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## Florida Invitational Highlights Padre Skills

The highlight of the Padre soccer season was its three-day Puma Invitational in Tampa, Florida just before Christmas.

Although they placed fourth in their bracket, with two wins and two losses, the team saw the prestigious tournament as a step up in Serra soccer.

"The program got so much better because of the tournament," said head coach Enrique Aparicio, who was impressed with the quality of the teams that they played against.

"Every game they played was good, physical soccer," he said. "Not one team was weak, and you can only get better by playing good teams."

At home, during league play, the Padres faced only one opponent tougher than themselves — Bellarmine, which is ranked #1

in the nation. All of Serra's games against Bellarmine were challenging, but extremely well-played, according to coach Aparicio.

"We played well, and dominated the game, we just could not put it in the net," said Aparicio.

Finishing the season in second place in the WCAL, the Serra team will lose two outstanding seniors next year. Both Kalechi Igwe (shown in photo) and Tony Gonzales have played on the varsity team since they were freshmen, and "have been stand-out players all along," said their coach.



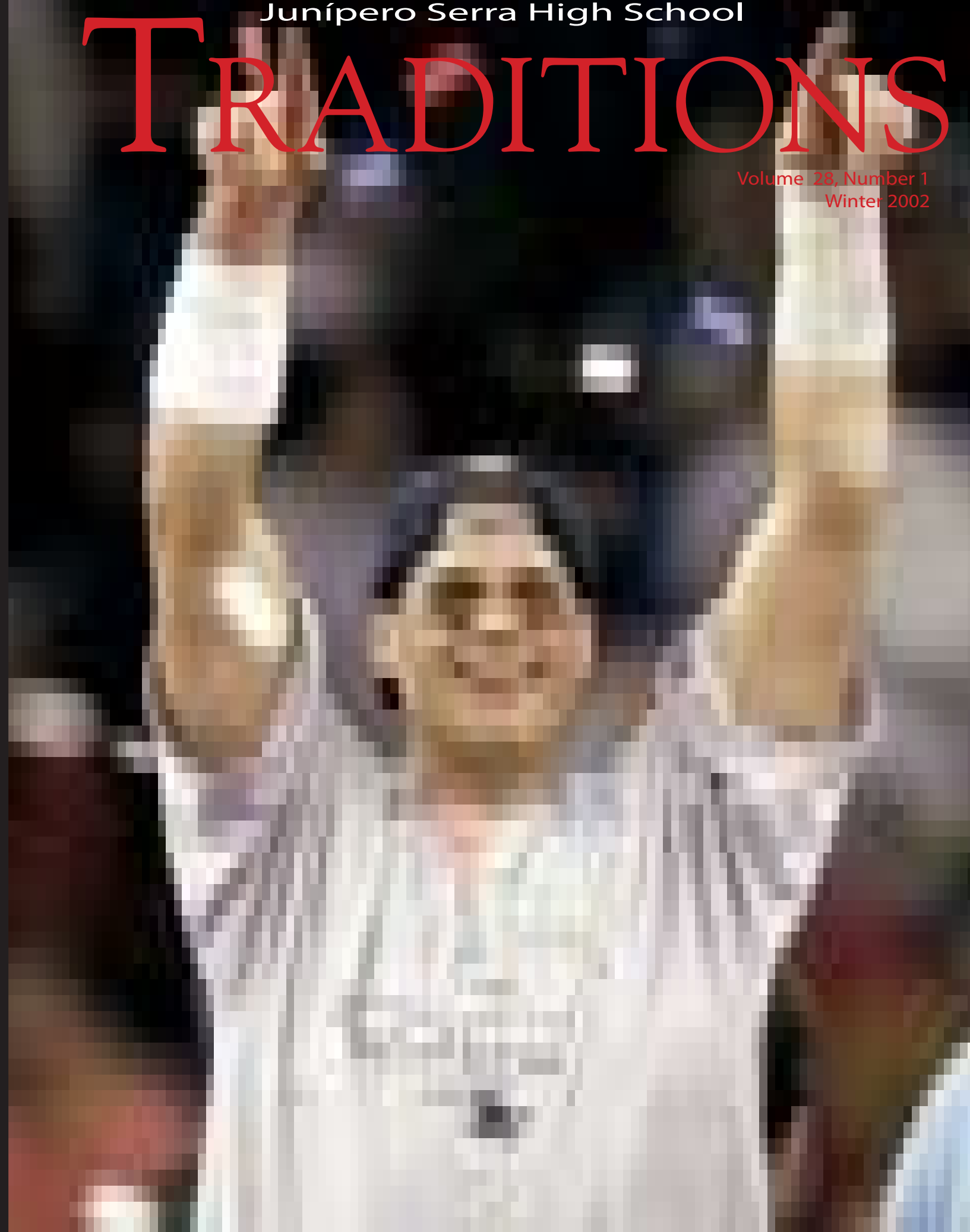
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## 2001 SERRA REUNION



**Grammar School Gang** At left, these Class of 1981 Padres date their friendship back to grammar school at St. Matthew's. Clockwise from top right: Scott DiSanto, Tom Sullivan, Joe Kmak, Jim Desler, Chuck Flannigan and Scott Rollandi.



**The Old Guard** Twelve members of the Class of 1951, bottom left, gathered for an impromptu photo shoot during the night's festivities. Left to Right: Brian Bennett, Michael Lombardi, Pat O'Leary, Ward Jennings, Jim Hayes, Les Vaccari, Charles Ryan, Bob Ughe, Buck Schott, Bob Watkins, Tom Healy and Frank Mullaney.



**Reconnecting** Sean McGee '91, Mark Mauro '92, Ron Ortiz '91 and Brad Leary '91, below, met up with younger alumni, while Fr. Stephen Howell, bottom, caught up with Greg Richmond '81.



## Reunion Announcement 2002

If you are in the Class of '52, '62, '67 '72, '77, '82 or '92....  
This is your class reunion year!

Mark your calendars for October 12, 2002, and if you want to lend a hand, contact the Alumni Office at (650) 573-9935.

## Looking Back...



### IDENTIFY THESE JUNIOR SCIENTISTS!

We have no idea who this photo depicts or where it was taken! Please help us identify these Padres! In the next issue of *Traditions*, this photo will be reprinted with guesses from Serra alumni. We can be reached via e-mail, mail or fax. All contact information can be found on the left-hand side of this page.

### MISSING VALEDICTORI-

Junipero Serra is planning to recognize alumni who gave the valedictory address at their graduation. A plaque listing all of Serra's valedictorians will be showcased in the main lobby.

However, we have been unable to discover the valedictorians for the Classes of 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1955 and 1957. If you can help us with this information, please contact the Development Office at (650) 573-9935.

We are also looking for copies of the graduation program for the classes of 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953 and 1957.

### ST. CATHERINE GRADS

Are you a graduate of St. Catherine of Siena School? We are in the process of creating a database and need names. If you attended the school or have information regarding former classmates, please contact the school at 1300 Bayswater Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010 or e-mail [scat@pacbell.net](mailto:scat@pacbell.net), giving current address details and class year.

### Letters Welcome!

Tell us what you think of *Traditions*! Do you have an opinion on articles that have appeared in this magazine? Please send us your thoughts. This is your opportunity to ask us anything, whether it's something you've always wondered about or something specific you'd like to read about. *Traditions* is written for you, and we want to serve your interests!

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**On the Cover: Tom Brady '95.**  
Photo by Associated Press  
photographer Tony Gutierrez.

The morning of September 11, 2001 was a moment of profound tragedy for the nation and was a watershed moment for our students, as they grappled with the meaning of life in the context of senseless terrorism. After the first period of classes that day, the Junipero Serra community celebrated Mass in the gym, allowing us to pray together as a family. In the days, weeks and months that have followed, we have continued to help our students process the shock of those cowardly attacks, and now, as we approach the renewal season of Easter, we are beginning to examine the ways in which September 11th has enriched our lives.

Out of the terror of that day came countless blessings. New babies have brought joy to young widows whose husbands perished in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon. Children have begun to understand the true glory of the flag to which they pledge allegiance. Americans whose daily routines resembled a frantic rat race more than a meaningful journey through life have begun to slow down, and spend less time at work and more time with their families. More and more people are returning to a life of faith and are trusting in a higher power to help them love their neighbors in the face of violence and fear. But perhaps most importantly, the youth of the country, in whose memory the collapse of the World Trade Center will represent an enormous loss of innocence, have shouldered the realities of a new future.

At Junipero Serra, our hope is that our students, helped along by their teachers and mentors, will make this uncertain future brighter. In the six months that have passed since September 11th, Barry Bonds and his incredible home-run record helped a grieving America unite over its glorious national pastime — baseball. At the beginning of the new year, a fresh-faced second-year quarterback named Tom Brady helped seal a Super Bowl victory and gave Americans a true role model for their young sons. And closer to home, eight Serra students learned the true meaning of “love thy neighbor” when they spent a week simplifying their lives and helping those less fortunate than themselves on a Navajo reservation in Pinon, Arizona.

