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NEW HORIZONS AHEAD FOR FR. ANTHONY P. SAUER, SJ

In This Issue ...

Students at SI say one prayer more than any other — St. Ignatius' "Prayer for Generosity." Many of the stories in this issue touch upon this theme of selfless giving.

In addition, consider this fact: In the past year, students at SI have raised more than \$75,000 to help victims of many disasters, including the hurricane in Jamaica, the flooding in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast, the AIDS crisis in Tanzania and the tsunami that hit Southeast Asia. Also, this past December as in every year, the SI community — students, alumni, parents and teachers — gathered food and money for toys for the poor of San Francisco.

build a new Hall of Music and an athletics/classroom complex on the west side of the school, a new retreat center to the north in Marin County and a field for soccer, field hockey and lacrosse somewhere south of SI. The campaign also hopes to increase the school's endowment fund by \$20 million, allowing us to be even more generous in offering financial aid to deserving students.

For the past 27 years, Ignatians have had another model of generosity to emulate — Fr. Anthony P. Sauer, SJ, SI's president, who announced his retirement at the Dec. 3 President's Cabinet Dinner.

I can honestly say, along with throngs of folks who work at SI, that I have never had a boss as generous and loving as Tony

Sauer. Alumni, parents and teachers know they have a true friend in him. That is why he is the first person they call for baptisms, wedding and funerals — for times of celebration and commiseration. In short, he is pastoral to the core, which is why he has lasted so long — more than a sixth of the school's 150-year storied history — and succeeded so well as president of St. Ignatius College Preparatory.

Mike Shaughnessy '67, currently on sabbatical and traveling to many of



Pictured above: Students gathered at St. Dominic's Church Dec. 17 to help distribute food and toys to families in San Francisco. Members of the Fathers' Club and faculty also helped spread the Christmas spirit.

This community gives far more than money. Come to the SI parking lot at 5 a.m., and you'll see students ready to leave for Martin de Porres and St. Anthony's to feed the hungry before the start of class. SI also took in one student, a sophomore, who was forced to leave his flood-ravaged high school and home in New Orleans.

It's no wonder our students give of their time, talent and treasure. They have learned this lesson well from their parents and from the Ignatians who have come before them.

Thanks to their efforts, SI was able to finish its 10-year, \$50-million Genesis IV campaign a year early and \$9 million over its goal. With that kind of enthusiastic response, the school decided to launch its next campaign, Genesis V: New Horizons, right away. This 5-year, \$50-million effort seeks to raise funds to

the 47 Jesuit high schools in the country, gets a curious reaction when he tells people that SI's president has been in office for 27 years. "They all shake their heads and feel sorry for me. They are sure he has overstayed his welcome. I just laugh and tell them that no one wants him to go — he's that good. We all hoped that he would stay with us forever."

The Board of Trustees will select Fr. Sauer's successor by March, and he will step down June 30. In future issues, we will toast and roast this wonderful pedagogue, priest and president, this exemplar of Ignatian generosity, and we hope he returns to us after a yearlong sabbatical to continue to teach and preach in a place that has been, and will always be, his home.

— Paul Totah '75



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Sesquicentennial Year Celebrations Come to an End at PresCab Dinner

by Rev. Anthony P. Sauer, SJ

Rev. Thomas O'Neill, SJ, chair of the Board of Trustees, trustees, regents, officers of the administration, members of the Society of Jesus, parents, benefactors and friends! Let me echo Chairman Cleary in welcoming you to this 17th President's Cabinet.

Many of you have never missed: 240 in 1989, 700 tonight! We started somewhat small, but I think we've accomplished a lot! Even with the price indexed to inflation — as that euphemism goes — you cared enough for SI to dig down deep! Tonight is to thank you.

quicentennial year, we inaugurate a brand new award to complement the other two major public honors given annually by St. Ignatius: the Christ the King Award, given to alumni who have distinguished themselves in careers of service, and the President's Award, bestowed at graduation on non-alumni we hold up to our students as role models for service.

This evening, in honor of our 150-year presence in the Bay Area, I'm pleased and proud to announce the creation of the Ignatian Achievement Awards to be presented annually to one or more individuals who have distinguished themselves on a national or international scale. We will name this honor the



It's a rather important evening for many reasons. Our Father General, Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, has declared this Dec. 3, 2005 — the feast of St. Francis Xavier — the inauguration of a year of world jubilee commemorating the anniversary of the first three companions of the Society of Jesus: 2006 will be the 450th anniversary of the death of Ignatius Loyola in 1556 and the 500th anniversaries of the births of Francis Xavier and Blessed Peter Faber — his closest friends — indeed, his college roommates at the ever-popular University of Paris.

It was on the shoulders of these three gentlemen that the Society of Jesus was formed. Without their vision, their mission, their prayer, there would be no Jesuit world education order and no SI.

Secondly, on this final night of our ses-

Spiritus Magis Award, the title that Boris Kodrin '67 gave to his mural and that Paul Totah '75 gave to his sesquicentennial history.

The awards will be a kind of high school Nobel Prize, something like an honorary degree if a high school were authorized to grant such. We are just so happy about this sesquicentennial year that we really want to commemorate it in a very special way.

The first recipient of this sesquicentennial honor is Dr. Peter Raven '53 whom *Time* magazine labeled a "hero of the planet" for his groundbreaking research on global warming and on the dangerous loss of biodiversity in the world's rain forests. Dr. Raven will receive the award at a special assembly of the student body this spring where he will address these future leaders about the dire need to preserve and sustain the world's natural resources.

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Next, I'm most pleased to announce the conclusion of the Genesis IV: Endow SI campaign, which you all know about because many of you were here when it was kicked off at the president's cabinet in 1996. Genesis IV was planned as a 10-year \$50 million campaign to endow professional and program development, plant maintenance, faculty housing loans, and, most particularly, student tuition assistance for qualified but needy families. Because of your immense generosity, we were able to end the Genesis IV campaign a year early to coincide with this final day of the sesquicentennial year!

Though we finished the drive a year ahead of schedule, we went way over our goal — to the tune of \$59.1 million! Your endowment generosity, for example, will enable the school to renovate all our classrooms this summer for the fall term so that every one has teacher technology stations with state-of-the-art media capability, lowered ceilings concealing all wiring to create uniformly neat and orderly classrooms to complement student organization, discipline and increased academic achievement. We'll even have brand new desks throughout the school — our final goodbye to Stanyan Street!

Thank you all, each and every one, and all those listed on the plaque which you passed by on your way to the Commons for the sacrifices, many like the widow's mite from folks without great means, but with fantastic generosity of heart, that brought us here tonight.

Opposite page: Fireworks lit up the sky behind the Commons to mark the end of the yearlong sesquicentennial celebration. Top: More than 700 guests attended the gala dinner. Right: Board of Regents Chairman Mark Cleary offered a summary of the school year.

As we respectfully close the doors on Genesis IV, we proudly pull open the portals of the last and perhaps most well-earned named facility of the Endow SI campaign — a gift of Lynn Fritz '61 — matched by the countless friends of our dynamic, devoted and dedicated Dean of Discipline. Ladies and gentlemen, I present the Br. Douglas Draper, SJ, Student Center, which you passed reverentially through this evening! Congratulations, Brother, and thank you for many years of unflagging, unflappable service to the students and the families of SI.

Since we were fortunate enough to write finis to Genesis IV a year early, our visionary Vice President Steve Lovette '63 said, "Why not begin Genesis V a year early, too?" Re-





covering from shock, I summoned up all my Ignatian enthusiasm and presidential authority and responded, “Why not?” It’s good to be the king!

So, my friends, take a deep breath and say, “Goodbye, Genesis IV” and, as you exhale, “Hello, Genesis V!” No more nostalgia for the past, no fond reminiscences about the glories of Genesis I, II, III or IV: It’s on to V!

Before you at your table [and in this magazine] is a detailed summary of Genesis V: New Horizons — a \$50-million, 5-year campaign to fund three capital projects and to increase endowment. New horizons indeed!

The name is most appropriate because the projects take us beyond the confines of this 2001 campus to new vistas and new opportunities. To the southern horizon, not more than 15 minutes from our main campus, we are in discussions on a cooperative venture to build additional field space for our 64 teams.

Looking toward our western horizon will be a new 15,000-square-foot combined choral, classroom and athletic wing to be topped by a stunning student plaza overlook taking in the Pacific Ocean and a line-of-sight view of the exact location where Fr. Maraschi and his Jesuit companions sailed through the Golden Gate 150 years ago — in his words, “To do a little good” — and gazing west to the Asian lands Xavier evangelized almost five centuries ago.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibbons ’36 and Dr. C. Allan Wall ’46 for your lead gifts that allowed us to kick off this Genesis V drive for the new Gibbons Hall of Music. As you read in

Spiritus ‘Magis,’ Jack’s mother was tutored by SI’s founder, Fr. Maraschi. Thus Jack is a true living link to our 150-year history. Great thanks to the Gibbonses!

And to the northern horizon in marvelous Marin, we’re continuing deliberations for the creation of a new 150-room retreat center for high school youth. The Kairos retreat is the culminating religious experience for our seniors, topping off their Jesuit formation here. Unfortunately for SI and for many other Catholic schools, retreat center availability is on the decline. Over the next five years, our intention is to build a retreat facility not only for our students but also for those in other Catholic schools who need this service.

That’s it: North, South, East and West: Genesis V: New Horizons — \$50 million in all, including a substantial increase in student aid endowment for our students of the new millennium and the next 150 years. “Fifty in Five,” our new mantra, as we begin the Jesuit jubilee year, piggybacking on our old sesqui-centennial motto, the “Nifty 150.”

And now the hard part — some more new horizons. In his 1932 novel, *Lost Horizon*, James Hilton, author as well of *Goodbye Mr. Chips*, tells of Shangri-La, a peaceful valley and sanctuary removed from the ravages and pressures of the outer world. For the survivors of the plane crash in the Hilton story, Shangri-La was a place of beauty and contentment ... and very hard to leave. But leave they must. For Jesuits, new horizons are part of their spiritual journeys. To be in the world, but not of it, as Ignatius would say, the

Heritage Society

We especially thank the following lifetime friends who have made provisions in their estate plans — bequests, charitable trusts, gifts of life insurance or retirement funds — to support SI’s Endowment Fund. Such gifts provide for the long-term welfare of SI and may also provide donors with valuable tax and income benefits during their lifetime. The forethought and generosity of the following is most appreciated:

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Jesuit must not stay too long in one place lest it, Shangri-La-like, become too comfortable.

For this Jesuit, a new horizon is overdue. After 27 years at the helm, it's time for my journey to commence once again. And so complying with the wishes of my Provincial Superior, I have asked the St. Ignatius Board of Trustees to accept my resignation effective June 30, 2006.

I have reflected on his decision, prayed over it and accept it wholeheartedly and peacefully. I'm ready to see where God wants me next. It's been a good run and time to run on. Don't worry: We'll find a good, if not better replacement. We have a blue-ribbon search committee in place. And for you parents of eighth graders who may be the most worried, I'll still be very much in the saddle during admissions season for the class of 2010.

Let me start to close with a little story: P.T. Barnum, the great circus man, was seated at his desk one day when in walked a small, roundish man. Bright, bold letters on his t-shirt read, "Antonio, the human cannon ball."

"Mr. Barnum, sir," he began, "I just can't take it any more.

Two shows a day and four on the weekend. I've got bruises and powder burns all over my backside. My head aches and my ears ring. I'm just going to have to retire!"

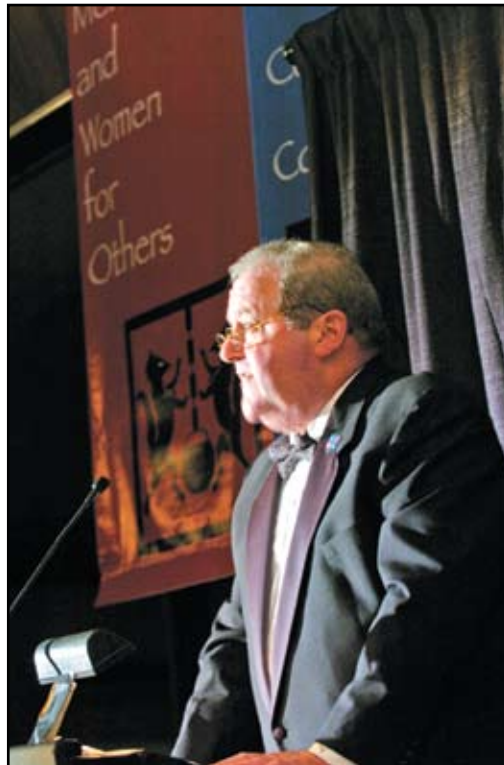
Barnum looked up at him and said, "Antonio, you're been the main act of our show for a lot of years. I understand completely, but where am I going to find another man of your caliber?"

Not to wreck a joke by explaining, it as my mother used to do, but the emphasis is not on Antonio the victim but on a new president of high caliber. And he'll be found! On second thought, I really didn't need to explain it!

This joyous night is not a time for soulful goodbyes. And, honestly, there are too many people to thank to even begin. But I will spend

the next six months thanking each and every one of you personally for what you've done for SI and for its president. If I know my staff, they will likely have a few parties planned. Through long experience, they know how much their so-called boss likes good parties. All AMDG of course — all the money the donors got! Did I mention Genesis V — "50 in Five"? You gotta love it!

