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"Building For Our Future"



FROM THE PRINCIPAL MR. LARS LUND THE TRUE CORNERSTONE

Dear Alumni and Friends of Serra,

Since 2003, half of the Serra campus has been under construction, beginning with the work on the new, all-weather track and field. This past semester saw the grand opening of the new stadiums, new classroom and weight training facilities, new storage buildings, and a parking structure. This is the culmination of Phase I of our Capital Campaign, "*Building For Our Future*." We now have new athletic facilities to match our state of the art classrooms!

In the midst of all the construction and the joy of the grand opening celebrations, I do not want us to forget the reason why we built these facilities in the first place -- the Serra students who will be using them for generations to come.

Unlike a public school, there are no laws mandating the existence of Serra. No public funds were used to build these facilities -- or the original buildings on our campus for that matter! Serra exists because the Church wishes it to exist. It exists because the young men of San Mateo County need a quality Catholic, college preparatory education that will help them to grow in mind, heart, body and soul. Serra exists because of the generosity of parents, alumni and benefactors who believe in its mission to develop our students into adults of integrity, courage and compassion. Serra exists because of the talent and dedication of teachers and staff who, day in and day out, sacrifice much to work for and with our Padres.

All of our programs and facilities exist for one reason . . . to help the boys who enter Serra as freshmen leave as men "of faith and service." So what is the true cornerstone of our buildings, new and old? It is the faith of the Serra community that a Serra education truly makes a difference for the good in the lives of its students—intellectually, morally and spiritually.

As we make preparations for the next phase of "*Building for Our Future**," let's take a moment to thank God for all he has done for us and for all he is doing through us in our work to build up the mission of Junípero Serra High School.

Sincerely,

Lars Lund
Principal

Student Volunteers at "*Building for Our Future*" Community Celebration
(L to R:) Jeremy Pickett '06, Michael Wise '07, Brian Humrich '06



* This will include the construction of a new Fine Arts Building, Aquatic Center and facilities for the Academic Resource Center.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT MR. MICHAEL PETERSON

Dear Friends of Serra,

Having grown up on the south side of Chicago, I had the opportunity of attending Mendel, Mt. Carmel, Loyola, St. Rita or Leo High School. I applied to Leo and was accepted. Leo is a school similar to Serra in that it is Catholic, all boys, has an outstanding reputation and is well-known throughout the area and beyond. We were taught by the Irish Christian Brothers and a few laymen. Likewise, in the beginning, Serra students were taught mostly by Archdiocesan priests and some laymen. However, the similarity ends there. When I was going through high school, we had a gym, an indoor swimming pool (which was barely heated), and that was about it for our "campus." Our baseball field was located a half mile away in a public park. The football stadium was at least three quarters of a mile in the other direction. We wrestled in the basement of the four-story building. The cross country team ran in the neighborhood, and the track team practiced at a local public high school. Because I continue to receive mail from my alma mater, I know that to this day Leo does not have much more than that for a campus. Yet, it continues to do great work for the young men who attend there.

I sometimes think about Serra and Leo, especially when I consider the physical environment. I especially reflected on the similarities and differences on October 30th, when we had the official dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony of our new facilities. What a great day this was! Because of the outstanding support of our alumni, alumni parents, present parents, friends of Serra, and a number of foundations, a dream has become reality. What was only thought about six years ago is now in place. We have so much more than my high school of over 40 years ago, and so much more than the Serra of 40 years ago.

If you have not yet had the chance to see our improvements, please make it a point in the near future to walk around our campus. Often times, we are in such a rush when we come to Serra for a meeting, or when we are dropping off/picking up our sons, that we really do not see all the physical changes that have occurred in just the last few months. If you have a spare moment, park your car in the new parking structure. Take time to walk through our new baseball bleachers and locker room, our new football stadium - with a weight room, wrestling room and classroom underneath. All of this and more has just been finished and is now being used by our young Padres. See it while it's new!!

From The Editor Michelle Wilkinson

I didn't have the privilege of working at Serra during the time Father Joseph Bradley '73 taught theology and was Chaplain for our school. Fortunately for me, however, I was able to spend some time listening to him recently during his visit back to Serra. Father Joe was invited to be a concelebrant along with our chaplain Father James Livingstone at a Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in December. His visit came shortly after his remarkable recovery from heart transplant surgery.

Father Joe spoke softly and candidly to fellow Padres about his personal journey and the roller coast ride of physical and emotional feelings he experienced knowing that he would not survive without a donor heart. He provided the students an overview of his specific heart condition, and shared the fact that he had lost several members of his family prematurely to heart disease.



Father Joe told us about what it was like to spend six months in a hospital bed waiting for the *good* news to come that they had found a donor heart. He shared with the students and faculty his troubled feelings knowing that someone else would have to die in order for him to live. He was not quite sure what to pray for.

He knew from what his doctors had told him that the donor heart would need to be a perfect match. This meant the right size, blood type, weight, approximate age, and the urgency of need, all had to be considered. Nobody could tell him when the call would come or how long the wait would be. He spoke intimately about being anointed, when it had always been him who had done the anointing.

"I felt the most at peace that I have ever felt in my life," Father Joe said.

Father Joe went on to point out and reflect upon the many labels that society places on individuals. *"I am a white man, which means . . . I am a black man, which means . . . I am an athlete, which means . . . I am a musician, which means . . ."* He remarked that *"In the end, what it truly comes down to is that it really doesn't matter."*

He told the students and faculty that it didn't make a difference where his heart ultimately came from. *"It didn't matter whether the heart was a Christian heart, a Jewish heart, a Muslim heart or an Atheist heart. It didn't matter if it was a white man's heart, a black man's heart, or a woman's heart. What mattered was that it was a human heart."*

It was quite a memorable experience for me meeting Father Joe for the first time. I definitely felt his "new" heart touch mine and I'm pretty certain it touched nearly one thousand young Serra Padres.

THE LEGACY CONTINUES

11 Padre Sons in the Class of 2009



Back Row (L to R): James Murphy (Tim '82), Max Kaindl (Michael '62), Kevin McEntee (Gary '77), Christopher McLinden (Rich '73), Christopher Helfrich (William '69). Front Row (L to R): Daniel Barri (Ron '72), Frederick Menzel (Fred '76), Marquis Morrow (Leonard '80), Christopher Bertetta (Russ '67), Christopher Bet (Paul '76), Norrie Syme (Scott '80)

ALUMS REUNITE AT ALUMNI FATHER & SON MASS



Four members from the Serra's Class of '69 reunited at the Annual Alumni Father & Son Mass and Breakfast held on September 8, 2005. Pictured from L to R: Tony Crisafi '69, Gene Murphy '69, Mike Borg '69, and Steve San Filippo '69

SENIOR SPENCER BLANK RECEIVES DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD



Pictured L to R: Tom & Mary Blank, Spencer Blank '05, and Serra Admissions Director Randy Vogel

Spencer Blank '05 is this year's recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Award and was named the overall winner from the North San Mateo San Andreas Lake Chapter.

Students are nominated based on academic achievement, service, dependability, patriotism and character. Local winners submitted a resume on all of their activities and accomplishments and then wrote an additional essay on *"Our American Heritage and our Responsibility for Preserving It."*

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Five seniors were named in the 51st Annual National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition. Victor Kang '05 was named a Semifinalist and will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 8,200 Merit



Pictured left to right are seniors Ronald Kerr, Victor Kang, Benjamin Bubenheim, David Gamache, and Benjamin Margolis

Scholarship awards offered next spring. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. Seniors Benjamin Bubenheim, David Gamache and Ronald Kerr were recognized as National Merit Commended Students, and seniors Ronald Kerr and Benjamin Margolis were selected as National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars.

DENNIS LUCEY '58 RECEIVES JUNIPERO SERRA AWARD

Dennis Lucey '58 was presented with the Junípero Serra Award during the Annual Alumni Awards Assembly held in Serra's packed gym full of almost 1,000 young men. The Junípero Serra Award is presented to the alumnus who best exemplifies through his life the mission of Serra High School. Alumni Director Russ Bertetta '67 introduced Dennis as "*A Man for Others*" and a person who is most deserving of this prestigious award.

After graduating from Serra, Dennis spent two years at St. Joseph's Seminary in Mountain View and then entered the University of San Francisco where he graduated in 1963. He then moved East to Washington D.C. with the idea of spending six months there, but has now been there for over 40 years. Dennis went into the computer business in the early 60's and remains in that business today. Every so often, Dennis would take a sabbatical from the computer field and do something generous for others.

He spent two years in Africa in the 1970's serving as the Director of the Peace Corps. Also during the 70's, Dennis spent a year in Brazil serving as the Chief Administrator of the Hospital Ship Hope. Returning to the States, Dennis involved himself in a number of director's boards including SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious), where he served as the National Chairperson. This great organization attempts to care for thousands of religious, particularly sisters and nuns, who have little or no support today. Dennis presently serves on fourteen boards, including the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, The Woodstock Theological Center, The Knights of Malta and SOME (So Others May Eat) a very large homeless shelter based in the Washington, DC area. He also is active in his parish, Holy Trinity in Georgetown, D.C., having served on the Parish Council, marriage preparation team, and is currently a greeter, lector, and eucharistic minister.



Dennis Lucey '58 offers \$50 to any student who could answer just one of his questions correctly.