Enjoy this issue of “Traditions,” enjoy connecting with your Padre spirit, and as we approach Easter, give thanks for the gifts we’ve received in the midst of tragedy.

Sara Cecchin  
Editor

## Creativity in Tight Quarters

### ART PROGRAM OUTGROWS ITS SPACE



“We’re pretty much at maximum capacity right now.”  
— Fine Arts Teacher Peggy Farrell

When she first came to Serra, fine arts teacher Peggy Farrell moved into a storage facility behind the football field and set up a rudimentary classroom space for Serra’s first art program.

Four years later, space is getting tighter and tighter. With six classes and almost 150 students, the art program is thriving, and more than ready for bigger digs.

“If it keeps growing, I don’t know what we’re going to do,” said Farrell. “We’re pretty much at maximum capacity right now.”

A new wing devoted to arts and music is at the heart of a major capital improvement project slated to break ground in 2004 or 2005, but in the meantime, Farrell has to get creative in order to give her students more elbow room.

“We sit outside a lot when it’s nice, and we experiment with different table configurations,” she said.

Improved storage space is what Farrell looks forward to most in the new building.

“It would be really nice to have cabinets and shelves that are built in,” she said.

“I just hate seeing the kids so cramped. It’s hard for me to help them, because I can’t even squeeze around the corners of the room.”

Despite her space limitations, Farrell is discovering more talented artists each day. She is constantly amazed at what the students in her classes accomplish, and believes that in this arena, they truly benefit from working in a single-gender environment.

“It’s a great opportunity to teach boys when girls aren’t around,” she said.

“Girls are more open to their feelings, they work faster, they’re more excited about the art. They’re not necessarily better artists, or more creative — they just don’t think, ‘I’m gonna look like a dork.’”

Without the distraction of girls, Farrell says her Serra students are more creative and more expressive.

“They’re a little more free — it’s not so uncool to create art,” she said.

In fact, as the program grows and she learns more about what the students are willing to tackle, the art projects are becoming more wide-ranging and unique.

“I have no boundaries in terms of what I try,” she said. “Basically, the kids are up for anything.”

So far this year, the boys have drawn their own comic strips, created Chinese writings, designed masks, and pastel work and watercolor is on the agenda for the second half of the year.

Examples of the students’ artwork have been on display in the main entrance of the school for most of the academic year.

“They do beautiful work,” said Farrell.

## Baby Padres

Michael Duggan and Friends



**Patrick Duggan '71** and his wife, Melissa, celebrated the arrival of their son, Michael Henry Patrick on August 25, 2001.

**Mike Galloway '81** and his wife Leslie welcomed new son Matthew Robert on October 8, 2001. Matthew shares his birthday with grandfather George Galloway, and joins siblings Ryan and Claire.

**John Kohnke '83** and his wife Rose celebrated the birth of their baby boy, Carl Anthony, on August 18, 2001.

A second child, Christian Ernst, was born to **Mark DeLuna '83** and his wife Jessica, on October 19, 2001, in Miami, Florida.

**George Zorb '84** and his wife Kathryn celebrated the birth of their daughter Jessica Alice on October 1, 2001.

**James Kohnke '84** and his wife Cathy welcomed their second child, Kristin Marie, on August 27, 2001. The Kohnkes live in San Ramon.

**Shawn DeLuna '86** and his wife Michele welcomed their fifth child, Gianna Michele, on October 18, 2001. The family resides in San Mateo.

A son, Noah Stephen, was born to **John Klobuchar '86** and his wife Cindy on January 22, 2002.

**Brian Vidosh '86** and his wife Kirsten welcomed new son Sean Joseph in 2001. Sean joins his older sister Ashley.

**Dean Carboni '87** and his wife Krissie announced the birth of their son Trevor Dominic in 2001. Trevor joins older sister Samantha.

**Chris Fleischer '88** and his wife Michelle announced the arrival of their second son, William Connor, in October 2001. Will joins his older brother Charlie.

**Chris Waizenegger '89** and his wife Jeanne DeFoe welcomed their first son Nicholas James on November 27, 2001. Nicholas is the nephew of **James DeFoe '87** and **John DeFoe '91**, and his proud grandmother, Gail DeFoe, has worked at Serra for 14 years.

Nicholaus Waizenegger



Kaya Bertetta



**Josh Bertetta '94** and Melissa Anthony welcomed their second son, Kaya, into the world on November 19, 2001. Josh is enrolled in a doctoral program in Mythology at Pacifica University in Carpinteria.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mrs. Susan G. De Lora** passed away on August 15, 2001 at 67 years of age. She is survived by her husband Ronald De Lora and her children Karen De Lora, Thomas De Lora and his wife, Kim, and David DeLora and his wife Wendy. Susan worked in the Junipero Serra business office from 1980 to 1987, and was active in the community around San Carlos.

**Mrs. Natalie Conley**, the mother of **Thomas**, a freshman at Serra, died on October 1, 2001. She is survived by her husband, Tom.

**Mrs. Helen Virginia Pagendarm**, an active Serra Mothers' Club member who served as president in 1967-68, passed away on October 27, 2001 at 80 years of age. She was the wife of Richard Pagendarm and the loving mother of **Richard '62**, **William '97** and **Robert '69**.

**Father Robert G. Stadler**, who served on the Junipero Serra faculty for 15 years, died on December 20, 2001 in Oakvale, CA. after a long illness. He was 79 years old and had been a priest for 53 years. After leaving Serra in 1973, Father Stadler was the founding pastor of St. Luke's Parish in Foster City.

**Mr. Vincent Raney**, the architect who designed Junipero Serra High School, died on December 31, 2001. He was the father of Gerard Raney, Class of 1958, and the grandfather of Brendan Raney, Class of 2001.

**Dylan Cappel '96** passed away on January 23, 2002 after battling cancer for six months. At his bedside were his fiancée, Patti Giandonato, his parents Barbara and Larry, and his sisters Marissa and Jena Rose.

**Mrs. Dorothy McCormick** passed away on February 7, 2002. She was the president of the Junipero Serra Mothers' Auxiliary during the 1950-51 school year.

## Keep us posted!

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

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## Alumni

West's Church Lending Division in Walnut Creek. He and his family live in Pleasanton. **Jerry Schembri** and his wife had a baby girl, Nora Elizabeth, on February 9, 2001. The Schembri family lives in San Mateo. Mr. and Mrs. **Mark Wills** welcomed their son Cameron Elliot on February 26, 2001.

'90

**Robert Carlson** married Annette Natividad on August 11, 2001 in San Carlos. Classmates **Tom Maffei** and **Kevin Benson** served as groomsmen. **Steven McLaughlin** recently proposed to his fiance Heather Costino at Heidelberg Castle in Germany. Heather is the sister of **Aaron Custino '88** and **Derrick Custino '86**. Steven is currently working for his family's business and commanding an Army Reserve Boat Company at Mare Island.

'91

**James Masetti** married Susan Smith on November 3, 2001 at the Church of Santa Maria in Orinda. Father Stephen Howell officiated, and **Joseph Masetti '87** served as best man. Diane Masetti, mother of the groom, was a secretary at Serra for 12 years. **Kwasi Ray** was married on September 1, 2001 in Charlotte, North Carolina, to Melissa Hendricks. They were married at the Johnson Smith University Church. **Joel Gallardo** is currently working as a program coordinator for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington D.C.

'92

**Justin Moresco** married Birte Scholz on October 27, 2001 in Sausalito. Classmate **Miles Conrad** was best man, and **Dominic Cagnacci**, also class of 1992, was a groomsman. **Chris Rende** is currently serving the U.S. Army in Germany as part of the First Infantry

Division.

'93

**Dan Fannon** married Jennifer Lewis on October 6, 2001 at Old Saint Patrick's Church in Chicago, Illinois. **Chris DeLuna** is engaged to be married to Elena Wood in May 2002. Both Chris and Elena graduated from the University of Southern California in 1999.

'95

**Anthony Bruno** graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in June of 2001 with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, and is currently working full-time as a project engineer with Critchfield Mechanical in Menlo Park. **Tom Ellerhorst** recently became engaged to Kacie Bonner, a 1995 graduate of Mercy High School. After Tom graduates from dental school in June, they will set a wedding date. **Christian Hammack** is an Engineering Technician for the city of San Mateo.

'96

**Joe Nolan** saw his first article published in the Oakland Tribune on October 6, 2001. The subject matter was close to home. He profiled Serra alumnus Barry Bonds' first mammoth home run, dating back to when he was a freshman, and hit the ball out of Central Park in San Mateo.

'97

**Jonathan DeLuna** graduated with honors from the University of San Diego in 2001 with a degree in Ocean Studies and Environmental Studies. **John Langridge** was recently named Most Inspirational Player at the Portland State University football banquet. He led the team in sacks and received honorable mention for his play as defensive end at the All Big Sky

Conference. John will graduate in June with a degree in Sociology. **Mansour Elhili** was commissioned in December as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He began pilot training in January at Columbus Air Force Base in Missouri. He is a graduate of San Jose State's Aviation Operations program.