Let me just say this evening that you are SI, not me. You have made St. Ignatius the school it is today. The credit goes to you, my dear friends. I just work here. But, of course, it's been fun work.



Before my presidential honor of bringing this *annus mirabilis* to a smashing climax, I ask the chair of the sesquicentennial committee, Fred Tocchini, to join me on the podium to receive a special award. Fred, I salute you, not only for your many years of service to the Board of Regents, Fathers' Club, auction committee and SI public relations board, but, most especially, for giving SI the birthday party of the century! What a gala, glorious year of celebration it has been! Ladies

and gentlemen, the chair of our "Nifty 150": Mr. Fred Tocchini, SI 1966 and SI always. It's written in his big heart.

With great thanks to Fred and to his sesquicentennial committee and to all of you, our President's Cabinet, I officially close SI's sesquicentennial year not by extinguishing its Olympic flame but by lighting the way to "new horizons" for St. Ignatius. Thank you all, and God bless you!

Opposite page: Fr. Sauer announced the successful end of the Genesis IV campaign and the start of the Genesis V: New Horizons drive to build new facilities for SI. Above: Fred Tocchini '66, who organized the June Sesquicentennial Celebration, received special recognition at the dinner.

New Horizons Ahead for Anthony P. Sauer, SJ

Fr. Anthony P. Sauer, SJ, the man who has led SI as president since 1979 — more than a sixth of the school's 150-year history — announced his retirement at the Dec. 3 President's Cabinet Dinner, effective June 30, 2006.

A search committee, with representatives from the faculty, regents, parent community, development office and trustees, will start a search for his replacement and conclude their search by March. The new president will work with Fr. Sauer to ensure a smooth transition and take over July 1, 2006.



Fr. Sauer in his first year as president in 1979 with Dianne Feinstein, then mayor of San Francisco, at the 125th anniversary celebration of the school.

Fr. Sauer is not certain of his plans for the future, but he does not rule out returning to SI to teach. "I serve at the pleasure of the Provincial," he noted.

Fr. Sauer helped SI grow from a strong city school to a college preparatory of national stature. Under his watch, SI was honored as a top-60 private school in 1984 and scored in the top 20 of all schools in the nation in the Advanced Placement Program in the 1990s. SI was also honored as one of the top 12 Catholic high schools in the U.S. in terms of professional development.

Fr. Sauer also supervised the school's transition to coeducation in 1989; SI had been a school for boys since its founding in 1855, and he proved an instrumental voice in voting for and defending the change. "He has succeeded so well thanks to his trust that God's presence can be found in all things, even in the process of change," said Rita O'Malley, director of the Adult Ministry Program at SI.

In his 27-year tenure, Fr. Sauer ensured

SI's future through a series of capital and endowment campaigns. He launched the Genesis II campaign (to create an endowment fund), the Genesis III campaign (to remodel the school and add a second gym and pool complex) and the Genesis IV campaign (which increased the school's endowment to \$50 million). He also inaugurated the Genesis V: New Horizons campaign on Dec. 3, which seeks to raise \$50 million for scholarships, a retreat center, a music hall complex and an athletic field.

Fr. Sauer first came to SI in 1965 after philosophy studies in St. Louis. A graduate of Loyola High School and Santa Clara University, He had served as a lieutenant in Korea in the 13th Field Artillery supporting the 19th Infantry Regiment at Observation Post Lola at the Demilitarized Zone, 2,000 meters from North Korea. "I had more power at 21 than I've ever had since then," he said. "That's why I don't take myself too seriously today."

After leaving the Army he taught for a time at Loyola High School and was briefly engaged to be married before deciding to join the Society of Jesus. He studied English at USC and at LMU where he received his Master's degree in 1964. The day he arrived at SI as a young scholastic, race riots were breaking out in Los Angeles and tanks were driving up and down Stanyan Street to prevent the riots from spreading to San Francisco.

He found himself teaching sophomore and junior English (and, later, senior English) and helping to moderate *Inside SI* and the Sanctuary Society. He liked his first two years so much that he asked to stay a third. Two weeks before school started in his third year, SI Principal Fr. Ed McFadden, SJ, told him that he would be the school's only counselor, the admissions director and the person in charge of scheduling classes. On top of that, he had one English class to teach. "I had to learn college counseling really fast," he noted.

Mr. Sauer was a far cry from the traditional Jesuits of the 1950s. Robert Thomas '68, now a prize-winning poet, had Fr. Sauer for senior English and recalled that he and his classmates didn't use the stodgy text-

books other English classes used. "He had us use a new textbook that included poetry of Wallace Stevens, William Carlos Williams, T.S. Eliot and e.e. cummings," said Thomas. "That was my first exposure to those poets." Mr. Sauer even taught Ginsberg's controversial poem *Howl*, much to the chagrin of a few parents and faculty.

Boris Koodrin '67 also enjoyed Mr. Sauer's English class. "I had never been inspired by a teacher the way Tony inspired me. I had never experienced academics the way I did in his class. It was no struggle at all. He had a way of seeing you for who you were. It was an uplifting experience. I'll always be indebted to him for giving me something I really needed."

Koodrin's classmate, Michael Shaughnessy '67 (a teacher and campus minister at SI since 1981) calls Tony Sauer "my personal hero. When he came to SI, everyone was afraid of him. I swear he used a riding crop as a pointer and slammed it on desks to get our attention. He worked our fingers to the bone, but you could tell he cared about us, not just as students but as people. Now I am very lucky to be professionally related to him. He's been a remarkable president, and I

About the Artist: Sean Cheetham

Sean Cheetham '95, featured in the summer 2004 issue of *Genesis IV*, painted this portrait of Fr. Sauer as a gift to him as part of SI's sesquicentennial celebration, not knowing that he was about to announce his retirement.

Fr. Sauer had a chance to thank Cheetham personally at the Class of '95 reunion last November. There, he learned that Sean's career has taken off since the *Genesis* story.

Cheetham has been nominated for a prestigious fellowship at Trinity College in Cambridge, England; if he is accepted, he will study there next year for two years.

That nomination came on the heels of Cheetham's growing fame in the United Kingdom. The National Portrait Galleries of London and Scotland both

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feel cared about and cared for.”

When students asked their teacher to consider the poetry of modern rock songs, Mr. Sauer agreed. He listened to the Beatles and Bob Dylan and even staged a debate between juniors Tom Schaefer '67 and Shaughnessy as to whose poetry was better: Dylan Thomas or Bob Dylan.

He attended the Human Be-In in Golden Gate Park in January 1967 when Timothy Leary arrived in a hot air balloon, he saw what was happening during the Summer of Love in the Haight, and he counseled students who considered applying for conscientious objector status for the Vietnam War. He left in 1968 to study at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and to be ordained, but he would return in 1971 for his second stint as a teacher.

He later served as president of Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix before returning to SI in 1979 to serve as SI's 25th president. That year also marked the 125th anniversary of the school. In a report to the Board of Regents in his first year in office, Fr. Sauer noted that “our sense of community is strong at SI, but good feelings alone will not ensure excellence. If SI is to be more than a pleasant cocoon, if it is to have a lasting impact, and if it is to live up to its ideals of excellence and service, then it requires a rigorous commitment to high academic standards and to high moral and religious principles.... One of my highest priorities, therefore is a renewal of SI's commitment to the Jesuit tradition of educating the leaders of society who will go forth to serve.”

In his 27 years at SI, he did just that, serving the students as an English teacher as well as president. He had a fondness for his students that brought him to countless games, debates, plays and musicals. He also had a devotion to their parents, and was often called upon to minister to them.

“No one has taught me more about



what it means to be a Jesuit, a priest and a good human being than Tony,” added Fr. Mario Prietto, SJ, who served as SI's principal for 14 years. “He is the best. He is an extraordinary person — not without flaws and a character of the first order — but he is a deeply spiritual man, a great Jesuit, an Irish poet to the core and a man who does not toot his horn even though he has a lot to toot about. You never hear Tony

talk about what he has been doing, unlike people in his position who brag about their latest accomplishments. Tony never talks about himself, but when you find out about all the lives he has influenced, all the weddings, baptisms, hospitals and games he goes to, his love is so incredible that it takes my breath away. I get emotional thinking about Tony! He is extraordinary. He is something else.”

Fr. Prietto is not alone in praising Fr. Sauer. When he turned 70 in 2004, the SI faculty surprised him with a tribute book, with letters from teachers whose lives he has touched in profound ways. These letters reflect just why Fr. Sauer succeeded as president and priest. He, like the school itself, has the gift of staying true to core values as well as the flexibility to change with the times. He also has the great gift of looking you in the eyes and making you feel as if you're the only one who matters. And, unlike some imperial presidents, Fr. Sauer believes in sharing the wealth, empowering all to serve with him as Christ's ministers.

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sponsored a contest for contemporary portrait artists and selected Cheetham and 50 other artists for the show from a pool of 1,000 candidates.



For the catalogue of this show, the sponsors of the contest chose Cheetham's painting *Portrait of Chantal Menard* for the cover. That painting also hung in the National Portrait Gallery in London

and in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery. The image also was widely used in an advertising campaign in the UK for the showing.

This March he will have a one-man show at the Mendenhall Sobieski Gallery in Pasadena. Last September, his art was featured as part of a three-person show at that gallery, which also represents him.

In addition, he is pursuing a career in music with his band, Del Toro, which recently played the House of Blues in Hollywood.



Scholarship Lunch

Every year, students receiving named scholarships meet with the donors behind those gifts. Pictured above, along with the donors and their families, is Will Sinks '06 (center) who received the Francis J. Murphy Memorial Scholarship, the David Passanissi Scholarship and the Michael Bruce Ugawa Scholarship.

Dana Family Gift Supports Genesis V

For the Dana family, the choice was easy. Don Dana '66, an executive vice president at Wells Fargo and a member of SI's Board of Regents, has served SI over the years helping to secure underwriting from the bank for the school's annual auction. He and his wife, Jeanne, and their children, Danielle, Paul '01 and Natalie '02, wanted to donate to SI in a way that would reflect the unique education and values of the school.

At the December President's Cabinet Dinner, he and Jeanne found the answer right on their chairs. In a brochure introducing the Genesis V campaign, they saw a naming opportunity for the new batting cages that will be located in the music hall and classroom complex to be built on the west side of the school. As a result, the batting cages will bear the Dana family name when the facility opens in July 2007.

"There is nothing better than a Jesuit education to build courage, character, and commitment to the community," says Don.

At SI, Don's class included "a great group of guys such as Fred Tocchini, Bill Miller, Steve Tarantino, Pete Devine and Laurence Yep. But we were still a tough, all-boys school, and differences were settled every Friday at 'the Pitts' in Golden Gate Park." The lessons learned at SI "have continued to play a critical role in my business and personal life over the years."

Paul Dana, who works as a lab technician supervisor at Marina Pet Hospital, played wide receiver on the football team during his freshman and sophomore years until a knee injury sidelined him from the sport. The lessons he learned during those years, however, stayed with him. "Always give it your best, and never give up, even when you're down," says Paul. To him, the most important SI values were "community, spirit, and good sportsmanship," and his favorite teachers were Matt Stecher '93 and Paul Hanley '63.



Top row, from left: Don Dana, Katy Mitchell (Jeanne's mother); Bottom, from left: Natalie, Danielle, Jeanne and Paul Dana.

Natalie Dana will graduate from Stanford this June with a degree in human biology. The varsity pitcher for the girls' softball team all four years at SI, she has fond memories of playing for coaches John Mulkerrins '89, Carole Nickolai and Barry Potthoff.

"They encouraged us to be strong women, to hold our own on the diamond and to work together as a team." She also found wonderful mentors in Elizabeth Purcell and Chuck Murphy '61.

"These people prepared me well for Stanford, both academically and socially."

The entire Dana family believes in giving back to the community. Jeanne works as the director of the enrichment program at Hawthorne Pre-K School in Tiburon. Don is a trustee with the Earthwatch Institute, a trustee and chairman of the grants committee of the Leakey Foundation and president of the African Orphans Foundation (AOF). In addition, two of his children also serve the AOF: Danielle is secretary and development director and Natalie is treasurer and investment director. Also, Danielle works full time as the communications manager for the Leakey Foundation.

If you are interested in making a donation to SI to honor someone in your family, call Director of Development Joe Vollert '84 at (415) 731-7500, ext. 319 for more information.

Genesis IV Gets a New Number

We ring in the new year with a new name for SI's alumni magazine — *Genesis V* — to coincide with the launch of the modern school's fifth major fundraising campaign.

Fr. Harry Carlin, SJ, SI's president from 1964 to 1970, created the magazine in his first year in office and christened it *Genesis*. The name changed to *Genesis II* in 1980 with the start of a campaign to raise the school's endowment to \$4 million.

Nine years later, the school embarked on the Genesis III: Building for the Future campaign to raise \$16 million to remodel the campus, and the magazine's name changed once again.

With the launch of the Genesis IV: Endow SI campaign in 1996, the magazine added another number to its title.

We hope you don't mind the new name — granted, it's not all that different. In my 18 years as editor, I have come to see these name changes as a reminder that nothing should stay the same, and that each issue should be better than the one before it.