Pictured L to R: Father John Kavanaugh, Sister Veronica Skillin, SND, Dennis Lucey '58, Pam Lucey, Archbishop Francis T. Hurley

As soon as Russ Bertetta handed Dennis the microphone, the gymnasium came alive. Dennis paid tribute to his wife, Pam, "who has always been a great teacher" to him and several special guests who taught him the "*three great truths*" -- Love of God, Love of Family (referring to the 'human race' family), and Love of Country. He thanked Sister Veronica Skillin, SND, Dennis' 7th grade teacher at Mt. Carmel in Redwood City, for helping him pass the Serra Entrance Exam and making him a good student. Father Kavanaugh, Dennis' homeroom and first-year Latin teacher was credited for encouraging and providing Dennis with "*a boost of confidence*" freshman year when he felt intimidated by the "*seniors who looked to be over 20 years of age.*" Dennis also thanked Archbishop Francis T. Hurley (retired Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Anchorage) for playing a major role in his life since Serra and for being part of "every major decision in his life."

As part of Dennis' presentation to the students, he asked Student Body President James Longinotti to answer just one of three questions correctly in order to win \$50 cash.

WHEN DID THE GIANTS WIN THEIR LAST WORLD SERIES?
- James wasn't sure of the answer.

WHAT MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM WON OVER 10,000 GAMES?
- James wasn't sure of the answer..

CAN YOU NAME A TEACHER THAT HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE?
- James knew his answer immediately!

Student Body President James Longinotti had no trouble answering Dennis Lucey's final question correctly to WIN \$50 CASH!



Dennis proved, of course, that teachers are the corner stone of one's life.

2005-2006 ALUMNI AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

Serra honored eight of its most outstanding alumni in the second biannual Alumni Award of Merit assembly held in October. Two recipients each in the categories of arts and letters, science and technology, business, and public affairs were acknowledged.

Alumni Director [Russ Bertetta '67](#) extended a warm welcome to the family and friends of the recipients and referred to them as the “best of the best.”

“Each year it amazes me that our school has produced so many men who have made an impact on our world. Whether you use a Sonic Care toothbrush, shop at Trader Joe’s, need work on your heart, read the New York Times or a great novel, invest in developing businesses, throw touchdown passes in the Super Bowl, or decide to run for the governor of Pennsylvania, we are all connected. Be proud to say you are a Serra Padre because that means you represent excellence in all that you do.”

[Mike Collopy '76](#) received one of the awards designated for Serra graduates in the field of arts and letters. Mike

is one of the preeminent portrait photographers of our time. From photographing Mother Teresa’s missions in Calcutta and Pope John Paul II in Mexico City, to photographing the Rolling Stones in Paris for Mick Jagger’s birthday, Mike has gained worldwide recognition. In 1996, Collopy released *“Works of Love are Works of Peace,”* with the cooperation of Mother Teresa. This critically acclaimed 15-year photographic documentary profiled the work of her Missionaries of Charity. His portfolio includes portraits from world leaders such as Pope John Paul II, Mikhail Gorbachev and Margaret Thatcher, to entertainers like Ella Fitzgerald, Mick Jagger, B.B. King and Luciano Pavarotti. His colleague in arts and letters, [John Lescroart '66](#), a New York Times bestselling author whose books have been translated into 16 languages in more than 75 countries, was also honored. Not only are his books entertaining page turners and extremely well written, but they deal with some of the more important issues of our day.

On the science and technology front, [Dr. Malcolm McHenry '51](#), who is one of the most distinguished cardiologists in California (twice recognized by the American Medical Association and recipient of the Exceptional Service Award from the American Heart Association) was also honored. In Dr. McHenry’s speech, he said that “successful students are taught and motivated by exceptional teachers.” His mentor was Fr. John Zoph who taught him English, Latin, and helped with French three times a week in the old library at noon over peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. “He also taught me that learning never stops.”

Although unable to attend the assembly, [Thomas O’Halloran '48](#), was acknowledged for his award in the category of science and technology. Tom has a Ph.D. in physics and is a retired professor from the University of Illinois. Dr. O’Halloran is the author of hundreds of articles printed in scientific journals, many of which deal with the cosmic ray. After being notified that he was the recipient of this award, he sent Alumni Director [Russ Bertetta '67](#) one of his most recent articles . . . “I read two paragraphs and didn’t understand a word, so I gave the article to our own physics guru, Mr. Plett, and asked him to translate it into something I could understand, which he did. Unfortunately, I couldn’t understand that either,” said Russ during his introduction. In a more personal note to Russ from Tom, he reflected back on being part of Serra’s first graduating class.

“After I was notified of the honor, I went to the Serra website and read the history of Serra High School. There I was reminded that the school



Back Row L to R: Dr. Malcolm McHenry '51, Angelo Siracusa '47, John Lescroart '66, Dennis Lucey '58, Paul Stephens '63, Kenneth Stinson '63, Mike Collopy '76; Front Row L to R: Alumni Director Russ Bertetta '67, Principal Lars Lund, Director of Institutional Advancement Michael Peterson

opened with eighty-six students and five faculty. It is inconceivable to me that a faculty of five could launch a new high school, but they did. The workload must have been enormous. There were compensations; however, for being in the original classes. Many of the things you take for granted were originated by us. We had election after election and some of the results are now embedded in Serra life. The colors, blue and gold, were selected by us. The name, Padres, was also a winner. It was fun.” He also added, “There was one thing, however, that has remained constant since our beginning in 1944. Our class was unable to do it, but I hope this class will be able to do so . . . BEAT BELLARMINE!”

In the business world, two distinguished alums were recognized. **Paul Stephens ‘63** was involved in many activities when he was a student at Serra. He was a member of the California Scholarship Federation, played basketball, ran track and was a Catholic All-American football player. Perhaps, however, the area that influenced his career in investment banking was his role as student body treasurer. In fact, Paul had additional experience as the valued treasurer of his home room for three years prior to that. Money and Paul just seemed to go hand in hand. Since graduating from UC Berkeley, Paul has been one of the leading figures in asset management and investment banking for over 30 years. He was one of the founders of Robertson Stephens and Company, one of world’s premier boutique investment banks. At its peak in the early 1990’s, Robertson Stephens managed more IPOs (initial public offerings) than any other investment bank in the world. It helped finance a great deal of the boom of Silicon Valley in the 1980’s. Paul has also served a chairman and board member of the Haas Business School Advisory Board at UC Berkeley as well as teaching classes in investment at Berkeley for ten years.

Kenneth Stinson ‘60, Chairman of the Board of Peter Kiewit and Sons, also received the Alumni Merit Award in the business category. How does one get to be the Chairman of the Board of the Country’s 7th largest contractor? First, you start with a Serra education, parlay that with a civil engineering degree from Notre Dame and a Masters from Stanford, follow that up with two and a half tours of duty in Vietnam in the navy’s civil engineer corps, and then spend the next thirty-six years working your way up the corporate ladder, running projects, then heading divisions all over the country until the guys at the top say, “we want you to run this company.” In addition to the responsibilities of running this huge international company, Ken has been one of Nebraska’s leading citizens involved in more than a dozen local organizations ranging from Creighton University to the Omaha Symphony and Girls and Boys Town. He has also received numerous awards for his business and civic accomplishments. Ken provided some good humor with a story he shared with the faculty and students.

“It’s been a long time since my high school years. I was reminded of just how long before this event began when I saw a fellow who looked somewhat familiar. I thought he might have been a classmate who was here for this event, but he looked quite a bit older, so I was pretty sure that wasn’t the case. I couldn’t figure out where else I would have known him from, so I finally got up the courage to go ahead and

**“Be proud to say
you are a Serra
Padre because that
means you represent
excellence in all that
you do.”**

**– Russ Bertetta ‘67
Director of Development and
Alumni Relations**

ask him. I walked over to him and said, ‘Pardon me, but you look very familiar. Weren’t you in my class?’ He stated at me a short time and said, ‘I don’t know. What did you teach?’”

Finally, standing out in the area of Public Affairs is **Angelo Siracusa ‘47**, who was part of Serra’s first graduating class in 1947. When most of us think of government, we tend to think first of the Federal government, then the state government, and finally local government. Local governments, however, probably have more of an impact on our daily lives than their larger counterparts. Local governments are the police, the parks, the condition of our city streets, the development of our downtown areas, etc. This is the area that Angelo has been involved with for most of his life. He has served in a number of positions from Chairman of Santa Clara’s Board of Regents to the Board of KQED, Junior Statesmen and the Bay Area Economic forum. Angelo has served as the CEO and President of the Bay Area Council, a business-sponsored organization involved in analysis and advocacy on public issues ranging from transportation, housing, land-use, and the environment throughout the nine county Bay Area region, working to make life better in all of those communities.

Angelo began his speech by announcing to the students that he *“was not the alum who threw those touchdown passes.”* He went on to proudly introduce his *“feisty 95-year old”* mom, sister Jeanne and *“fabulous wife Diana”* who joined in recognizing all of his many accomplishments and shared the following:

“Father Zoph came to me one day and asked me if I was interested in becoming a priest. Since the priests at Serra convinced me that everything I did was a mortal sin, I was flabbergasted that he would single me out. Well, of course he hadn’t. He asked everyone. Anyway, when I reported this to my family, my old-world Italian immigrant father went through the roof. He emigrated to America for MATERIAL opportunities and did not take kindly to the thought that his only son would become a priest. He should not have worried.”



Auction Co-Chair Gloria Chirichillo &
Development Director Russ Bertetta

2005 ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Midnight at the Oasis

A HUGE SUCCESS!

Serra's Annual Benefit Auction, "*Midnight at the Oasis*," turned out to be the most successful fund raising event in the "non-Tom Brady Super Bowl Cadillac era." Because of the tremendous amount of generosity and the hard work of dedicated volunteers, we were able to raise over \$250,000.

The raffle produced the second largest total in school history topping \$110,000. Thanks goes out to all of our boys, and special thanks goes to Lars Lund and Keith Strange for volunteering to have their heads shaved if we reached our ticket sales goal of \$100,000. We did . . . and they did!

