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“I have always felt a great deal of affection for and loyalty to Serra and this was a good opportunity for me to give something back.”



An Exciting Time To Be A Serra Padre

Dear Alumni and Friends of Serra:

Fall 2004 was a semester to remember!

The year began with record breaking enrollment. To date, we have one thousand students attending Serra - an all-time record. In an era where students are applying and being accepted to our competitors to the north and south, students are choosing Serra as their first choice.

Our academic, athletic and fine arts programs continue to be the pride of San Mateo County and beyond. A few examples:

- Our Advanced Placement tests passage rates are in the 80% range (the national average is 60%) - special thanks to the dedication of our AP teachers and students.
- Our Fall Sports Program was very successful. Will McCarthy's Cross Country team winning yet another CCS title and Patrick Walsh's football team made it to the first round of the CCS playoffs.
- Athletic Director, Kevin Donahue, was named the CCS "Athletic Director of the Year" by the California State Association of Athletic Directors.

• Senior, Sam Walsh, was named winner of the "Ohleyer Award" given annually by the San Francisco Olympic Club. This is the highest honor the club can give to high school scholar-athletes. Junior, Ryan Svendsen, was named to the California Honor Band; he was chosen from among one thousand candidates from throughout the state.

• The Theater Arts Program staged a successful production of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." We are all anxiously awaiting the Spring musical production of "Beauty and the Beast."

• Serra students raised \$3,500 and thousands of additional dollars worth of food and toys for the school's annual "Adopt a Family" Program. Last week, they donated \$3,700 to Catholic Relief Services on behalf of the survivors of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

As I wrote this letter, Tom Brady (Serra, '95) and the New England Patriots were defeating the Indianapolis Colts in a NFL Playoff game! As you know, Tom's donation of his Super Bowl MVP Cadillac helped the school raise over \$350,000 in our annual raffle. The winner, Charlie Affrunti (father of Serra grads Brian '96 and Bernie '94) was announced at the Annual Auction Benefit,

which raised an additional \$150,000 for Serra's building project. This was the most successful and exciting fundraiser in the school's history!

It's an exciting time to be a Serra Padre and a Padre alum. Our school is moving forward not only in its building project, but also in its academic, extra-curricular and spiritual programs. As always, Serra is a place where students can grow in heart, mind, body and soul.

Thank you for your support of Serra.

Sincerely,

Lars Lund
Principal



Serra's Future Looks Bright

As we begin the second semester of the 2004-05 school year, I continue to be energized by all the great things being accomplished by our students and alumni. Thus far, this year, we have had students receive early acceptance to Stanford, obtain scholarships to attend Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, and receive the outstanding student-athlete award from The Olympic Club. Our crew team recently placed first at the Northwest Regional Championships in the Men's Varsity Pair. Our thespians are well into rehearsing for Disney's, "Beauty and the Beast," with Serra being the first high school in the Bay Area to obtain the rights to this performance.

Within this past year, we have had alumni receive their Golden Diplomas from Serra, get married, become dads, publish books, be chosen as Super Bowl MVP, and as National League MVP, move into new careers, retire . . . and much, much more. Within these pages you can continue to learn what is taking place at Serra and with your fellow alumni.

As of this writing, the sun is shining, an aberration from the past few weeks, which has enabled our construction project to continue with some regularity. When I walked around the campus earlier today, I saw the concrete pumps pouring the foundations for the baseball bleachers, and the storage areas behind the gym and at south end of the track. Hopefully, when the ground dries out a little more, the trucks will be back again to remove the dirt where the football bleachers will be placed and the parking structure erected. And, giving credit where credit is due, our students and faculty have been great! With all the noise and commotion of our project, they have been very patient, understanding and accommodating. They realize that in this case "the end justifies the means."

One new, actually reinstituted, activity we had this past semester was the Alumni Phonathon. With the help of over twenty parent volunteers, seven staff, sixty students and YOU, we have raised almost \$60,000.00.

Thank you for making this event such a success. Without you and others in the Serra community, we could not do all we are doing for the young men who are here today and those coming tomorrow. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's phonathon and would like to do so, please give us a call. Your continued support is essential for all we do.

Michael Peterson
Director of Institutional Advancement



Alumni Phonathon
Volunteers
(L) Eric Dacorro '07
(R) Anirudh Nayak '07



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Twenty-One Serra Freshmen Keep Up With The Padre Tradition

Twenty-one freshmen whose fathers graduated from Serra are part of this year's record-setting enrollment. We currently have a total of 72 alumni sons in our student body. The 2004-2005 school year began with an all-time high of 998 students, the largest enrollment in Serra's history.



Back Row (L to R): Rob Natoli (Stephen, 1971), Antonio Lucha (David, 1976), Michael Dekker (George, 1988), Andrew Bet (Claudio, 1974), Patrick Williams, (James, 1983), Anthony DiSanto (Michael, 1975), Max Vorsatz (Paul, 1967), Nick Bertoldi (John, 1981), Kiernan Moran (Pat, 1980), Thomas Leddy (Sean, 1976), John Minahan (John, 1975). Front Row (L to R): Tim Dunleavy (Kevin, 1980), Elliott Lanam (Joseph, 1973), Scott Morton (Brian, 1983), Joseph Frank (Glen, 1980), Daniel Kidwell (Andrew, 1982), Edward Stocker (E. Martin, 1978), Sean Flynn (Kevin, 1982), Tyler Turdici (Edward, 1984), Kevin Barranti (Marc Garibaldi, 1981). Not pictured: James Sheehan (David, 1971).



Padres Show Support of Our Troops Deployed Overseas

During the first week of December, many students at Serra took the time to write Christmas cards to deployed troops overseas in an effort to express their support to those young men and women who have dedicated their lives for our freedom. With the help of an organization known as “Operation Sandbox,” approximately 600 Christmas cards were sent out in the hopes of making a soldier smile.

Karen Ghidossi, current Director of Serra’s College & Career Center, and alumni mom, first learned about “Operation Sandbox” through another mother in her Air Force Parent and Spouses On-Line Support Group. Karen’s son, Rick ‘99, is currently a Senior Airman (Sr.A) stationed at Shaw AFB in South Carolina. Rick enlisted in the Air Force following 9/11. He had been deployed to Kuwait and Bahrain, but is currently back home with his wife, Amy, and three daughters, Katelyn, Cypress, and Emilee . . . PLUS daughter number four, Julia, soon to arrive!

Operation Sandbox is composed of a group of individuals from all across the United States who are dedicated to the support and welfare of our soldiers. Their goal is to make sure any soldier standing in line at mail call will hear his name called. Sometimes, the only highlight in a deployed soldier’s day is getting mail or talking to family and friends. There are many soldiers who are single or have no family. Most of the time, they receive little, if any, mail at all. Just receiving a letter could brighten up their day and their outlook on life.

In the Padre tradition of giving something back, Karen’s request for letters was overwhelmingly supported by our teachers and students. On the following two pages are some examples of what our students wrote.

Dear Soldier,

You do not know me, but I am a senior at Serra High School in San Mateo, California. We are writing these letters to men and women like yourself who are fighting the war overseas. I want you to know that even though the world is a scary place right now, my family and I pray every night for our soldiers well-being and safety. There is a lot of speculation to whether troops should be fighting or not right now, but because of either 9/11 or Saddam being an evil person, I truly feel what you are doing is right and just. I hope that you have a nice Christmas even though you can't be with your family over here in the U.S. Good luck and may God be with you in all your endeavors. If you ever feel lonely or down on your luck, feel free to write back.

Soldier,

I just wanted to let you know that I appreciate your service. I don't know you at all, but the fact that you are serving our country is a testament to your character and the type of person you are. I can only imagine that it must be difficult to leave things behind, which is something I'm not sure if I could do, so I especially appreciate your sacrifice for our benefit. We will probably never cross paths, but I hope you know that whoever you are, I am appreciative of you. Things are going well here because of your service, and I hope you can come back soon. Have a fulfilling holiday!

Dear U.S. Soldier,

Dude, You guys rock!!!! I just want to say thanks for all the great things you guys have done for us, all the sacrifices you guys make to protect us.

Dear Protector,

Without you our country would not be as safe as it is now. I figured you guys should know a little bit about Redwood City, a little town in California. It's getting colder, the leaves on the trees have begun to fall, and I can see my breath as I ride my bike back from working at Long's. I wouldn't be able to have such a carefree lifestyle if it wasn't for you. On behalf of Redwood City, I thank you with all of my heart. Remember the phrase and repeat it should you need it. "Fear is naught, for my faith is strong." If you need someone to talk to, e-mail me when you can at ***.

Dear Soldier,

Hello there! I would like to send a heartfelt Merry Christmas to everyone in the service. The work and dedication you put into protecting and representing our country will always make me feel proud to be an American. I pray that you have a wonderful Christmas. I will forever be in debt to you for your service.

Dear Fellow American,

It is a great honor to write a letter to a person of such bravery and courage. It is impossible to imagine the circumstances you must be in. I look up to you and all the people around you and I would not be surprised if I joined you soon. Just close your eyes and imagine peace, soon it will get better, there's hope. You have my prayers. Your friend, ***.