Thanks for reading *Genesis IV* these past nine years. We hope you enjoy *Genesis V*!

GENESIS V

NEW HORIZONS

Goals of Our 5-Year \$50 Million Campaign

 **DEVELOP ADDITIONAL OFF-CAMPUS SPORTS FIELDS**

Expanded Field Facilities Goal: \$2 Million

 **CONSTRUCT CHORAL ARTS BUILDING, CLASSROOMS & WEIGHT ROOM:**

- ❖ The Mary Ann & Jack Gibbons Choral Wing
- ❖ West Campus Classroom Wing
- ❖ Overlook Student Plaza
- ❖ Athletic Training & Weight Room
- ❖ Underground Batting Cage

West Campus Expansion Project Goal: \$12 Million

 **CONSTRUCT AN OFF-CAMPUS KAIROS RETREAT CENTER FOR STUDENTS**

Ignatian Retreat Center Goal: \$16 Million

 **INCREASE ENDOWMENT FOR STUDENT AID**

Scholarships & Financial Aid Goal: \$20 Million

Total: \$50 Million

RETREAT CENTER



The multi-day Kairos retreat is a culminating Christian experience for students, many of whom will go on to public colleges and universities. At a time when high school retreats are expanding, the number of retreat centers in the greater Bay Area is declining. In the past 10 years, four retreat centers have been sold to meet other financial exigen-

cies within the Church, and the remaining eight centers are limiting the number of high school retreats in favor of adult retreats that tend toward higher fees. SI proposes to locate an appropriate site for a retreat center and develop it for its own use as well as the use of other Bay Area Catholic high schools.

COMPONENTS

- ❖ One hundred twenty five single bedrooms with baths
- ❖ Chapel
- ❖ Dining Hall
- ❖ Two large group meeting areas
- ❖ Twelve small group breakout rooms
- ❖ Outdoor areas for reflection and recreation

BUDGET: \$16 MILLION

“The most moving aspect of my Kairos retreat was the intense love that was revealed to me: the love shared with my parents, family, classmates and friends. I never knew the strong bonds that tied me to those I hold dearest. I recalled all the adventures and experiences I had shared with my parents that I had long since forgotten, and this touched my heart. Kairos is a transformative journey, one that has a huge potential to touch the lives of those who are open to the experience. I know it changed my life. I feel it every day in the love that I have for my family and friends.” — *Zachary C. Salin '05*

CAMPUS EXPANSION



The Campus Expansion Project will provide SI with needed facilities, from a choral center for our world-class music program to more classrooms and athletic facilities for students to use both

during and after school. The facility will offer breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean from a new athletic training center and from a rooftop pavilion that can be used by all members of the SI community.

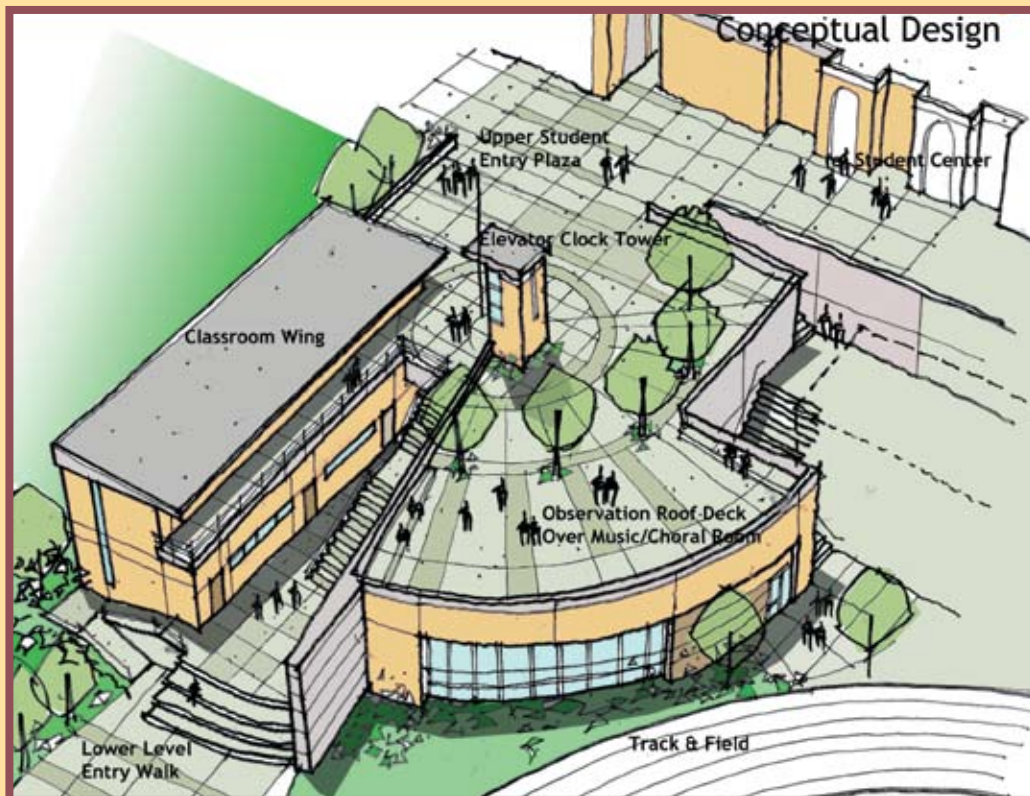
COMPONENTS

- ❖ Mary Ann and Jack Gibbons Hall of Music
 - A practice and recital room for our Mixed Chorus, Chamber Singers and Hand Bell Choir
 - Large meeting area for guest speakers
 - Doris Duke Wall Choral Room for 150 singers
 - Semicircle design on telescopic, portable risers
 - Proper insulation and acoustic treatment for optimal sound
- ❖ New classrooms
 - Four 890-square-foot classrooms for up to 50 students, musicians or singers
 - State-of-the-art technology with digital presenters, LCD projectors and retractable screens
- ❖ Underground batting cage
 - Two batting cages modeled after SBC's indoor facilities
- ❖ Weight training facility
 - Spacious 2,000-square-foot room to provide in-and-out of season training
 - Windows on east and west walls for spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean
- ❖ Pacific Overlook Student Plaza
 - A natural expansion of the current indoor Student Activities Center
 - One of the best views of the Pacific Ocean in the Bay Area for a variety of events

BUDGET: \$12 MILLION

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES	AMOUNT	NAMED FACILITIES
Choral Wing	\$1 million	Mary Ann & Jack Gibbons Hall of Music
Pacific Overlook	\$1 million	Reserved
Classroom Wing	\$1 million	
Weight Room	\$500,000	Anonymous
Student Center Plaza	\$500,000	
Upper Entry Plaza	\$500,000	
Choral Room	\$250,000	Doris Duke Wall Choral Room
Individual Classrooms (4)	\$150,000	Donald White '42 Classroom
Team room	\$100,000	
Batting Cage	\$50,000	Dana Family Batting Cage
Choral Director's Office	\$30,000	
Garment Storage Room	\$10,000	
Music Storage Room	\$10,000	
Weight Room Office	\$10,000	
Weight Room Lifting Platforms	\$5,000	



FIELD FACILITIES

Why the need for additional field space? The Saint Ignatius Athletic Department oversees 26 sports, 64 total teams, and a coaching staff of 102. More than 60 percent of the student body plays one or more sports. More specifically, over 250 students play a “field sport”: field hockey, soccer or lacrosse. Over recent years, we have installed artificial turf on the upper practice field and the lower football field, and although these measures have helped significantly to increase field time, they are clearly insufficient to fully support our 12 field-sport teams. We currently have a number of off-campus sites under consideration that will help alleviate the field shortage problem. The following key factors will be considered in the final selection of the site.



COMPONENTS

- ❖ A long-term lease of at least 15-20 years
- ❖ Daily use with a minimum of 3 hours
- ❖ Adequate parking and surrounding facilities to play WCAL contests
- ❖ A drive of no more than 20 minutes from campus

BUDGET: \$2 MILLION

SCHOLARSHIPS

With the completion of a successful Genesis IV campaign, we now have a \$31 million endowment for tuition assistance. From that endowment we award 20 percent of our students an average of \$4,550 to offset tuition. Since 1995, tuition has increased 112 percent from \$5,910 to \$12,480 today. In order to keep pace with rising education costs and with the increasing financial need of our Bay Area families, our scholarship endowment needs a \$20 million increase over the next five years.



BUDGET: \$20 MILLION

Gift Annuity Meets Donor's Three Goals

A member of SI's class of 1949 who wishes to remain anonymous is breathing a little easier. Working with his attorney and the development staff of SI and SCU, he has found a way to meet three estate planning goals: benefiting SI, benefiting SCU and providing payments to a close friend.

"My estate plan was done except for those loose ends," he said. "I wanted a simple solution to tie things up."

He first looked into a charitable remainder trust, a legal entity that pays income to individuals and then distribute what remains to charity. "There were too many complexities," he said. "I wanted something simpler so my friend, as the income beneficiary, did not have to worry about trustee fees or investment strategies."

His simple solution came with a fancy name: "Testamentary charitable gift annuity."

A gift annuity is a contract between a donor and a charity that guarantees fixed payment for life in return for a gift. The older the annuitant is when the contract is drawn, the higher the payment. "Testamentary" means that the contract goes into effect only upon the donor's death.

"There are no trustees to select or market changes to worry about. The payment will be fixed and guaranteed at the time of my death. It's a simple arrangement."

The donor also wanted one annuity contract that would pay his friend for life after his death and then divide what remained in the annuity account between SI and SCU.

"Bill Sheehan, SCU's director of planned giving, checked with university counsel," SI Vice President Steve Lovette '63 said. "Bill found out that the university's gift annuity program would allow a fifty-fifty split between SCU and SI. The donor plans to fund the annuity with about \$500,000 at his death, so a lot is at stake."

"My living trust now instructs my successor trustee to set up the gift annuity at my death," the donor said. "But if my friend should pre-decease me, the trustee would make direct gifts to the schools. I like this kind of flexibility."

Those interested in joining SI's Heritage Society or in the tax and income of gift annuities should contact Lovette at (415) 682-5014.

SI's Board of Regents Welcomes New Members

Jeff Columbini '79



Jeff is a San Francisco firefighter stationed aboard the fireboat *Phoenix*. He is the new president of the SI Alumni Association, taking over from Michael Stecher. Look for more on him in the next issue of the magazine. He and his wife, Audette, have a daughter, Gianna.

Don Dana '66

A San Francisco native, Mr. Dana attended Stuart Hall, SI, USF and Hastings College of the Law. He is currently an executive vice president at Wells Fargo Bank. He and his wife, Jeanne, have three children: Danielle,



who graduated from Convent of the Sacred Heart, Paul '01 and Natalie '02. Mr. Dana is also a trustee for Earthwatch Institute, a trustee and chairman of the grants committee for the Leakey Foundation and president of the African Orphans Foundation.

Jennifer Ohanessian



Mrs. Ohanessian is a native of Tacoma, Washington, and a graduate of Washington State University. The president of the Ignatian Guild, she works as marketing manager at Giroux Fine Jewelry in the San Francisco Gift Center and Jewelry Mart. Her husband, Krikor, hails from Beirut, and has owned Krivaar Café & Catering in the Financial District for the past 25 years. Their children are Gregory '02, Justin '03 and Alexander '07.

Jamie Rey '06



Miss Rey currently serves as the student body president at SI and is a member of the Service Club and the Asian Students Coalition. She also competes on the diving team and dances with Hula Haulau O'Makupua. She hopes to major in pre-medicine and become a pediatrician.

Sal Rizzo

Mr. Rizzo, the president of the Fathers' Club and a native San Franciscan, is vice president for marketing of the Grant J. Hunt Company, fresh fruit and vegetable brokers. A graduate of Westmoor High



School and an honorary alumnus of SI, Sal and his wife, Linda, have four children: Salvatore '02, Natalie '04, Michela '07 and Sofia '09.

Karen Rollandi



Mrs. Rollandi and her husband, Victor '68, have four children: Denise '09, Anne '05, Ella '01 and Victor '98. "Having those four children and being welcomed into San Francisco's Jesuit Catholic community is the best thing that has ever happened to me," she notes. She served on the San Francisco Opera Guild's Board of Directors and chaired a number of events including the 1994 Opera Ball. She worked with Stella Muscat to put together SI's first stand-alone auction in the early 1990s, served as team mom for varsity girls' lacrosse and helped get the JV lacrosse program off the ground.



Viva St. Ignatius Pays Off Big for Ignatian Guild

The Ignatian Guild rolled the dice last November with Viva St. Ignatius, two fashion shows that made winners out of the entire SI community.

For the first time in history, both the dinner and lunch shows sold out, helping the Guild raise \$190,000 for SI's endowment funds, setting a new record.

The four chairwomen — Sue Dudum, Suzanne McElwee Schimaneck, Kathy Balestreri and Kerry Enright — were assisted by Susan Woodell Mascall, who produced and directed the show for the past two years.

Jennifer Ohanessian, the Ignatian Guild president, praised the chairwomen for their industry, good nature and unprecedented success. "I hit the jackpot with Kathy, Sue, Kerry and Suzanne — the Viva Divas," she noted. "I knew from the start that these moms, despite

their very busy schedule, with a combined total of 11 children, would produce a show of epic proportions. They put together the most successful show ever and became fast and loyal friends. Fostering friendship is one of the aspects of the Guild that is most special to me, too."

