSU).



Mike Rapp '89, brother of Serra faculty member and varsity basketball coach Chuck Rapp '86, was promoted this past season to a NCAA Division 1 referee in the West Coast Conference (WCC). Mike is currently refereeing out of San Diego.



Vince Licata '81 is now the District Sales Manager for SYSCO Food Services of Sacramento. Utilizing his 21 years of industry experience, Vince will develop sales and marketing programs for new and existing clients. Vince and his wife Gina reside in Rocklin with their three daughters Kelli, Katie and Annelise.

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“Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle”



ATTENTION PADRE EAGLES!

As you may recall from our Fall issue of Traditions, we asked for all Padre Eagle Scouts to identify themselves. So far, we have received the names of close to forty alums and current students who have earned their Eagle Scout honor.

If you have not yet submitted your name, it's not too late. If you are an Eagle or currently a scout working toward your Eagle, please let us know. Log on to Serra's website at www.serrahs.com and click on the "Alumni" section to complete our online form or e-mail mwilkinson@serrahs.com. You may also mail in your information by sending it to: Junipero Serra High School, Attention Michelle Wilkinson, 451 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403.

Go Padres! Go Eagles!

Name	Troop #	Location
Glenn Arvin '80	27 & 377	San Mateo
Damon Bailey '04	27	San Mateo
James Beering '81	42	San Mateo
Alex Bodisco '87	101	Burlingame/SSF
Matthew Breite '91	183	SSF
James Burke '56	153	San Carlos
Hans Bus '69	90	Cortre Madera
David D'Amico '86	175	Foster City
Lt. Col Mark DeLuna '83	42	San Mateo
Shawn DeLuna '86	42	San Mateo
Christopher DeLuna '93	42	San Mateo
Jonathan DeLuna '97	42	San Mateo
Richard DeLuna '01	42	San Mateo
Tad DeWree '78	153	San Carlos
Michael Dougherty '07	264	Pacifica
Mark Fehr '98	101	Burlingame
Michael Franzoia '80	369	Daly City
Michael Halualani '83	7	San Mateo
Michael Hannon '90	27	San Mateo
John Wayne Haynes '08	74	Pacifica
Jerry Horstmeyer '86	67	Redwood City
Andrew Hutchison '04	27	San Mateo
George Kiesel '87	101	Burlingame
Kevin Kinsella '87	101	Burlingame
John Kretschmann '83	27	San Mateo
Audel Lashgari '99	149	Redwood City
Andrew Miller '86	27	San Mateo
Patrick McMorro '01	1478	San Bruno
Robert O'Brien '82	27	San Mateo
Christo (Mike) Pallas '08	183	San Bruno
Daniel Showalter '00	29	Pacifica
Ryan Swets '00	156	Burlingame
Michael Henry Tauskey '10	42	Temple Bethel
Peter Wargo '60	Ship 46	San Mateo
Patrick Weston '92	127	Redwood City
Michael Wise '07	149	Redwood City
Jonathan Worthge '08	42	Temple Bethel
Shane Worthge '09	41	Temple Bethel

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Hundreds of Padre Alums have already registered with Serra's Online Alumni Community and have started reconnecting with former 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 the following four easy steps:

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



Garrett Pence '05 graduated recently from the police academy at CSM and subsequently hired by the Millbrae Police Department.

The Brotherhood Continues

Two Weddings



21 PADRES!



There's nothing like a wedding to bring family, friends and Padre "brothers" together. The two group photos below were taken at distinct wedding receptions; however, there's certainly something familiar about them! A total of twenty-one Padres make up the two happy groups pictured below celebrating the weddings of Carl '93 & Heather Peterson and Tim '84 & Heather McKercher. The father of the bride in the McKercher wedding, Pat Larkin '56, is also a Padre alum!