'98

**Patrick Carey** received an honorable mention from the California Collegiate Athletic Association on November 3, 2001, in recognition of his leadership for CSU Stanislaus' soccer team. Carey is a senior defender and led the team with four goals. **Jason Karcher** was inducted into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi in May of 2001. He also served as the president of the Beta Psi chapter of Phi Kappa Tau at CSU Long Beach.

'99

Now in his sophomore year at San Jose State University, **Nicholas Ferraro** is the pledge master for the CSUSJ chapter of Sigma Chi. **Jonathan Boitano** is a junior at the University of Arizona, majoring in Environmental Engineering.

'00

**Garrett Larsen** was named Most Improved Player of 2001 or the University of Pacific's Division I men's volleyball team. He was also employed by the 49ers over the summer. **Michael Esola** will complete his sophomore year at the University of San Francisco this year. Majoring in Natural

## Trivia!

### PADRES HUNT DOWN ODDBALL FACTS

While most of the Serra community was glued to the television watching quarterback Tom Brady win the Super Bowl in New Orleans on February 4, over 35 Serra students were putting the finishing touches on their answers to the Millard Fillmore Trivia Hunt.

"We heard the very end of the game on a portable radio," said the teams' co-captain, Carl Roque.

But with the excitement and intensity of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual trivia contest, Brady's drive down the Super Dome field almost paled in comparison.

"You wouldn't think trivia is something that is that intense, but it is," said Roque, a junior who has participated in the fact-finding scavenger hunt for three years.

The trivia contest, which runs from Friday afternoon to Sunday night, challenges local high school students to track down obscure and little-known facts about history, pop culture, music and famous personalities. The teams not only have to find the answers — they also have to provide sources and documentation.

"The contest is an exercise in research skill and creativity," said Admissions Director Randy Vogel, who serves as moderator for the team.

There are no boundaries when it

comes to how off-the-wall the questions — generated by contest founder Dr. Bob Hunter — can be. He's on the lookout all year round, searching for questions that will stump the competitors.

"I use a 3x5 card file box to store my questions," said Hunter, who graduated from Serra in 1950. "I'm reading the Chronicle, or I'm traveling with my wife, or I'm reading a book, and I'll see something interesting. I say, 'Hold it! There's a Millard question.'"

The contest began in Hunter's own classroom at Carlmont High School, as a way to challenge his students' knowledge of history. Named after one of the least-known and more "trivial" U.S. presidents, it slowly grew, and in 1979 Serra students began to compete.

In the 23 years the Padres have been part of the trivia hunt, they've won the contest four times. This year, they took fourth place.

The loss to Carlmont was a bitter pill to swallow, especially after so little sleep during the three days of competition.

"Sunday night you're running on fumes, and on Monday, there's nothing left," said Roque.

Senior Nick Wong, also a co-captain, said "you lose three days out of your life" by participating in the contest, but that's all part of the fun.

Hunter enjoys seeing the enthusiasm that has provided the momentum for his little trivia contest over the years.

"So much of our lives deal with information retrieval and problem-solving," he said. "This is good practice."

#### The Scavengers

Left to right:  
Co-Captain Nick Wong, Mr. Vogel,  
Co-Captain Carl Roque, Logan Rockmore, Anson Tharayani, Alex Aycinena and Pierre Idiart.



## around the halls



*The Proud Recipient*  
Left to right: Alumni Relations and Development Director Russ Bertetta, Monsignor Armstrong, Principal Michael Peterson and Father Joseph Bradley.

### In Via Award MONSIGNOR ARMSTRONG

Reverend Monsignor Peter G. Armstrong, the retired pastor of St. Pius Parish in Redwood City, was presented

with the In Via Award on November 1, 2001, as a tribute to the role he has played in Serra's history.

The annual award is given to a non-alumni who by word and deed has supported the ideals of Catholic education and especially of Junipero Serra High School.

The presentation took place in the Serra gymnasium during the student

body's All Saints' Day Mass.

When asked about this year's recipient, President Stephen Howell commented that "Monsignor Armstrong's life of service to the Church in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, his commitment to youth, and his support for Junipero Serra during his tenure as Pastor of St. Pius make him a worthy choice for this honor."

Monsignor Armstrong has served St. Pius since the early '70's and retired last summer. He now resides in the town of Occidental, California, outside of Santa Rosa.

### Junipero Serra Award FATHER LEN CALEGARI '52

Father Len Calegari '52 of St. Peter's parish in Pacifica was the proud recipient of the Junipero Serra Award on October 3, 2001.

Bishop John Wester celebrated morning Mass in Father Calegari's honor inside the Serra gymnasium.

The prestigious award is presented annually to an alumnus of Junipero Serra High School who exemplifies through his life the goals and objectives of Catholic education.

Father Calegari was ordained in 1963 and has worn many hats in his years as a priest, including a return trip to Junipero Serra from 1967 to 1969 as a mathematics teacher and basketball coach.

But it is as pastor of St. Peter's parish for the past 20 years that Father

Calegari has shown himself to be a pillar of service to not only his parish but also to the entire community of Pacifica.

"Father Calegari demonstrates to our students that it is possible to live out your beliefs on a daily basis, which is what the Junipero Serra award is all about," said Russ Bertetta, Director of Alumni Affairs and Development at Serra.

"He is a tremendous example of the many caring alumni in our community and all over the world," he added.



*Reminiscing*  
Father Calegari points out his class photo after the morning Mass in his honor.

Zlatunich and his wife Tery celebrated 25 years of marriage. Phil and Tery have two sons currently attending Serra, **Ian '04** and **Paul '05**. Phil is the project manager for Ramcon Plumbing in San Carlos, and lives in Burlingame.

#### '74

**Jim Doherty** has been a produce exporter for 22 years. He and his wife Liz currently live in San Rafael with their daughter Lindsey and triplets Kathryn, Matthew and Christine.

#### '75

**Dave Torre** is vice president of Administration and Controller of Atheros Communications, a start-up company that provides wireless networking technologies to businesses. He currently lives in San Carlos.

#### '78

In August 2001, **Chris Stephens** stepped up the plate as the new director of planning for Ventura County. Stephens lives in Ventura with his wife Adrienne, and their three children, Graham, Emily and Clark. On July 7, 2001, **Kevin Hogan** celebrated a commitment ceremony to his partner of ten years. Kevin is currently an administrator at Northgate Care Center in San Rafael. **Mark Carillo** recently moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he works as the Beverage Shift Manager at the Paris Las Vegas Hotel. He and his wife Erin were married on January 17, 2002.

#### '80

In October of 2001, **Grant DuBois** received his residential real estate agent's license, and he will team up with his wife Carrie, who practices real estate with Coldwell Banker in San Carlos.

### Flying With Pride

Serra High School received a special delivery just after Christmas—a flag that flew over the USS Vella Gulf during combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander, **Juan Orozco**, from the class of '86, has never forgotten his Serra roots, and wanted to demonstrate his appreciation for the school with a military flourish. Along with the flag, he presented a formal certificate from the ship's officers and crew, citing Serra's "support to our great nation."

Orozco says Serra "reinforced the basic fundamental principles which have allowed me to succeed."

"I think of my time at Serra and treasure every moment," he added.

The USS Vella Gulf serves as a combat operation center, and is responsible for managing airspace encompassing a 220-mile radius. While aircraft carriers send around-the-clock sorties of aircraft to bomb targets in the last remaining strongholds of the Al Qaeda terrorist organization, the Vella Gulf makes sure that everything in the air is going according to plan.



#### '82

**Desmond Hurley** teaches special education in Clarks Point, Alaska, where he lives with his family, including daughter Alannah and son Desmond.

#### '84

**Michael Shreve** and his wife Kaila Mallette, Ph.D. relocated to Beirut, Lebanon to teach at the American University of Lebanon. They are learning Arabic and raising their daughter Evangeline.

#### '85

**John Heckenkemper** married Lisa Bishop on August 18, 2001 in Lake Tahoe, CA.

#### '86

**Ken Woofter** married Mary O'Keefe at Our Lady of Mount

Carmel Church on June 30, 2001 in Redwood City. Ken is a computer consultant and his new wife is a human resources specialist. The couple now lives in Livermore. **Chris Bronzini** married Sabrina Fomesi on February 9, 2002 in San Francisco. Members of the wedding party included **Bill McLaughlin '86**, **Rey Bronzini '89**, **Gian Bronzini '92**, **Nick Bronzini '97** and **Sandro Fornesi '98**.

#### '88

After nine years of service with Fairmont Hotels, **Michael Coughlin** was transferred to the San Jose property and promoted to Assistant Controller. Michael now lives in South San Francisco.