The Nov. 5 dinner and Nov. 6 luncheon succeeded, in part, because so many men came and had a great time. "Guys went in the past because their wives dragged them to the show," said Mrs. Dudum. "Thanks to the success of last year's event, this year the men were dragging their wives."

Even Mrs. Schimaneck's husband, who was in a bicycle accident earlier that day, came in his tuxedo, complete with sling, and had a great time.

The evening started in the gymnasium and then proceeded to the Commons following Tom McGuigan '86, dressed in his chef's uniform and riding one of the raffle prizes, a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle, down the main hall of the school to the Commons.

There, the 500 who attended the dinner and the 600 who came to the lunch saw a spectacular Vegas-style revue, complete with

18 student showgirls, clips from Vegas-based movies and Ted Curry doing his best Elvis impersonation.

The fashion show featured 52 students and 16 parents and teachers modeling clothes from 14 stores, punctuated by dance numbers choreographed by SI's Lizette Ortega Dolan '94.

Mrs. Dudum praised chef

McGuigan and his crew, who served three-course hot lunches for the first time. "They bent over backwards to work with us," she noted.

After the fashion show and dinner, dancing was held in a tent in the Orradre Courtyard, giving McGuigan's crew time to prepare for the next day's meal. With the party moving outside, guests felt free to stay longer and socialize.

Mrs. Balestreri praised the team of 150 volunteers, including Kim Scurr, who, with her team, procured eight raffle prizes and sold

hundreds of tickets.

Mrs. Enright also praised SI's development staff for their help and the school administration, which upgraded the power supplies in the Commons to prevent electrical shortages.

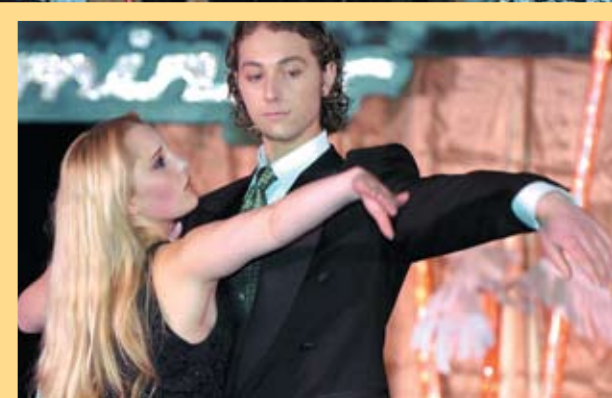
The record-breaking profits came as a result of success on all fronts, from increased ad revenues and underwriting to raffle tickets and hot bidding on the centerpieces, which included champagne buckets filled with prizes for the dinner guests and purses that held gift certificates for the lunch guests.

"Everyone seemed to love the show," added Mrs. Schimaneck. "Even the vendors who lent us clothes raved about it."

Initially, the four women didn't think they would raise more money than past shows. "We didn't worry about the money," said Mrs. Schimaneck. "We wanted to have a good show. To our surprise, we set a record and had fun doing it. We also discovered a strong group of talented freshmen moms who will continue this great tradition."

Left: Fashion show chairwomen with Ignatian Guild President Jennifer Ohanessian. Below: Br. Draper takes the stage. Above: Ted Curry as Elvis.





Viva St. Ignatius brought in a record \$190,000 to help benefit SI's scholarship fund thanks to two sold-out fashion shows.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS OF SI GRADUATES:

We personally invite you to continue being a part of the SI community by joining Life Membership in the Ignatian Guild. The Ignatian Guild offers a unique opportunity for mothers and guardians who no longer have a student enrolled at SI. The guild offers a Life Membership for a one-time, tax-deductible donation of \$100. As a Life Member, you will have the opportunity to remain in touch with friends and students you met throughout your years at SI. Life Members receive special recognition at our annual Day of Recollection to be held Jan. 22, 2006. Please join us and experience the benefits and opportunities of Life Membership in the Ignatian Guild.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ohanession, President

Kathy Kushner, Life Membership Chair

Ignatian Guild, Mothers Serving SI

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Corrections:

In the previous edition of *Genesis IV*, we failed to include Patrick Balderas-Peralta '82 along with his class in the donor lists. We also omitted Robert Conlan '44 from the Wildcat Club listings and Brian Joe '97 and Stephen Ghiselli '74 from the SI Club. We apologize for these errors.

Phil Bennett Takes the Nation's Pulse as Washington Post's Managing Editor

Phil Bennett '77, now a year into his job as managing editor of the *Washington Post*, doesn't seem like one of the most powerful persons in the nation's capital. A trim, bespectacled man, he may seem unimposing at first glance, but make no mistake as to who's in charge when he presides at staff meetings. Surrounded by some of the best journalistic minds in the world, Bennett runs a tight ship, commanding the respect of his colleagues and his readers.

Bennett has done much to earn that respect. He began his career as a journalist with the English-language *Lima Times* in Peru in 1982. Two years later he joined the *Boston Globe* covering civil strife in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Panama and the political, economic and cultural life in Cuba, Peru and other Latin American countries. In 1991 he returned to Boston to write about race and immigration issues and eventually became the *Globe's* foreign editor. He joined the *Washington Post* in 1997 and worked as its assistant managing editor for foreign news before being appointed managing editor in November 2004. His writing has also appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Vanity Fair*, and *The New Republic*.

Last July, *Genesis* editor Paul Totah interviewed Bennett in his Washington, D.C., office in part of the newsroom once occupied by Ben Bradlee, the editor behind Woodward, Bernstein, Watergate and the resignation of Richard Nixon.

Those figures were back in the news last summer; two weeks prior to the interview, Mark Felt revealed to the world that he was Deep Throat, the man who supplied the *Post* reporters with the information that brought down Nixon.

Bennett was also closely following a new case involving leaked information. Judith Miller, a reporter for the *New York Times*, found herself in jail after she refused to tell a judge the source of her story that identified Valerie Plame as a CIA agent.

Totah spoke with Bennett about both these issues and about the future of newspaper journalism.

Q. How do you like your new job?

A. This is a great job. It's fun and it's humbling. One of my colleagues compared walking into the *Post* newsroom every day like walking onto the field at Fenway Park. I get that feeling.

Q. This must be a whole new ball game for you in some ways.

A. You're right, there's something new almost every day. I help supervise 850 employees in a creative and complex newsroom at a time when the news seems especially demanding and urgent. We're also facing some tough challenges as a newspaper and part of the news media.

Q. What are some of those challenges?

A. Like most newspapers across the U.S., the *Post* is facing slowly declining circulation. The paper still has a remarkable position in our community. On any given day, almost half of the adults in our region read the *Post*, a proportion double that of many metropolitan dailies. We've built our reputation as a paper that writes about international and national subjects seriously. We also write about entertainment and sports in a way that gives the paper a wide appeal.

Unlike the *New York Times*, we aren't trying to make our print edition into a national newspaper. We sell newspapers almost entirely in the DC region. So local coverage is at the core of our mission, and we attempt to grow circulation and maintain popularity in our community.

Even as paid circulation at the *Post* is under pressure, our overall readership is greater than it ever has been, thanks to our presence online. The *Post* has an excellent Internet site that draws more than 8 million unique visitors a month. It's the most popular news site in our circulation area, and it has become an integral part of our news operation. A million people read us online overseas, and we're conscious of having that bigger audience.

These days, we are a news gathering organization that aims to put our content on as many different platforms as possible. We're

seeking new distribution models, for stories in text but also multimedia. We now equip foreign correspondents with digital video cameras, and we've started posting their videos online beside their stories. We're still experimenting with what are for us new ways of storytelling. That's one thing we'll move into over time.

Q. The *Post* is best known for investigative journalism. Is the paper still committed to that endeavor?

A. One of our trademarks is investigative journalism. Investigative journalism is expensive, time consuming and requires the investment of some of our most talented reporters. It's also a critical form of public service performed by the paper. We have 30 or 40 of the best investigative reporters in the world in a town that's a treasure hunt for the things that excite them. Not just on politics and national government, on the detention of terror suspects overseas, but whether there's lead in the DC water or abuses in foster care or unchecked medical trials in poor countries. This is some of the hardest work we do, and the most rewarding.

Q. What was the mood around the *Post* when Mark Felt revealed that he was Deep Throat?

A. That was a remarkable day. Ben [Bradlee] still works here as vice-president-at-large, and he's still a presence. Since I started this job, he's been very generous to me as a guide to the way the city and the paper works.

On the day that Mark Felt revealed himself, Woodward was here, and Bernstein was in the newsroom for the first time in a long while. It was exciting, given the history and tradition of this paper.

My boss, Executive Editor Len Downie, and I were at a management meeting when everyone's Blackberry started to go off. The *Vanity Fair* story by John O'Connor had just been released; Len and I sped back to the *Post*. By the time we got here, Woodward and Ben were here in Len's office talking about whether Bob and Carl would confirm Felt's story.

They weren't sure if Felt was conscious



Phil Bennett stands beside the 1974 plate announcing Nixon's resignation. As the new managing editor for the Washington Post, he works in what was once the office of Ben Bradlee, who, along with Woodward and Bernstein, ran the stories that led to Nixon leaving office.

of what he was doing, given his health, and they weren't sure how that affected Woodward's promise to guard his identity. They ultimately determined that Felt's disclosure had been voluntary, releasing Woodward and the paper from their commitment, and the newspaper went to work on the story.

Even though we know Bob, Carl and Ben, they are still celebrities in the newsroom. A huge percentage of people in the newsroom would probably cite Watergate as one reason why they chose to become journalists.

Q. Now the issue of secret sources has arisen again with Judith Miller going to jail for not revealing who told her that Valerie Plame was a CIA agent.

A. Well, the cases are different, of course, but they have in common the central role of confidential sources.

In general, the overuse of anonymous sources in the news media has encouraged public skepticism. People are wary of unseen agendas driving news coverage. I understand that. At the same time, anonymous sources are sometimes the only way to put important information before the public. There are some journalists who say we need clarification of the laws to protect the relationship between journalists and their sources, but most of us would prefer that this not go to the courts. I think that it's almost always bad when reporters are used by law enforcement

agencies as a shortcut to get information. In some cases, we are willing to go to jail to protect sources, but the policy of the paper is not to withhold the confidentiality of a source when reporters believe they have information that could lead to personal injury or that threatens national security. We don't claim an absolute privilege.

The Plame case makes us all feel uneasy, partly because it's not a typical one involving confidential sources. The release of the information outing Valerie Plame itself is the alleged crime.

Q. Is it harder doing your job today than in past years?

A. People have many choices about where to get news and information, and so there's greater competition for people's attention than in the past. Readers expect to find news from around the world and from around the corner in their paper.

When it comes to covering the government, I can't think of a time in my career when it has been more difficult for the press to seek answers about the conduct of government. Part of the difficulty comes from the degree of secrecy surrounding national security issues and because so much is classified. Regarding the war on terror, what's invisible seems a lot bigger than what's visible. Our access to the invisible world is blocked by official secrecy and by reluctance of officials to speak about policy and deliberations.

Also, this administration is wary of the

press. It is very generally disciplined and organized in not talking to journalists. And on top of that, the country is very polarized politically. Our job is to present facts. But often when we do, we're asked, What's your angle?

Q. Would you care to make any predictions about how history will judge our involvement in Iraq?

A. It's hard enough to find out what's going on now, so I don't make predictions. I have an allergy to punditry. I don't feel comfortable in that role. My job is to organize story-telling and investigations around people, events and places.

I believe in stories; that's what really connects me to journalism. My love of stories goes back to SI and Fr. John Becker, SJ, and the other great teachers I had there, who introduced me to Orwell. In our coverage of Iraq, what seems truest to me are the stories of individual people, from soldiers to Iraqi civilians, dealing with difficult circumstances.

That's a long-winded way of saying I don't know. I've been to Iraq twice, and the *Post* has done as well as we could to describe what is happening there on the ground. One of our reporters won the Pulitzer for his coverage of Iraqis.

On the Washington end, we have looked back honestly and critically at our coverage in the period leading up to the invasion and asked if we were too credulous about the government's reasons for going to war. In hindsight, we could have done some things better.

I still believe that we couldn't have arrived at the truth independently, because the facts were too far away from us. But we could have applied our skepticism more systematically to what the government was saying about weapons of mass destruction. It's important to remember the context; even UN inspectors were operating on the assumption that Iraq was in violation of UN resolutions and had reconstituted part of its weapons program.

We failed to tap into the dissent within parts of the administration, particularly within the intelligence community. With the

rush of events we did not adequately explore those voices.

Q. What stories would you like to see the Post cover in the next few years — stories that are under-reported by most of the media?

A. Most politicians and the news media haven't come to grips with the huge issue of health care, including the future of Medicare.

The divide between the rich and the poor is a global issue that also permeates many of our communities. When was the last time you heard a serious discussion of poverty? The world has become increasingly divided along certain fault lines, and the life experiences of people who have resources as opposed to those who don't are so different that they barely even match up. This should be a subject of more journalistic investigation.