Carl Peterson '93 Wedding

Back Row L to R: Anthony Farinia '93, Steve Philpott '93, Jeff Perry '93, Ryan Esposto '93, Roger Testa '93, Dan Fannon '93, Chris Scofield '93, Eric Richardson '93, Justin Perry '99, Jeremy '95; Front Row: Carl Peterson '93 (Groom) and Michael Peterson (Father of the Groom and Principal during their years at Serra)



Tim McKercher '84 Wedding

Back Row L to R: Chris Armanino '04, Bob Fitzgerald '84, JB Orecchia '84, Bob McKercher '82, Jeff Healy '84, Tim McKercher '84 (Groom), Pat Larkin '56 (Father of the Bride); Front Row L to R: Steve Leary '84, Anthony Armanino '07 and Terry Condon '84



CPL Robert Mitchell '02 with his father Bill

Serra alum [CPL Robert Mitchell '02](#) returned home recently ending his four-year commitment with the U.S. Marine Corps. As a Corporal, Bob served in logistics, coordinating the acquisition of parts for a vehicle maintenance group stationed in Twentynine Palms, California.

Bob went through basic training at Camp Pendleton in the Spring '04 and, after a brief stint in Camp Lejeune, South Carolina, he served for two years in Okinawa. From Okinawa, Bob moved to Twentynine Palms -- from where he was deployed to Iraq in the Fall '07.



CPL Robert Mitchell '02 (far left) sends a Christmas greeting while stationed in Iraq

While in Iraq, Bob was stationed on a base in Rawa, but traveled frequently outside the base to support the troupes in the field.

"Bob is pretty light-hearted about his experience in Iraq," said his mom Elizabeth, "but, he will tell you that the conditions in Iraq were much more severe than they were during his deployment in Japan."

***"I live in a tent,
eat in a tent, and
shower in a tent; it's
like a vacation
... kind of."***

**CPL Robert Mitchell
'02**

While at Serra, Bob was noted for being rather unconventional, "most notably in his choice of clothing which always stretched the Serra dress code," said his mom. He also participated in crew and, notably, organized a concert of local rock bands for his 18th birthday. Yet, despite outward appearances, Bob always had an affinity for the Marines.

"He was named after a family member who was a career Marine," added Mrs. Mitchell, "and he was born on the birthday of the Marines."

Although Bob immediately attended college upon graduating from Serra, "his heart was not in a place to take full advantage of the experience," said his mom. "So, he decided to get to know the local Marine Recruiter."

As for his future, Bob plans to join his passion for rock music with his knowledge of computers by completing his college education at Expressions College in Emeryville. He plans to get a degree in Sound Engineering. When asked by his father why this time he thinks that he will be successful in college, Bob replied: "Dad, because this time college is what I really want to do."



[William Barron '97](#) and his sister Eileen NDB '95 take a moment to smile for the camera while sightseeing in London earlier this year. During the same trip, they also traveled to Scotland along with their parents, Jim and Maria, for a family wedding.



A retirement ceremony was held in February for "Fix," a K-9 member of the San Mateo Police Department. Born in Germany, Fix belongs to San Mateo Police Officer and alum [Craig Collom '90](#). Prior to his work with the SMPD, Fix and Craig worked for the Foster City Police Department for three and one half years. The dedicated team provided many demonstrations for local area schools and was involved in one of the largest narcotics raids in San Mateo County.

Tom Banducci '72 Makes List of Top 500 Leading Lawyers in America

Tom Banducci '72 has been selected as one of the *Lawdragon* Leading 500 Lawyers in America -- an exclusive list of the top 500 lawyers as ranked by their peers and clients. Banducci was one of only two Idaho attorneys included in the prestigious list. This follows Banducci's selection in 2006 by *Lawdragon* as one of the nation's leading litigators.

Nominations exceeded 15,000 attorneys, with only 500 selected as Leading Lawyers. This list sets the standard for best of the legal profession, including private attorneys from a wide range of practices.

A 1976 honors graduate of Stanford University, Tom has been practicing law in Idaho since 1979 after receiving his law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law. Tom founded the Boise office of Stoel Rives LLP in 1991, where he headed up the Idaho litigation team and served as managing partner for several years. In 2007, he joined with Wade Woodard and Benjamin Schwartzman to form BWS, which focuses exclusively on representing clients involved in complex commercial litigation.

In 2007, Banducci and his partner Wade Woodward secured the largest jury verdict in the history of Idaho (the nation's 12th largest of that year) against a regional medical center for unfair business practices.



Ryan Borg '07 Helps Sonoma State Row Team Take the Gold



Ryan Borg '07 pictured in top row (second from left wearing sunglasses) helping to hold up the trophy.

Recent alum Ryan Borg '07 competed in May at the WIRA Collegiate Regatta up at Lake Natomas in Rancho Cordova. Now attending Sonoma State University, Ryan is woring for thier Club Crew team, which is a very new program. The race they won was the Novice lightweight four boat.