Highlights of the night once again included the fabulous performance of the Serra Jazz Band under the direction of Jay Jordan. From their opening song, which naturally was "*Midnight at the Oasis*" sung by Serra mom Kathy Dal Broi, to their closing number, they wowed the crowd.

Our biggest "Thank Yous" are reserved for Benefit Co-Chairs, Gloria Chirichillo and Lisa Eliopoulos, who began working on this project last January. The thousands of hours they put into this event can only be matched by their dedication to Junipero Serra High School.



SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006

Hall of Fame Dinner

Foster City Crowne Plaza



Larry Hennes

"A Man For All Seasons"

by Randy Vogel

Larry Hennes possessed the textbook qualities of a teacher in a Catholic High School -- a perfect blend of integrity, toughness, humor, compassion and reverence for God. One of Serra's most beloved teachers from 1963-1982, Mr. Lawrence Hennes died in early September at the age of 88.

During his nineteen years at Serra, the science and German teacher was praised as a man who gave his heart and soul to the school. Under his leadership, the Fathers' Club established a fundraising event called the "Cadillac Raffle," which later became the "Spring Extravaganza" and is now known as the "Pot of Gold Raffle." He was one of the principal forces behind Serra's formation of Monday Night Bingo, a venture that provided funding for the school's scholarship program for nearly 30 years. Serra's thriving German program was also Larry's idea. He approached the administration and offered his services to the school as a German instructor in the mid 1970's and the program blossomed from there.

During World War II, Hennes enlisted in the United States Navy, where he became an aviation metalsmith, with rank of Chief Petty Officer. Following the service, he returned to his birthplace of St. Cloud, Minnesota, where he fortuitously joined the church choir, while considering a teaching career. Choir practice would have a lasting effect on Larry, as it was there he met his future wife Gert whom he married in 1947. A graduate of St. Cloud Teacher's College in Minnesota, Larry began teaching in Minnesota in 1951. He taught for twelve years prior to coming to Serra in 1963.

Although it took a little time for Gert and Larry Hennes to find their way out to San Mateo, California and to Serra High School, Larry eventually became an "institution" at the school and Serra became his second home. Larry made working at Serra a family affair. He and his late wife, Gert, had seven children, twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Three of their sons graduated from Serra -- Rich in 1967, Tom in 1969 and Fred in 1974. For several years, Gert worked in the school's cafeteria.

Although teaching both science and German were Larry's passions, he will long be remembered for his finger tip, one-armed push ups, cooking potato pancakes in the science lab during Open House, and for spinning far-fetched stories just plausible enough to be almost believable. Each year students would await the moment when Hennes would decide to unveil one of his legendary yarns. He billed them as "true experiences" and no one was able to refute his tales. Until Larry's retirement in 1982, anyone who passed his classroom at the right time might hear him talking about the time he killed a bear with a frozen tomato in Alaska or the time he went ice fishing and coaxed a fish out of

the water by lining peas around the perimeter of the hole.

Larry was a man for all seasons. Early in his career he volunteered to help out with freshman football so that more students could be involved in the program. His love for God brought him to morning mass on a daily basis. Known as Serra's number one fan of Notre Dame Fighting Irish football, Hennes unabashedly chastised Notre Dame in 1970, when Serra grad Lynn Swann "got away to USC."



Lawrence F. "Larry" Hennes
April 21, 1917 - September 06, 2005

In 1987, Hennes -- along with fellow Minnesotan and long-time faculty member Ken Houle -- were co-honorees of the Serra In Via Award. The prestigious honor is awarded to a non-alumnus who, through word and example, have lived the Christian lifestyle and shown ongoing support for Serra and the ideals of Catholic education as taught there. Larry could also be found around the community of San Mateo during the summers. For many years, he operated a pee- wee golf course on Palm Avenue in San Mateo and, to help out with the bills during the summer months, he became facilities supervisor at the San Mateo Fair Grounds during the annual San Mateo County Fair.

Larry Hennes gave of himself, unselfishly, to a school he loved. When he retired in 1982 a Serra staff member commented, *"It's like taking the Golden Gate Bridge away from San Francisco or pulling the Statue of Liberty out of the New York Harbor."*

Long time Serra counselor Ron Fulmer, a colleague and friend of Hennes', spoke of Larry prior to his 1982 retirement. Fulmer commented, *"Larry Hennes is a very religious man who is not afraid to say that he loves God. But the thing that I will always remember most about him is his infectious sense of humor. I have had many bad days turned around by Larry's great joke-telling."*

It is a privilege for this writer to have been asked to share some thoughts for Traditions about Larry Hennes, a man for whom I have the utmost respect. I was proud to be a colleague of his during my first twelve years at Serra and always valued his guidance and support in helping me when I was starting out as a young teacher. Larry Hennes will always be remembered as a credit to and a respected member of the teaching profession; but, more importantly, he was a class individual who valued his family, his faith and his friends most of all.



Larry Hennes with Nathan Hennes
(Youngest of 12 grandchildren)

"I was very observant of my father's career at Serra and of his love of teaching. He definitely brought his job home with him every night. He would even drive back to Serra at night to set up science lab experiments and to use the mimeograph machine. I'd go with him to help; it was fun for me! I also learned at a very young age to respect and appreciate my teachers."

Catherine Lucente (Hennes)

Larry and Gertrude Hennes
St. Cloud, Minnesota (1948)

"Dad loved his teaching position at Serra. His work ethic was very strong and I cannot remember him ever taking a single day of sick leave. Most every school night, he would do more homework than any of his children. If not preparing the next day's lesson, he would be grading tests or recording scores in his log book. Dad always felt it vital to return test scores the very next day, while the information was fresh in the student's minds."

One of the greatest joys of my adult life has been running into Serra alumni and having them tell me how much they appreciated by dad as a teacher. Of course, they would always tell me the stories of one-arm push ups, dad's "true life" stories, and other classroom memories.

My father was fully aware that his presence on campus may affect my student body life, so he always did a good job of letting me be my own person. He even let me transfer out of his class when I was a sophomore.

I remember my dad always had a summer job to perform at Serra. The one he had me help with was the changing of each and every locker combination in the school. We developed a pretty good system and could change every combination in a matter of weeks.

He was a good man and I know he influenced a lot of students, myself included."

Fred Hennes '74

"Without a doubt, Larry Hennes was the best teacher I've ever had. Larry made class fun and we really learned something. He was like one of the kids -- stronger than any student and he could prove it. He was the only guy in school who could pick up the lead brick with one hand. No one else could do it with two! Larry could kick a football farther than any student. He was so much fun on field trips to the beach, where we would study rock formations. I think the fact that he was so excited and into it, it made us learn even more."

Larry was a kind and very thoughtful man who always showed how happy he was that we understood what he was teaching. He shared "true-actual events" with us which we all thought were real until he ended up saying, "what a great story" and laughed.

One example that expresses Larry's great personality was the time we came into class after working hard all week long. It didn't seem possible, but Larry decided to give us a "surprise quiz" which we hadn't really studied for. He had always been pretty good about letting us know when we should study for one.

"Okay, it's time for a surprise quiz," Larry said. We were all really mad and we told him that. But Larry said, *"That's too bad . . . that's just the way it is."*

So, Larry went into his back room and the next thing (in between all of our complaining) in comes Larry with candy, soda, and treats just for fun! He wanted to show us how proud he was of how hard we were working and learning. He also brought us free passes to his mini golf business located in San Mateo. That was Larry. He had a big heart for his students and teaching, and he really enjoyed knowing that he actually taught all of us something."

Dan Murphy '71

"Larry and I worked in the science department for many years. He was a memorable man and teacher. He always taught and interacted with his students with great energy. Larry taught Geology and he gave this legendary test on the various types of rocks. His students would have to recognize and name 100 different rocks on a lab exam. Larry inspired his students enough where the class would pass the test with great success."

When I taught with Larry, he was in his 60's and still very strong and fit. Larry would not do push-ups, not one handed push-ups, but push-ups just using his index finger. I've never seen anyone do this. This was legendary among his students. They say a teacher never dies because you never know where their influence will stop. Larry was a fine man and teacher."

Rob Solari



Larry and Gertrude Hennes (1992)
Dancing at daughter Catherine's Wedding

Larry Hennes shared several of his legendary “stories”
with another favorite teacher and good friend, Ralph Stark.
Reprinted below is “To Here From There With A Tomato and a Bear.”



To Here From There With a Tomato and a Bear

by Larry Hennes



May I beg your tolerance for one moment before relating this wild, true experience? I pose a question! When a person rolls a sphere over a physics lab table, did the whole sphere or only a thin, hairline part of it contact the table? This is important. Give it some thought, while I acquaint you with this genuine account of life in the Wild.

Do you possess a bit of imagination? Would you allow the real truth to be only slightly distorted with a few moments of fantasy? If your answer is yes, my friend, then you are about to experience, vicariously, of course, a somewhat dangerous but exciting Northwoods outing . . .

My friend, Adolph, was attempting to acquaint me with some of the wonders and perils of this great and beautiful environment in the wild. Through one of Adolph's friends we had a short-term lease on a derelict log cabin located at least twenty miles from closest civilization. We were determined to survey some of this country to find the ideal location for our future, planned log cabin fishing resort. There were about two hundred lakes within this particular twenty square miles. What beautiful surroundings! The deep, blue, serene waters artistically reflected the majestic, tall conifers. The tules appeared to beckon the bass fisherman, and the blooming water lilies decorated nature's home for pan fish of all varieties. Have you ever tempted your appetite with one of these freshwater fish beauties? If this has not been your good fortune, then you have missed one important opportunity of your life. Simply, properly prepared, they are so crispy, crunchy and golden-brown good.