Even though the digital revolution has received much attention, I see new examples of how it is changing expectations about the way we communicate and share information. One of our correspondents in China went recently to investigate reports that police had violently put down a peasant protest. A person had taken a digital video of police beating peasants; he burned a DVD for this correspondent who put it in his rucksack. We downloaded it and broadcasted that footage on our website. In less than 24 hours of the event, video was available worldwide from a place so remote that, 10 years ago, a foreigner could barely travel there. We now have the opportunity for unfiltered communication, and this has political and cultural consequences that we have yet to fathom.

I'd like to see a newspaper explore more deeply the politics and money of oil. I love maps, and the map of oil producing countries laid over a map of sources of terrorism

produces an interesting band from Indonesia through Central Asia and the Middle East. The contest for energy, especially involving China, is still a great lever of history and policy.

I'd like to see more reporting on religion and spirituality. Regular coverage of AIDS in developing countries scarcely exists in the U.S. Coverage of Latin America still seems sparse and unimaginative, even as Latin Americans and their descendents become one of the most vital economic, political and cultural forces in this country.

There's so much to be done. Our role in holding those in power accountable for their actions is as fundamental now as it ever has been. I'm impressed both by how difficult this job is and how urgent and important it remains.

In November, a few months after our original interview, Bob Woodward and the Post were in the news again after it was revealed that Woodward had been summoned to testify in the Valerie Plame investigation. Woodward testified that a senior administration official, speaking confidentially, had told him of Plame's identity weeks before what was previously thought to be the first revelation by an aide to Vice President Cheney. Woodward was criticized for not coming forward earlier, and for not informing the Post's editor, Len Downie. We asked Bennett for his view.

Q. How has the controversy surrounding Woodward affected the paper, and how do you think the case was handled by the Post?

A. Bob said he made a mistake by not telling Len earlier about his conversation with the source. He said he didn't see it as important at the time, and later wanted to avoid being subpoenaed by the prosecutor. I agree that Bob should have told his editors earlier, and we would have had more options for pursuing the story. The paper is reporting on the story as aggressively as we know how. I think the episode has scuffed Bob's image temporarily, but he remains one of the country's great journalists and has been for more than 30 years. He's unique in some ways; his sources go to the top and his methods run deep. This has allowed him to put amazing and important facts and insights before readers. I'd bet he'll do that again.

Steve McFeely Screenwriter for Narnia, Sellers

Steve McFeely '87 still vividly recalls the day he picked up his first book in the *Chronicles of Narnia* series. He started with the third work, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* in his third grade class at Corpus Christi School in Piedmont and was hooked.

His passion for the seven-book series, penned by C.S. Lewis and published in 1950, helped him convince the producers of the Christmas blockbuster movie, *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (which opened Dec. 9), that he was the right man to turn the novel into a screenplay.

"Those books were big for me growing up," said McFeely, who taught English at SI in the 1990s. He and his writing partner, Christopher Markus, worked to give each of the four children in the story a distinctive voice and to paint them as real people.

McFeely's *Narnia* script comes on the heels of remarkable success. His first produced screenplay, *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers*, won an Emmy for both him and Markus last Sept. 18 and played to favorable reviews at the Cannes Film Festival. The two are now working on a film version of *Prince Caspian*, the second novel in the *Narnia* series.

McFeely credits his passion for literature with his teachers at SI, including Jim Bjorkquist, Jim Dekker and Fr. John Murphy, SJ. "No one is more organized than Mr. Bjorkquist, and Mr. Dekker showed great collegiality and mastery of the subject."

Fr. Murphy, McFeely adds, "treated his students as intelligent adults and created a community of minds. Later, while working on the *Narnia* movie with 200 people all of whom were bright and talented, I felt that same collegiality and community."

McFeely had athletic success at SI, too. Playing for Shel Zarkin, McFeely drilled a 20-footer from the left side at the Bruce-Mahoney basketball game to ensure a Wildcat victory.

At the University of Notre Dame, McFeely met the prize-winning writer Barry Lopez. "It was so important for me to meet a working, breathing writer who wore cowboy boots, jeans and a blazer every day to class. I locked onto him and learned as much as I could."



Steve McFeely visited SI in November and taught a class in screenwriting to students of Jim Bjorkquist and Tim Reardon.

Later, while teaching at SI between 1991 and 1993, McFeely found himself prefacing his lessons with brief biographies of writers. “It seemed that two out of three had their start as high school teachers. I knew that if I wanted to make it as a writer, I had to try before I got married and had kids and a mortgage.”

He left SI for UC Davis, where he met his writing partner, Christopher Markus. McFeely, who was selected salutatorian by his classmates, found that he and Markus “occupied the same smart-ass space; we could either become enemies or choose to get along, so we started writing together.” In 1996 both men finished their Masters’ degrees in fiction writing and moved to Los Angeles.

“We were 26, and we gave ourselves four years to make some sort of progress,” notes McFeely. He soon found work reading scripts for Mike Tollin, a Hollywood producer, but it would be another year before he showed his boss any of their work. When he did, Tollin loved it and passed it along to two agents, one of whom signed the pair and had them write a love-murder-triangle that happened at an LA silent movie theatre. The script, *Screenland*, came close to being produced and caught the attention of the United Talent Agency, which offered them a contract. Within two months, they were offered two writing jobs, one of which was the screen version of the book, *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers*.

“That biography came to some dark conclusions about Sellers, which we agreed with. We wanted to write the biopic in the way Sellers portrayed himself in his movies, playing multiple characters and in a swinging-’60s style. In short, we wanted to make a Sellers’ movie about Sellers.”

After reading the book, McFeely saw in Sellers a paradox: He was at once extremely self-obsessed yet incapable of introspection. “He would never break down and give an honest answer to an emotional question about himself. We needed to find a way to get close to him without betraying that dual aspect of his character. We found him much more interesting when he was pretending to be someone else.”

McFeely and Markus used that insight to write an inventive movie in which the actor playing Sellers also took on the roles of the characters closest to him, including his overly-doting mother and his first wife.

The two men worked on the screenplay for most of 2000 and then had to wait as the script sat on a shelf for a year because of a threatened writers’ strike. In 2002, Geoffrey Rush committed to playing Sellers, and the film, produced by Freddy DeMann and HBO, was ready for the Cannes Film Festival in April 2004.

McFeely attended the Cannes premiere along with his girlfriend, Jen Cotteleer, who made him pause on the red carpet. The paparazzi tried to rush the writers through to make way for the movies’ stars — Rush, Emily Watson and Charlize Theron. “But Jen wouldn’t let them,” said McFeely. “She grabbed my hand and held me in the spot while I broke into a sweat. Then a photographer friend of hers started taking our picture, and all the other photographers, thinking we were famous, joined in. I would have rushed through it if I had my druthers.”

At Cannes, McFeely and Markus met Britt Eklund, one of Sellers’ ex-wives, who asked them a pointed question: “So, did I put

words into your mouth or did you put words into mine?”

“It was a very intense moment,” adds McFeely. “I think we hemmed and hawed until Emily Watson finally saved us.”

HBO aired the film in December 2004, and it also opened at Mann’s Chinese Theatre where McFeely noticed Sellers’ handprints right outside.

McFeely felt the show had a shot at winning an Emmy given its success at the Golden Globes, where it was nominated for four awards and won two. Still, the show wasn’t a shoe-in. “About two-thirds of the critics loved it, while the other third wanted to know why we made a movie about such an unlikable guy.” In reading those unfavorable reviews, McFeely took the advice of SI Principal Charlie Dullea ’65, who once told McFeely to read his teacher evaluations in the smallest room of his house, learn from them, and then use what he learned to become a better teacher. “Reading my teacher evaluations at SI gave me a thick skin.”

After hearing he had been nominated for an Emmy, McFeely felt elated but also pessimistic about his chances of winning against the likes of Ricky Gervais’ *The Office* and *Warm Springs*, a biopic about FDR’s fight against polio, starring Kenneth Branagh. “At the end of *Warm Springs*, the audience says, ‘Roosevelt beat polio!’ At the end of our film, the audience says, ‘Sellers was a jerk!’ I was positive we wouldn’t win.”

When he heard his and Markus’ names called for the Emmy for best screenplay, McFeely kissed his girlfriend and then rose in tandem with Markus, rushed to the stage from his seat in the back rows, read a statement he prepared “just in case I won,” and then quickly walked off.

He later felt the glow of the limelight at the awards parties he attended. “I do recommend you go with the actual award. People are very nice and even let you in. We ended up at Jerry’s Deli at 3 a.m. ordering French fries and milkshakes with the Emmy on the table. We had very legitimate congratulations from the strange people who hang out there.”

By this time, the Sellers’ movie was ancient history to them. They were well into their screenplay of *Narnia*, which they started writing in the summer of 2003.

“This was the only kids’ movie we would ever consider doing,” says McFeely. The movie’s director, Andrew Adamson, loved the Sell-

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Donna Murphy (center) and the Red & Blue Crew.

Familiar Faces in New Places for Administration

Last year saw the changing of the guard for many departments at SI. Without a program, it's hard to keep track of the players.

Steve Phelps, the assistant principal for professional development left to become president of Bishop O'Dowd in Oakland. Taking his place is Paul Molinelli '78, son of longtime counselor Phyllis Molinelli, who retired last June.

The Development Office gained three new directors. Katie Kohmann, longtime alumni coordinator, took the place of Director of Special Events Stella Muscat, who passed away last April. Joe Vollert '84, one-time varsity football coach, is the new director of development taking the place of Fr. Harry Carlin, SJ '35. Fred Tocchini '66, who did a spectacular job as head of the sesquicentennial committee, is the new director of special projects. Also joining the development office as alumni coordinator is Genevieve Poggetti '97, who had worked in the admissions office.

Overseeing the entire development office is Vice President Steve Lovette '63 and Fr. Sauer, who will step down as president on June 30, 2006. His replacement will be named in March and take office in July.

The school also hired new teachers,

counselors, campus ministers and staff who will be featured in future issues of *Genesis*.

Mike Silvestri '67, who served as business manager for 20 years, went back into the classroom to teach math full time. Taking his place is John Grealish '79, former assistant principal for student affairs, who leaves his post after seven years on the job.

Taking his place is Donna Murphy who most recently served as head of the counseling department. Taking her place in that role is Rosemary Costello, a longtime counselor at SI.

These changes, while confusing at first, showcase how SI gives its employees chances to grow in new ways.

Take Donna Murphy, for example.

A 1979 St. Rose Academy graduate, she was hired in 1988 as the admissions coordinator to help Kevin Grady (the new admissions director) when SI began preparing for its transition to coeducation.

Since then, she has served as associate

dean, algebra teacher, volleyball coach, counselor to freshmen and sophomores, chair of the counseling department and activities coordinator.

None of these jobs have given her as much insight into SI as her role as parent. Her daughter Alexandria is a senior, and her son, Joey, a sophomore. (Donna and her husband, Steve Murphy '78, have a third child, Julia, a fourth-grader at St. Brendan's.)

This breadth of perspectives has served her well thus far in her new job, which includes the oversight of the athletics office, the deans of discipline, all extracurricular programs and all school activities, such as the magazine fund-raiser.

"All this experience will help her do an outstanding job in this important area of the school," noted SI Principal Charlie Dullea '65

Murphy loves the fact that the job gives her the opportunity "to work on activities that involve so many people. I love the energy and creative ideas that students bring to their clubs. They have a constant desire for excellence that inspires me. The job can feel overwhelming at times, but the payback is great because of the relationships I'm able to build with students and the SI community."

Murphy already has changes in mind for next year to improve freshman orientation, the magazine drive and the freshman mentor program.



Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire Premiere Benefits SI

SI dad Chris Columbus (right), who directed the first two Harry Potter movies, arranged for a premiere screening of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire at the Galaxy Theatres for the SI community. About 1,000 SI friends and family attended the event, which raised \$40,000 for the school. Pictured with him are, from left, Alumni Association President Jeff Columbini '79, Fr. Sauer and Ignatian Guild President Jennifer Ohnassian.

Camp Holds Rewards & Challenges for SI Volunteers

When Peggy, a 14-year-old girl with autism, began head-butting a counselor at Camp Costanoan, the call went out to find Laura Maxwell, a junior counselor there.

"I went and calmed her down. Two minutes later, after some serious behavior management, she was under control."

Maxwell '06 is one of several SI students who works at the Cupertino camp for developmentally and physically disabled people. Some of the students sign on to meet their requirements for Christian Service Program hours; some stay on, like Maxwell and Annabelle Watts '06, who worked there for 10 weeks last summer and on weekends during the school year.

Maxwell knew she was in for a challenge when her boss asked her to memorize a book on sign language to communicate with Peggy (not her real name), who can hear and speak but prefers using her hands.

"Peggy was famous for her extraordinary behavior every summer at camp," noted Maxwell.

“She loved over-eating cheese pizza and cheeseburgers and doing whatever she wanted. Her family always gave in to her. She’s a tall 14-year old and extremely strong, so it’s easy to understand why people always just gave her what she wanted, as they feared getting hurt. However, that kind of behavior isn’t okay with me. I told her that she wasn’t going to get what she wanted. After three days of head-butting and biting me, she became agreeable. I was happy that I could reach her.”

Maxwell worked at the camp last summer with Watts and with Christopher Scott '07 and Jeffrey Monticelli '06. She noted that the job makes her feel “fully alive and 100 percent happy. It’s a rare feeling and hard to explain.”