"What makes this so exciting is they not only took gold, but that they came from behind - 5th place at the start of the race," said alumni mom Karan Borg. "They over took the leader and expected winner Cal Berkeley team (a very established team with lot's of funds)!"

Ryan was the stroke rower for the team - he keeps the pace going on the rest of the rowers in the boat - it takes team work to win a race like this.

This was a goal of his while rowing in college to beat Cal Berkeley and he did it. This is the 1st gold medal - trophy for Sonoma State Rowing at

More Memories of John Catalano

"His passion for music was contagious and his ability to teach and inspire had a profound life long impact."

Rick Ehrhorn '68



John Catalano 1967

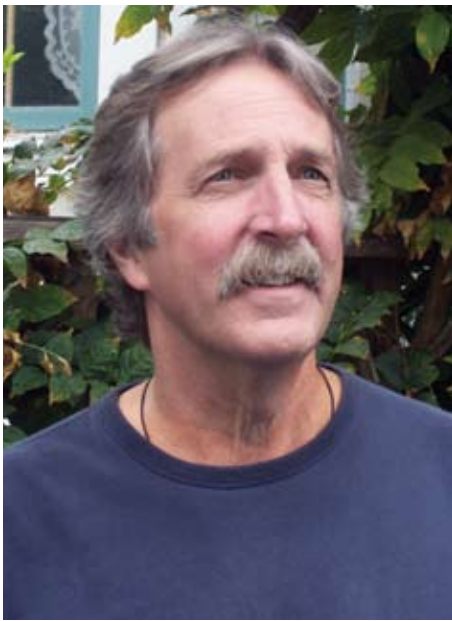
What a great response we received from the article featured in our Winter issue of Traditions on "The John Catalano 1960's Concert Series." Floods of "musical" memories and images of the day were shared in a variety of e-mail messages and letters from former Serra musicians, and fans.

Joe Begley '70 wrote, **"Catalano allowed me (and many others) to expand into as many areas of music and bands as our interest would allow. That was the spark for a lot musical creativity for me that carries over to this day. He also had perfect pitch . . . I remember he'd walk by a music room where some student would be practicing inside and just call out 'that's B FLAT, _____, B FLAT!'".**

Matt O'Brien '69 wrote, **"I'll never forget the tape Kevin Shrieve '69 produced as an assignment for one of our classes where he played ALL the instruments, each dubbed in sequentially. I once got a hitch-hiking ride to Serra with Mike Shrieve '67 and Carlos Santana -- who were dropping Kevin off at school."**

Anthony de Alcuaz '65 (who played lead in most of the performances during the late 60's) wrote, **"I remember the Spring '68 show where I was a solo because Mr. Catalano had kicked me out of some of the other bands for missing Marching Band practice; I was giving a nominating speech for president of the San Mateo County CYA, but 'Cat' didn't care."**

MIDNIGHTERS' GUITARIST RICK EHRHORN '68 LOOKS BACK TO THE SUMMER OF '64



Rick Ehrhorn '68

It was the end of my eighth grade summer, 1964, when I first met John Catalano. Already accepted and registered to begin my freshman year at Serra, I wanted to enroll in the music department and learn to play guitar. Unfortunately, the registration deadline had passed so I followed the advice of my parents and approached the Catalano's residence conveniently located several houses up the street from where I lived. Perhaps, I thought, the director of the music department would listen to my pleas and help change my desire into a reality.

After introductions and a statement of purpose, I was invited in and greeted warmly by Mr. Catalano and his wife. His small old dog seemed unhappy about my arrival. He growled and barked a bit, but I was assured he was harmless. "No teeth," I was told. Fortunately, this proved to be true a bit later during my good-byes and expressions of appreciation. I felt a tugging on the back of my ankle and realized I was being bitten while trying to leave, though it was more like being "gummed." Regardless, I left happy -- impressed by the friendly reception and encouraged by Mr. Catalano's commitment to see what he could do about my request. Not long after, news came from the admissions office that I was enrolled in the music department starting in the fall.