Little were we aware at the time about circumstances that would postpone our great plans for this resort. The sky on this late, autumn afternoon did not show its ugly, threatening face right away. We had just returned from the woodshed to check on our fuel supply. In past years, the inhabitants of this country had experienced some awesome blizzards, and so we thought it was a good idea to hook a clothesline between the shed and the cabin. A light snow began to fall and there was a sudden change in the weather. Now both the temperature and the snow began to drop rapidly. However, it really didn't surprise us. Even though snow usually falls somewhere between twenty-five and thirty degrees Fahrenheit, this north country does contrive the exceptions and is the author of some unpredictable events. In the peak of the cold season, it does warm up to twenty degrees below zero at about 2:00 p.m., but then it gets cold!

Adolph and I resigned ourselves to letting the storm pass. The warmth of the fireplace was very inviting. The heavy snowfall and the dropping temperature were definite reality. We devoted the remainder of the day to checking over some of our previously surveyed areas. There was a drastic change in the weather pattern the following day, colder and more snow. I headed for the shed, wading through four feet of snow. The snow was falling so rapidly that my tracks were completely covered on my return to the cabin. No problem! I slid one hand along the clothesline so I wouldn't get lost. Talk about the frigid cold! You'd have to be there to believe it! I dumped my wood load and was called to breakfast. Adolph had just finished preparing a batch of ham and eggs, good old American style.

The weather continued without change. There was no prospect for further property investigation with such existing conditions. What else could we do? We began to wait it out, and it continued for two, three and four more days. At least the snowfall subsided. Why shouldn't it? There was no space for more! Our food supply had run desperately low. Something had to be done. Adolph and I flipped a coin to see who would go for help. Adolph lost. I insisted that he take the rifle because I possessed a hunting knife. I was reluctant to bid farewell because it was all so frightening.

On the third day after Adolph's departure, I realized that no food remained. In order to forget about it, I started for the woodshed. The kitchen wood box was empty. Talk about the cold! The snow had found its way to the apex of the roof. Adolph took the snowshoes, so it appeared that the snow shovel was the best and only method for obtaining access to the shed. I had lots of time and nowhere to go, so I initiated a four-hour shoveling ordeal to accomplish thirty feet of horizontal crawl way. During the interim, my thoughts concerned Adolph. Would he ever return? Could he survive the blizzard and the stinging, freezing cold? The least I could do was to have ample wood to feed the potbelly stove and the fireplace. I satisfied the greedy wood box. The temperature continued to drop. What else was old? Hunger was driving me almost to a state of panic. I paced the cabin like a tiger wanting to break out of the confines of his prison. The ice box had no food with the exception of a tomato which had seen better days. Actually it had outlived its normal life expectancy days before. But the will to live is a tremendously driving force. I rolled the badly spent delicacy in my hand, pondering the thought of survival or starvation. I could forget the thought of finding any kind of

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PADS AND THEIR DADS HELP SORT 25,000 POUNDS OF GROCERIES AT SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK



Serra's Fathers' Club members and their sons volunteered their services during December to help out at the Second Harvest Food Bank. The total amount of food that was sorted and re-packaged for distribution by these generous "Pads" and their Dad was estimated to be more than 25,000 pounds!

Second Harvest Food Bank of San Mateo County is a private non-profit organization that collects and distributes more than 27 million pounds of food each year to low-income children, adults and seniors. The food Bank currently serves an average of 163,500 individuals each month, with nearly 60% of the families supporting dependent children.

SERRA'S NEW ECOLOGY CLUB GETS THEIR HANDS DIRTY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Serra's newly formed Ecology Club joined together to help with a creek restoration project being sponsored by the San Francisquito Watershed Council. The Council works to improve water quality, preserve and restore wildlife habitat, and reduce flood dangers along San Francisquito Creek and its tributaries.

Krissa Lebacqz, Ecology Club Moderator, and several club members worked with approximately 30 other volunteers to plant native plants (mostly grasses and shrubs) in El Palo Alto Park, which borders the creek. The plants were raised in a nursery by other volunteers and employees.

"It's an interesting creek because it's the only free-flowing creek in the area and the only creek on the peninsula that still supports a native run of Steelhead Trout, which are listed as "threatened" under the endangered species act," said Krissa. "Creeks in San Mateo are mostly underground in culverts or channelized, so this is a chance for the students to have a more natural creek experience. Hopefully, the plants will stabilize the stream bank and also provide important foods to native birds."

This is the first year for Serra's Ecology Club, which was founded by Serra seniors Troy Talmadge, Charles Gemora, Ferris Salameh, and David Millar. Krissa's hope for the club is that students will learn more about their environment in addition to learning to appreciate it more.

"So far, it's just been good to get the guys outside and get their hands dirty," said Krissa.



Pictured from L to R: Patrick Neimeyer '07, Manual Angeles '06, Troy Talmadge '06, Ferris Salameh '06, Ben Bubenheim '06, Charles Gemora '06, Gabriel Encarnacion '09, and Ecology Club Moderator Krissa Lebacqz



Visual & Performing Arts



The outrageous British farce “Noises Off,” by Michael Frayn, is basically a play-within-a-play. It tells the story of a hapless English traveling theatre group performing a play entitled “Nothing On.” The theatre group finds so much action going on behind the scenes, they almost ruin the performance.

Director Dan Demers '01 has been helping direct performances at Serra for several years now, but this was his first project as full-fledged director.

“Dan is one the funniest people I’ve ever met and is really great to work with because he comes down to our level,” says Madison Mooney (NDB '06), who played actress Dotty Otley starring as Mrs. Clackett (the maid).

Each and every one of the 10 actors in this play milked every single line they had to earn that amazing roar of laughter which, night after night, filled the theatre. Although the sophisticated verbal humor was superb, this cast’s sharp and out-of-control physical humor put it over the top to go down in the history books of Tri-School Theatre.

“I’ve never received more bruises in my life, but beauty knows no pain,” jokes Alex Maggi '08, assuming the role of the high-maintenance, squeamish romantic lead, Freddie Dallas, who plays Philip Brent (the homeowner in hiding).

All gave a command performance, especially leading role newcomers Lauren Rhodes (Mercy '07) as Poppy Taylor (the frazzled, insecure assistant stage manager) and Allie Glatt (NDB '07) as the out-to-lunch, token attractive blonde ditz, Brooke Ashton, who plays Vicki.

Look out for these stars at next year’s fall play, as I’m sure they have something exciting in store!

Review by Spencer Blank '05

NOISES OFF



SENIOR RYAN SVENDSEN '06 DEBUTS AS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY



Musician extraordinaire Ryan Svendsen '05 made his debut recently as a member of the California Youth Symphony. The senior trumpet player has been a four-year member of the Serra Jazz Band, Pep Band and Symphonic Band. In his junior year, he was selected to be a part of the Peninsula Youth Orchestra, which

included a European tour of Spain and France in the summer of 2005. Ryan was selected to the prestigious California Youth Symphony through an audition process and is the first Serra student in 25 years to achieve this honor.

The CYS performs a series of concerts throughout the Bay Area during the winter and spring months. During the recent San Mateo performance, the CYS program included Don Juan by Richard Strauss, Piano Concerto No. 1 by Liszt and The Planets by Gustav Holst. This coming summer, Ryan will accompany the California Youth Symphony on a tour of China as their principle trumpet player.

Svendsen has also been principle trumpet for both the Cal Poly State Honor Band and the CSU East Bay State Honor Band during 2005. He has auditioned for several colleges and conservatories across the nation and plans to pursue music in college.

DELPHINO WILLIAMS '02 SHOOTS FOR THE STARS . . .

Whether on the basketball court or center stage, alum Delphino Williams '02 is clearly a rising star. Many associate the college senior with tremendous athletic skill that has helped lead NDNU's basketball team to several winning seasons. However, basketball isn't Delphino's first love; he is an accomplished entertainer. The business major, with a concentration in marketing has his sights set on returning to his true passion. "I think most people think of me as a quiet guy," said Delphino. "I think they would be shocked to learn that I'm an artsy type and an entertainer as well." From kindergarten through 8th grade, Delphino studied intensely at Adda Clevenger Junior Preparatory, a performing arts school in San Francisco, honing his talent in singing, dancing, acting, and modeling. He appeared in professional productions including "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" at San Francisco's Golden Gate Theater. Sports came to the forefront when he and his father moved out of San Francisco and he began playing sports at Serra. Delphino wistfully said he sees himself going back into the entertainment field someday soon. This summer he modeled in a recruitment ad for the United States Army. I'm sticking with basketball right now, though, to help pay for college," said the well-deserved recipient of three academic scholarships.



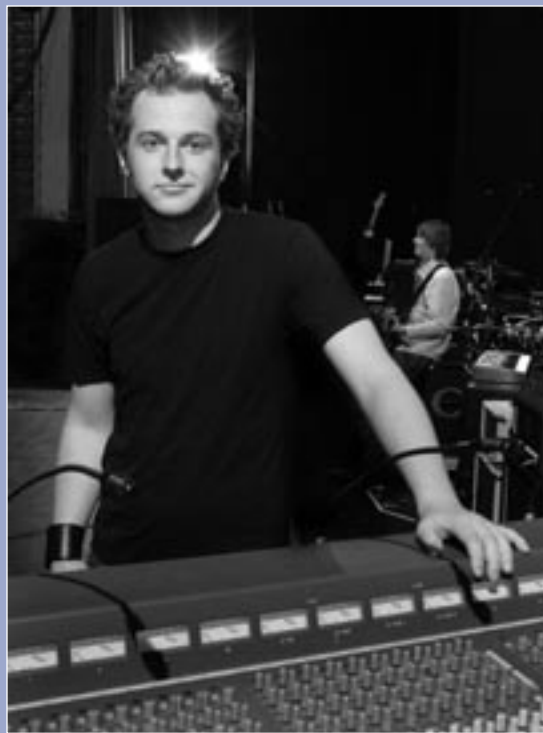
Delphino Williams '02 & Sister Mary Lexague (Former Dean at NDNU)

ALUM WILL MARKWELL '99 SOUND ENGINEER FOR "DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE"

Serra Alum Will Markwell '99 has recently been promoted to Front-of-House sound engineer for the popular alternative music band, *Death Cab for Cutie*. Originally started in 1997, in the tiny college town of Bellingham Washington, the indie quartet recently signed a worldwide deal with Atlantic Records. *Death Cab* continues to play to sold-out clubs and theaters, has performed on the Jimmy Kimmel Show, and has had frequent mentions on the hit TV show, *The O.C.* The group debuted on Saturday Night Live on January 14, 2006, playing two tracks from their latest album "*Plans*," which was nominated for a Grammy Award in the "Best Alternative Music Album" category.