Watts echoes Maxwell, adding that Camp Costanoan “is the happiest place

on earth where everyone loves to give love, and there is a contagious feeling of enthusiasm for life and fun that I'm addicted to."

Watts' challenge this summer came from one 16-year-old with Down syndrome who was both notoriously stub-

oppositional defiance disorder brought on by their mothers' drug use while she was pregnant. "They were aggressive and defiant, but also very loving. I almost cried six times my first day working with them. One would run one way and his brother the opposite way."

Scott discovered that instead of running after them, he would have to run with them. "It was a matter of constantly playing with them and keeping them entertained while using behavior management techniques, like taking away privileges such as talent show participation and sweet treats. Even though they had to be sent home one day before the end of an 8-day camp session, it was a success story. The previous year, they left four days early in a camp session that only ran 6 days. I became fond of these kids. The camp taught me how to be a kid with them in order to help them."

Monticelli found himself working with one of the more able-bodied teens at the camp. “This was at once a curse and a blessing. He could be independent, but would get into trouble when I wasn’t looking. The highlight for me was when he starred in *A Midsummer’s Night Dream*, which we staged for the final night. It wasn’t perfect, but my camper had a big role in it. I learned that perseverance could get us places we never imagined.”

The four earned praise from Tamisha Jackson, the program specialist at Camp Costanoan. "Laura and Annabelle have shown such a lively spirit and their dedication is awe-inspiring. For young ladies their age, they are huge leaders among their peers."

She praised the two boys for their maturity, tireless work and ability to be self-starters while taking on heavy loads. “I should be proud of the caliber of students it sends our way.”



Clockwise, from top left: Jeffrey Monticelli, Christopher Scott, Anabelle Watts and Laura Maxwell.

born and full of energy. “My primary goal was to be an active and encouraging role model for him. I have never exerted so much energy in my life and was exhausted by the end, but I saw an incredible change in the week he was with me. He wanted to improve so much and make himself into a leader, and I was touched by his determination. We made a wonderful connection, and I cried when he left.”

Scott found himself working with two boys, 7 and 9, who suffered from Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and

Lizette Dolan Teaches Peace to her Students

Lizette Ortega Dolan '94, who has taught history at SI since 2002, realized last year that, despite her pacifist views, she was teaching her class one war at a time.

"My students know about Sherman's March and all the battles of the Civil War," Dolan says, "but they didn't know anything about Jeanette Rankin, who was the first woman elected to the House of Representatives and one of 49 to vote against entry into World War I."

Dolan discovered the U.S. Peace Institute while surfing the Web one day; there she found sample lessons to help her class focus on peacemakers. She took a further step this summer when the Institute chose her and 24 other high school social science teachers to take part in



Lizette Dolan studied at the International Peace, Security & Conflict Management Summer Institute.

the International Peace, Security and Conflict Management Summer Institute in the nation's capital.

"All history courses highlight war and conflagrations," Dolan notes. "We teach students that war is the final answer and that only through war was slavery abolished and Hitler defeated. Students see peace agreements as the things that come after war; they don't always see that peace agreements rarely change the conditions that led to conflict in the first place, nor do they learn about people who, through steadfast negotiating, kept wars from happening."

At the weeklong seminar in early August, she met speakers from the World Bank; professors from Palestine, Israel, Iraq, Africa, Harvard, MIT and Princeton; and three members of the House of Representatives.

"Listening to the speaker from Iraq, I realized how much I didn't know of the colonial history of that country."

The teachers studied conflicts in the Middle East, Sudan, Eritrea, India, Pakistan and North Korea and looked at the way poverty leads to war. "Poor people don't create war," Ortega adds. "Poverty creates war."

Ortega hopes to bring the lessons she learned this summer to her class. "I want my students to ask more questions and to complicate the issues by asking how wars could have been avoided."

Dolan has been active on other fronts as well. Last year she won a Fulbright scholarship to study in Japan, and she wrote an original performance piece involving dance and spoken word that was performed at Dance Mission last October.

"That piece focused on violence against women," Dolan adds. "It's another way I can educate for peace."

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ers script and asked McFeely and Markus to come on board.

Many of the crew who worked on *Narnia* also worked on *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy as much of the filming took place in New Zealand. (Adamson, like Peter Jackson, hails from New Zealand.) The two writers flew there twice to work on script revisions.

In November, during the interview for this story, McFeely was amazed at the marketing hype surrounding the movie, which included giant billboards, free Halloween bags delivered along with newspapers, action figures and breakfast cereals.

Right now, McFeely feels grateful "to have stumbled upon a job that I like very much and that a handful of people think I'm good at. I'm also grateful for my family, who allowed me the freedom to figure out what I wanted to do."

He was also thankful that SI "gave me a variety of experiences and the freedom to pick the one I liked best. English was clearly my thing, and I knew it by the time I graduated from high school. At the top of my list, I'm grateful for SI for giving me that freedom."

Speech Program Celebrates Long Tradition at SI

by Phillip A. Benedetti '06
President of Speech and Debate

Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent, and debate.

— Hubert Humphrey

Honest debate is not disunity. It is the vital process of policy making among free men.

— Herbert Hoover

During the sesquicentennial year of celebration, SI witnessed history in the making. Glancing through Paul Totah's *Spiritus 'Magis'*, one finds a plethora of memories and experiences summing up the Ignatian tradition. However, only two constants run through the entire history of SI, mutually related to one another. The first, and the most obvious, is the presence of the Jesuits. These dedicated men are the essence of SI, teaching by example the ideals and ways of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The second, and unfortunately less known, is Speech and Debate.

Rhetoric — the art of persuasion through speech and writing — was one of the first classes offered at SI and has long been a core part of Ignatian tradition. Dedicated to helping students "express thoughts quickly, elegantly and forcibly," the class epitomized the Jesuit ideal of graceful articulation. As the graduates of SI established a presence in San Francisco politics in the late 19th century, this value proved its practical worth.

In 1863, SI's first debating society began with the unwieldy name of the Philodorian Society. The group later changed its name to the Philhistorian Debating Society with the goal of "the improvement of its members in debate, social advancement and general literature." It held yearly debates on St. Patrick's Day, when the juniors battled the seniors, arguing an important topic of the day, which once included the benefits and drawbacks of building the Panama Canal.

During the 1920s, the class compe-

titions became known as Gold Medal Debates, because the winning debaters earned a gold medal to triumphantly display until the next year's debate. As the Debating Society grew, so did its competitors. The club began contests against sister Jesuit school Bellarmine, and later, with repeated success, Stanford. SI Philhistorian graduates capitalized on their debating talents, becoming valuable members of the community. Two such dignitaries include Preston Devine '21, a judge of the California Court of Appeals, and Raymond Sullivan '26, who taught at SI before becoming a justice of the California Supreme Court.

In the 1940s, as the premiere academic club on campus, the group began to sponsor dances for Debate Society members only. These exclusive galas rapidly increased the already large membership, spreading the skills of speech even more. Ultimately, the political and philosophical discussions of the Philhistorian Debate Society helped shape the minds of its members, many of whom would become major figures in the second half of the 20th century.

During the early 1960s, the club became known as Speech and Debate, and its members began an all-out drive towards national recognition. In the 1962–63 school year, the Junior debate duo of David Mezzera '64 and John Scalia '64 were invited to the Georgetown University Debate Tournament (a first for St. Ignatius), and in their senior years, they participated in the National Debate Tournament in Akron, Ohio. Eight years later, SI sent seniors Stephen Schori '72 and Gerald Posner '72 to the National Forensic League finals at Wake Forest University, where they won third place.

Between 1974 and 1986, SI debaters participated in 10 out of the 13 national tournaments, giving SI's program recognition as the number one team in the nation in 1986. Subsequently, two SI debaters, Janar Wasito '87 and Robert Forni '88 took second and third place respectively at the National Bicentennial Constitutional Student Congress in 1987.

Speech and Debate continued its tradition of success in the 1990s under the leadership of coaches Simon Chiu '88 and Eric Castro '92, sending dozens of members to the state tournament and multiple members to the National Debate Tournament during the decade. In 2002, Matthew Squeri '02

was invited to the Tournament of Champions — a prestigious first for SI — and that same year, Juan McKinney '02 qualified for Nationals. This success was followed in 2003 by Georgina Jones's '03 attendance at the Nationals and Chris McKinney's '03 first place trophy at the nationally-esteemed MLK Tournament. Most recently, last year's

will host the Freshman Elocution contest in January and the Sophomore Oratorical contest in February, enabling lower classmen to demonstrate their speaking skills to their fellow classmates. The club will also reintroduce the lost Gold Medal Debate, enabling the juniors and seniors to battle it out once again. The topic of choice will be



Current Speech and Debate members performed volunteer work at Laguna Honda Hospital. From left to right: top, Kevin Swanson '08, Phillip Benedetti '06, Mrs. Kate Denning, Mr. Todd Bank; bottom, Joshua Gee '09, Edward Kong '09, Claire McCartney '09 and Hope Benedetti '09.

President, Andrew Rugg '05 and current officer Liz Palazzolo '07, earned trophies at the California State Tournament.

Today, the spirit of Speech and Debate lives on in the lives of a few dedicated students. Presently coached by faculty members Todd Bank and Kate Denning, the club holds the same ideals of the first Philhistorian Debate Society. Unfortunately, our membership is dwindling because of the vast array of social clubs, sports and dramatic performances offered at SI. One day, I hope other students, especially student-athletes, will recognize the benefits of Speech and Debate and embrace it with the same passion and intensity as I have as a baseball player and debater. Fortunately, the core of the club preserves the art of articulation through each member's passion for the skill.

This year's Speech and Debate club focuses on two major goals: increasing membership and reaching out to the community. As always, Speech and Debate

the divisive war in Iraq. For the first time, Speech and Debate will participate with 'Cause It Matters (previously JSA), uniting in a relaxed academic environment to discuss political issues of our day.

The club also organizes and hosts the annual San Francisco Grammar School Speech Contest, a day-long event for approximately 200 student competitors. Most importantly, members of Speech and Debate volunteer in the community, assisting at Laguna Honda and other agencies.

Speech and Debate is SI. "It carries on the proud 150-year SI tradition of developing young voices to speak for the benefit of the community," noted Fr. Sauer. As president of the club, I know this Jesuit tradition, a necessary life skill, will endure in the heart of St. Ignatius College Preparatory for another 150 years. I am honored to be a part of Speech and Debate and know we will continue to make a significant difference in the community at large.

Andy Dworak Gains Recognition for Counseling

Among college counselors in the United States, few have the experience and professional connections as SI's Andy Dworak.

This past year, more than any of his 31 years at SI, showcased Dworak's success.



Last year, for example, he served as president of the Jesuit High School College Counselors Association; he led AP workshops and served on the steering committee for the College Boards' annual Advanced Placement Conference; and he toured colleges in England and Scotland as a guest of the British Council.

For the past 15 years, Dworak has worked with the JHSCCA. Last April, as president of the group, he hosted 60 Jesuit high school counselors at SI and arranged tours of USF and SCU for them.

The group began with a Mass celebrated by Fr. Sauer on April 2. "By the time the counselors left, they wanted to take Tony back to their school to serve as president or to come and work at SI," said Dworak. "They appreciated the fact that he had once worked as a college admissions counselor and all he had accomplished at SI."

Because of the organization's strength in numbers, it can effectively lobby to change college admissions policies. "We were having trouble with the lack of consistency with the

colleges regarding how they treated students who applied for early admissions, and we were able to fix some of the problems," he noted.

Dworak, who coordinates all AP testing at SI, started working for the College Board three years ago. He trains other AP coordinators to do the job at their schools and teaches them how to set up and expand their programs.

Last year, he presented workshops in Orange County and Houston for dozens of administrators wondering how to manage a program as large as the one at SI, where about 600 students take approximately 1,200 AP tests each year. (Passing an AP test can give students college credit, allowing them to bypass lower-division required courses or to shorten their time in college.)

As a member of the College Board Steering Committee, Dworak met to plan a conference last July attended by 2,500 educators from all over the world, and he went to another planning session last December for this year's conference.

Dworak's reputation as an experienced college counselor caught the attention of the British Council, (a part of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C.), which is working to encourage more Americans to study in the United Kingdom.

The council invited Dworak and nine other counselors from Jesuit high schools to tour 19 colleges in the UK last June.

There, Dworak saw "the extraordinary value of an international education, both in terms of the cost savings — as a student can finish a degree in England in three years — and for the wider perspective on the world that students receive."

At the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, Dworak saw a university rich in tradition and resources, with "an amazing library, with texts drawn from all over the world." At the University of Birmingham, he found an extraordinary art museum, and at the University of Nottingham, he learned of that school's strong engineering department.

"It helped me understand the relative youth of our university system in the U.S." said Dworak. "Ours is about 300 years old; theirs has a tradition going back more than 1,000 years. Studying abroad teaches you that you belong to an older and larger world."

Vietnam Vets Santos & Reed Remembered

The Summer 2005 issue of *Genesis IV* included, as part of the serialized history of the school, a story on four SI servicemen who died at the time of the Vietnam War.

Several members of the Class of 1951 wrote to point out two omissions — Robert William Reed '51 and John F. Santos, Jr. '51, who also died at that time.

Here are their stories.