#### '89

**Jonathon Green** and his wife Carrie met their baby girl Meghan Mallery

## Alumni

### NEWS & NOTES

'50

After 18 years with the Catholic Diocese of Arkansas, **William Hartmann** recently retired as the Director of Finance. He previously served as the CFO for Jacuzzi International, where he worked for 24 years. Bill and his wife Claire reside in Little Rock, Arkansas, and have five children and 17 grandchildren. In his retirement, Bill will continue his ministry as a deacon. In March 2001 **Jim Graziani** retired after 42 years as a stockbroker. Making his home at the Silverado Country Club, Jim is pursuing several hobbies, including golf, duck hunting and the study of the California Indians.

'56

After 39 years of marriage, **William Killilea's** wife Diane passed away on June 28, 2000. William has seven children and thirteen grandchildren, and currently works as the vice president of marketing for Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend, Indiana.

'58

**Burt Film** and his wife Julie retired and moved to Clovis, California in December of 2000. After 36 years of service, **Pat Kopp** retired from California State University, Chico, where he was the Director of University Public Events. He continues to do consulting in the arts.

'60

**Phil Ehrhorn** celebrated the marriage of his son Mark Ehrhorn to Hollie Hentrich on August 25, 2001.

'61

**Russell Magnaghi** is the recent author of *Italians in Michigan*,

published by Michigan State University Press in 2001. He now lives in Marquette, Michigan.

'63

**Jim Alich** is an IT Technical Analyst for Abbott Laboratories. He currently lives in Crystal Lake, Illinois with his three teenage daughters, Becky, Missy and Sarah.

'64

After 30 years of service with the Daly City Police Department, **Michael Scott** was promoted to the rank of Captain. **Julian Sabbatini** recently retired from the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps after completing over 29 years of active duty. He now is a principal at Jacobs Facilities, Inc., and resides in Annapolis, Maryland. After 35 years with the FBI as a Special Agent, **William Hughes, Jr.** officially retired last year and is now a senior investigator with the Passaic County, New Jersey prosecutor's office. He is also on the Board of Directors for Christian Overcomers, a volunteer group that assists disabled adults. **Terrence Gioni** recently retired from the grocery industry after 33 years. He currently lives with his wife of 35 years, Nannette, in Fort Bragg,

California.

'65

**Larry Raffo** became the new assistant superintendent of the Hillsborough City School District in July of 2001. Larry's son, Tim graduated in June from Seattle University with a degree in business management, while his daughter Kathleen began her second year at the University of San Diego this year.

'68

**James Hagarty** accepted the position of Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington in November of 2001. Prior to this new role, James was the elected Prosecuting Attorney for Klickitat County. He now resides in Yakima, Washington.

'70

In October 2001, **Walter Rees** was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief of Police at the Santa Clara Police Department. Walter has been in law enforcement for 26 years. **Robert Rola M.D.** will become president-elect of the Maryland Pediatric Society in April. He currently serves as the vice president and medical director of the Sheppard Pratt Health System, the largest provider of mental health services

## The Lion King SERRA SENIOR SHARES GOOD LUCK

**S**enior Ian Williams helped ring in the Chinese New Year in spectacular fashion this year, as the 'head' of a lion in his martial arts performing troupe.

"In the Chinese culture, lions are good luck, and supposedly chase out bad spirits," said Ian.

His lion dance team is called into action throughout the year, mostly for weddings, grand openings and parades, and they've travelled as far away as Utah and Hawaii.

The Lion Dance itself is performed by two 'dancers' — one at the head and one at the tail of the lion. It is accompanied by drums, gongs and cymbals, which help symbolically chase away evil. To enhance the 'life' of the lion, the eyelids, mouth and ears of the lion's head all move.

Holding up the lion head at the front of the procession, Ian says it gets hot and sweaty, but he loves playing the crowd, and entertaining people.

Lion dancing has been a part of his life since he was nine years old, when he first started learning kung fu, and tagged along with his dance team to learn how to play the instruments.

When he was 12, he started taking turns as the 'head' of the lion, and for three years now, he's been dancing in front of larger and larger audiences.

As a senior, juggling the twelve hours per week that he spends pursuing his martial arts passion, Ian said that his schedule is sometimes hard to manage, but he's determined to stay involved in kung fu at college next fall. If no lion dance team exists at his campus, he plans to start up his own.

"It keeps me in shape, and I get self-defense out of it," he said.



## Coaches' Reunion

Former Serra basketball coaches **Mic Kelly** (1960-1962) and **George Hayes** (1958-1960) met up again at a reunion of the basketball teams they coached.



Dear Friends,

As you may be aware, Father Stephen Howell is being transferred from Junipero Serra High School on June 30, 2002.

Please join us in a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate his 27 years of service to Serra.

**Saturday, May 18, 2002**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Junipero Serra Chapel**

Reception to follow in the Cafe El Padre  
Please RSVP by May 14, 2002  
to the Development Office  
(650) 573-9935



## Scout's Honor

### 5 DELUNAS ACHIEVE EAGLE RANK

**R**ichard DeLuna II '01 may have set a national record last fall, when he achieved the rank of Eagle in the Boy Scouts of America.

He joined his four older brothers — Mark '83, Shawn '86, Christopher '93 and Jonathan '97 — in attaining the Scouts' highest rank. All five of the Serra graduates started out as Boy Scouts in local Troop 42 at the age of 11 and went on to become Eagle Scouts mostly due to their parents' insistence.

"It was a family goal," said their father, Richard DeLuna. "We told them, 'If you want to drive, and get your drivers' license, you have to get your Eagle.' That was their carrot."

Although Mark, the eldest DeLuna, stalled as long as possible, recruiting girls from Notre Dame to drive him to functions, he finally earned his last badge just under the cut-off age of 18. His father contends that the Eagle honor helped all the boys succeed in life, and diversified their social circle beyond their mostly Catholic friends at Serra.

"It's pretty darn easy, living on the Peninsula," he said. "Kids have to be kept busy, and scouting worked for our family. It's a pretty neat fraternity of people."

Having invested 23 years in their local troop as parents, the DeLunas are quick to defend the scouting tradition.

"Some people say Boy Scouts are nerdy," said the DeLuna patriarch. "Don't ever tell my sons that, because you'll have to contend with all five of them."

The DeLunas consulted national Boy Scout record books, and couldn't track down any other families who have had five or more brothers become Eagle Scouts.

## Serra Night at the Giants!

Come join the Junipero Serra community at Pac Bell Park on Monday, April 29. We will be sitting in sections 137 and 138—right behind Serra's own National League MVP and home run king Barry Bonds. The Giants have set aside 300 tickets for Serra. The cost is \$13 per ticket and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Send your check to the Development Office, payable to Junipero Serra High School. Don't be left out of this great night!



## Alumni

### Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame

LYNN SWANN '70 HONORED LOCALLY

**F**ormer Super Bowl MVP Lynn Swann '70 was enshrined in a Hall of Fame for the second time in as many years on March 14. This time he didn't have to travel far from his hometown of San Mateo — he was honored as a legendary athlete by the Bay Area Hall of Fame.

During a reception at The Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, Swann was joined by A's pitcher Dennis Eckersley, swim coach George Haines, and Olympic swimmer Mary Meagher as all four were inducted into the local organization's "Class of 2002."

The Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame honors local sports legends and benefits youth sports programs by donating athletic equipment to deserving and needy kids. The March 14 ceremony was BASHOF's 23rd annual enshrinement banquet.



*Local Sports Hero  
Lynn Swann '70 and  
Principal Michael  
Peterson during one  
of Swann's visits to  
Serra.*

### Television Debut

BRYAN BISHOP '96 TESTS HIS WIT

**S**erra alum Bryan Bishop got in touch with his inner geek and tried to outwit a panel of pop-culture experts on the new Comedy Central game show "Beat the Geeks" on Monday, February 25.

He surprised even himself by winning, trumping a movie geek, a music geek, a TV geek, and finally a guest geek who specialized in James Bond trivia. He came away with a guitar and other smaller prizes.

"I was a little nervous about the format, because it was a new show, but I didn't freeze up during the geek-off," said Bishop. "That was good."

Bishop first learned about the show through a friend, and because he's an ardent Comedy Central fan, he was eager to try out. He was interviewed over the phone, and then the network invited him to see a demo tape of the concept.

"It was really weird," he said. "There wasn't even a host picked at that point."

Although he doesn't see many other game show appearances in his future, he does admit to a secret desire to be the "guest geek" at some point. What would be his field of expertise? Little-known facts about Serra sports, of course.

Meanwhile, he's concentrating on his blossoming career in entertainment. After graduating from USC with a degree in creative writing, Bishop is now working part-time at KROQ, a modern rock radio station in Los Angeles. He answers request lines, does voiceovers, gives away prizes, and enjoys being exposed to "every kind of entertainment."