Will currently lives in Seattle, but spends a lot of time in New York. Alumni parents, Michael and Lynn, recently sent Serra's Visual & Performing Arts Director Jay Jordan an e-mail thanking him for "everything he taught William."

"We are positive that the path William has chosen in life would not have been so successful without the solid foundation you helped lay. As a teacher, we sometimes do not know what affect we have on our students. We wanted you to know that you made a difference to the life of our son."



Will Markwell '99
Front-of-House Sound Engineer for "Death Cab for Cutie"



View from the Alameda (1953) Construction of Football Field and Gym



Work in Progress in 1953 (20th Avenue)



“Original” School located at Columbia Drive and the Alameda

Junípero Serra High School has undergone many changes since 1944, when it opened its doors with a faculty of five and a student body of eighty-six freshman and sophomore boys. The “original” school campus was located at Columbia Drive and the Alameda (now the site of St. Bartholomew’s parish). A constantly growing student body in the late 1940’s and early 1950’s; however, made it imperative to expand the facilities.

In 1952, the present twelve and one-half acre site on West 20th Avenue was purchased by the Archdiocese and the Reverend Edward R. Allen was appointed as the new principal to guide the school during the time of rapid expansion and building. The architect contracted to design and engineer the school was a man by the name of Vincent G. Raney. The son of a building contractor, Vincent learned

basic building techniques while working with his father in his earlier years. After graduation from college as an architect, he took additional studies in law and finance, and eventually obtained his California license. Raney’s firm designed and engineered the construction of many private schools, colleges, and churches in the San Francisco Bay Area, including Holy Angel’s, St. Gregory’s, St. John the Baptist, St. Lucy’s, College of Notre Dame, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Ann’s Chapel in Palo Alto, Grace Lutheran Church, and a variety of other commercial buildings including Hiller Helicopter Research Center. Vincent Raney has personal ties to the Serra Community, too. His son, Gerard, graduated from Serra in ‘58, as well as his grandson Brendan in ‘01. Two of his granddaughters, Lisa and Julie Raney, are both graduates of Notre Dame High School. Daughter-in-law and alumni mom, Joyce Raney, volunteered many hours of service during the time her son, Brendan, attended Serra.

There were 576 students and a faculty of 21 in 1955, when classes began on West Twentieth Avenue and much has changed since that time. In 1999, Serra’s initiated a new capital campaign to provide major renovations to the physical plant of the school, provide greater financial support for our students, and improve the benefits offered to faculty and staff. As we celebrated the completion of Phase I of this campaign, we felt confident in knowing that we are doing everything possible to allow the mission of Serra High School to flourish well into the 21st Century.

The mission of Junípero Serra High School is to develop the gifts and talents of each student and to foster gospel values in an environment of academic excellence and mutual respect. A graduate of Junípero Serra High School is a mature Christian who lives a life of faith and service and who, like Blessed Junípero Serra, finds Christ in and brings Christ to the people with whom he lives, works and serves.



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(Pictured: Brendan ‘01, Lisa NDB ‘93, Julie NDB ‘95, Gerard ‘58 & Joyce Raney)



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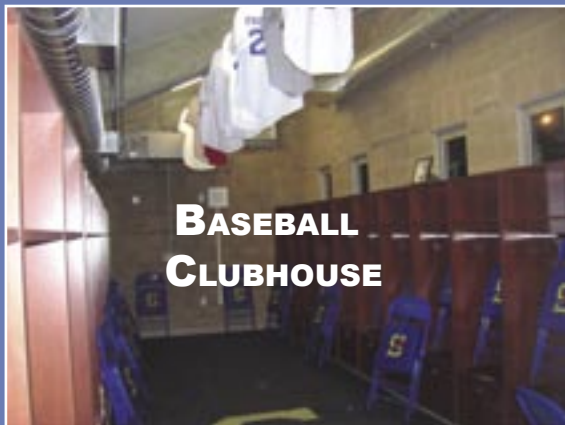
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Old Timer's Day on the Serra Sidelines?



Well, not exactly. However, the four Serra administrators pictured have logged more than 100 years among them at Junipero Serra High School.

Enjoying the Padres' new football facility are (pictured from left to right) Director of Institutional Advancement Michael Peterson, Principal Lars Lund, Admissions Director Randy Vogel and Business Manager John O'Sullivan.

In addition, the four have totaled 123 years working for the high schools of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

SERRA WATER POLO PLAYERS MAKE ALL CCS



Nick Poggetti '07 - 1st Team All CCS



Matt Heagy '06 Honorable Mention All CCS

Nick Poggetti '07 and Matt Heagy '06 made All CCS during the Fall 2005 water polo season. Led by Serra's new water polo coach Bob Greene, junior Nick Poggetti scored 80 goals making him Serra's second leading scorer. Poggetti lead the team with the most steals and assists and was named 1st Team All CCS. Senior Matt Heagy led the team in the most goals, scoring 86, and received Honorable Mention All CCS. Serra's water polo team ended their season 21-10.

PADRE FOOTBALL

Senior James Longinotti has been selected as one of San Mateo County's two Football Scholar Athletes of the year by the Northern California Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

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

Over his three years and one semester as a senior, James has achieved a weighted GPA of 4.54. He has taken more than 15 honors or AP courses and strives for excellence in the classroom. To top it off, James is Serra's Student Body President and Team Captain of the football team.

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

Pictured: Libby Longinotti, James Longinotti '06, Ron Longinotti '72



VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY QUALIFIES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP JV TEAM GOES UNDEFEATED!

Serra's cross country program completed another successful season. Despite not defending last year's CCS Championship, the varsity harriers finished second behind a competitive Carmont team in the Division I race, losing by only 3 points. The team qualified for the State Championships in Clovis.

Senior Cole Jones recorded the best time for the team, running the Crystal Springs course in 16:01 and finishing 7th in the race. Other varsity team members were Brian Humrich, Michael Borg, Steven Borg, Jason Chorpene, J.D. Smiley and Gino Leonio.

The JV team had an outstanding season, going undefeated -- winning three invationals and all three league championship meets. No question, the JV team is one of the best in the history of Serra.

"Our entire team showed a great work ethic throughout the season. There was also much parity, enabling runners to substitute when injury or illness intervened. The coaching staff is extremely proud of what the team accomplished this season and we congratulate every member on a job well done," offered head coach Will McCarthy.





SERRA CREW GOES TO "D" CAMP

This past summer, nine members of Serra's Crew team spent several grueling weeks away from home at what is more commonly known by rowers as "D" camp. While the majority of the athletes attended camp at the CSUS Aquatic Center in Sacramento, senior Brian Dunn attended camp in Philadelphia.

"Just the name sounds daunting," offered senior Tony Scherba. "What does the 'D' stand for? Death was my first guess -- which wasn't far from what I anticipated during some of the workouts in Sacramento's dry 100° heat. In truth, the 'D' hid behind the euphemism, "development" with the goal of developing rowers, while at the same time selecting a team to compete at the US Rowing National Regatta in Indianapolis."

In order to get the chance to compete at Nationals, the rowers had to make it past two intense phases -- at the end of which many would be cut. Out of approximately forty rowers, only ten would go to Indiana. Seniors Kirk Halterman, Tony Scherba, and Bryce Welch would be among the ten.

"We practiced three times a day in the scorching Sacramento heat," said Bryce. "It was always hot and the smell of sunscreen permeated through the air. It was enough to make anyone sick. Every day was a test of your mental and physical strength and at anytime you could lose your seat in the boat. We were constantly under stress and for two weeks, all we did was practice and sleep."

"I would pull on a simple handle, in hopes of defeating my enemy -- all those who wanted a shot at competing at Nationals," Kirk said. "At the end of my first week, I had blisters the size of quarters. All the athletic tape covering my hands made them feel as if they were mummified."

"The intensity of the camp finally reached levels I had never expected it to," said Tony. "For the first time in my life, I understood the real meaning of tenacity. After buckets of sweat, probably a million strokes, many rolls of medical tape, tons of PowerBars, and gallons of Gatorade, the team was announced. My name had made the list along with Kirk and Bryce. We were going to Nationals!"

In the meantime, Brian Dunn was spending eight weeks rowing in Philadelphia. In order to save money, he stayed at a family friend's house rather than in the dorms at the University of Penn like most of the other rowers. "Almost everyday, I would wake up, ride my bike twenty minutes to practice, row for two hours, ride back, sleep some more, eat some more, ride back, row again, ride back, eat and sleep until the next day . . . when I would most likely be doing the same thing," said Brian.

Brian was one of the three lightweight rowers (circa 160 lbs) competing against guys 6'4, 190 pounds, which he said "made the task of making the 16-man team very difficult." After much hard work, however, Brian was named as a member of the Pennsylvania Aquatic Center Junior team and their top boat won the biggest regatta in North America (The Royal Canadian Henley).