That year and the following, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to learn the basics of guitar playing, as related to note reading and chord formation. And, I was doing fairly well. At one point, Mr. Catalano needed trumpet players, so he invited me to give it a try because he thought I had some talent. Out in the hall we went with a trumpet in hand to see if I could blow a note. After several unsuccessful attempts, I noticed Mr. Catalano didn't seem to flinch when I told him I preferred to stay with the guitar. A trumpet player I was not and he knew it, though he never said it.

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By 1967, fellow Serra students (and former classmates since 1st grade at St. Gregory's) [Scott Morris](#), [Bruce Massey](#), [Vince Hurley](#) and I had formed a band called "*The Midnighters*." We played teen club dances, band battles, and events sponsored by local recreation departments and parties. Mr. Catalano had heard about us, but I don't think he had ever really heard us. Several of us were still part of the music department, so he asked if we'd like to use a room in the music building to practice. In exchange, we had to be willing to be the Serra rock band and perform with the rest of his musical combos. We were able to leave the equipment set up in the room and we practiced at least two periods a week. Saying yes was not hard to do!

Occasionally, Mr. Catalano would come in for a listen and was generally positive, though he warned us that all the young people who were out spending a lot of money on big amplifiers and fancy guitars would one day realize their mistakes and jump off a bridge somewhere. He had a Supro amp, if I recall correctly. It was small, effective and cheap. Or, at least cheaper than all the Fender amplifiers that were the rage then.

Having the opportunity to practice weekly during school hours and perform with the many fine musicians at Serra was a real treat. The details may be a little fuzzy now, but the essence of the reality is still impressive. It was John Catalano who made this memorable experience happen. To this day, I appreciate the way he enjoyed, promoted, accepted and sometimes even tolerated different musical styles. His passion for music was contagious and his ability to teach and inspire had a profound life long impact. I am sure many who felt his influence continue to play today and would attribute at least part of their love for music to John Catalano, a teacher we affectionately called "the Cat". To honor him is to return the favor.



"The Midnighters" - Class of 1968

This above picture was taken on the upper deck parking lot at the Hillsdale Mall during a "battle of the bands" event sponsored by the Sherman and Clay Music Store. Pictured: Bruce Massie (foreground); Scott Morris (center with drum); Rick Elhorn '68 (far right); Vince Hurley '68 (standing behind Rick).

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1986 photo of top drummers Mike Curotto '68, Steve Gadd, and Scott Morris '68

Mike Curotto '68 ~ Born to Drum

[Mike Curotto '68](#) started playing drums in 1959 and decided that he wanted to be a professional drummer at the age of 12. He began teaching privately in 1963 and has studied with many of the top drum set and percussion teachers in the San Francisco Bay Area. After graduating from Serra, Mike received a Bachelor's Degree in Percussion under the expert teaching of Anthony Cirone from San Jose State University in 1972. Since then, he has kept a busy private lesson-teaching schedule at The Gelb Music Teaching Institute in Redwood City and continues to freelance as a drummer in the Bay Area.

Mike is also well-known for his extensive collection of vintage snare drums that he refers to as *The Curotto Collection*, with many rare and fancy finishes from the 1900s to the 1950s. He is a contributing author for "*Not So Modern Drummer Magazine*" and "*Classic Drummer Magazine*," and his snare drums and articles have been featured in Harry Cangany's "Collectors Corner" in *Modern Drummer Magazine*. Mike currently resides in San Carlos with his wife Nga and daughter Angela.

'58

SAVE THE DATE
September 13, 2008!

Look for more news on your 50-year reunion in upcoming mailings!

'78

SAVE THE DATE
September 13, 2008!

Look for more news on your 30-year reunion in upcoming mailings!

'88

SAVE THE DATE
September 13, 2008!

Look for more news on your 20-year reunion in upcoming mailings!

'59

Gary Hughes recently earned Baseball America's Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to Major League Baseball. Gary is currently a special assistant to Cubs general manager Jim Hendry.

'64

Larry Frost recently retired from the San Francisco Police Department after 37 years of service. Sgt. Frost and his wife, Robin, have a small thoroughbred ranch in Northern California.

'68

SAVE THE DATE
September 13, 2008!

Look for more news on your 40-year reunion in upcoming mailings!

Jim Moll was recently selected by the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce as "Business Professional of the Year." Jim is Branch Manager of A.G. Edwards/Wachovia Securities and has lived in the Oroville community since 1974. Jim and his wife, Claudia, have been married for 32 years.