Dear Soldier,

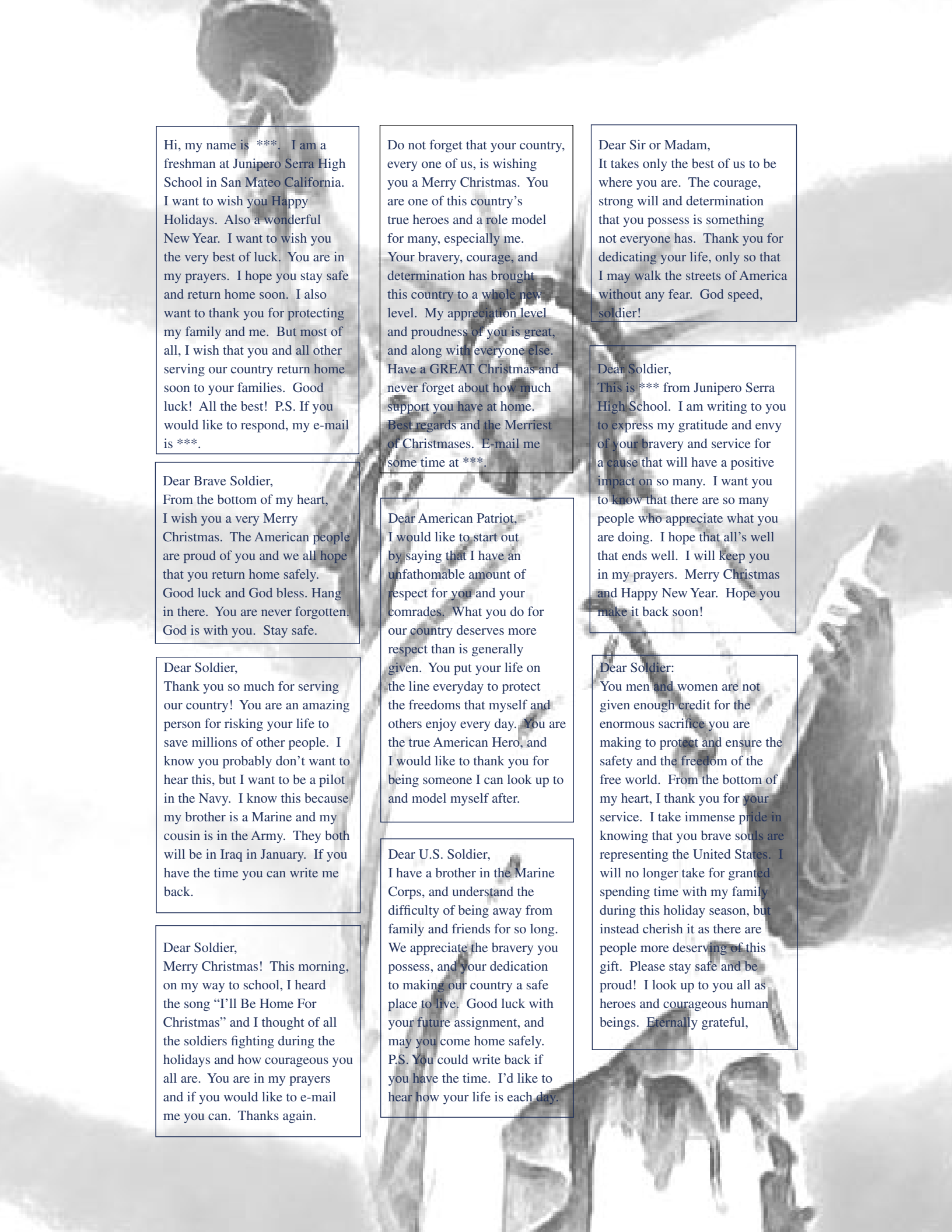
Thank you so much for all that you have sacrificed. Everyone here appreciates what you have done and are fully in debt to you. From the San Francisco Bay Area, we all recognize what you must endure, and hopefully you will be able to come home soon. My grandfather was a marine during WWII and I fully recognize and appreciate what you must do in a day. Stay strong, and we hope to see you home soon!

Dear Serviceman,

I am a senior at Serra High School in San Mateo, California. Lately I have been pretty busy applying for colleges and other things of that nature and I haven't been able to follow too closely with what is going on over there. However, I want to let you know that everything you do is appreciated. I look up to you for your courage and bravery. I truly believe that there is nothing more honorable than putting your life in jeopardy for your country. Merry Christmas, we love you, miss you, and want you back home soon. Be safe! If you're having a bad day, feeling lonely, or just need someone to talk to you can e-mail me at ***.

Dear Soldier,

Happy Holidays from everyone here in the U.S. I think that I speak for many people when I say that we all respect and admire what you are doing. You are very courageous to do what you do. It must be hard not to see familiar faces everyday, but people here are thinking of you. Good luck and come back safe. I hope that this letter brings a sense of "home" to you, and gives you motivation to keep on going.



Hi, my name is ***. I am a freshman at Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo California. I want to wish you Happy Holidays. Also a wonderful New Year. I want to wish you the very best of luck. You are in my prayers. I hope you stay safe and return home soon. I also want to thank you for protecting my family and me. But most of all, I wish that you and all other serving our country return home soon to your families. Good luck! All the best! P.S. If you would like to respond, my e-mail is ***.

Dear Brave Soldier,
From the bottom of my heart, I wish you a very Merry Christmas. The American people are proud of you and we all hope that you return home safely. Good luck and God bless. Hang in there. You are never forgotten. God is with you. Stay safe.

Dear Soldier,
Thank you so much for serving our country! You are an amazing person for risking your life to save millions of other people. I know you probably don't want to hear this, but I want to be a pilot in the Navy. I know this because my brother is a Marine and my cousin is in the Army. They both will be in Iraq in January. If you have the time you can write me back.

Dear Soldier,
Merry Christmas! This morning, on my way to school, I heard the song "I'll Be Home For Christmas" and I thought of all the soldiers fighting during the holidays and how courageous you all are. You are in my prayers and if you would like to e-mail me you can. Thanks again.

Do not forget that your country, every one of us, is wishing you a Merry Christmas. You are one of this country's true heroes and a role model for many, especially me. Your bravery, courage, and determination has brought this country to a whole new level. My appreciation level and proudness of you is great, and along with everyone else. Have a GREAT Christmas and never forget about how much support you have at home. Best regards and the Merriest of Christmases. E-mail me some time at ***.

Dear American Patriot,
I would like to start out by saying that I have an unfathomable amount of respect for you and your comrades. What you do for our country deserves more respect than is generally given. You put your life on the line everyday to protect the freedoms that myself and others enjoy every day. You are the true American Hero, and I would like to thank you for being someone I can look up to and model myself after.

Dear U.S. Soldier,
I have a brother in the Marine Corps, and understand the difficulty of being away from family and friends for so long. We appreciate the bravery you possess, and your dedication to making our country a safe place to live. Good luck with your future assignment, and may you come home safely. P.S. You could write back if you have the time. I'd like to hear how your life is each day.

Dear Sir or Madam,
It takes only the best of us to be where you are. The courage, strong will and determination that you possess is something not everyone has. Thank you for dedicating your life, only so that I may walk the streets of America without any fear. God speed, soldier!

Dear Soldier,
This is *** from Junipero Serra High School. I am writing to you to express my gratitude and envy of your bravery and service for a cause that will have a positive impact on so many. I want you to know that there are so many people who appreciate what you are doing. I hope that all's well that ends well. I will keep you in my prayers. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope you make it back soon!

Dear Soldier:
You men and women are not given enough credit for the enormous sacrifice you are making to protect and ensure the safety and the freedom of the free world. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your service. I take immense pride in knowing that you brave souls are representing the United States. I will no longer take for granted spending time with my family during this holiday season, but instead cherish it as there are people more deserving of this gift. Please stay safe and be proud! I look up to you all as heroes and courageous human beings. Eternally grateful,



Visual & Performing Arts



Serra's Performing Arts Department

Performs "Out of this World"

William Shakespeare's

"A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Rave reviews for this year's dramatic fall production of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream, held on October 29, 30, November 5th and 6th. Players included Andrew Saier '05 as Theseus, Madison Mooney (NDB) as Hippolita, Philip Golding '05 as Egeus, Andy Seckler '07 as Lysander, Stewart Kramar '05 as Demetrius, Dawn Bailey (Mercy) as Hermia, Carly Sisto (NDB) as Helena, Patrick Neimeyer '07 as Philostrate, Rico Roque '05 as Peter Quince, Robert Handlery '06 as Nick Bottom, Alex Maggi '08 as Francis Flute, Evan Lanham '06 as Tom Snout, Addison Goss '08 as Snug, Alex Child '05 as Robin Starveling, Spencer Blank '06 as Oberon, Anisa Scannel (NDB) as Titania, Dominic Carrillo '06 as Puck, Elizabeth Lopez (Mercy) as Peaseblossom, Adrianna Echandi (NDB) as Cobweb, Caitlin Buckley (NDB) as Moth, Lauren Rhodes (Mercy) as Mustardseed, Jacqui Dunn (Mercy) as The Fairy, and Tyler Thomas '06, Scott Syme '06, Allie Glatt (NDB), and Alex Sautter (NDB) as Attendants.





COMING THIS SPRING FROM TRI-SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS DISNEY'S "BEAUTY & THE BEAST"



Inspired and talented artists, Debbie Goss, mother of Addison '08 and Christopher '01; and Matthew Ferretti '02 are hard at work painting a backdrop for Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

It's not an easy task to obtain a performance license to produce a timeless classic such as Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." First, you must submit an application to the organization who retains the rights for such a production, and then you must be both patient and incredibly persistent while awaiting their response.

Jay Jordan, Serra's Visual and Performing Arts Director, was the perfect person for the job! Jay submitted his

application to Music Theatre International (MTI) last summer in the hopes for a 2005 Tri-School Spring Production. Several weeks later, Jay was told that his application was put on "hold." Sometimes a particular musical will be restricted when a national tour or large professional production is taking place.

Jay continued to call weekly to check on the status of the "hold." During one particular telephone conversation, Jay was

told that an executive Disney representative was actually in a meeting on sight at MTI. Jay took this opportunity to ask if it would be possible to mention Serra's application to the Disney Rep!

Well, persistence and patience paid off because, although it wasn't until October (after many other schools and production companies had given up hope), Jay received word that his application had been approved!

Way to Go, Jay!



The California Band Directors Association has selected Ryan Svendsen '06 to be a participant in the 2005 California All-State Honor Bands. Ryan auditioned with approximately 1,500 students from schools throughout the state and only the best students were selected!

Broadway Debut

for

Serra Alum

Michael Bulatao

'97



Michael Bulatao performing in the Tri-School Dramatic Production of "Guys & Dolls" ('97).