# a navajo journey

eight serra students slow down and discover beauty and sorrow on a stark indian reservation in pinon, arizona



**W**hen junior Jonathan Fone first caught a glimpse of the Navajo reservation where he would be spending a week in late February, helping Native Americans perform essential daily tasks like fetching water, chopping wood, and breaking up coal, he was stunned.

"It was like a third world country, but it was here in the United States," he said, remembering a landscape strewn with "shacks, cars, dogs and trash — everywhere."

Fone and the seven other Serra students who accompanied history teacher Michael

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[NAVAJO continued from page 9] these contrasts with mainstream American life. In a letter Mr. Accorsi drafted to the eight boys before embarking on the trip, he told them,

“When you are faced with these differences, study them, go further. If you stop and push yourself from them, you are missing the opportunity to see things another way. This trip is not an attempt to turn you against American life, it is also not an attempt to alter your religious beliefs, however we will push them to test their elasticity, flexibility and strength.”

But nothing prepared them for the realities of Navajo life on the stark reservation in Pinon, Arizona, beginning with the harsh desert climate. Located near the Four Corners, the reservation is subject to extreme temperatures that swing from 110 degrees during the day to 10 degrees at night.

“There were brutal winds, there was even a snowstorm one night,” said senior Edward Boenig. “It was so cold, and so flat.”

While the Serra students were sheltered in a snug Hogan — an eight-sided dwelling with a wood-burning stove at its center — on the property of a local Catholic parishioner, they encountered plenty of Navajo who were not as fortunate. The teenagers were routinely embarrassed and astonished to see grown men begging for food, crippled by a 70 percent unemployment rate.

“In big cities, you can be so shrewd, you can shut them off, you can think, ‘Get a job!’” said Mr. Accorsi. “But you look at a man on the Navajo reservation...he’s not lying, he doesn’t have anything, no shelter, no water.”

During the week they spent on the reservation, the Serra students concentrated on helping families and older women with tasks like hauling water and shoveling trash. They were often overwhelmed by the



difficulty of obtaining the bare essentials on the reservation.

“All of the projects we did, it made me feel so good,” said Fone. “I didn’t complain, because I saw how much we were helping them.”

The trash-littered plains that disgusted them at first taught them other lessons about the Navajo people. They learned that trash service on the reservation is a luxury, and while the Navajo burn most of their waste, glass bottles, aluminum cans and propane tanks take on a life of their own, multiply in ditches and piles, and soon become a fixture of the landscape.

“People are so quick to say, ‘These people don’t take care of themselves,’” said Boenig. “That’s not the case.”

While the Serra students stretched their minds and absorbed the Navajo culture, appreciating the beauty and simplicity of life on the reservation, they fought an uphill battle with most of the Navajo people, who, more than one hundred years after being forced off their land, still distrust and resent “Anglos.”

“They have an oral tradition,” said Mr. Accorsi. “History to them is very alive and personal. Sometimes people think, ‘Why can’t they just move on?’ Well, you can’t when it’s your grandmother who was dragged out and shot on the Long Walk.”

For the Serra group, this ill feeling made planning the immersion trip difficult from the start.

“It took four painstaking months to set up,” said Mr. Accorsi. “We had to deal with people who had a lot of resistance toward our way of life.”

When he finally succeeded in gaining permission to help the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary in Pinon, Mr. Accorsi wanted to ensure that his students showed as much



#### Navajo life

Top right, children on the reservation; Top, Serra students learned the basics of sheep-herding; Right, Our Lady of Fatima Church in Chinle. Inset on previous page: The Serra group, from left, Edward Boenig, Mr. Accorsi, Justin Fuselier, Steven Nordberg, Matt Crockett, Jonathan Fone, David Arrington, Rajiv Jhurami and Derrick Homer.



## WATER POLO YOUNG PLAYERS MAKE WAVES

Head water polo coach Kellie O’Connor knew that her Padre team had a lot of talent at the beginning of the season — the challenge was in helping her young players realize their potential.

Although the team had a rocky start, by the end of the season, “skills were starting to click, and the more inexperienced players were stepping up to the plate,” said O’Connor.

“They had a lot more talent than they were showing early on,” she added.

Finishing with a 1-4 league record, the team had a more impressive showing in tournaments and other matches in the Bay Area. With 13 wins and 15 losses overall, one of the team’s most memorable moments came in a win against Palo Alto at its own tournament.

Within the league, the 8-5 win over Sacred Heart at their pool was also a sweet victory in a season that was characterized by too many games that were lost by only one or two goals.

“This was a very young team, and I’m looking forward to the next couple of seasons,” said O’Connor.

Two seniors will be especially missed next year. Don Appleton was the top scorer and won the Serra Blanket Award. He was voted Most Inspirational Player as well, and won first team all-league honors.

The second highest scorer, Brian Poggetti, won the Coaches’ Award, and, along with Appleton,

helped the team gel.

“They were great leaders both in and out of the pool,” said O’Connor.

Meanwhile, on the pool deck, O’Connor was making some waves herself. She is only the second female to ever act as a head coach at Serra, and is the only female coach of a boys’ water polo team in the surrounding area.

At the first scheduling meeting of the season, other local coaches were confused, and told O’Connor that she was in the wrong meeting.

“I don’t think they meant to be insulting,” she said. “But it’s a new thing, and people are getting used to it.”



#### Pool moves

One of the younger players on the team this year, sophomore Zac Sandy shows off his skills.

## WRESTLING PADRES FINISH THIRD IN LEAGUE

Although Serra wrestlers finished third in the league this year, behind Bellarmine and St. Francis, their individual victories on the mat were impressive.

“We judge our season not really on wins and losses, but on whether we qualify kids to CCS,” said head coach Jeff Sereni. “Three qualified last year, and this year four did, so that’s an improvement.”

Senior Armand Sarvarian and junior Rohaum Rahi both emerged as league champions and section medalists, while sophomore Mike Messing and Dominic Busalacchi both qualified for CCS

as well.

Coach Sereni, who graduated from Serra in 1989, and has coached the Padre team for six years, is excited about the enthusiasm that he sees emerging from the younger wrestlers.

“We’re starting to get the kids really dedicated at the freshmen and sophomore level,” he said. “That’s a real turnaround.”

Sereni wanted to reward this commitment, and last year created a special lettermen jacket for wrestlers who lettered three years in a row.

“After they saw them last year, they thought, ‘Wow!’” said Sereni. “It gives them a real sense of pride. Last year, in 85 degree weather, they

## Padre Bench

### CROSS COUNTRY CAMARADERIE CARRIES TEAM

For the Padre cross country team this year, the cliché “total team effort” was not just a popular phrase — it was a reality that led to a successful season.

For the first time in 25 years, the Serra team won a WCAL championship cross country meet, and placed second overall in the league.

In addition, at the CCS Championship meet, the varsity team claimed first place in Division I and qualified to the state meet for the first time in four years.

Leading the way this season was junior Ron Exley, who received the Serra Blanket Award and was also named most outstanding junior runner.

“Despite having a quiet, modest disposition, he is a fierce competitor,” said head coach Will McCarthy.

Runners Alex Aycinena and Chris Furnari also contributed to the success of the varsity team.

McCarthy emphasized that the runners’ success was due to their team effort.

“Often running in a pack, their camaraderie

carried them to victory,” he said.

This team spirit was most evident at the Early Bird Invitational, held at North Monterey High School on September 8, 2001. The team won the overall award, which is extremely unusual for a single-sex school that is unable to benefit from scores in the women’s races.

In some respects, the invitational helped jumpstart a championship team.

“As well as we did there, the meet provided much needed confidence going into our season,” said McCarthy.

Several runners had an outstanding season, including freshman Carlos Ramirez, sophomore Dominic Vogl, and seniors Scott Drexel and Nick Cirigliano.

Sophomore Mike Delaurenti was also singled out as the most improved runner.

“Next year will certainly be a different story with eight of our top ten runners returning,” said McCarthy. “We’ll just have to wait and see how much our team progresses.”



Teamwork Coach Will McCarthy and the Serra harriers celebrate after the CCS championship meet.

respect for the native culture as possible.

“We didn’t bring baseball caps, Walkmans, CD players...anything that was ‘American,’” he said. “Nine Anglos in the middle of that reservation stick out already. When we went anywhere, the people already knew, ‘Oh, you’re the guys from San Francisco.’ Word spread faster than our van.”

Mr. Accorsi plans to return to the reservation soon, bearing clothing, food, and basic household supplies. He and his wife, Kathy Accorsi, who teaches math at Serra, plan to give their old VW Jetta and four used computers to Mary Lucy Joe, an elderly lady who provided meals to the group in Pinon.

“There is no Red Cross in Navajo country,” Mr. Accorsi said. “There is no organized aid for these people.”

Many of the Serra boys will accompany him again as well.

“It was the best experience of my life,” said Fone. “It was so eye-opening, and it made me want to simplify my life. You see what the essentials are, and all of the extra stuff that you don’t need.”

Witnessing how deeply his students were moved by the Navajo was perhaps the most rewarding element of the trip for Mr. Accorsi.