Robert William Reed

Bob Reed, a fourth generation San Franciscan, was raised in the Haight, attended St. Agnes and played baseball at SI where he socialized with a close group of friends. His sister, Carol Reed Turner, recalled that despite their four-year age difference, "my brother was very attentive to me. I was the tag-along little sister, but he took care of me and let me play with the rest of the boys."

His close friend Bill Reed '51 noted that growing up in the Haight was like a scene from the *Our Gang* movies. "We used Golden Gate Park as our backyard, playing cops and robbers and cowboys and Indians. One day, when we were 8, Bob and Dick Clark decided to build a ship and pretend to sail



on the ocean. We ran around to the sandlots and brought back enough wood to build an 8-foot boat with little cabins.”

Bill Reed recalled that he and Bob Reed (no relation) traveled to Truckee where they saw their classmate, Paul Getty, and later attended the prom at Sacred Heart High School, where they had many friends, including Vern Buer, who also sings Bob’s praises: “He was 100 percent USA who believed in what he was doing.”

A year after graduating from SI, Reed enlisted in the Marines but discovered that his lack of a college degree kept him from advancing as an officer. He went on reserve status to obtain a Bachelor’s degree in history from San Jose State in 1958 and then returned to active duty.

“He was a warrior at heart,” recalls his sister. “He liked the service and strategy of warfare.”

He married Therese King in 1961, and they two had sons — Robert William and William Damien.

One of his first assignments after his marriage was to the *USS Washburn*, a Navy cargo ship, where he discovered that he was the only Marine on a boat filled with sailors — not an enviable post.

After a stint at San Clemente, Camp Pendleton and Quantico, he went to Vietnam as a Captain and Commander of C Company, First Battalion, Third Division, Ninth Marine Regiment. (His company had the nickname of “the Walking Dead,” as it suffered more casualties than any other Marine unit in Vietnam.)

After 16 years in the service, he died on April 5, 1967, while reinforcing troops in the Thua Thien province of wounds sustained from rifle fire. After his death, he was promoted to major and awarded the Bronze Star.

According to the official report of his death, Reed showed “aggressive and inspiring leadership and intimate knowledge of enemy tactics [that] directly contributed to his company’s success in the field.” During the operation in which he was killed, he led his company “in a well coordinated assault on a series of cleverly concealed and well entrenched enemy positions before being mortally wounded. As a result of his actions, Company C overran the position and routed the enemy to retreat. Major Reed’s dynamic leadership, exemplary courage and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon

himself and the Marine Corps.”

The day before his death, his older son had just celebrated his fifth birthday; his younger son was just over two. “As soon as I saw the Lieutenant Colonel and the Monsignor from my church walk to my door at 8 a.m., I knew what had happened,” recalls Therese. “The hardest part was having to tell his parents, as he and his father were very close. His father died of a heart attack eight months to the day after his son’s death, but what really killed him was a broken heart.”

Buer was at work at a retail shop when Reed’s father called to tell him the sad news. “I was devastated,” said Buer. “He had been my best man, and we had done so many things together.”

Therese added that her husband “loved the Marine Corps. I always knew that the Corps came first, and I came second. I accepted that. He was a great guy, a wonderful husband and a Marine through and through.”

Robert Reed’s name can be found on the Vietnam War Memorial Wall on panel 17E, line 109. He was buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery across the road from the grave of Admiral Nimitz.

John F. Santos, Jr.

John Santos moved with his family from Hawaii to San Francisco while John was in the ninth grade. “He was a happy-go-lucky, friendly guy,” noted his classmate Floyd Stuart ’51. “He was a good student, and we hit it off. We used to double date in high school.”

Bill Reed, who asked John to be the godfather for his oldest daughter, recalls John’s passion for cars.

Santos studied at USF before enlisting. His sister, Geraldine “Jerry” Mederios, recalled that her brother signed up for the Air Force when a recruiter promised him he could become a pilot. “He wanted to be a pilot ever since he was little. But after he signed up, they told him he would be a navigator.”

Santos finished his degree while in the Air Force and did eventually become a pilot, first in jets and then in helicopters.

With Stuart as his best man, Santos married Kathryn Godfrey and had four children — Lisa, Steven, Paul and John. His family went with him when he was sent to Thailand as an advisor to the Royal Thai Air Force.



On April 28, 1964, he and seven Thai airmen were to go on a supply mission to a radio relay site near Pitsanulok, Thailand, when their RTAF H034 helicopter lost power as it was taking off near the town of Thit Anulok 200 miles north of Bangkok, killing all aboard. Santos was 30 years old.

Col. Loren Nickels praised Santos shortly after his death as being “an exceptionally capable advisor ... During [his work with the Thai Air Force], his outstanding professional skill, knowledge and leadership aided immeasurably in developing and implementing a Helicopter Flight Training program and establishing a higher degree of professional competence in the 63rd Search and Rescue Squadron. The accomplishments of your son reflected credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.”

“The news of my brother’s death was on the radio, and some people knew about it before my mother,” said Mederios. “She received a call from the military informing her that John was missing. We didn’t know until years later that his name was on the Vietnam Memorial Wall.” (You can find it on Panel 01E, line 50.)

Bill Reed went to the memorial last summer and paid tribute to his fallen classmates. “It was a very emotional day. Regardless of the feelings about the Vietnam War, all served their country well; memories of these two — and my classmate Fred Riley ’51 who died in Laos with Air America — have stayed with me through the years.”

Phil Downs Returns to Iraq

For half a year, Phil Downs Jr. '99 risked his life as a Marine second lieutenant in Iraq. When he returned to the U.S. last March, he thought he would be leading a platoon of Marines to Japan and Thailand where, in his off-time, he hoped to dive in the pristine waters of the South Pacific.

Instead, this March he will start a second tour of duty in Iraq, this time for a year, to train Iraqi soldiers to take over the hard



job of fighting the insurgents.

"My mom isn't so happy with my decision," said Downs. "But my father [Sgt. Phil Downs '73 of the San Francisco Police Department] understands a bit more. "While I'm putting in my time as a Marine, I want to be doing important work, not scuba diving off Thailand."

Downs knows just what he's getting himself into. Two days after arriving in Ramadi in September 2004, he and his squad of 14 men found themselves out in the open and under heavy machine gun fire that wounded one Marine in the leg.

"Then fire erupted from all sides," said Downs. "We were 100 meters away from a Marine observation post, and one of my oth-

er squads there returned fire, forcing them to withdraw. More insurgents ambushed the evacuation of my casualty, but my squad in the observation post destroyed them with well-placed fire."

About a month later, he and his men were pinned down on top of a roof by snipers who held higher ground. "One of their guys was pretty good, and we didn't know where the fire was coming from. I popped my head up over the wall we were using for cover, and a round hit about two inches from my face. Had I stood up, I would have been killed. That was me being lucky."

He added that he also felt "very lucky to lead such outstanding Marines. These guys could do anything."

Downs enlisted in the Marine Officer Candidate Program in 2000 in part because of the lessons he learned at SI, which taught him "that you shouldn't worry about yourself. You should think about what you can do for others. SI taught me how to be a good leader — to command not to gratify my ego but to be a man for and with others. Nearly an entire year of intense training reinforced those same lessons."

Downs also enlisted because of his love of history — his major at UC Davis, where he graduated in 2003. "My studies have shown me that the life we enjoy in the U.S. is not something we have by accident. It has been earned through the sacrifice of others."

In Iraq, Downs found a population of "innocent, peace-loving people whose culture had been corrupted by Saddam Hussein. They lived in fear of the insurgents, who had executed government officials and police officers and their families." By the end of his tour of duty, he saw conditions improve. "People were getting fed up with the insurgents and were willing to risk their lives to tell us the location and plans of these fighters, many of whom were foreigners. We turned that city around in seven months."

Downs felt fortunate that of the 46 men under his command, no one died and only one was wounded.

Now a first lieutenant, Downs will leave in March after training at Camp Pendleton to work with other officers who will train the Iraqi military. "The sooner the Iraqi military is ready to take over," Downs added, "the sooner we can get out."

Fr. Ed McDermott Receives Christ the King Award

Last November, a month before his death, Fr. Edwin McDermott '36 received the Christ the King Award, the highest honor SI bestows upon a graduate. Below is the citation that was read (and written) by Fr. Anthony P. Sauer, SJ, at the Mass in his honor.

At the Day on the Boulevard, the midpoint of our St. Ignatius Sesqui-centennial Celebration, Fr. Sauer presented Ryan Nevin Levine with a copy of an awards citation signed by SI's founder, Fr. Anthony Maraschi, SJ, the first year the school opened.

Thus is Ryan forever linked to the 150-year history of St. Ignatius in San Francisco, but he is united by blood as well because his great-granduncle is Rev. Edwin McDermott, SJ '36, on whom we bestow this Feast of Christ the King, 2005, an awards citation honoring an alumnus who has distinguished himself in rare and fruitful service of our Church, our nation and our world through the ministry of Jesuit education.

Edwin James McDermott was born in Denver, Colorado, on Oct. 22, 1918, the son of Katherine Rowan and Edwin Joseph McDermott.

He had two sisters to whom he was absolutely devoted, Ellen Schrader, deceased, and Mazie Nevin, present this morning.

Mazie considers her brother "the most perfect man that ever walked the face of the earth." Fr. Ed has 12 nieces and nephews and more than 30 grandnieces and nephews.

As his family is supremely proud of Fr. McDermott, so, too, his Alma Mater which is delighted to honor this great priest-educator today.

The McDermott family moved to San Francisco in 1923 where Ed attended Mission Dolores Grammar School and then matriculated to St. Ignatius High School.

Upon graduating from SI, young Edwin entered the Society of Jesus at Sacred Heart Novitiate, Los Gatos, July 30, 1936. After pronouncing perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, Mr. McDermott moved on to Mt. St. Michael's philosophate in Spokane, receiving a Bachelor's degree in



English and a Master's degree in philosophy from Gonzaga University.

His first teaching experience was at Bellarmine College Preparatory, San Jose, where he taught English and Latin and served as assistant boarding prefect.

After three years at Bellarmine and three at Alma College in Theology, Fr. Ed was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop John J. Mitty at St. Mary's Cathedral, June 4, 1949.

After tertianship, he returned to Bellarmine as instructor in speech and head prefect of boarders.

As a high school senior attending a province Sodality meeting at Bellarmine, Fr. Sauer met Fr. McDermott whom the Bell kids called "Scooter," and was deeply impressed by his goodness and kindness. Fr. Ed has been SI's president's priestly and professional model ever since.

Fr. McDermott served at Bellarmine four years, at Santa Clara University two, as principal of Brophy Prep, Phoenix, for six, and at Loyola High School, Los Angeles, another six.

One would think Fr. Ed already had quite a distinguished Jesuit career, but he had only just begun!

This priestly and professional career as kind and good servant-leader at Jesuit schools was climaxed when he was elected first president of the newly-constituted Jesuit Secondary Education Association in 1970.

In that year, the Jesuit university and high school association separated so that these two ministries of the Society of Jesus in the United States respectively might renew themselves in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council.

Fr. Ed was the man to do the job: to im-

plement Gospel principles and the vision of the Council in Jesuit secondary education.

Fr. President McDermott set about his task with unparalleled vigor. He had not been nicknamed "Scooter" for nothing.

Anyone who has ever attended a meeting run under his tutelage knows that 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. was a minimum.

Intensity is Fr. Ed's middle name, *spiritual and intellectual formation through education*, his mantra; his motto for the new JSEA taken from the United States bishops: "*To teach as Jesus did!*"

Fr. McDermott's leadership put American Jesuit high schools on track in the final quarter of the 20th century and beyond.

Preserving the best of the *Ratio Studiorum* tradition, he pulled together brilliant and far-sighted coalitions to move Jesuit Secondary Education forward according to the principles of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius Loyola and the very best insight into what was of lasting formative value in the ever-changing smorgasbord of contemporary education.

Listing the documents under Fr. Ed's sponsorship — the seminal *Preamble* of 1970, *The Jesuit High School of the Future* of 1972, *Apostolic Consciousness: Key to Jesuit Education* of 1973, *The Instrument for Self-Evaluation of Jesuit High Schools* of 1975, *Faith And Justice* of 1976, written directly by Fr. McDermott himself, and *Reflections on the Educational Principles of The Spiritual Exercises* of 1977 — is a remarkable panoply of publications that pushed for profound change in Jesuit secondary education.

Mr. Paul Totah chronicles these changes at SI in his *Spiritus 'Magis'* history.

In all, Edwin McDermott, SJ, SI '36,

is the father of Jesuit Secondary education in the new millennium in the United States, and his approaches to renewing Jesuit high schools have been emulated worldwide, recognized and praised by our Fathers General as the most impressive service rendered to Jesuit education in the 20th Century.

At the end of his term as JSEA president, Fr. Ed received solemn profession in the Society and returned home to USF where he and his colleagues established the Institute for Catholic Educational Leadership and where he taught — forming administrators for Catholic schools from 1978 to 2002.

Of Fr. McDermott's devoted ministry at USF, Fr. President Privett commented: "There is no Jesuit alive who has done more to promote Jesuit education throughout the country than Ed!"

SI is honored to have Fr. Ed here today with his family, with his 1936 classmates and with all of us who know and love him and who present him with this Christ the King Award, SI's highest accolade given a graduate, for his pastoral service to the enterprise of Jesuit secondary education.