Michael Bulatao '97 has left the National tour of "Miss Saigon" to perform in the revival of Stephen Sondheim's "Pacific Overtures," which tells the history of Japan from Commodore Perry's expedition to "Nippon" in 1853, to the country's rise as a powerful economic force. The revival will play at Studio 54 on Broadway, New York City. This is Michael's Broadway debut.

Looking Back

In the Spring 2004 issue of *Traditions*, you were asked to identify the musical ensemble below. While we had many great guesses ranging from "The First Serra Alumni Jazz Band" to "The 1962 Serra Dance Band," the complete story came from alum "Dan Schiappacasse '66 . . .

"This photo was professionally taken for John Catalano, the Music teacher during the 1960's. His teaching position at Serra was not his only vocation. He was a professional musician with his own orchestra -- "The Don Carle Orchestra (his stage name), and they played all the ballrooms throughout the Bay Area. John needed an updated "stage" photo for a promotional piece he was doing for his orchestra. John was a very accomplished musician. He had perfect pitch and played with great expertise just about every instrument brought into the band room. To say he was a prodigy would be an understatement. All his students knew him as "Cat." John arranged with a number of teachers to hang around after school one day (they had to wear dark coats and ties) and we set up the stage in the auditorium for the photo. The "we" are the three senior students in the Orchestra who were members of the various bands and orchestras under John's direction for four years. He asked the three of us for a "big" favor -- to "wear" coats and ties to school on that day for the purpose of this photo. I'm also sure that two Reverends also participated, and John placed them where their cassocks wouldn't be that evident.



Back (L to R) Frank Nolan, Ron Fulmer, Doug Peters '66 - Lead Trumpet, Fr. O'Donnell & Jim Monahan on drums.
Center (L to R) Jesse Freitas, Fr. Walsh, Nick Carboni, Rich Nuccitelli '66 on Bass Fiddle
Front (L to R) Dan Schiappacasse '66 - Lead Tenor, Mike McGinley, Gene Stewart, John Catalano's Music Composer, Dale DeLetis, Dave Stevens on Piano and Don Carle himself far right with the trumpet!

SERRA HONORS NEW INDUCTEES INTO THE HALL OF FAME

Joining the ranks of Junipero Serra High School's most accomplished and distinguished athletes, the follow Padre standouts were inducted in to the Hall of Fame on September 24, 2004.

By Russ Bertetta '67

TOM BRADY '95

Even if Tom Brady had not won two Super Bowls as quarterback of the Patriots; even if he had not been named MVP of those two wins, even if Tom had not been a star at the University of Michigan, he would have been selected to the Serra Hall of Fame. That's how good he was wearing a Padre uniform.

Tom ranks in the top three in virtually every passing category of the Serra record. His career yardage mark of 3,514 yards is second, his 2,121 yards in his senior year is second, his 331 yards vs. Sacred Heart in 1994 is second. His 219 completions are third on the list, as are his 129 completions in a season. He is tied with Hall of Famer, Jesse Freitas for most completions in a game with 22 and third in career touchdowns with 33. No wonder he was the team's MVP, all-league, all-county, all-Northern California, and Prep Football Report All-American!



On the diamond, Tom was a two-year starter as a catcher. As a junior, he was a second team all-WCAL selection and was named to the first team in his senior year. He was also named to the all-county and all-CCS first teams. Widely regarded as the top defensive catcher in the area, Tom was drafted in the 18th round by the Montreal Expos. To cap off his senior year, Tom was the recipient of the Shea Award given annually to Serra's outstanding senior scholar athlete. He then accepted a scholarship to the University of Michigan.

Tom redshirted his freshman year and then waited two seasons to become the starter. He set school records for most attempts (350) and completions (214) in a season. Also set records for attempts (56) and completions (31) in a game. Tom led the Wolverines to a win over Arkansas in the Citrus Bowl as a junior and to a dramatic victory over Alabama in the Orange Bowl. He was drafted in the 6th round by the Patriots in 2000.

The rest is history!

DENNIS CALONICO '69



Dennis is a perfect example of an athlete overcoming obstacles to be “all he can be.” Physical limitations limited his athletic experiences at Serra to managing the football teams, but his spirit and dedication could not be matched.

After serving as the Athletic Director at Carey School and Girls’ Basketball Coach at Crystal Springs Uplands, Dennis became involved in the Paralympic Games in 1992, when he was asked by the Dwarf Athletic Association of America to participate as a player-coach on a basketball team. In 1993, he won four gold medals in swimming at the International Dwarf Games in Chicago and set a world record in the 25-yard freestyle (master’s division).

In 1994, Dennis set a national record for dwarfs in the 60-meter dash and won two gold medals in swimming and two more in track at the trials in San Antonio. That same year, Dennis was the top U.S. swimmer at the World Paralympic Games in Malta, winning two bronze medals. In 1996, at the age of 45, he participated in the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, competing in the butterfly, freestyle and breaststroke. The next year he won 11 gold medals and 1 silver medal in swimming, track and field, and basketball at the Peterboro, England games.

STEVE FIRENZE '62

Steve is one of the few athletes who can honestly say that his record will never be broken. While Steve is primarily recognized for his track skills, he was also an excellent football player and key contributor on the 1960 team and 1961 CAL Championship Team. Doubling as a defensive back and running back, Steve earned all league honors in 1961.

However, it was on Serra’s old dirt track that Steve established his Hall of Fame credentials. As a junior in 1961, Steve won both the 100 and 200 yard dashes in the CAL league meet and qualified for the State Meet. He repeated the feat the following year. Steve was also a double winner (the 100 and 200) in the North Coast Section III meet, again qualifying for the State Meet. Unfortunately, an injury forced him to withdraw before he could compete.

As a senior in 1962, Steve set a school and league record that still stands in the 100 yard dash, running it in a blistering 9.8 seconds! That record was still extant when the WCAL converted to meters twenty years later and now will never be broken!



TIM KENNEDY '95

Tim Kennedy was as good as it gets for Serra basketball. Brought up to the varsity early in his freshman year, Tim was the first freshman to play varsity ball since the early 1950's. He was a three-year starter and holds virtually every Padre offensive record. As a senior, Tim broke the career scoring record with 1490 points, erasing a record set in 1967. He holds the record for season and career scoring average, the most points in a season, the most field goals for a season and career and the most free throws in a career. Twice, Tim scored 34 points in a game -- which ranks number four for most points in a game. He also holds the record for most career rebounds with 787, again breaking a twenty-eight year old record.

The individual honors Tim earned could fill a scrapbook. He was named to the All-County team as a junior and senior. He was first team all Metro as a junior and second team as a senior. As a junior, he was the Chronicle's Peninsula Player of the Year. He earned all-WCAL honors two consecutive years and was twice named the WCAL Player of the Year, the only player in league history to do so! As a senior, he played in the Bay Bridge All-Star Classic against the area's best players,



Tim had 13 points, 12 rebounds, 5 blocked shots and was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Tim earned a scholarship to Loyola Marymount, where he was a four-year player and two-year starter.

Following graduation, Tim became a member of the Irish National team and played professionally in Ireland and Portugal for four years.

JIM MEYERSIECK '75

Jim was an outstanding player and two-year starter for the Padre football and baseball teams in the mid '70s. As a team captain, Jim anchored the defensive backfield for Coach Freitas. He was named an All-WCAL defensive back in 1974 and earned Honorable Mention All-County that same year. He continued his football career at the University of California, where he made the squad in 1975 as a "walk-on." He lettered in 1976 and 1977 as a standout special teams player. In 1977 he was named Special Teams captain.

On the baseball field at Serra, Jim earned All-WCAL honors, was Honorable Mention All-County and was the MVP of the San Mateo Lions Club Tournament as a senior. His teammates also selected him as the Blanket Award winner, capping off an outstanding senior year.



While at Cal, Jim fell in love with rugby. He lettered in rugby three times and was once again a team captain as a senior. After graduation, he served as an assistant rugby coach in 1980 when Cal won its first collegiate national championship. He continued his career with the Old Blues Rugby Club from 1980 through 1993, playing on seven national championship teams. Jim served as vice-captain on several Old Blues teams and was named Club President in 1992. He was a member of the United States Eagles National Rugby team from 1982 through 1986, allowing him to play the game he loved all over the world.



JOHN O'LEARY '75

When you make honorable mention all-league in your "worst" sport, you've got to be a great all-around athlete. That's what John O'Leary was for his careers at Serra, CSM, and Fresno State. John was a three-sport starter for two years at Serra.

On the football field, John teamed with Hall of Famer, John Caselli, to form one of the most outstanding receiver tandems in school history. On the basketball court, John was an excellent point guard. His four free throws in overtime helped defeat St. Ignatius in the first "Jungle Game." As the starting right fielder on the baseball team, he hit .367 as a senior and led the league in stolen bases. He was named all-WCAL in 1975.

After Serra, John attended CSM where he played football and basketball for two years. As a sophomore, John had 56 catches for 780 yards and 7 touchdowns, earning second team all-conference honors. On the baseball diamond that same year, he hit .357 and was named second team all-conference once again.

Enrolling at Fresno State following his CSM career, John continued to play two sports. As a junior, he had 10 catches on a Fresno State team that won the league title. He became a starter his senior year. For the Bulldog baseball team, he hit .315 as a senior and earned second team all-conference honors.



Hall of Fame Classmates
Class of '75
Jim Meyersieck &
John O'Leary

NOEL ROBERTS '92

Noel was a two-year starter and key member of CCS football and baseball champions at Serra and personified the word "hustle."

As a football player, Noel doubled as a running and defensive back. He was second team All-WCAL as a junior, first team as a senior, and chosen first team All-County defensive back. Noel holds virtually every Serra interception record: 13 career interceptions; 10 interceptions in a season; 4 interceptions in one game. For his accomplishments and leadership, Noel was selected as the Blanket Award Winner in 1991.

On the baseball field, Noel played just as hard as he did on the football field. As a senior, he hit .406 and was named All-WCAL, All-County and All-Peninsula first team. The San Mateo Times selected him as one of the finalists for the county Athlete of the Year.