"It isn't impor

Since Brian knew he was in excellent shape, he decided to do a 2k meter test one day on an erg in the boat house. With a previous best time of 6:46, Brian knew that if he broke 6:40, he would have a real chance of being recruited by some of the top schools in the country. "I ended up pulling a 6:37, a score I knew was really good, so I started e-mailing lightweight coaches across the nation."

In the next few months, Brian received positive responses from coaches at Yale, Dartmouth, Rutgers, Cornell, Columbia, Princeton and Harvard. He went on recruiting trips to both Princeton and Columbia and has since accepted the offer from Columbia. "I know that I am going to get a great education at Columbia and that my team is going to have a great chance of winning a national championship while I'm there."

Back to Indianapolis . . . Tony, Kirk, and Bryce competed in several different races at Nationals. Kirk's main race was the Men's pair (two people with one oar each). His heat to qualify for the final was the first time he had finished first in a regatta, sending him to the finals. "I just raced to the best of my ability and won the bronze at a national boat race," said Kirk.

Bryce did not medal in any of the boats he raced in, but says, "It was the best experience that I have had in my rowing career."

The main event for Tony was the Youth Eight. "Sitting at the starting line in a race you have worked so hard to get to and fought so hard to be in is possibly the most antsy feeling one can get. As the starter yelled "Attention...Go!" all eight members of the CSUS Aquatic Center D-Camp team allowed explosions to shoot their legs back, pulling the boat up out of the water and propelling it down the course. Two thousand meters away the starting line waited as I pulled the hardest I ever had before. Legs begging for rest, lungs gasping for air and arms just waiting to slump down and rest couldn't be the excuse for a mind so determined as mine to pull that boat across the line. I didn't see the sprint, didn't see anything of the final dash . . . I went blind. My mind shut off and I couldn't see anything. All I knew was that I needed to keep pulling the oar in my hands and following the feeling of the boat. It was a rush. When my vision finally came back and my breath returned, I asked my teammate behind me in a winded voice, 'So how did we do?' The answer he returned wasn't exactly what I was hoping for, but looking back, fifth place isn't bad at all in a national regatta.



Seniors Kirk Halterman, Bryce Welch, Tony Scherba



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From the Alumni Board

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends of Serra,

I am pleased to take this opportunity to address you in the Winter 2006 issue of TRADITIONS Magazine. As the Alumni Association President, and having been affiliated with the group for some 12 years, I have seen Serra High School make enormous strides. Over the past five years alone, Serra has seen record numbers in terms of enrollment, taken its athletic program to the forefront of local, state and national attention, and undergone a massive capital campaign, which has dramatically changed the face of the school. Serving as President during this time has been an honor and a source of personal gratification. With all of the positive developments that we have seen at Serra recently, it is important to acknowledge the continued need to develop the Alumni Association to reflect Serra's new vision.

To that end, we have made important strides to change the face of the Alumni Association and become a more prominent fixture in the Serra Community. Our Bylaws, which have not been updated in more than 20 years, are currently being amended and changed to reflect the Serra High School of the 21st century. Our Purpose is stated as follows:

"TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A POSITIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SERRA HIGH SCHOOL, ITS ALUMNI AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE."

In addition to working directly with the alumni, the association is out in the community promoting Serra and Serra's Christian values through interacting with community organizations such as Second Harvest Food Bank and Samaritan House. In terms of school events, we have sponsored the Homecoming BBQ, which has provided a forum for the gathering of alumni, while breaking records for the amount of money we have been able to raise in this event. In addition, for the first time in many years, we took an active role in promoting the Annual Serra Golf Classic, which also eclipsed a record for profitability. By raising these funds, we have been able to continue to support the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund that not only helps a deserving student, but also helps the association take pride in ownership of a positive endeavor.

It has been wonderful seeing the tangible results of our efforts and we look forward to continuing our work in the future. Please get involved with your Alumni Association by contacting Russ Bertetta or myself.

Chris Bankovitch '85



(Back Row L to R:) Steve Philpott '92, Brian Earley '85, John Saddi '97, Rich Zanardi '62, Dave Philpott '87, John Mifsud '86, Kevin Dunleavy '80; (Front Row L to R:) Andy Cost '88, Carlos Guerra '82, Pat Moran '80, Chris Bankovitch '85, Shaun DeLuna '86, Tim Giacomini '87 (Alumni Board Members not pictured are: Scott Alstad '80, John Esplana '82, Armand Kilijian '85, Mark Massey '83, Tim McMorroo '98, Ron Ortiz '91, Jeff Perry '92, Todd Schofield '88

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WHAT'S UP WITH SOME OF SERRA'S NEWEST ALUMS?

Scott Sobczak '05, who is currently playing baseball for Skyline College, has signed a National Letter-of-Intent with San Jose State University for the 2007 season.

"Scott's just been dynamite at Skyline this fall," said Sam Piraro, head baseball coach for San Jose State. "He has an excellent breaking pitch, and we've already seen his velocity upgraded three-to-four miles an hour from his senior year in high school, which we're really encouraged about."



Scott Sobczak '05

"Scott's already begun to distinguish himself," said proud father, Joe Sobczak. "In his first practice game, he pitched 3 innings, faced 9 batters, struck out 4, walked 1, picked him off, and got 2 assists. In another practice session, he struck out and flied out major leaguer Eric Byrnes. Should be fun when the real season begins."

His teammates include former Serra stars Nick Monroe '04, Taylor Larson '05, and Nick Stewart '05.

Scott's grandfather, Ez Sobczak, led San Jose State to 219 victories as head baseball coach for 13 years between 1957-69.



Ross Silverman '05 running against a player from Utah High School Club at the US Invitational Tournament held at Stanford in May 05

Ross Silverman '05 and Ryan Frank '05 are among four other young men from Sacred Heart, Menlo, Woodside and Gunn to have been selected to represent the US Rugby Boys U-19 National Team. The team will compete against Canada in Arizona in February 06, which will serve as a warm-up match for the 2006 IRB Under-19 World Championship scheduled for April 4-21 in Dubai. Ross is currently a freshman at Arizona State and plays for the Peninsula Green Rugby Football Club, established by alum Richard Kelly in 1998.



Freshman college students, Vinod Kamath '05, Sean Wilkinson '05, and Mike Salemi '05, felt right at home again when they reunited with fellow Padres during Santa Clara University's "move-in weekend" in September.

Reunion Gala '05



Class of '55

Serra's Homecoming Weekend began on Friday night, October 7th, with an Alumni Association barbecue, football game against Bellarmine, and cocktail party at the San Mateo Elks Lodge immediately following the game.

The 2005 Reunion Gala was held on Saturday, October 8th, at the Crowne Plaza Mid Peninsula. The classes of 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, and 1995 reunited for a night of reminiscing, enjoying great food and dancing.

The Class of 1955 received their Golden Diplomas, making them new members of Serra's 50-Year Club. On Sunday, October 9, a special "Walk Down Memory Lane" was held for the Class of '55. The 50-year alums met at the "original" school and then took a tour of the newly renovated Serra High School followed by a continental breakfast.

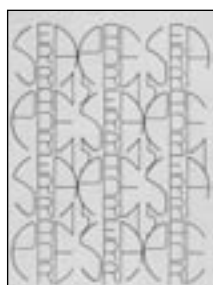
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2006

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Classes of 56, 66, 76, 81, 86, 96

Foster City Crowne Plaza



Can you find the "interloper" who does NOT belong in the above picture from the Class of 1985?



Major Steve McLaughlin '90

BRONZE STAR MEDAL AWARDED TO SERRA ALUM MAJOR STEVE McLAUGHLIN '90

Major Steve McLaughlin '90 returned home after a fifteen-month mobilization and deployment in Kuwait. While there, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal as the battalion commander of the 483rd Transportation Battalion.

"There are quite a few alumni who are currently or were deployed in Iraq. I bumped into Chris Rende '92, who drove trucks in Iraq, and Brian Donnellan '92 who was with one of the movement control teams there."

While deployed, Steve and his wife Heather celebrated the birth of their second child Charlotte Ann in March. Steve has since returned to the family coffee business in Burlingame.

SERRA ALUM ERIC MCGLENNON '95 HELPS RESCUE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Serra alum and Menlo Park firefighter Eric McGlennon '95 spent two weeks in New Orleans on a search and rescue mission immediately following the aftermath of hurricane Katrina.

This was 28 year-old McGlennon's first disaster deployment as part of a Swift Water Rescue Team. McGlennon and 13 other men and women, along with their three boats and five vehicles, were flown overnight by military plane to an airport near Baton Rouge.

"No one quite knew what to expect," said McGlennon. "We were just told there was flooding going on and that we were going to be sent in ... to pull people out."

He and the rest of his team had little access to news broadcasts and didn't initially know the full extent of the devastation. In addition, the people he was sent to rescue usually didn't know the full story either. Many didn't want to leave their homes because they thought the flooding would only last several days. Some wanted to stay with their animals; others worried about their homes being looted.

McGlennon was sent to mostly poor, African-American neighborhoods where the flooding was three or four feet high in some areas while up to roof level in others. He estimates his team rescued 1,000 people.

At first, they worked rapidly, rescuing easily accessible people who wanted to be taken away. But then, in succeeding days, they had to work much harder to rescue those trapped in attics and in larger buildings – and to try to convince recalcitrant people to leave. Many were running out of food and water.

McGlennon and his team members were housed at the



Eric McGlennon '95 with "Stallion" - the black Labrador puppy he rescued while on a search and rescue mission in New Orleans.