“The experience was magical because of these kids,” said Mr. Accorsi. “I’m proud of them and what they decided to do.”

Senior Edward Boenig volunteered to share his experiences on the Navajo reservation with Traditions. What follows are excerpts from the journal he kept during the trip.

#### Sunday, February 17

We arrived at Chinle at about 1:20 p.m., where we stopped in a plaza to call Father Blaine Grein. We couldn’t find a phone, so we asked where the Church was in a store. After getting directions we drove to the Lady of Fatima Church, where we met Fr. Grein, a Catholic priest in the parish of Chinle. He has been pastor on the Navajo

reservation for 24 years. Apparently, he purchases all the goods that the Navajo people can’t get locally, and even more, he doesn’t charge them for it.

At 1:45 p.m., we left for Pinon. The road was rough and Fr. Grein hit 80 mph a couple of times; he drives pretty fast, according to his reputation. To get to the church in Pinon, we drove west on Highway 4 until arriving at a very populated area. We passed through a broken green gate, and the church, St. Mary of the Rosary, was on the left. Here we met Mary Lucy, a small, older Navajo woman. She was very kind and pleased to meet us.

At 4:30 p.m., we got to the hogan. It is gorgeous!! We thought before the trip that we would be crowded in a cold, dark room with no fire, no water, and no electricity. We thought it would be 10 degrees at night in the hogan, but instead those anticipations and fears were gladly replaced. The large hogan was about 30 feet in diameter, and included a wooden furnace in the middle of the room, and two very bright electric lights. Water is very plentiful at the church, and we even have a separate kitchen building.

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#### Scenes from Pinon

Below: Piles of hair spray bottles were a tangible reminder of the prevalence of alcohol abuse among the Navajo.

Bottom: The Serra group uses “Padre Power” to knock down an unused Hogan.



“Often running in a pack, their camaraderie carried them to victory.”  
— Coach McCarthy

### Monday, February 18

We woke up at 7:30 a.m. and had breakfast. I wore thermals, jeans, Gore-Tex pants, wool sweater and both layers of my Gore-Tex jacket. Then we went to a site that Mike had scouted out, to cut wood for the family. I had never cut wood like this before. My Boy Scout training from four years ago was not helpful, except with safety. I had trouble at first, but quickly passed the cautious stage and started whacking those logs so well. I learned that the trick is to hit the wood and follow through as if I am hitting the ground and not the wood. This way, the force of the swing carries all the way through the wood.

While we were cutting, a guy who lived in the house came over and started talking with us. He was such an awesome guy. He talked not like a stranger, but like a friend. He told us that he had never seen the ocean before and had always wanted to go there. He then told us that he was a silversmith and offered us the opportunity to look at his work. So after cutting some more wood, we walked over to his hogan and he let us in. The hogan was literally a workshop with a wood furnace in the middle, a work table, and some machinery. He showed us how he made all sorts of jewelry, from rings to bracelets to necklaces. He held pieces of silver, gold and turquoise before us. Some of the turquoise was polished, smooth and glossy, while other peices were freshly mined and coarse. I would never have been able to tell that they were turquoise if they weren't polished. He even polished Mike's wedding ring, seeing that it was dirty.

The farthest he has ever been was Las Vegas. He talked about it humbly and almost shyly. I can only pray that he may someday see the sea.

We stopped working around 4:30 p.m., and for the rest of the night we sat around the hogan. It started snowing an hour later, with some fierce winds. Visibility dropped to 300 feet or less, even to 100 feet, and about 2 to 3 inches of snow fell. It was absolutely beautiful to see the desert landscape suddenly a mystical white, a billion microscopic diamonds

thrown like a blanket over the land.

### Tuesday, February 19

After a quick breakfast of oatmeal and apple bars, we headed over to Mary Lucy's house to go to work on the sheep. The first thing that we had to do today was separate the rams from the rest of the sheep. The whole corral was divided into two pens, both of which were covered in a greenish turf of sheep dung. Our first task was, well, funny, if you could watch. We were supposed to grab them by the horns or the leg, but the rams were huge and as soon as we approached, they would bolt with a force that seemed a little overwhelming if we got in the way. So we cautiously chased the rams into the other corral.

I then drove with Phyllis, one of the other matriarchs in the area, to the water station; we picked up the water tank on the way. It worked like a gas station. When we returned, we brought a huge 12 foot metal trough over to the corral, and I emptied the water from buckets into the trough. As soon as the water was placed in the pens, the rams shoved their heads in there and I could feel the rough texture of their horns, objects that I previously feared.

After lunch at the church, we drove around for about an hour looking for a place to work. Finally we stopped and cut wood, and I picked up trash, which was everywhere. I noticed the most peculiar thing. No matter where we went, hair spray bottles, metal ones, would be laying all over the place, often in great frequency in a concentrated location. And in each hair spray bottle, a hole would be punctured at the top. After seeing dozens upon dozens of these, I seriously began to wonder if the Navajo people really, really, really care about their hair. Sadly, that is not the case. While eating dinner, Mike mentioned having gone to the supermarket. Father Philip, the pastor of the church in Pinon, then asked if he noticed all of the hair spray bottles behind the counter. I immediately remembered all the ones I had seen half buried in the dirt, so I asked Father Philip why there were so many bottles laying about. His response was startling.

Alcoholic beverages of any type are

illegal on the Navajo reservation. As a substitute for liquor and beer, people buy hair spray bottles, puncture the top to let the air out, pour the liquid into water or Kool-Aid to dilute the flavor, and drink it. They literally get high off it, and the ethyl alcohol disrupts brain passages, rendering the person's mind lifeless after continuous abuse.

### Wednesday, February 20

We woke up early today and went to the Dine Community College, where Harry Walters, an anthropologist, gave us a fascinating and extensive tour and lecture on Navajo cultural history.

He took us down into this beautiful ceremonial hogan with wooden walls and a clean dirt floor. Surrounding the hogan in a round corridor were pictures depicting the history of the Navajo people. The images portrayed the Long Walk, the arrival of the Europeans, and, most interestingly, the influence of Junípero Serra. In this one image with Junípero Serra, the Native Americans were driving him out and killing the Catholic missionaries. Junípero Serra was being responded to quite negatively. We avoided saying what high school we were from. The image presented by the Navajo is in sharp contrast to the perception created by the school, in which Junípero Serra is a saint and a hero. I certainly don't want to take sides, as I do not have enough information on the topic, but the discrepancy or difference is certainly ironic.

From the community college, we drove to a lookout of the Canyon de Chelly Here we ate lunch and hiked around a bit. The Canyon is absolutely spectacular! The valley at the bottom has green fields, a hogan, and a farming field, all lying below this huge intricate zigzagging

of red and orange rock. We hiked



*Entering the stadium  
The Serra football players focused on playing as a team this season.*

over Bellarmine — for the first time in six years. The Padres ended up winning the game 27-6. With a 6-0 record, they were off to their best start in ten years.

"It was truly a night to remember," said Walsh. "We smashed our rivals, in front of our families and many Serra alumni."

The team lost some momentum during the four final games of the season, finishing with a record of 6-4. But the team handled its defeats well, and overall, it was an exciting year that helped build the foundation for a program that is heading to the top.

One of the season's stand-out players was senior Jermaine Randolph, who played at the left tackle position for the Padres. Coming into the season Jermaine had only started in one varsity football game in two years, but Walsh recognized his potential.

"The first time I laid eyes on him I knew that he could be a major contributor for the 2001 Padres and a major Division I prospect," said Walsh. His instincts proved to be right on target; Jermaine has earned a full scholarship to the University of Oregon.

Brandon Ramsey was another leader and go-

to player all year. He was voted MVP by his teammates, and received the Serra Blanket Award. Brandon started all ten games at running

back and led the team in tackles and in rushing. Brandon will most likely attend the College of San Mateo in the fall.

Brent Tenbrugencatte tight end this year. According to Walsh, "he made some

unbelievable plays at tight end and flew to the ball on defense. Brent was our major target in the red zone." Brent will most likely attend CSM in the fall as well.

Finally, senior Billy Armanino won the Scott Award for his courage at the tail end of the season, when he played under an extreme amount of pain. As it turned out, Billy played the last four games on a partially torn Achilles tendon. Despite the injury, Billy cemented

**"Our symbol for this year is a chain. You have to be committed to your brother. You'll get love back from him and it will elevate your play."  
— Coach Walsh**

*One on one  
Coach Patrick Walsh talks with senior quarterback Sean Murphy.*



## Padre Bench

### FOOTBALL NEW COACH, NEW PERSPECTIVE

The first thing that Patrick Walsh did when he took over the Padre football program was to kick off mandatory summer training sessions — 29 workouts, all starting at 7:00 am. Each member on the team had to attend 22 rigorous workouts to be eligible for the varsity team. He expected to hear some moaning and groaning about the early mornings, but all 49 players made at least 22 workouts, and most players made more.