After Serra, Noel attended Fresno State where he was the starting second baseman for most of his career. As a sophomore he was second on the team in hitting with a .316 average. He finished his career with an average of .294.



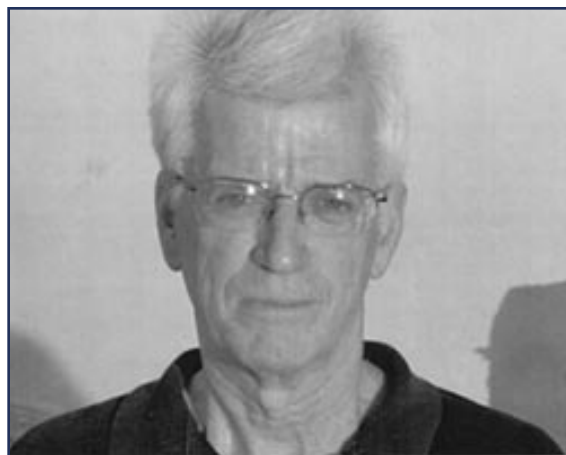
Statistics aside, Noel's leadership, hustle, and spirit endeared him to fans and teammates alike.

JERRY TALLON '66

In the spring of 1965 and 1966, Jerry Tallon, the colorful middle distance runner, made track and field at Serra a spectator sport once again.

In the 1965 CAL championships, Jerry ran the half-mile in a super time of 1:57.5 to take first place in that event. He then went on to win the section finals in a time of 1:56.2 to qualify for the State Meet.

As a senior, Jerry was a double winner in the CAL finals, winning both the quarter-mile (440) and the half-mile. He again won the section finals in the half-mile with a time of 1:53.2 for a return trip to the State Meet. In the half-mile finals, Jerry set a school record of 1:52.5 to finish third! This record time still stands.



Hall of Fame Dinner 2004 - Celebrating Junipero Serra High School's
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An Unforgettable Season



Serra Football wrapped up the exciting 2004 season with tough fought games against Saint Ignatius and Aragon High School. Heading into the last game of the season, Padres football wanted nothing better than to crumble rival Saint Ignatius's chances for their first WCAL title since 1967.

The fifth-ranked Padres faced off against nemesis St. Ignatius in a battle of pride and momentum. Both teams entered the game hoping to polish their game plans for the CCS playoffs in a decisive victory. Serra went up 14-0 late in the first quarter on a one-yard touchdown run by Junior quarterback, Jeremiah Masoli. St. Ignatius was climbing up hill there after. The Padres rushed for 375 yards, helping to set a WCAL record of 3095 yards for the entire season. The Padres stunned the confused Wildcats with a decisive victory, 35-21.

Varsity Football entered the CCS playoffs with gleaming confidence and a ready game plan but the outcome didn't correspond. Facing third-ranked Aragon High School, the Padres fell just short of advancing to the next round of the CCS playoffs. "It was tough loss to swallow," said Coach Walsh.

A first quarter injury to quarterback Jeremiah Masoli (broken collar bone)

devastated the Padre attack. Defensively, the team was outsized on paper, and they struggled stopping the run. The game was decided when Aragon scored a touchdown in overtime to win 27-21.

A season where the Padres went 4-2 in league and 8-3 overall, expectations were high from the start. Throughout the long and strenuous season, the Padres racked up some of the best statistics amongst the WCAL teams entering the playoffs. The Padres ranked first in total rushing yards (3880) and rushing touchdowns (29). They also ranked second in passing yards (1505), forced fumbles (31), and offensive plays (549).

"Though we didn't reach our hopeful goals, the players on this team learned and improved a lot of their skills," said junior Sergio Quilici. "We know we can do it; we just have to concentrate 100%." The Padres played good football throughout the extended season and hope next year the pieces of the puzzle will come together.

"We played some good football, coming up with a big win against Palma 28-21," added Coach Walsh. "We are just going to have to work on our passing game, our linebacker positions, and put more emphasis on special teams."

Dhruv Patel
Friar Sports Editor

Cross-Country Captures CCS



The varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen team set a new standard for Serra's cross-country program by establishing themselves as key competitors in many races this year, including those of CCS, WCAL, and even State competition.

"It was a tough and difficult season, but all the hard work paid off," said varsity runner, Carlos Ramirez. Fellow varsity runner, Robert Broderick added, "We also had some problems with injuries, but we struggled through it in the end."

The turning point in the season was the Stanford Invitational earlier in the season, where the varsity team unseated all 38 schools they raced against.

"After this race, I knew we were going to have a good chance to maybe win WCAL and CCS," said head coach, Will McCarthy. "I knew we would dominate over most of the other competition after that race."

The seven varsity runners have made an exceptional contribution to

the team since the race at Stanford. This year's team was the fourth best Serra cross-country team ever. This was calculated by comparing the times of this year's team to all other Serra teams from the past. These blazing times helped produce a 1st place finish in Division 1, the top division of CCS, and a nail biting second place finish behind St. Francis in the WCAL championship race. This WCAL title race was decided by one runner from each team.

"St. Francis and our team each had four runners finish, and we each needed one more runner to win the WCAL," said Coach McCarthy. "Their fifth man just happened to be faster than ours."

This top finish allowed the varsity team to travel to Fresno to compete in the State Championships, where the team finished 12th overall. The varsity also earned a banner for the CCS Championships, which the school will soon hang from the rafters of the gym.

"The whole team is enthusiastic about hanging the banner in the gym,"

said Mr. McCarthy. "I think I speak for the entire coaching staff when I say how proud I am of these guys."

The obvious choice for the varsity's top runner is Kareem Bargouti. Kareem led the six other varsity runners to numerous victories, all while producing top times in each race.

"Kareem is, without a doubt in my mind, the best runner on the team," said Coach McCarthy. "He showed amazing talent this year, and led by example."

The JV and freshmen teams also performed exceptionally well in all of their races this season, including the WCAL championship race. Both teams placed first in this competition.

"I think the whole team did really well this year," said Coach McCarthy. We have a very strong JV and freshmen program right now, and we're only going to continue to get stronger."

Tyler Thomas
Friar Staff Reporter

"CREW" OF FOUR MAKE IT TO US ROWING DEVELOPMENT CAMP SAM WALSH '05 SHARES HIS EXPERIENCE

Four Serra Crew members, including Marco Enchandi '05, Stephen Nordman '05, Nick Sammut '06, and Sam Walsh '05, participated at the US Rowing Development Camp held in Sacramento this past summer. These athletes were selected to attend a week camp hoping to be selected to compete at the US National Rowing Championships held at Eagle Creek in Indianapolis, Indiana. Out of the four athletes who were invited to selection camp, Sam Walsh '05 made the traveling team. Sam won two bronze medals this summer at the regatta in the junior men's eight, and had the opportunity to race against other national athletes. The development camp is a feeding system for young athletes who have dreams to make the US Junior National Team, hoping to compete at the Junior World Rowing Championships. The following is an article written by Sam Walsh about his experience.

There's a certain joy to Sacramento in July. The temperature is constantly in the low 100's; the wind blows dry, hot air in your face around five p.m.; the geese fly over head dropping "bombs" on innocent casualties, and Sacramento State Development Camp is in full swing. It is a harsh, but accepted fact that Sacramento is no picnic in July. I will never forget returning from my first summer at Development camp, swearing adamantly that I would never return, not even if the head

coach, Sam Sweitzer, personally called me with a promise of a position in the lead boat. Well, cold winters tend to freeze the memory a little, so when the application rolled around again, I did the illogical thing and applied. Receiving a letter of acceptance for the second year in a row, I'd hoped that I would at least make it through the second week before being cut, praying that I would not spend the first day puking as I did the summer before. Getting to Lake Natoma (location of the Sac State

boathouse) on a cool July fifth morning, I had a quick relapse of why I had never wanted to return, and buckled down and decided to make the team. That afternoon, when on the water for the first time in two months, I had a second relapse . . . this time about how much I hated the coach, Sam Sweitzer. It had something to do with him yelling that if "women can pull faster than a bunch of weakling boys; the door is open and you are invited to leave." Both of these memories were quickly readjusted,

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though, and I found that I truly loved rowing for a coach who expected more than I had ever done. I decided there could be worse things to do than hang out with a group of ego driven guys and girls that were buffer than me all summer.

The first week of my second summer at camp was hell. We woke up every morning at 5:00am, drank a Nalgene bottle of water, and rowed with the women's team for two and a half hours straight. Returning to the hotel at around 8:00 a.m., we would quickly eat a piece of bread, refill our water bottles, and be back at the course by 8:45 a.m. in order to have our "mid-day" practice until 11:00 a.m.. We were given our first physical break from 11:00 to 3:00. This might have been less *physically* exhausting, but that meant the five assistant coaches could simply pound our minds with statistics, times, results, expectations, and anything else that wouldn't cause us too much pain. Our third practice began at 3:00 and lasted until Sweitzer was satisfied, meaning that we could do the same drill a hundred and fifty times until it was perfect. No joke, we once sat on the water for an hour and a half simply balancing the boat until it would not touch the water for at least one minute (an arguably pointless drill, but it taught us who was in charge). The traveling team was decided by the third day of the first week, but that didn't mean anyone's position was actually safe. Being the strongest starboard, I really didn't fear too much for my seat. That was until Sweitzer walked up to the strongest port and told him to pack his bags and not return. From that point on, I pulled harder than I had in my entire life, keeping pace with my pair partner, the new strongest port, who was three inches taller and twenty pounds heavier than me.

The second week was bound to be an unprecedented experience because I hadn't made it this far the summer before. Then, again, nothing is truly unpredictable in crew -- you always know it will hurt. We were given seventeen hours off between the first and second weeks. We were told to go home, wash our clothes for the first time, and try not to stress too much.

Returning to Sacramento on a Sunday night, I realized the pride that the people surrounding me had. We were the surviving twelve who had made the cut; twelve out of thirty that were actually invited was pretty impressive. We settled into dirty rooms; they had been held through the weekend so the cleaning service was told "not to bother." My roommate from the week before had been cut, so I was forced to share my new bed with the biggest Italian teenager I had ever met; he told me I would wake up missing parts of my body, if I crossed over to his half of the bed. The next morning, I was initiated into the tenth level of hell, the one Dante never found.