'77

Kevin Holden and his wife, Kelly, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in April (they were married by Fr. Stephen Howell.) They have three daughters - Jillian (NDB '06) in her second year at San Jose State, Emma (NDB '08) 2007 WCAL Softball Pitcher of the Year and heading to California Baptist University on a softball scholarship, and Elizabeth who will be a freshman at NDB in the Fall.

'81

Vince Licata was hired by SYSCO Food Services as District Sales Manager for the downtown Sacramento restaurant and food service clientele, where he will be responsible for developing sales and marketing programs for new and existing clients. Vince and his wife, Gina, live in Rocklin with their three daughters, Kelli, Katie and Annelise.

'83

SAVE THE DATE
September 13, 2008!

Look for more news on your 25-year reunion in upcoming mailings!

Lt. Colonel Mark C. DeLuna is a lieutenant in the Marine Corps currently assigned to the Philippines, living in Manila. He works with the Philippine Marines in anti-insurgency training. Mark graduated from St. Mary's college. He and his wife, Jessica, have two girls and one boy.

'86

Brian Ayoob and his wife, Lisa, are the proud new parents of a son, JP. Also celebrating JP's birth are uncles **Brett '89**, **Derek '99** and **Dean '92**.

Shawn DeLuna is President of Collection Bureau of America. He graduated from St. Mary's College and lives with his wife, Michele, and their five children -- two girls and three boys.

Matt Conneely was recently promoted to the Western Division Vice President for Kendall-Jackson Wine Estates. Matt currently resides in Folsom with his wife and two daughters.

'89

Brian Haena and his wife, Karen, welcomed twin girls, Brynn and Brooke, on January 22nd. The girls join their big brother, Brian Jr.

Mike Rapp, brother of **Chuck Rapp '86** (Serra faculty member & Varsity basketball coach) was promoted to a NCAA Division 1 referee in the West Coast Conference (WCC) this past season. Mike is currently refereeing out of San Diego.

'91

Matthew Breite and his wife, Alesha, welcomed their second son, Jayden Morgan, on December 29th. Jayden joins his big brother, Tyler.

'92

Dean Ayoob, Assistant Athletic Director, and his wife, Lara, welcomed their first child, Blake Wesley, on March 25th. Also celebrating Blake's birth are uncles **Brian '86**, **Brett '89** and **Derek '99**.

Jon Fahrner and his wife, Jenna (White) are the proud parents of twin boys, Maxwell John and Coleman Thomas born on March 7th. Sharing in the excitement are Uncles **Bill '89**, **Joe '95** and **Tommy '97 Fahrner** and great Uncles **Larry Siegel '61**, **Glenn Seigel '73** and **Bob Schmolze '68**

Joe Hudelson was recently hired by Serra as a full-time English teacher. Joe will also be the English Department Chair, as well as the Director of Serra's fall play. Prior to being hired at Serra, he taught English at Archbishop Mitty and coached the Varsity Women's Golf and Men's JV Golf teams. Joe lives in Foster City with his wife, Stephanie (NDB '88) and their two children, Rebecca and Danny.

'93

Brian Bedell and his wife, Fumiko, announced the birth of their first son, Musashi, born on July 26th. Brian lives in Chennai, India, where he is on his first diplomatic assignment for the U.S. State Dept. Brian joined the Foreign Service in May. His next assignment will be in Beijing.

Christopher DeLuna owns DeLuna foods and is the West Coast Marketing Dir. for Cuisine Solutions. He graduated from USC, and currently lives in Southern California with his wife, Elena, and their two children -- one boy and one girl.

'94

Josh Bertetta is the proud new father of his third son, Aristotle Elijah, born on March 7th.

'95

Dan Frisella and his wife, Julie, welcomed their first child, Lucas Daniel, on February 12th. Lucas is the grandson of Pam and the late Daniel Frisella '63.

Preston McCrary and his wife recently moved to Seattle. They are expecting their first child in October.

'96

Chris Arnold graduated with Honors recently from Flight School at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He is currently a Blackhawk Helicopter pilot for the Wyoming National Guard and lives in Colorado.

'97

Jonathan DeLuna graduated from the University of San Diego. He and his wife, Michelle, currently live in San Juan Capistrano.

'98

Your 10-year reunion is just around the corner! Look for more news in upcoming mailings.