New Orleans Saints' football practice facility, where they slept on the practice field. Also staying there were National Guard members, who told them that conditions at the Superdome – where thousands of victims were housed – were even worse than depicted by the media.

Beyond observing the death, destruction and breakdown in civil order, McGlennon "felt very privileged to be able to help out. Just about every firefighter in the United States would have given an arm and a leg to be able to go out and rescue these people."

Something may help McGlennon heal his memories. He rescued and brought back a Black Labrador puppy he calls Stallion.

McGlennon vividly remembers one vignette from his stay there. One day he and his partners were getting ready to leave a flooded, large apartment complex after checking nearly

every unit for people needing help in leaving. On their way out, they came upon a man neatly dressed in suit and tie patiently standing outside his apartment with a suitcase.

"I've been waiting," the man said. "You never banged on my door."

Seeing the humor in this and a few other encounters probably helped McGlennon through his grueling, dawn-to-dusk workdays.

(Excerpt taken from an article written by Bil Paul (DailyNews.)

A Step Back In The Past with a “Foot on the Bucket”



Development Staff Member Mrs. Robin Jensen displays perfect balance as she poses with her foot on the bucket next to Scott Phelps '98 & Chris Murphy '98



The late Merv Harris (L) and Michelle Noland (R) -- who covered Serra sports for local newspapers for many years -- pose on the bucket with Scott Phelps '98 and Chris Murphy '98



Scott Phelps' '98 Wedding - Pictured (L to R): Matt Callicotte '98, Scott Phelps '98, Chris Murphy '98, & Steve Mooney '98

During the 1997-98 school year, seniors Scott Phelps and Chris Murphy wrote a monthly humor column for the Serra Friar entitled the “Two-Minute Clinic.” The column, which featured their random musings about what was going on around campus, drew its name from Pete Jensen’s (Serra’s long-time baseball coach) televised coaching tips on Fox Sports T.V. One particular pitching tip was to put your foot on a bucket for better balance.

Chris and Scott, both baseball players, took the “foot on the bucket” bit and used it as the basis for their columns. Each month, the two were each pictured with their foot on a bucket and a variety of Serra “celebrities.” These celebs ranged from the venerable Fr. John Zoph to Mrs. Robin Jensen to the infamous gorilla and to the nominees for the Shea Award given annually to Serra’s top scholar athletes.

At Scott’s wedding in August 2005, Scott and Chris decided to step into their past and pose for a picture with their feet “on the bucket” one more time. Joining them were groomsmen Matt Callicotte '98 and Steve Mooney '98.

2005 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



Serra Alum and New England quarterback, Tom Brady '95, has been selected as Sports Illustrated “Sportsman of the Year.” Brady, who has appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated nine times since 2002, has quarterbacked three Super Bowl winners in the past four years, including New England’s 24-21 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles last February in Jacksonville. The last NFL player to hold the title of SI’s “Sportsman of the Year” was former 49er quarterback Joe Montana. Brady and Montana were both 27 after their fifth NFL season. Montana had two Super Bowl wins by then. Brady has three. Brady won 48 games in his first five years. Montana won 28. Brady out-touchdowned Montana in their first five seasons, 97-78.

Don’t be surprised if he wins more Sportsman awards and more Super Bowls in the years to come.



Above is a recent photo of the ship that Juan Orozco '86 was on as Executive Officer onboard. “It was a great ride and lots of fun to drive,” Juan shared in an e-mail to Alumni Director Russ Bertetta. Juan is currently working in Washington D.C. as part of Naval Admiral Kirk Donald’s (Director of Naval Reactors) staff. He also writes that he is looking forward to next year’s 20th reunion.

ANNUAL ALUMNI SPORTS

A Family Affair



Mike Roza '84, Ryan Allgrove '08, Dick Roza '53,
Tim Dunleavy '08, Kevin Dunleavy '80

Serra's Annual Alumni basketball game proved to be quite a "family affair" this year. The opening game featured the "older" alumni against this year's Padre junior varsity team. Pictured above are participants [Mike Roza '84](#), [Ryan Allgrove '08](#) who is a member of the JV team and [Dick Roza '53](#). Dick is Mike's dad and Ryan's grandfather. They are joined by JV player [Tim Dunleavy '08](#) and his father [Kevin '80](#) who also battled each other on the court. Dick Roza provided the highlight of the evening when he sunk a three-point swish shot causing public address announcer Mr. Bruce Anthony to holler his famous trade mark commentary, "thrrrrreeeee!" to the delight of the crowd. In the second contest the 2005-2006 Padre varsity team debuted taking on a team of more recent alumni from 2000-2005. The Serra JV and varsity teams were both victorious over the alumni squads.

ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL PLAYERS



ANNUAL ALUMNI SOCCER PLAYERS



Alumni Water Polo



Newly Elected Bay Area City Council Members Have Ties to the Serra Community



The November 2005 San Mateo County elections resulted in victories for two long-time friends of Serra. Alum Bob Grassilli '66 was elected as Council Member for the City of San Carlos, while Pam Frisella, wife of the late Danny Frisella '63 and mother to Jason '91 and Daniel '95, was elected as a Council Member for Foster City.



Foster City Council Member Pam Frisella with sons Jason '91 (left) and Daniel '95 (right).

"From the day of my husband Danny's funeral in 1977, when I came out of the church to see the Serra boys in their letter jackets, I felt a part of 'the family.' That family and the John Kelly connection became our extended family and literally helped me raise my boys. I always felt that support and like everything that has happened in my life has led me to where I am destined to be today . . . serving my community."

Pam Frisella



San Carlos City Council Member
Bob Grassilli '66

"Serra High School provided me with the foundation needed to be able to think, question, and make decisions. I was educated with both books and values at Serra and I carry both with me to this day."

Bob Grassilli '66

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SERRA ALUM AND HALL OF FAMER LYNN SWANN '70 ANNOUNCES RUN FOR PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR



Serra Alum Lynn Swann '70 announced his candidacy for Pennsylvania governor in Pittsburgh, the city where he made his name in professional football. Lynn Swann's life has always been about seizing opportunities. Born in Tennessee to Willie and Mildred Swann, Lynn moved to California at the age of two with his parents and two brothers. It was in California where Lynn was faced with his first challenge, which he turned into an opportunity. When Lynn was eight years old, his mom enrolled him into dance class and it was here that Lynn would develop incredible balance and grace that would serve him well in the future.

Lynn was an All-American High School Football player at Serra. He attended college at USC, where he earned a degree in public relations. He excelled on the football field, playing on two Rose Bowl teams and a National Championship team. Lynn's success led to an opportunity to play professional football and, in 1974, he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers. He went on to be a cornerstone of the Steelers dynasty, winning four Super Bowls, playing in three pro-bowls,

and being inducted into the Pro-Football Hall of Fame in 2001. Lynn has used his celebrity status to raise money to provide scholarships for the Pittsburgh Ballet and has received numerous honors for his service toward the growth and improvement of our nation's youth. Since 1980, Lynn Swann has been the National Spokesman for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. It is this community leadership along with other qualities that led President George W. Bush to ask Lynn to serve as the Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. In this role, once held by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Lynn is responsible for helping to create and implement the President's fitness agenda for America.

'73

George Gulyas graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1977. Upon graduation, he moved to Washington, DC where he still resides with his wife, Kitty, and son, Barrett. George coached football for 9 years at Georgetown University, in addition to helping out with local high schools in both Washington D.C. and Virginia. George is currently the Vice President of Secure Source, Inc., a worldwide Security Consulting, Protection and Investigative Services Company in Alexandria, Virginia.

'75

Tom Bakewell and his wife, Lisa, along with their five children, currently live in Sunnyvale. Tom is Vice President of Information Technology for Coherent, Inc. in Santa Clara. Tom graduated from San Jose State University with a BA in Behavioral Sciences and an MS in Clinical Psychology from Santa Clara University.

'78

After 20+ years with Safeco Insurance in Underwriting Management and General Management, Ken Stewart made the move to Assurant Solutions as Director of Underwriting and Compliance. Ken still lives in Costa Mesa, CA with his two girls, Ianna and Maya, ages 11 and 7, where they enjoy playing in the ocean, desert, and snow and especially off-roading their '71 Bronco. Ken wishes *"all of my Serra Brothers well! Go PADRES!"*

'82

Ed Gory and his wife, Julia, welcomed a new baby boy, Jeremy, on April 17, 2005. Ed and Julia also have a daughter, Megan.

'83

Craig Cooper is the Corporate Packing Manager for Restoration Hardware based in Corte Madera. Craig currently lives in Roseville with his wife, Laurie and their four children.

'85

Damian Bortolotti has been a police officer with the San Jose Police Department for the past thirteen years. He was promoted to Sergeant three years ago and is currently a Detective Sergeant in a Gang Investigations Unit. Damian has been married to his wife, Kelly, for nine years. Damian and Kelly have a daughter, Kaitlin (7) and son Brennen (1).

'86

Greg Hons and his wife, Gina, welcomed a son, Jack Anthony, on November 1, 2005. Baby Jack joins his two-year old sister, Margaret.

Juan Orozco is working in Washington D.C. as part of Naval Admiral Kirk Donald's staff. Admiral Donald is the Director of Naval Reactors.

Brian Stevens and his wife, Allison, announced the arrival of their third child, Ashlen Noelle on November 21, 2005. Ashlen joins her sister Madison and brother Logan.

'87

Shawn Crimmins and his wife, Nathalie, welcomed their first son, Andrew James, on August 22, 2005. They currently live in Sunnyvale.

Mark Vandenberg and his wife, Karen, greeted their first child, Hannah Michele, on July 10, 2005. They currently live in San Carlos.