The first day of the second week went very similar to the practices of the other week, except for the fact that the temperature was 111°, resulting in us being unable to row on the water, and forced to do one of the hardest erg workouts of my life—twenty thousand meters broken up into eight pieces. During the second week, I was pushed to levels I had never previously known existed. I wanted to quit more than once, yet was inspired by such statements from Sweitzer as "We all suffer from one of two pains, the pain of discipline, or the pain of regret" and "There are two types of rowers, fast and slow . . . pick one." It was during this time that I went faster on the water than I thought was possible of junior athletes, similarly inspired by Sweitzer breaking down in tears after he saw us do a five hundred meter piece in a minute and twenty-four seconds. By the end of the second week, we were more than ready to travel to Indianapolis to compete at Elite Nationals, and I was ready to compete in every boat that Sac State was putting out, an eight, the A four, and the A pair.

never had the experience of getting to the starting line expecting to win, not just hoping. Yet my bubble of accomplishment before the finals was popped when Sweitzer told us that we had accomplished nothing that we were not expected to do, and would return the first team in seven years not to medal in a race, if we did not win in our finals over the next two days. We decided to prove a point. When at the starting line for our four final, teams such as University of Pennsylvania and Boston Community Rowing laughed at us, as our coxswain, Scottie, aligned us in our lane. A west-coast team had never placed in the eight, let alone four final before. We decided it was time to put an end to that, crossing the finish line less than a quarter of a second behind Community Rowing, we received bronze medals. Two hours later, we decided to do it again in our eight final. The final was dominated by U. Penn, by far the powerhouse at Nationals. They had three boats in the final, pretty much ensuring that they got at least first and second, allowing the other three teams to scramble for bronze. Well, scramble we did;



(L) Sam Walsh '05 & Greg Mason '04

Indiana is a beautiful state, midnight lightning storms, fields of corn, and enough humidity to suffocate a person used to the dry heat of Sacramento. To get to the race course you have to drive down a quarter mile dirt road in a national forest, and suddenly a lake appears, completely surrounded by trees with a dam at one end. We arrived two days early in order to get accustomed to the course and to actually practice in the final line-ups they had shifted constantly during the last week in Sacramento. The heat for the A four was my first race; we dominated against crews that were twice our size and from East coast "powerhouses." In all of our heats and semi-finals, we placed first or second and were ready to win in the finals. I had never made it this far before, and had

for more than half of the race, we had a strong lead over Pennsylvania B, holding second place. In the last five hundred, they took up the rate and pulled past us to finish in second, leaving us to receive our second bronze of the day.

The memory of Sweitzer standing at the finish line and not only smiling, but crying (the sight of which is equally as weird as seeing a cat and dog sharing a water dish), is forever ingrained in my mind. The girls' team said that he was a giddy child watching us come down the course. Coach Cunningham (Serra's coach) often tells me that you learn something new every time you go to the starting line, and that every race is a chance to prove a point. Those finals rammed home a point to me . . . dream big, and row hard.

Alumni Dad Charlie Affrunti WINS Tom Brady's Superbowl Cadillac XLR



While shopping for some items at a Redwood City Safeway store, alumni dad, Charlie Affrunti, received an unexpected cell phone call from his daughter, Meghan (a 2004 graduate of Notre Dame High School). Apparently, Meghan had just received word from a friend in Long Beach that her dad, Charlie, was the lucky winner of Tom Brady's MVP Cadillac XLR valued at over \$75,000!

"Dad, did you buy tickets for Tommy Brady's car?" asked Meghan, who knew nothing of the raffle, or whether or not her father had purchased tickets. "I just received a call saying you're the winner!"



Charlie never dreamed he'd be hearing from Serra almost ten years after his two sons, Bernie '94 and Brian '96, had graduated from the school. Charlie recalled that he'd purchased a raffle ticket, but still couldn't believe he had won.

"You'd better call Serra and make sure I'm the winner," Charlie told his daughter.

Nearly 600 guests, including local and national television and newspaper reporters watched anxiously as Charlie's lucky raffle ticket was drawn from a drum full of over 14,000 multi-colored stubs.

Although Charlie was not present to hear his name called, he was only a cell phone call away and



within minutes arrived with his wife and two sons where he was enthusiastically greeted and cheered on as he accepted his prize!

An emotional Charlie remarked that he was a Padre dad and that both of his sons played baseball with Tom Brady during their years at Serra. Charlie's youngest son, Brian, can certainly attest to his 1996 senior class yearbook quote which read "*Whoever said winning isn't everything never experienced winning.*"

Charlie purchased his ticket from Joey Peterson, wife of former Principal and current Director of Institutional Advancement, Michael Peterson.

"I am so happy that I sold the winning ticket to such a nice Serra family," said Joey after Charlie's name was announced to the crowd.

In a generous display of Padre Pride, Serra Alum and Patriots QB and two-time Super Bowl MVP, Tom Brady, donated his 2004 Cadillac XLR to Serra stating that he has always felt a great deal of affection for and loyalty to Serra and that this was a good opportunity for him to give something back

"Thanks to Tom Brady and a dedicated staff of employees and volunteers, this was the most successful fund raiser we've ever had," commented Russ Bertetta, Director of Development & Alumni Relations. "We've far exceeded our



(L to R) Claire, Charlie, Brian '96 & Bernie '94

goals and expectations!"

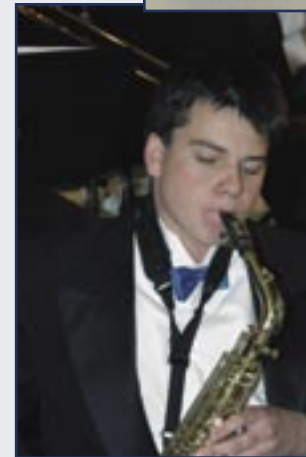
Tickets were purchased by Bay Area residents, current Serra families, alumni families, Patriot fans, and Cadillac lovers everywhere! Serra's Development Staff, Administrative Staff, and devoted volunteer staff, including Gail DeFoe, Moya Goddard, Karen Ghidossi, Robin Jensen, Mike Langridge, Sharon Lehane, Sally Lockie, Mike Peterson, Julie Porter, Cindy Rockwell, Millie Rogers, Mimi Seckler, Teresa Stoloski, and Patrick Walsh responded to hundreds of e-mails and processed thousands of telephone raffle ticket orders from across the nation and Canada.

Second Place Raffle Prize Winner, Rich Morehead of Milton, New York, was awarded a "2005 New England Patriot Weekend For Four," valued at \$5,000, and the Third Place Cash Prize of \$2,500 was won by Kenneth & Rebecca Stewart, parents of Nick Stewart '05.

Brady played football for four years at Serra, and still holds the record for most completions (22 out of 41 attempts vs. Cardinal Newman in 1994).

The car raffle alone raised an estimated \$367,000, which does not include proceeds from the Benefit Auction. The funds will be used to directly support Junipero Serra High School's Capital Campaign.





ALUMNI NEWS

Homecoming 2004

Generations of Serra Padres celebrated an exciting Homecoming Game over Palma de Salinas on Saturday, September 25, 2004. Following the game, the classes of '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, and '94 gathered in the Serra gym to share stories and reminisce about their days as a Padre. A tour of the school highlighted all of the changes that have taken place over the last several years.

"Why didn't they do this when I was here?" was the most common question asked during the tour, as all the grads were impressed by the increased amount of technology and the overall look of the school. Everyone is looking forward to seeing how the school will look when this year's renovation is completed.

Next year's reunions for the classes of '65, '70, '75, '80, and '95 is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 8, 2005, following the Bellarmine football game. Alumni Director, Russ Bertetta '67, is looking for help to coordinate each class' reunion. If interested, please call the Alumni Office.

The date of the 50-Year Reunion for the Class of 1955 will be set in mid-January. Be on the look-out for that announcement.



Class of '69



Class of '74



Class of '79



Class of '84



Class of '89



Class of '94



Class of '54 Receives Golden Diplomas

Twenty-six members of the Class of 1954 gathered on August 7, 2004 at the Raddison Villa hotel to celebrate their Fifty-Year Reunion and receive their Golden Diplomas from former Principal, Mike Peterson. The committee, composed of David Littlejohn, Len Fregosi, Ned Kopp, Dion Du Buois, Fred Bertetta, and Joyn Byrne, is to be commended for putting on a fantastic party and bringing so many of their classmates together. The evening was highlighted by Len Fregosi's masterful job as emcee and the 'Mark Hart Quiz,' directed by David Littlejohn. Special mention goes to Bill Rowley, who traveled from Albany, Georgia to attend the reunion.

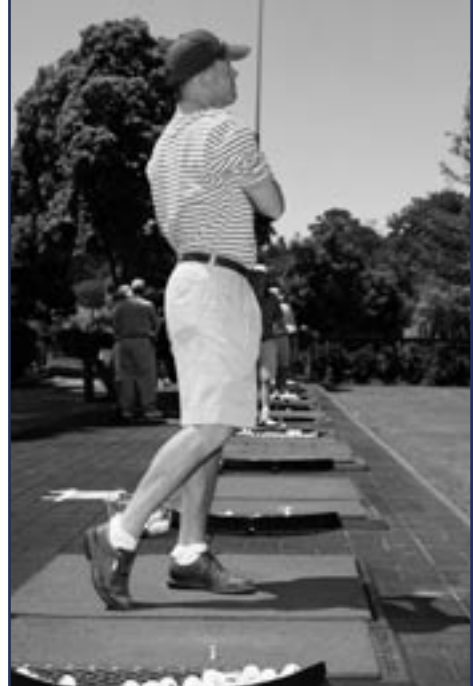


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18TH ANNUAL SERRA GOLF CLASSIC OVER PAR FOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Over 120 golfers gathered at Peninsula Golf & Country Club on June 28, 2004 to participate in the 18th Annual Serra Golf Classic and to raise money for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

As usual the competition was fierce in all three flights. The team of Jim Murphy '70, Dan Murphy '01, Jim Ruane and Jim Ruane, Jr. captured the "A Flight" championship, shooting a net 57. The McGlennon family, consisting of Mike '66, Pat '68, Eric '95, and Patrick '04, once again brought home a trophy, this time the "B Flight" crown. In the Senior Flight, George Uccelli '66, John Costa '62, Mike Ranahan '62 and Lance Reginato shot a net 63 to win that flight. Kevin Bresnahan's ('91) drive of 349 yards on the ninth hole was good enough to win the long drive competition.