'00

Nicholas Bianchi married Christina Dominici on April 5 at St. Mary's College in Moraga. Fellow Padre William Boenig was one of his groomsmen.

1st Lieutenant Ben Bowman has been deployed as a chinook helicopter pilot to Bagram, Afghanistan for a 9-month tour. Ben works for the Army out of the CA Army Guard Unit in Stockton.

'01

Richard DeLuna graduated from Regis University in Denver. He is currently living in San Mateo and works in the family business.

'05

Edwin Lindo is currently a Junior at the University of the Pacific and was recently elected 2008-09 Student Body President.

Garrett Pence recently graduated from the policy academy at CSM and is now working for the Millbrae Police Department.

'06

Evan Jones, currently a 6 ft. 3" 235-pound Sophomore at Trinity University in Texas, was named the SCAC (Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference) Offensive Baseball Player-of-the-Week in April.

'07

Chris Dunleavy and his "engineering team" received 1st Place in the "Most Cost Effective" category at the University of Portland's Annual School of Engineering Freshman Competition.

THE FATHER SERRA HERITAGE 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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In Memoriam



Donald Azzopardi '55, brother of Serra staff member Sally Lockie, passed away on February 26th.

Violet Azzopardi, mother of the late Donald Azzopardi '55 and Serra staff member Sally Lockie, passed away on April 2nd.

Marco Bet, father of Claudio '74 and grandfather of Anthony '06, Andrew '08, Christopher '09, and future Padre Eric '12, passed away on December 20th.

Brian Connolly '74 passed away on March 10, 2008.

Eugene Gilsdorf, father of William '59, Thomas '64 and Stephen '70 passed away on January 20th.

Daniel Greenwood '56 passed away on April 17, 2008.

Virginia Grinstead, mother of Arthur '72 passed away.

George Hart, grandfather of Dan Blank '04 and Steve Blank '06 and father of Serra Faculty member Jane Blank passed away on February 2nd.

Oliver Lavezzo, father of Ron '72 and Rick '77 and grandfather of Christopher '96, Matthew '99, Eric Tigri '01, John Perry '02, Gino '03, Giorgio '05, Donny '06 and Caitlin (NDB '07) passed away on April 4th.

Kathleen McClenahan, wife of Tim '63 passed away on February 26th.

Dr. Laura Marschall, former Serra faculty member, passed away on December 1st.

James Graham McCormick '66 passed away.

Thomas Moureaux '68 brother of Joe '75 and Paul '80 passed away on February 26th.

Helen Nielsen, mother of Patrick '70, Charles '75 and grandmother of Erik Nielsen '02 passed away on March 28th.

Emil (Lou) Parque grandfather of Jimmy Parque '06 passed away.

Angela Pasco, mother of Rich '56 passed away in December.

Arne Pehrson, father of Michael '69, Thomas '70, Steven '88 and father-in-law of Kevin Holden '77 passed away on March 21st.

John Petrin, father of John '65, Ray '69, Tim '71 and grandfather of Brandon '02 and William '91 passed away on April 21st.

Diane Waller, mother of Luke '96 and Ben '97 and former 1996-96 Mothers' Auxiliary President, passed away on April 16th.

Geraldine Wojcik, grandmother of Brad Stapleton '97 and mother-in-law of Serra faculty member Keith Stapleton passed away on March 8th.

Rest in Peace

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JUNE 23, 2008

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FRIDAY,
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SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

Reunion Gala

Classes of 58, 68, 78, 83, 88, 98

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If you would like to share your family photos with us, we would be glad to include them in our TRADITIONS "Padre Family Photo Album"

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Musashi Bedell (Brian Bedell '93)



Jayden and big brother Tyler Breite
(Matthew '91)



Lisa, Baby JP & Brian Ayoob '86



Brian, Jr. with twin sisters Brynn
& Brooke Haena (Brian Haena '89)



Four Generations of Giron's
(Mom Jill (Giron) Ihrke, Baby Aaron Ihrke,
Grandfather Mark Giron '61, Aunt Ida (Giron) Volkmann)



Heather & Carl Peterson '93 Wedding



Ian Lawrence and Sean Patrick Moran
(Larry Moran '83)



Danny & Rebecca Hudelson
(Joe Hudelson '92)



Julie, Dan '95 & Lucas Daniel Frisella



Maxwell John and Coleman Thomas Fahrner
(Jon Fahrner '92)



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