Ken Woofter and his wife, Mary, welcomed a baby girl, Meghan Elizabeth, on February 21, 2005. Meghan joins her brother, Conor, in the family's home in Dublin. Ken is currently employed by Safeway as a computer technician in Pleasanton.

'88

Brenley Gagnon married Yolanda Mendez in Riverside. Brenley is currently the President & CEO of Sea Coast Reality, Inc. and Sea Coast Financial and lives in Rancho Santa Margarita, CA.

Mark Keyser joined the Wealth Management Team of H&S Financial Advisors. He lives with his wife, Heather and two children (Tyson and Lauren) in Dublin.

Steve Washington and his wife, Heather, welcomed a new baby daughter, Ellen Glenna, on September 6, 2005.

'90

Rob Carlson and his wife, Annette, have a new addition to their family, a daughter named Carina Anne, born on June 26, 2005.

Michael Goodwin is currently serving in the United States Navy. In August of 2005, Michael re-enlisted for six more years, and he will be serving three of those years in either Rota, Spain or Italy.

Major Steven McLaughlin was awarded, under Executive Order by the President of the United States, the Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service as the Battalion S3 and Acting Battalion Commander during operation Iraqi Freedom.

Matt Toomey and his wife, Jeanine, announced the birth of their second daughter, Morgan Maryann on September 27, 2005. Big sister, Payton, is four years old.

'92

Dean Ayoob married Lara De Leuw on July 23, 2005 at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Burlingame. Best Man for Dean was Todd Connely '92, and Padres serving as groomsmen were Brian Ayoob '86, Brett Ayoob '89, Derek Ayoob '99, and Primo Flores '92. Lara's uncle, Steve Haag '67, served as the photographer.

KEEP US POSTED!

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

'93

Evan Brock married Jennifer Saiers on July 20, 2005 at Church of the Nativity in Menlo Park, California.

'95

Dave Nazzaro is currently teaching English in a private after school language program in a suburb outside of Taipei, Taiwan.

Dean Gagnon and his wife, Galina, announced the birth of a new baby boy, Andrew James, on September 2, 2005. Dean and his family currently reside in Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania.

'96

Greg Magni was recently named head coach of the Central Valley High School baseball program in Ceres, California. Greg also teaches English at the new \$50 million dollar high school, which opened in August of 2005.

'97

Terence Fleischer married Sharon Yeh on October 7, 2005 at the Sarah P. Duge Gardens in Durham, North Carolina.

Derek Gurtler married Amanda Getty on August 6, 2005 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Belmont. Amanda is a kindergarten teacher in San Jose, where she and Derek currently reside.

Christian Montgomery married Sandra Plecko of Vancouver, Canada, on January 3, 2004 in Belmont.

'98

Andrew Ho married Andrea Leigh Batchelor on October 8, 2005 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Best Man was Andrew's brother Ralph Ho '89. Groomsmen were Michael Keller '98 and Greg Moreno '96. Reverend Stephen Howell '63 was the Celebrant and the Responsorial Psalm was read by Mike Hannon '90.

'01

John Power recently graduated from San Francisco State University with a BA in Journalism and a minor in history. John was recently hired as a sports writer for the Gridley Herald in Gridley, CA.

'05

Dan Giddings has been elected Vice President of St. Mary's College Student Body as a freshman.



In Memoriam



Al Bertucci '62 passed away on September 21, 2005.

Fred David Calónico, father of Dave Calónico '60 and Dennis Calónico '69 passed away on December 8, 2005.

Peter Chanteloup '58, father of Mike Sweeney '80 and grandfather of Stephen Sweeney '07 passed away on August 19, 2005.

Dolores Esposto, grandmother of Ryan Esposto '93, Gabriel Esposto '95, and Victor Esposto '03, passed away on September 25, 2005.

Eddie Ferretti, father of Bob Ferretti, Serra Faculty Member, and grandfather to Matthew Ferretti '02, Patrick Ferretti and Gina Ferretti, and Father-in-Law to Patti Ferretti, Serra Faculty Member, passed away on November 13, 2005.

Michael Foster '55 passed away on September 30, 2005

Bill Guttormsen, Serra faculty member (1954-1957) passed away on October 3, 2005.

Larry Hennes, Serra faculty member (1963-1982), passed away on September 6, 2005. Larry was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Gertrude, and his son Tom '69. He is survived by six of his children Richard '67, Patty, Mary (Hennessey), Fred '74, Theresa (Anderson) and Catherine (Lucente).

Tom Hennes '69, son of faculty member Larry Hennes and brother to Richard Hennes '67 and Fred Hennes '74 passed away on August 20, 2005.

Joseph Judge, Sr., father of Joseph Judge, Jr. '63 and grandfather of Dominic Judge '97 passed away on September 23, 2005.

Francis Locke '66 passed away in June 2005.

Robert Maccari, father of Christopher Maccari '83 passed away on December 2, 2005.

Rita Mansfield, mother of Tom Mansfield '71 and Assistant Librarian for Serra (1970-1976) passed away October 1, 2005.

Ernie Mauro, father of Mark Mauro '92 and Darren Mauro '97 passed away November 4, 2005.

Pat O'Leary '51, father of Patrick O'Leary '79 passed away on July 18, 2005 at his Pleasanton home.

Denzil Scott, father of Michael Scott '64, Robert Scott '65, Tom Scott '69 and Stephen Scott '72, passed away on January 21, 2005.

Patrick Sullivan, father of Kevin Sullivan '84, Christian Sullivan '88, and Serra Faculty Member (1999-2001), passed away on October 13, 2005.

Robert Sweyd '55, father of Matthew Sweyd '90 and brother of the late Michael Sweyd '52 passed away on September 22, 2005

George Taheny '62 passed away on May 12, 2005.

To Here From There With a Tomato and a Bear

by Larry Hennes

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food in the outside wild. What could even exist out there? And then to my complete amazement, what did I see as I gazed out the window! A huge brown bear! No it couldn't be. At this time of year, bears are in hibernation! It had to be a great delusion! But, yes, it was a bear and it desired entrance through our porch door. At this moment a thought occurred. Was the temperature sufficiently cold to cooperate with a tomato? In my earlier, more youthful days, I could throw some terrific fork balls, sliders and frozen ropes. Could one, good, accurate pitch remain?

With careful planning and excellent timing, I opened the door and threw the tomato in smoker fashion. It had to curve so as to avoid a direct ninety-degree hit. Bears do have quick reflexes, you know. True to form, it curved and struck the bear in the incline of his nose. The frigid cold had frozen the tomato solid as ice while in transit and the blow stunned the bear momentarily. I wasn't about to play

patsy with the beast, so I jabbed it several times with my hunting knife. Instant bloodcicles! With a lot of effort, I struggled with the animal and dragged it into the kitchen.

Now for the reader who doubts the truth of this experience, he has the invitation at his asking to see the bear rug lying on the floor of my living room. The tomato stain is on its nose where the spinning tomato found its mark. Oh, I know what you're thinking. You're saying you thought everything was so frozen like ice. How could any juice escape the tomato to stain the bear's nose? All right! Let's return to the physics lab. Did the whole marble come in contact with the table top or did only a thin hairline thickness of it touch the table? You see, there was sufficient heat caused by the friction of the spinning tomato that the tangent contact point at the thin, hairline surface melted sufficiently, just momentarily, to allow one tiny thread of tomato juice to penetrate the nose fur.

This wild experience had a very happy ending. Adolph returned safe and sound that same evening and we had bear steaks, tastefully juicy and pleasing to the palate.

SEND US YOUR FAMILY PHOTOS!

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

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From the Alumni Office & Russ Bertetta

A big thank you to all of our alumni who have responded to this year's Annual Alumni Appeal and Fall Phonathon! We very much appreciate all the gifts we have received so far from our Alumni!

Don't be left out! If you haven't already given, it's not too late and we've made it very simple.

Just log on to Serra's website at www.serrahs.com and click on "On Line Giving." Or, you can send your gift directly to Serra's Alumni Office at 451 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403.

See your name listed in our Honor Roll of Donors in next fall's Annual Report. Let's see which class will have the largest percentage of donors.

If you have any questions, please contact Russ Bertetta @ (650) 573-9935 or e-mail Russ at rbertetta@serrahs.com



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Cody, Josh, Cassie & Kenna Cooper
(Craig '83)



Baby Morgan Toomey with big Sister
Payton (Matt '90)



Wedding of Brenley Gagnon '88
Bride is Yolanda Mendez



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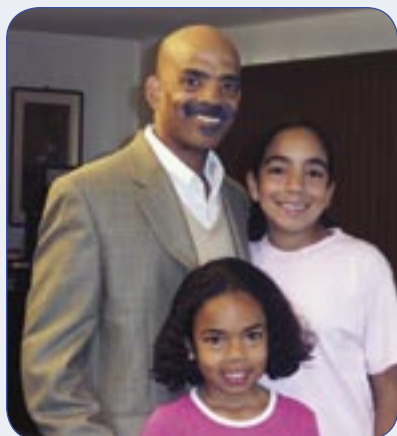


Riley & Aidan O'Sullivan (Graham 92) &
grandsons to the late Gerald Calegari '63



Baby Andrew James Gagnon
(Dean '95)

Padre Family Photo Album



Ken Stewart '78 with daughters Ianna
Celeste and Maya Deane



John Flannigan Wedding (L to R:) Damian Bortolotti
'85, Guest, Tony Nedwick '85, John Flannigan '85,



Wedding of Scott '98 & Helena Phelps



Baby Jeremy Gory (Ed '82)
with big Sister Megan



Hannah Michelle Vandenberg
(Mark '87)



Baby Andrew Crimmins
(Shawn '87)



Baby Jack Hons (Greg '86)
with big sister Margaret Geraldine.



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