Special thanks goes to Mitch Juricich and the tournament committee for another great tournament and for raising over \$20,000 for the scholarship fund! Mark your calendar for June 27, 2005, the date for next year's tournament.



WIDE WORLD OF ALUMNI SPORTS

EVEN'S OVERCOME ODDS IN ANNUAL ALUMNI WATER POLO GAME



Each Thanksgiving, Junipero Serra hosts its Annual Alumni Water Polo Game. This year marked another impressive turnout with Serra alumni spanning from a period of 21 years. While most players had graduated within the last 10 years, there were several alumni in the pool from years as far back as 1983.

Most of the Serra alumni are still actively involved with water polo. Many went on to play water polo at the collegiate level, either for varsity programs or club teams. Some alumni have even gone on to coach for various high school programs in the area. This includes the current Junipero Serra Varsity Head Coaches, **Leffie Crawford '98** and **Michael Norton '99**, as well as the former Junipero Serra Varsity Head Coach **Brian Bell '83**.

Originally, the game matched the alumni against Serra's current varsity team. However, in recent years the format has changed to match up the alumni from even numbered years ('04,'02,'00) against those alumni from odd numbered years ('03,'01,'99).

This year, the "Evens" dominated the first half of play and jumped out to an early lead. However, the "Odds" made some important half-time adjustments and battled back to close in within three goals late in the 4th quarter. Despite their aggressive "Hurry-up Offense," the "Odds" could not defeat the "Evens". In the end, it became a classic case of the "Evens" overcoming the "Odds".

by Keith Rauenbuehler '99

Alumni Basketball '04



ALUMNI SOCCER GAME '04



SERRA ALUM KEALA KEANAAINA ('93) FLOURISHING IN THE AFL

When the Philadelphia Eagles released Keala Keanaaina in 2001, the 1993 Serra High graduate didn't know where to turn for work. When someone mentioned to him the Arena Football League, Keanaaina was dumfounded.

"I had never heard of it," he said. "I was like 'the what?'"

Keanaaina wasn't the only athlete in the states with NFL aspirations who had never heard of the AFL. But that's no longer the case. Now in its 18th year, the thriving AFL, buoyed by record-breaking attendance figures and a TV contract with NBC, has proven to be a solid platform for talented football players who want to make a living without having to travel to Canada or Europe.

The Hawaiian-born Keanaaina, 28, is one of those flourishing in the 50-yard Indoor War. Keanaaina is in his third-year with one of the AFL's model organizations, the San Jose SaberCats.

Keanaaina doubles as a fullback and linebacker. He led the league in rushing last year with 250 yards at 5.1 yards per carry, the former the 12th highest total in AFL history. He also recorded 25 tackles. Keanaaina attributes much of his success to hard work and a fearless attitude.

"I'm looking for contact," he said. "Some guys shy away from hitting and don't like to get hit and therefore not willing to do

what's necessary to be at their best. But to me, hitting is the most exciting part of the game."

A ferocious hitter and blocker, as well as a tremendous short-yardage runner, Keanaaina first started playing football at age 9. He played the game with his friends on dirt fields, grass fields, fields with rocks everywhere, playing wherever there was real estate.

But the biggest challenge sometimes was getting a hold of a football itself. That's when the kids had to be somewhat creative. Sometimes Keanaaina and his buddies would make a football by rolling up socks, and other times they would use their own shirts in substituting for the pigskin. All for the love of the game.

Keanaaina moved to San Mateo when he was 12. He was the West Catholic Athletic League Defensive Player of the Year during his senior season (1993), and along with Tom Brady should've made the Padres into a high school juggernaut.

Didn't happen. In Brady and Keanaaina's last two years, Serra went a



combined 11-10 overall, 4-6 in WCAL play. Up until his stint with the SaberCats, Keanaaina had the misfortune of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. His stint at Serra preceded the Padres' transformation from also-rans to one of the Central Coast Section's best programs.

He played at the College of San Mateo before it became a junior college powerhouse (his brother, Kevin, was also a standout player for the Bulldogs in 2001-02), then was at Cal in the Tom Holmoe era, which was one of the worst runs in Golden Bears' history.

That's why playing for a model organization like San Jose has been out of this world — Keanaaina finally gets to taste what winning is all about. In his rookie year in 2002, when San Jose won its first-ever Arena Bowl, Keanaaina suffered a left foot injury that sidelined him for the majority of the season.

Last season the SaberCats were eliminated in the semi-finals, and this year they're back on the game's biggest stage as the No. 2 seed.

"I had faith and kept on believing if I worked hard, good things would happen," Keanaaina said. "Part of that

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Keala Keanaaina '93

is the kid in you. You want to keep on playing forever. To still be playing at this age and making a living off it, I couldn't have asked for more. To think as a kid football would take me this far ... I never imagined that. You play to have fun. Anything after that is a bonus."

Keanaaina, at 6-foot-3 and 270 pounds, still has NFL dreams. Last year he was invited to the Cleveland Browns' training camp before getting cut.

"My position in the NFL is a dying one," Keanaaina said. "There aren't many teams left running offenses with fullbacks playing on every down like they used to. That's the tough part. But you do all you can to keep the dream alive."

Thanks to an unshakable spirit and will, Keanaaina's dream is still burning bright.

Article by Emanuel Lee
SM Daily Journal Correspondent

JUNIPERO SERRA AWARD PRESENTED TO STEVE LOVSETH '69



Steve Loveseth '69 was awarded the 2004 Junipero Serra Award, presented annually to an alumnus who is a leader in the community.

Since 1989, Steve Loveseth has been a Manager in the Alcohol and Drug Services Division of the Contra Costa Health Services Department. Steve has an extensive background in treatment program design and management. He has

an outstanding record of achievement in the areas of grant development and procurement. Steve currently chairs the County Steering Committee mandated by the voter initiative that created the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (Prop 36). Steve's dedication and effectiveness in helping those suffering from addictive diseases is informed by his own struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism. Clean and sober since 1983, he has been a consistent voice for the recovering community within the public health arena and has worked tirelessly to eliminate the stigma associated with those suffering from the disease of addiction.

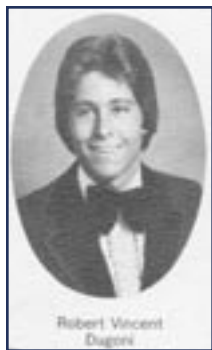
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Your fellow Padres want to know what you've been up to! If you've recently married, just celebrated the birth of a baby, started a new job, or retired, let us know!

Also, feel free to include a snapshot with your news or just for fun to add to our new "Padre Family Album" section of Traditions!

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ROBERT DUGONI, FORMER EDITOR OF THE FRIAR, CREDITS SERRA FOR “LEARNING HIS TRADE”

Robert Dugoni ('79) has received favorable reviews for his first non-fiction novel, *“The Cyanide Canary,”* published by Free Press, Simon & Schuster. In a recent interview with San Mateo Times, Robert said he learned his trade at Serra while he was the Editor in Chief of “The Friar.”

The novel was co-written by Joseph Hilldorfer, a former FBI agent turned special investigator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The story is about a handsome, young employee of Evergreen Resources, Scott Dominguez, who was ordered into a storage tank with a fellow worker to clean out sludge. Dominguez suddenly collapsed and was barely managed to be pulled to safety. Neither one of the workers were provided with protective gear and both said that there was a strong smell of burnt almonds in the tank. The book details the heroic struggles of paramedics and doctors to revive Dominguez and rehabilitate his broken mind and body. The stirring tale then shifts to the craven attempts by the owner of Evergreen Resources to cover up the dangerous site.

“The ‘Cyanide Canary’ is a fine start for the writer who has four more suspense novels in the works,” reports Jack Russell, retired San Mateo Times writer and editor.

Robert grew up as the middle child in a family of

ten siblings. According to his biography, he didn’t get much of a chance to talk, so he wrote. His first paid writing jobs were for his brothers and sisters, who “hired” him for nominal fees or an exchange of chores, to write the essay portions of their college and medical school applications. Since three of them are now doctors, he’s considered back-billing them for the work.

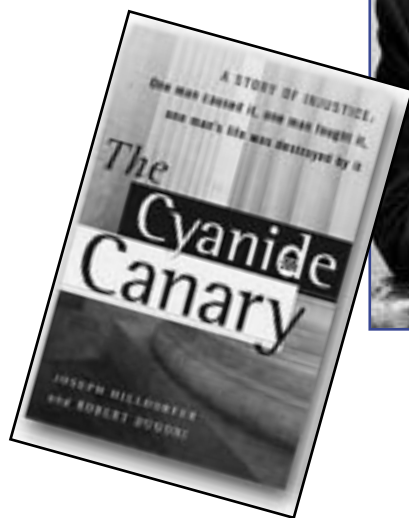
Robert followed his oldest brother, Bill ‘76, to Serra. Three more brothers would follow him (Tom ‘82, Larry ‘86 and Sean ‘89.) Conceding to height restrictions that made a basketball career tenuous, Robert became the editor of the Serra Friar newspaper, which he claims is the start of his journalism career.

With the help of a scholarship from the San Mateo Rotary Club, Robert attended Sam Goldman’s Journalism Program at Skyline College where he

became the Editor-in-Chief of the Skyline Press and received the Scripps-Howard Journalism Scholarship and the California Newspaper Publisher’s Association Scholarship. Robert went on to graduate Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism/Communications from Stanford University.