“It was obvious that I was feeling out the players and the players were feeling out their new coach,” Walsh said. “With a new coach comes new expectations and many changes. The 2001 Padres handled these changes with maturity and helped build the foundation for future teams.”

Walsh, fresh from three years of coaching running backs at De La Salle High School in Concord, takes his cues for conditioning players from football legend Bob Ladouceur, who has helped De La Salle achieve the longest winning streak in the nation. The summer program, which was new to Serra, helped give the team the edge it needed to start the season.

“We proved that we were in great shape by physically wearing down our first five opponents,” said Walsh.

But the summer program wasn't the only key to the team's growth this year. Walsh also established an important grounding element for the football players — a special service in the chapel the day before each game.

The quiet time lets the athletes “relax, tap into their spirituality, and pray,” said Walsh.

“We talk about our relationships, how we're getting along, and what role God plays in all this,” he added. “It centers us. We get focused on what's important. We talk about football maybe 2 percent of the time.”

The third component of Walsh's new team-building program involved a rotating dinner tradition. Parents volunteered to open up their homes and heap players' plates with carbohydrates on the night before each game.

“It was an opportunity to get off campus and come together as a team,” said Walsh.

Walsh calls himself a “symbols guy.” He decides on a symbol for the season, and uses it to reinforce values that his players should keep top of mind during the year. For his first year with the

Padres, he wanted to emphasize brotherhood.

“Our symbol for this year is a chain,” said Walsh. “You have to be committed to your brother. You'll get love back from him and it will elevate your play.”

To reinforce the teamwork concept, Walsh had the team commit the following sentence to memory: “People working together can accomplish things which no individual acting alone could ever hope to bring about.”

The oft-quoted phrase by Franklin D. Roosevelt is plastered all over the team's weight room as well.

With this foundation in place, the Padres were off to a phenomenal start, and defeated their opponents in the first five games of the season. Their record was so impressive that Walsh was recognized as a Charlie Wedemeyer Coach of the Week in early September, which was presented by 49ers coach Steve Mariucci.

“It was a team award, signifying the work we put in this summer, the effort of the coaching staff, and the performance of the kids during the games,” said Walsh.

The Padres had their proudest moment on the field on the night of the Bellarmine game. Going into league play, the Padres were undefeated, and Bellarmine was almost as intimidating with its 4-1 record. However, with 2,500 fans crowding the bleachers to witness the Homecoming game, the Padres had a clear advantage.

“There was an electricity in the air and everybody could feel it, except Bellarmine,” said Walsh. “We flew around the field, made plays, worked together and played with heart.”

The team pulled through at an especially critical moment during the third quarter of the game, when they were facing a 3rd down with 8 yards to go from the Padres' own 5-yard line. Although the team had a small advantage on the scoreboard (13-8), the Padres were still in dire straits, until senior quarterback Zach Rand took a snap from Alex Resh and dropped back to pass. Somehow receiver, Chris Denny-Brown slipped behind the free safety. Rand hit him in stride and Chris sprinted the final 80 yards to complete the score.

The landmark pass set a school and WCAL record for the longest pass and catch of all time, and was just the icing on the cake of a victory

#### Scenes from Pinon

Right: Both the flat landscape and its brutal climate were foreign to Serra students.

Bottom: Senior Edward Boenig poses in front of the Grand Canyon.



down into the canyon, and the trail took us down to the canyon floor. The first thing I saw when I walked out of the tunnel at the bottom of the trail was an old woman herding sheep into their pen next to a hogan, with a stunningly magnificent sheer cliff right behind her. The trail becomes a soft dirt road that follows the river on the canyon floor through forests of white, pearly aspen trees. The road finally reaches the Anasazi ruins, brick houses carved into a sheer part of the canyon. Absolutely incredible. The road goes on, but I don't know how far.

#### Thursday, February 21

After waking up at 8:30 a.m., Mary Lucy and Phyllis treated us to a breakfast of eggs, potatoes and ham, and Navajo tortillas. Then we started tearing down a hogan between Mary Lucy's house and the sheep corral. The whole inside was loaded with metal and roofing supplies that we took out and stacked. The reason Phyllis wanted the hogan torn down was that homeless people would stay there in the summer and drink beer and hair spray, which we found plenty of. After moving the supplies out, we pounded the roof boards out from

the inside and then collapsed the roof beams.

After lunch that day, we split up into two groups, and my group went to visit the house of May Tso, Phyllis' sister. We picked up trash. Again, it was unbelievable! There was trash everywhere. But even worse, there was a ditch about 150 feet away from the house that was loaded with rusted cans, soda cans, plastic and glass. I even got a shovel to start gathering garbage, and when I thought I got it all in one area, I ended up digging up more. We filled up 42 30-gallon trash bags in three hours, and we barely scraped the surface.

After returning to our hogan, we had this incredible discussion with Phyllis. Talking about medicines, she described how the hospital wanted to burst a boil that her son had, which would have left a scar. The medicine man, instead, put tree sap from a pine tree around the boil. The sap sucks out the oils and cleans out the boil without leaving a scar. Phyllis also described the time when her daughter was riding a horse and was thrown off into a tree. The observers had to keep Phyllis and others away from her body. The medicine man was called, and he brought the horse back to the girl. Taking the horse's saliva, the medicine man rubbed it into the girl's wounds. Only the horse, it is believed, could heal her, and it

did.

#### Friday, February 22

We packed the van and cleaned the hogan this morning. We left camp at 9:15 a.m. and instead of heading east in the direction we came, we went west over a dirt road. At 1:30 p.m., we got to the Grand Canyon. We had lunch there. It was pretty cool but not as beautiful as the Canyon de Chelly. We continued the drive back to Flagstaff, dropped off the van, ate pizza, and lounged around before boarding the train and heading home.



“The Bellarmine game was truly a night to remember. We smashed our rivals, in front of our families and many Serra alumni!”  
— Coach Walsh



# Of Padres



**Tom Brady**  
The 1995 graduate returned to Serra on March 14 to share his MVP story.

As a grammar school student at St. Gregory's, Tommy Brady had to contend with three other Bradys who were bigger and bossier than he was — his three older sisters, Maureen, Julie and Nancy.

"He was just as cute as could be, with three big sisters who bossed him around," said his old principal Lorraine Paul, who has known Tom since he was a first-grader.

His childhood experience as the underdog may have served him well when he signed on with the New England Patriots in the year 2000, as the number four quarterback to the fifth highest paid player in the NFL, Drew Bledsoe. For a first-year, 23 year-old rookie like Brady, the odds were against seeing any playing time in the foreseeable future.

But despite Bledsoe being "one heck of a competitor," Brady decided that he was going to be the best football player he could be.

"A lot of people set their goals about here," he said, gesturing knee-high. "I set my goals in the stars. Only you know what you're capable of."

It turned out that one year later, Brady was capable of taking over for Bledsoe when he was severely injured in the season's second game. As starting quarterback, Brady's Patriots compiled a record of 14-3, the most important win being the Super Bowl match-up against the St. Louis Rams. After his stunning drive

down the field in the last two minutes of the game, which helped teammate Adam Viniateri kick the game's tie-breaking 48-yard field goal, Brady was named MVP of the game.

Underdog? Not anymore. Brady, a sixth round draft pick in 1999, propelled his team to the biggest upset in Super Bowl history, with a sure, steady confidence that calls to mind another legendary Bay Area quarterback, Joe Montana.

In fact, exhilarated fans back in Boston have embraced Brady as a hero of Montana proportions — a quarterback who helped their home team win the Super Bowl for the first time since the franchise opened in 1960.

"It's been pretty crazy," said Brady. "In Boston, I've become very recognizable. There's not the sports tradition there that we have here in the Bay Area. Boston hadn't won a Super Bowl in 36 years, their baseball team stinks. So this is huge to them."

But for Brady, the sudden fame is all a little bit unsettling. He's hesitant about the buzz that has made him an instant celebrity and heartthrob, and wants to focus on the future instead of resting on his laurels.

"I have a long way to go," he said. "I'm only 24 years old, and while all these proclamations and honors are incredible, I just don't feel like I deserve them yet. I've played one season, and I still have a lot to accomplish."

Former coach Tom MacKenzie remembers Brady as a motivated and goal-oriented player even as a high school football player.

## 'Giant' Scholarship News

### BARRY BONDS GIVES BACK TO THE SERRA FAMILY

His face wreathed by a mega-watt smile, San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds entered the Junipero Serra Gym on February 13 and couldn't get over the packed bleachers and roar of applause that welcomed him home.

Although he was taken aback by the amount of local press that was present to record the scholarship announcement, Bonds was touched by the enthusiasm of the students.

"I'm almost ready to cry because this is so very, very impressive," he said.

Bonds was at Serra to announce the creation of a four-year academic scholarship that will benefit a low-income, black freshman in the incoming class of 2006. Praised as a Padre "on and off the field" for his generosity to the San Francisco Bay Area, Bonds said that the scholarship fund is a way of expressing gratitude for the education he received at Serra.