Robert is currently living in Seattle with his wife, Cristina, and two children, Joe, 8, and Catherine, 5.

Dugoni said that his heroes are his parents, William, who operated Lock Pharmacy in Foster City for 35 years, and Patty, an accountant.





NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING PADRE FOR THE JUNIPERO SERRA Alumni Award of Merit



In the Fall of 2003, Junipero Serra High School introduced eight of its most outstanding alumni in its first-ever induction ceremony of Padre grads into Serra's Professional Hall of Fame. Distinguished Padres included Bart Araujo '61, Ruben Barrales '80, David Giuliani '64, Michael Hackworth '59, Bill Keller '66, Edward Keller '47, David Littlejohn, 54 and John Shields '50.



The Alumni Award of Merit was established to honor Serra alumni who have made outstanding accomplishments in their professional fields and have brought honor and distinction to their alma mater. The awards ceremony will take place every two years, alternating with Serra's Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony.

Do you know a "Serra Great" in the professional world that you would like to nominate for this prestigious award?

Categories for nomination include:

Public Service
Science & Technology
The Arts
Business

Nominees must be alumnus of Junipero Serra High School, having graduated at least seven years ago. They must exemplify the principles in the school's mission statement and philosophy, and they should be accomplished in their professional field.

If you have someone in mind who you feel is deserving of this award, please send their name and graduating class, as well as your reasons for their nomination to:

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NEWS & NOTES

'49

Jerry Miller went to China recently to teach two classes in Managerial Leadership at Yunnan University of Finance and Economics.

'55

It's your 50-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings for specific date and time!

'56

Richard Cooks is a retired Vice President after 30 years with Wells Fargo Bank. He lives in Reno, Nevada with his wife Maggie. He has six children and three grandchildren. His grandson, Ronnie (a sophomore) is an all-conference guard for his high school football team in Smithville, Missouri, and a three-time Missouri State Heavyweight wrestling champion.

'64

Paul Regan was elected Chairman of the 28,000 member California Society of CPAs.

'65

It's your 40-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of Saturday, **October 8, 2005.**

'65

Joseph Braun, Jr. retired as Professor Emeritus from Illinois State University last summer. He and his wife, Anne, relocated to Carmel when she became the librarian at Palma High School. Joe is teaching part-time at Chapman and Santa Clara University, co-authoring the revision of a textbook, consulting, and is serving his last year as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council for the Social Studies.

'68

Philip Bona works for WLC Architects in Emeryville, California and has been responsible for the design and construction of over 150 schools and college buildings over the past decade. Phil is happily married to Letrice Sherrillo, another architect. Phil has a 21 year-old son, Vince, who is also working in construction.

'73

Gregory Giusti has recently been appointed as Director of Mendocino County/County Forest Advisor and Forest Wildland Ecologist for the University of California, and is also the Integrated Hardwood Range Management Advisor. Greg and his wife, Kathy, live in Kelseyville and are the proud parents of Adam, 19, and Lauren, 15.

John Gumbel is a Colonel with the Naval Air Depot at Cherry Point, North Carolina.

'74

Tevis Martin recently joined Collegiate Pacific as the Executive Vice President of US Operations.

'75

It's your 30-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of Saturday, **October 8, 2005.**

'76

Aaron Borg and his wife, Leigh Anne, welcomed their second baby boy, Kyle on July 25, 2004. Aaron was recently promoted to detective in the Sacramento Police Department.

Steve Grippi was appointed to the position of Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney in Sacramento. Steve received his undergraduate degree from California State University of Sacramento and his J.D. from Lincoln Law School. Steve has a wife, Susan, and two children, Matthew (14) & Lauren (11).

'79

Franco Palomba was recently named Corporate Vice President for Treasury and Human Resources of Varian Medical Systems in Palo Alto. Franco earned a BS degree in accounting from Cal State Hayward and an MBA in administration and finance from Notre Dame de Naumur University in Belmont.

'80

It's your 25-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of Saturday, **October 8, 2005.**

Paul Uliana and his wife, Kathy Clark, MD, welcomed a son, Zachary Kyle, on July 26, 2004. They have two other children, Ryan, 8, & Samantha, 6. Paul recently completed his MBA and Doctorate in Business Administration. He and his family currently live on a small farm in Lexington, NC.

'81

Mark Callagy is the proud daddy of a new baby girl, Katie, born on November 13, 2004.

'82

Steve Ughe and his wife, Anabel, are the proud parents of a son, Mario Joseph, born on December 30, 2004.

Garret Wiseth and his wife, Debbie, are the proud new parents of twin boys, Bowden and Kaiden, born March 3, 2004.

'83

William Caldarelli and his wife, Sheila, welcomed their 2nd daughter, Juliana, on October 28, 2004. Bill, who is a partner with the San Diego law firm, Mazzarella, Dunwoody & Caldarelli, LLP, was also elected as Chairman of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of CA for the 2005 term.

Brian Burns was recently named Senior VP of BF Enterprises, a San Francisco based real estate holdings and development company. After graduating from Serra, Brian earned a bachelor's degree in English and economics from Boston College and a law degree from USF.

David Ficher and his wife, Tara, welcomed a baby boy, Brandon James, on August 17, 2004. He weighed 6 lbs 15 oz.

'84

Kevin Sullivan is serving on active duty (Lieutenant Colonel, Army Aviation), and is currently stationed in Monterey, CA with the 14th Brigade ROTC unit. He will be doing a short tour before moving on to another duty assignment in May 2004. Kevin is currently married with two lovely daughters, ages 3 1/2 and 16 months.

'85

It's your 20-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of Saturday, **October 8, 2005.**

Peter Parashis and his wife, Tammy, are the proud parents of their third baby girl, Antoinette, born on April 16, 2004.

Chris Bankovitch and his wife, Catherine, are the proud parents of John Dominic, born on December 15, 2004. "JD" weighed 9 lbs and was 21 inches long! Walt Bankovitch, Sr. (Riordan '56) is the proud grandfather once again.

'86

John Maa is currently the Assist. Clinical Professor of Surgery at UCSF Medical Center. He's been working extensively in community outreach as President Elect of the Board of Directors of the American Heart Association, (SM Div) and focusing on developing programs in medical advocacy & health care policy. John graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1994.

Bob Rush and his wife, Chris, welcome a baby girl, Alexis, born on October 24, 2004. Alexis joins her two-year old brother, Andrew.

'87

Joe Masetti, Jr. and his wife, Diana, are the proud parents of, Sara Ashley, born on September 16, 2004 (Joe & Diana's wedding anniversary!) Five-year old brother, Anthony, and grandparents (Diane & Joe) are excited about the new addition. Diane Masetti is a former Administrative Assistant for Serra.

David Philpott '87 married Karen Ryan on September 11, 2004.

Staff Sergeant Pat Washington, U.S.A.R., returned to family and friends on June 19, 2004 along with the rest of the Military Police unit stationed in San Jose, California. Pat left his family and friends 20 months ago. Without loss of life, the unit served admirably in Iraq for 11 months. Pat is a veteran of action in Panama and Bosnia. He became a Sergeant First Class on July 1, 2004.

NEWS & NOTES

'88

Rob Hanke and his wife, Renee, welcomed a son, Cole, on September 1, 2004

Dan Murray exchanged wedding vows with Stacy Stowe on June 12, 2004 at Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame. Included in the wedding party were fellow Padres, Matt Earnshaw '89 (Dan's cousin), Chris Pederson '89, and Christian Clifford '89.

Christian Sullivan and his wife are living in New York and welcome their first child in August, 2004.

'89

Christian Pedersen and his wife Peggy were blessed with their second child, Julia Ann, on September 15, 2004.

'90

Dr. Matt Keyser recently purchased his own dental practice.

'91

Matt Brisbois is currently working with SCEA (Sony) in San Diego as a game designer for 989 Sports (Sports Video Game Division).

Jim Masetti and his wife, Susan, welcomed their first child, Kathryn Forrest, to their family on August 12, 2004.

'92

Joe Hudelson and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed Daniel Joseph on May 29, 2004. The Huddleson's, who live in Foster City, also have a 3-year old daughter, Rebecca. Joe and Stephanie are both teachers and Joe teaches summer school at Serra.

Augie Thorn is currently living in Atlanta and going on 7 years of employment with American Airlines. He is the Manager of Premium Services and responsible for the Admiral's Club Airport Lounge and VIP Services Department at Atlanta's Hartsfield Int'l Airport.

Deron Warren is currently a Captain in the United States Air Force. He is accompanied by his wife, Staci, at Misawa Air Base in Northern Japan. Deron is an emergency medical physician taking care of our troops and will be doing so for the next three years.

'94

Jeff Clark married Nieves Martinez on November 10, 2004 in St. Thomas, U.S.V.I., during a cruise of the Caribbean. Brother, Matt '92, along with his wife, Jennifer, and son, Braden, were part of the group of 53 family members and friends who joined in the wedding celebration. Matt Brewer '94 was the best man.

Jaeson Mackura is an Associate Wine Maker at Buena Vista Winery in Sonoma.

'95

It's your 10-year reunion! Look for more news in upcoming mailings and save the date of Saturday, **October 8, 2005.**

KEVIN MULLIN ('88)

HELPS PRODUCE LOCAL DOCUMENTARY

"RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE"

Serra alum, Kevin Mullin ('88) and Bryan Kingston, both of KM2 Communications, have produced a nationally distributed, documentary on the criminal justice system entitled "Restorative Justice: A Catholic Perspective."

Sponsored by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, this documentary features perspectives from various viewpoints of those involved in the criminal justice system, including San Mateo County District Attorney, Jim Fox ('62).

The documentary also highlights key concepts from the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' pastoral, "Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice."

The program takes the viewer "inside the walls" of San Quentin State Prison to see the transforming work of detention ministry and hears from those personally affected by the failings of the criminal justice system, including victims' and offenders' families.



‘95

Stephen Chesley graduated in May 2004 from the University of San Francisco with a Masters in Organization and Leadership and an Administrative Credential. Steve and his wife, Susan, live and teach in Mountain View, California.

Tom Ellerhorst recently graduated from the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry, on June 13, 2004. He is currently practicing orthodontics in San Mateo, California.

‘96

Anthony Agresti married Jennifer Canevari on August 28, 2004 in Stockton, California. His bestman was his brother, Aric ‘98, and his cousin, Kris McAlavey, 03, was a groomsman.

Jon Chapman, a 2002 Cal Poly graduate works for Merced County as an Ag Biologist. He also farms almonds in Le Grand, California.

Brandon Melconian was married to Kara Burford on July 10, 2004 in Oakdale, California. His brother, Ryan ‘98 served as his bestman and Tim Wetteland ‘95 served as one of the groomsmen.

‘98

Luciano Pollastrini graduated from UC Davis in 2003 with a degree in Biomedical/Chemical Engineering. He is currently working as an Associated Engineer at Genentech in Vacaville.

‘99

Jesse Campillo was united in marriage to Marisol Vargas (2000 graduate of Mills High School) on July 17, 2004. After graduating from Serra, Jesse attended Chaminade University in Hawaii and is employed at McArdle Air Art.

Nicholas Ferraro is a Senior at San Jose State University. He has completed his EMT and plans to move to San Diego to become a fireman after graduation.

James Johnson attended CSM, where he played football for the Bulldogs as a wide receiver. After earning first team, all-conference honors both years, James was awarded a scholarship to Minnesota State Bermidji, where he recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business management. He currently resides in San Mateo.

‘00

Garrett Larsen has recently accepted a job in Michigan to be part of the marketing team with Michigan State Athletics. He has already assisted with the signings of corporate partners and sponsorships, where he has been able to meet “a ton of people.” He is excited to be the first assistant in charge of football and basketball and will directly control the volleyball and hockey sponsorships. Garrett recently wrote us and expressed his thanks for all of the support he received. at Serra.

‘02

Dino Pollastrini enlisted in the US Navy in April, 2004 and is currently stationed in San Diego on the USS Ronald Reagan.

‘04

Salman Shariat received his Eagle Scout Award in August of 2004. Salman played crew for four years at Serra and is currently attending Santa Clara University.



On June 23, 2004, Congressman Tom Lantos presented the Silver Congressional Award Medal to Eric Snyder ‘03. This award is the highest honor bestowed upon young people by the U.S. Congress. The occasion, sponsored by FMC Corporation, took place in the Russell Senate Office Building of the U.S. Capitol. It was an opportunity to recognize initiative, achievement and a sense of community service in America’s youth.

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Rick Ghidossi, Sr.A (Senior Airman) '99
& daughter, Emilee



Anthony Stoloski '04



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Lee Concepcion '85 & Family
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(John Klobuchar '86)



Wilkinson Family
(Steve '75, Michelle, Sean '05, Stephanie & Nick)



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Daniel Stoloski '99



Sammy DeFoe with Santa
(John Paul DeFoe '91)



Chris Waizenegger '89 with wife, Jodie,
& son, Nicholaus



Joe Masetti '87 holding brother Jim's, daughter, Katie
Jim Masetti '92 holding brother Joe's daughter, Sarah

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If you would like to share your family photos with us, we would be glad to include them in our new "Padre Family Album" section of Traditions. You may send printed or digital photos.

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In Memoriam

George Albert, father-in-law of Kathy Roque, Serra faculty member, passed away on December 4, 2004

Judy Bennett, wife of Harry Bennett '55, passed away on January 17, 2004. Judy was a graduate of Mercy High School, Burlingame, Class of 1956.

Jim Boragno, 61 passed away unexpectedly in Potomac, MD on December 6, 2004.

Sue Bragato, mother of Chris Bragato '06, passed away on January 7, 2004.

Donna Brown, wife of Mike Brown '80, died of breast cancer in July, 2004. Sadly, Mike is left behind with his three sons, a 7th grader, 4th grader and a 4 yr old. They currently live in Pacifica.

Joseph Carthy, father of Derek Carthy '07, passed away on June 21, 2004.

Leo V. Collin '59, passed away on May 3, 2004 while sailing in Newport Harbor.

Tom Duranti '69, passed away on April 25, 2004.

Ron Faina, father of Karen Faina (Serra faculty member) passed away on December 27, 2004.

Steve Goggiano, father of Joseph '04, passed away on January 13, 2005.

Wayne Ferrin '68 passed away in May of 2003.

Jure Hrga, uncle of Ivan Hrga, Serra faculty member passed away.

Derm Houweling '58 passed away on November 20, 2004. Happily married to his high school sweetheart, Mary, for 42 years, he adored his four children, Lisa, Jeanne, Lynn, and Tim '90, as well as his eight grandchildren.

Sharon Klobuchar, mother of Michael '90 and John '86, and sister of Gail DeFoe (Serra faculty member) passed away on January 6, 2004.

Brian Marshall '81 passed away on September 18, 2004.

Jim McEntee, Serra Faculty 1959-1965, passed away on September 13, 2004 in Santa Barbara at the age of 73. A former priest of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, he served at Saint Catherine Parish in Morgan Hill.

Monsignor George Monaghan, uncle of Tom Monaghan, Serra faculty member, passed away.

Stephen Natoli, '71, a former Serra Father's Club President, passed away on April 4, 2004 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. He leaves behind his wife, Louise, and sons Greg '04 and Robert '08.

Eugene Pometta, the father of Alan Pometta, Serra Faculty member, passed away in July, 2004.

Dan Regan '67 passed away.

Alumni father, Samuel Peter Rossi, Sr., father of Sam Rossi, Jr. '83, passed away on October 12, 2004.

Gregory Schweitzer '65 passed away August 20, 2004.

Ted Wojcik, father-in-law of Keith Stapleton (Serra faculty member) passed away.

Mary Stinson, mother of Ken Stinson '60, passed away on October 8, 2004.

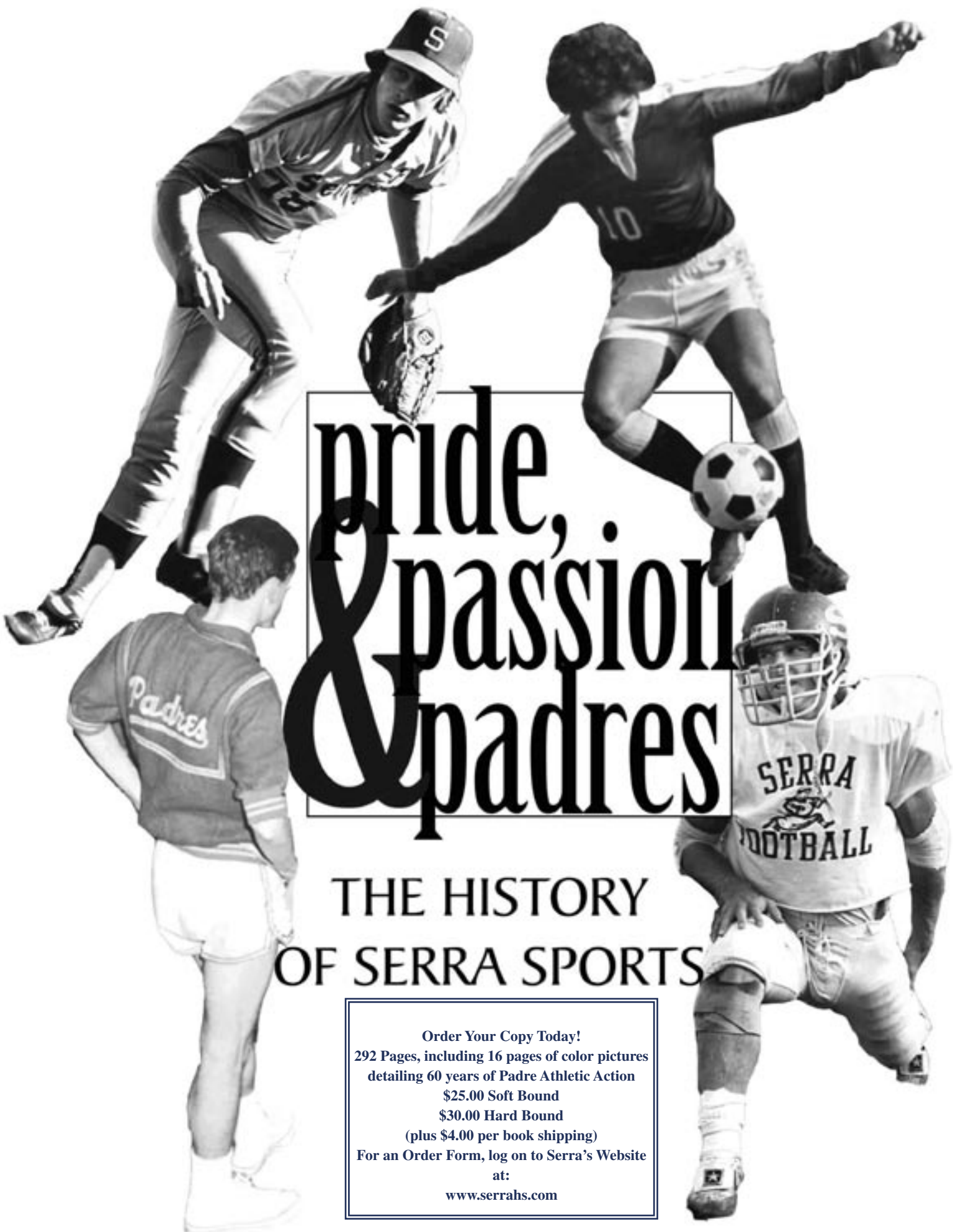
Ed Venditti '78, brother of Stephen '77 and David '80, died unexpectedly in late May, 2004. Father Howell performed the eulogy.

Pat Vidosh, mother of Mark '81, Matt '83, Brian '86, and aunt of Walter '83 passed away in Roseville, California on Saturday, September 24, 2004.

Frank Charles Vorsatz, Jr. brother of Paul '67, Karl '69, & Mark '72 passed away on October 9, 2004.

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and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*





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