"As time goes by, I appreciate the school even more," he said, adding that he credits several priests, faculty members and coaches for buoying him during "down times" as a teenager.

"The relationships I had here were so good," he said, adding that although it seemed like "there were only maybe three black kids here in the 80s, I never had a race problem."

Looking around the gym, he was pleased to see a diversity of faces in the student body in the year 2002.

"I see Hispanics, Asians, blacks," he said. "You can see the progress."

Bonds created the academic scholarship in order to help more students who might not otherwise be able to attend Serra.

"God has given me the opportunity to help others," he said, adding that there are too many would-be Padres who are motivated students but lack the financial resources for a Serra education.

"What Barry's gift means to us is that another young man will be able to afford a Catholic education," said Principal Michael Peterson.

Despite the fact that he hasn't been a student at Serra for more than two decades, Bonds still identifies with the Padre spirit, and expressed how proud he was of fellow MVP, Tom Brady '95.

"We have a lot to be proud of as Serra Padres, and I'm very proud to help a future Serra Padre," he said.

Senior Kourosh Safavi, the sports editor for Serra's student newspaper, *The Friar*, had the opportunity to join the group of media who waited after the assembly to chat with Bonds.

"It was pretty amazing," said Safavi. "I see guys interviewing him on ESPN. It was just an awesome privilege."

Hopefully Bonds will have the opportunity to inspire many more Serra students. He expressed the desire to become even more involved with the school in the coming years.

Russ Bertetta, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, couldn't be more pleased with the rewarding relationship.

"Barry is stepping up to the plate, and knows what Serra education



Photo by Lanelle Duran of the San Mateo Daily News



**School ties**  
Above, Barry Bonds relishes the excitement of being back on Padre turf. At left, Bonds reminisces with former coach and teacher Russ Bertetta.

## Island Breezes

### TROPICAL FUN GENERATES SUPPORT



“One of the unique things about the auction is that the Serra family always comes through with donations. It’s heartwarming.”  
— Ginny Dedrick, Auction Co-Chair

Over 630 members of the Serra family gathered in the Padre gym in late November for a taste of island paradise and a chance to bid on items ranging from a grand piano to a puppy. Over Mai-Tais and a sit-down dinner, the guests raised \$227,000 for Serra’s building fund, and, most importantly, had a blast.

“It was a wonderful event, and very successful,” said Ginny Dedrick, one of the auction’s four co-chairs.

Dedrick, along with Sharon Dooley, Anna Ramacciotti and Debbie Tenbruggencate, chose the “Island Breezes” theme for the feeling of laid-back fun it would bring to the event.

“Everyone adored the fact that it was casual!” said Dedrick.

“We wanted to have a good time, and make people feel relaxed,” added Dooley.

The night’s bidding started off with numerous silent auctions, which were set up in the cafeteria. Footballs and soccer balls signed by every player on the JV and varsity teams proved to be one of the most popular silent auction items.

When the live auction began over dinner, guests began a bidding war for reserved pews at graduation. Ironically, the two winning bidders were Dedrick’s and Dooley’s husbands.

“They were dueling on opposite sides of the room, and they had no idea they were bidding against each other!” said Dedrick.

However, the auction item that proved to be the hit of the night was a yellow Labrador Retriever puppy, garnering \$2,900.

“The Serra family always comes through with



**Aloha!**  
**Top:** Tiki torches light the way.  
**Left:** Ed Taylor says “Aloha” to a new friend.  
**Bottom left:** Auction chairs Debbie Tenbruggencate, Anna Ramacciotti, Ginny Dedrick and Sharon Dooley celebrate the night’s success.  
**Bottom right:** Guests enjoy the luau.



“When he was a sophomore, I told him that if he worked very, very hard at his footwork and his mechanics, he could be a Division I quarterback,” said MacKenzie. “I only had to tell him once.”

As a senior at Serra, Brady won the Blanket award in football, and was selected for Blue Chip Illustrated and the All-American Prep Football Report. He still holds the school record for the most completions — 22 out of 41 attempts against Cardinal Newman High School in 1994. He’s also on the record books for scoring the most touchdowns in his high school career — a total of 33.

Padre fans also remember his talent on the baseball field. As a 6’4” left-handed catcher, he could have succeeded in the Major League, and was in fact drafted by the Montreal Expos.

“I always thought he was going to be a professional baseball player,” said his sister Nancy Brady. “But then he started playing football, and he loved it so much.”

Supported by his family and friends, he chose to pursue glory on the gridiron, and attended Michigan, where he honed his skills, and prepared for the day when he would be able to play in the NFL.

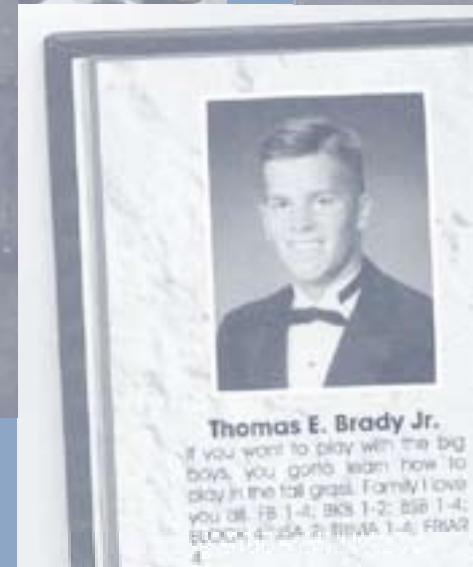
“Knowing him, I thought anything was possible,” said Nancy. “I just never thought it would happen so soon.”

For Lorraine Paul, who has seen Brady grow from a six year-old boy to a 24 year-old man, witnessing his journey has been a pleasure.

“Any student you have, you hope the best for,” she said. “But to see someone grow to be this great is amazing.”

# 1992-1995

## high school beginnings



**Serra Snapshots**  
Clockwise from top left: Catcher Tom Brady tags out a runner at home base in 1993; Brady pulls up for a shot during a basketball game as a sophomore; As a high school senior, Brady had big dreams and the drive to make them happen; Brady hams for the camera after being voted Best Athlete during his senior year; Brady wore No. 12 for the Serra football team.

# Super Bowl Stars

# mvp quotes



Twenty six years apart, two different Junipero Serra alumni took home the “hardware” on Super Bowl Sunday — Lynn Swann in 1976, and Tom Brady in 2002.

To celebrate the athletes’ impact on the sporting world, Serra invited its decorated alums back to the gym on March 14. Older faculty and staff savored the moment, recognizing that they were witnessing an incredible moment in sports history. And Serra students collectively leaned forward in their seats, absorbing the easy rapport between the two legendary athletes.

Proving why he has had such a successful broadcasting career post-football, Swann ribbed sports media for faulty math, and corrected their claim that 24 year-old Brady was the youngest player ever to earn the Super Bowl MVP. How is he so sure? Swann himself was only 23 when he took home the same honor.

Meanwhile, Brady, seven years after graduation, led a “Padre Whisper,” and showed off his famous arm when tossing autographed footballs to lucky students in his audience.

Both proud Padres, Swann and Brady urged their younger counterparts to reach for the stars, to follow their dreams, and strive to become MVPs in the life path they choose.

Principal Michael Peterson

“There is no school in the United States that has had so much take place on its behalf by its alumni. This is just one little school in San Mateo. This will not take place again in our lifetime. I am just awed by it. It is just huge.”

Russ Bertetta,  
Alumni  
Relations and  
Development  
Director

Tom Brady '95,  
Super Bowl XXXVI  
MVP about his  
pre-game nap

“You guys might think this happens everyday... but this is one heck of a great day!”

“When you’re really prepared, there’s a lot of peace within you. I put my head back, fell asleep for about a half hour, woke up, and said, ‘Oh, it’s game time.’”

Nick Carboni  
former  
Assistant Principal

“There are a lot of professional athletes who can’t even put together a complete sentence, who don’t have time to sign autographs, who don’t have time for little guys. Lynn and Tom are a real credit to pro athletes.”

Lynn Swann '70,  
Super Bowl X MVP  
on following dreams...

“Fear is nothing to worry about. It’s nothing to be scared of. It just depends on what you do with that fear.”

...and on the  
1976 MVP  
announcement

“Who’s the MVP?  
I’m the MVP???? I  
feel good!”

10-year-old Michael Rowan’s only  
question for Tom Brady

“Is the car *really* the team car?”

Tom MacKenzie,  
former Serra head football coach, with  
advice for Brady

“The one area I think you could work on is your touchdown dance.”



**MVP Excitement**  
Clockwise from top left: Tom Brady meets future Serra Padre Michael Rowan; Lynn Swann hams it up, and later demonstrates why he was a wide receiver instead of a quarterback; Brady leads students in a Padre Whisper; junior Andrew Kochevar and senior Donovan Boyle show off their autographed footballs; and students give a Padre welcome to the two famous alumni.