Thank you, Fr. Ed, for revitalizing this apostolate for the greater good of generations yet to come.

Rev. Edwin J. McDermott, SJ, SI class of '36, you have proudly borne the Red and Blue through a lifetime of priestly dedication.

You have lived the *magis*. You have lived AMDG!

You have lived for *the Greater Glory of God!*

You are, in Father General Arrupe's words, a "Man for Others!"

Pictured above: Fr. Ed McDermott, SJ, and his extended family.

Mike Gilson & Derek Johnson Take World Gold

Derek Johnson and Michael Gilson, SI seniors, already had much in common. Now, thanks to their boat's first-place finish in Germany, they share one more thing — world championship medals.

The two young men live within five minutes of each other and have been friends and classmates since sixth grade.

Also, neither ever aspired to race crew and started rowing only after suffering injuries. Gilson hurt his back as a sophomore on the junior varsity football team, and Johnson hurt his shoulder playing baseball before coming to SI. They fell into crew, in part, because Johnson's father rowed at Harvard.

As part of the SI varsity crew last year, the two took third place in the nation; this past summer, they helped their boat finish first in the U.S.

The two then tried out for the national team, competing with 40 of the best rowers in the country. When they were chosen for the U.S. team, they discovered that they had one more thing in common: as 6-foot, 1-inch juniors, they were the youngest and smallest members of their team.

Their coach knew that height and age weren't everything. He put Gilson as the stroke and Johnson as the bowman — the positions requiring the best technique on the boat.

In Brandenburg, Germany, on Aug. 6, at the FISA Junior World Rowing Championships, the U.S. boat pulled ahead against Germany, Romania, Russia, New Zealand and France to win by a 1.67-second margin and to bring home the gold for the first time since 1992.

At the end of the race, both Gilson and Johnson felt exhausted and incredulous that they had won. "In all honesty," said Johnson, "I didn't think we would do that well."

After the race, the boys were rushed to the awards platform to receive their medals in front of a cheering crowd that included their families. "I don't think I stopped smiling for a week," said Gilson.

"Everyone expected the Germans or the Romanians to win," added Johnson. "A little anti-American sentiment came

for the team next summer. But Gilson and Johnson still hope to pursue crew in college and Gilson has aspirations to compete in the Olympics one day.



From left: Mike Gilson & Derek Johnson helped the US Junior boat win first in the world this summer.

out during the race. When we lost to Germany in the semifinals, they let us know that they had won. After the race, they congratulated us and seemed like different people, without a trace of resentment."

Following the ceremony, Johnson, Gilson and their teammates took a victory lap, with their coxswain waving the American flag as the "Star Spangled Banner" played.

Both young men are currently training, getting ready for the upcoming crew season; they hope to repeat the team's success last year at the regional and national regattas.

As for the world championships, Gilson will be too old to compete, and Johnson is still debating whether or not he will try out

Tim Larson Wins two medals at CanAmMex

While seniors Derek Johnson and Michael Gilson were preparing for the world championships, their teammate Tim Larson '06 took part in two national races this summer.

All three were part of the SI crew that took first place in Cincinnati in June. Following that race, Larson joined a team sponsored by California State University at Sacramento along with 30 other high school rowers from the state.

He was chosen to be one of the nation's eight rowers to compete against the best crews from Canada and Mexico at the July CanAmMex Regatta in Tennessee. There, the U.S. 8-man boat took first place; Larson won a second gold medal rowing for the four-man boat.

Following this race, he drove to Indianapolis for a national competition where he competed with his California teammates. There, his four-man boat once again took first place, and his eight-man boat finished fourth.

Larson learned that the sport requires "more dedication and determination than any other sport I know."



Tim Larson, right, won two gold medals at the CanAmMex Regatta.

Jan Mullen Leads Women's Soccer to National Title

Jan Mullen, SI varsity girls' soccer coach for the past 16 years, has reason to celebrate. On the heels of being named the first female honoree of the Soccer Old Timers Organization in 2002, Mullen and her team of over-40 women soccer players have won two consecutive national championships.

Team San Francisco, which is part of the Golden Gate Women's Soccer League, beat a team from Hawaii 1-0 in sudden death overtime in 2004 and bested a Virginia team 1-0 last June in Washington, D.C.

A midfielder, Mullen has played for three years with her team, made up primarily of women from the Bay Area, including Libby Rappolt, the mother of SI sophomore Pierre.

The two women served as co-captains for their team, which doesn't play to-

gether year-round, but gathers yearly for a Las Vegas tournament and the national championships. "This isn't the life-work for most of us, but a fun hobby," Mullen noted.

Her team succeeds "because we all play the same style of soccer. We play a possession game, looking for short passes rather than kicking long balls and chasing them."

The team's success also comes from the fact the women stay fit all year. "We play five games in five days to make it to the finals. Fitness is essential."

Being a coach, Mullen added, "makes me an effective player. I pay more attention to the tactical aspects of the game now than I did before I started coaching."

Following the national championship, Mullen traveled to Edmonton, Canada, where she played with the San Francisco Hawks, finishing third and winning a bronze medal.

"That tournament felt like the Olympics, especially because we got to march in the opening ceremonies surrounded by wonderful pageantry," she added.



Jan Mullen (left) and Libby Rappolt at the Veteran's Cup National Championship last June where their soccer team took first in the nation. Libby's son, Pierre, is a sophomore at SI.



Alumni Soccer Vets Play at SI

The Saturday after Thanksgiving, alumni who played soccer at SI returned to the prep to meet old friends and play against the varsity girls' and boys' soccer teams. Photos by Pedro Cafasso and Marla Bottner.



SPORTS ROUNDUP



GIRLS' GOLF

Coach: Julius Yap

League Record: 10-0; **Overall Record:** 14-0

Highlights: WCAL Champions, 2nd Place Central Coast Section, Sixth Place NOR-CAL High School Regional Championships.

League Awards: WCAL Tournament Medalist — Rosalie Tolentino

All WCAL First Team: Keiko Fukada, Jari-Lee Tolentino, Rosalie Tolentino

Team Awards: Medalist Award: Rosalie Tolentino; Wildcat Award: Keiko Fukuda; Spirit Award: Sarah Gogin



BOYS' FOOTBALL

Coach: Steve Bluford

Assistants: Paul Tonelli, John Regalia, Rob Unruh, Eamonn Allen, Jeremy Dickmann, Brian Kelly, Josh Frechette

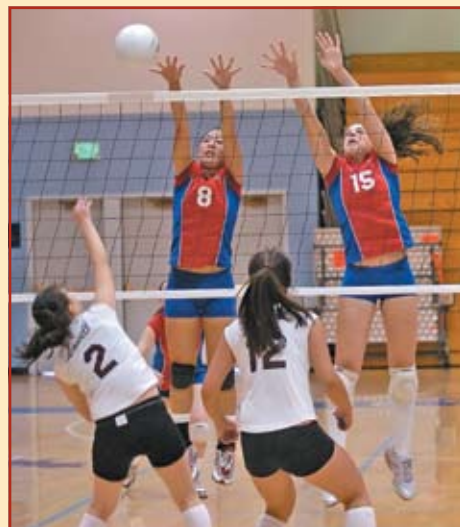
League Record: 4-2 (tied for 2nd place);

Overall Record: 7-5-0

Highlights: Fourth Seed in CCS Division II. Defeated Aptos (30-14) in CCS tournament. Lost to Los Gatos (0-3) in quarter finals. WCAL victories over Serra (17-14), Riordan (19-12), St. Francis (21-14), and Archbishop Mitty (28-19).

League Awards: WCAL Utility Player of the Year: Craig King; WCAL First Team All League: Nick Chagniot, Craig King, Rob Loftus, Joe Moore, Will Sinks, Matt Summers

Team Awards: J.B. Murphy Award: Craig King; Outstanding Lineman: Joe Moore; Outstanding Back: Sam Salfiti; Journey-men of the Year: Kirk Hilken, Daren Smylie



GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Coach: Greg Nunley

Assistants: Shelby Hamm

League Record: 6-1 (2nd place); **Overall Record:** 31-8

Highlights: CCS tournament qualifier for 2nd consecutive year. Defeated Notre Dame Belmont in quarterfinals before losing to St. Francis Lancers in semifinals. Melissa Pun and Giana Toboni finished 1-2 in kills in full season stats from WCAL.

League Awards: First Team All-WCAL: Melissa Pun; Second Team All-WCAL: Gianna Toboni

Team Awards: Fighting Spirit Award: Lauren Quach; Coaches' Awards: Michaela Rizzo, Gianna Toboni

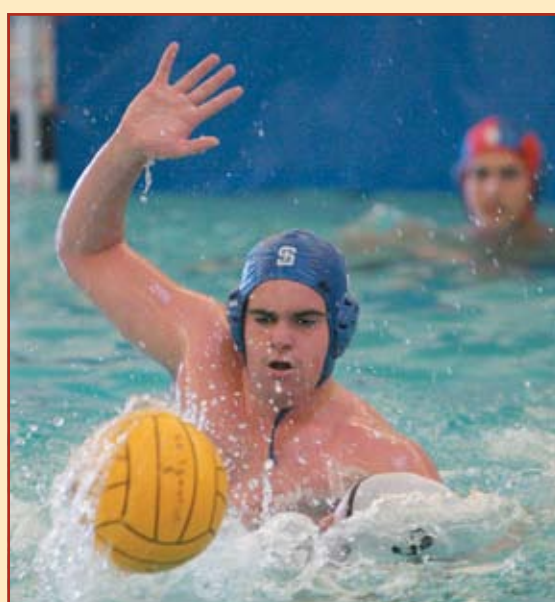


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BOYS' WATER POLO

Coach: Steve Schatz

Assistants: Rob Assadurian

League Record: 0-6; **Overall Record:** 4-9

Highlights: Johnny Bruno finished second in the WCAL in goals scored.

League Awards: WCAL Second Team All-League: John Bruno, Jack Ostler

Team Awards: Coaches' Award: Jack Ostler; Most Inspirational Player: John Butler; Most Improved Player: David Kolenda



Photo: Pedro Cafasso

GIRLS' WATER POLO

Coach: Paul Felton

Assistants: Katy Ashby

League Record: 3-3

Highlights: Qualified for CCS Tournament; defeated Live Oak (4-2) and Presentation (7-7) before losing to Menlo in the semifinals. Leading Scorers: Maxie Groh, 11 goals; Kandis Canonica, 11; Micaela Shorrock, 9.

League Awards: WCAL First Team All-League: Maxie Groh, Kandis Canonica, Micaela Shorrock; WCAL Second Team All-League: Jenna Lind, Mackenzie Campbell

Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Kandis Canonica; Coaches' Award: Kristina Kirchgessner; Most Improved Player: Gina Castagnola



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Coach: Chad Evans

Assistants: Al Berrin, Shaun Hannan & John Ino

Highlights: CIF State Div. III State Championship Results: Team finished third out of 23 teams; individual finishers: Nick Alvarado (13th), Matt Snyder (15th) and Rob Alvarado (20th) out of 195 runners. Greg Innes received first team, state all-frosh honors. CCS Championship: second place with Nick Alvarado (3rd & first team, all-CCS), Matt Snyder (4th and all-CCS honorable mention), and Rob Alvarado (8th & second-team all-CCS). WCAL second-place finish for varsity; both the frosh and soph teams finished as undefeated league champs.

League Awards: All-WCAL first team: Nick Alvarado, Matt Snyder, Rob Alvarado

Team Awards: Riley Suttoff Award: Nick Alvarado; Wildcat Award: Paul Zmuda; Most Improved Award: Matt Snyder

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Coach: Elizabeth Regalia

Assistants: Tricia Kennedy, Anne Stricherz

Highlights: Freshman Katy Daly finished first at Salinas, Lowell Invitational, Stan-

ford Invitational (Div. III) and in first two WCAL meets. Daly also finished in first place in the CCS meet defeating her nearest challenger by more than 20 seconds. At the CIF State Div. III Championships, Daly finished ninth out of 177 runners.

League Awards: All-WCAL first team: Katy Daly and Alice Hobbs

Team Awards: Julius Yap Award: Zoe Unruh; Most Improved Runner: Alice Hobbs; Outstanding Runner: Katy Daly



GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

Coach: Kimberly Russell

Assistants: Kori Jenkins

League Record: 5-6-1; **Overall Record:** 11-9-1

Highlights: For the second consecutive season, the Wildcats qualified for the CCS Championship Tournament and defeated North Salinas (6-0) and Leland (1-0)



Photo: Pedro Cafasso

before falling to WCAL rival St. Francis (0-1).

League Awards: Blossom Valley Athletic League First Team All-League: Liz Dobbs, Colleen Clifford.

Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Colleen Clifford; Most Inspirational Player: Caroline Lopuck; Most Improved Player: Nicole Grazioli

GIRLS' TENNIS

Coach: Craig Law

League Record: 10-4;

Overall Record: 17-8

Highlights: Qualified for CCS Tournament. Defeated Carlmont 6-1 before losing in quarterfinals to Menlo.

League Awards: WCAL All-League Second Team: Nataly Mendoza

Team Awards: Br. Artie Lee, SJ Award: Kathryn Gianaras; Magis Award: Alyssa Chen; Most Improved Player: Hillary Lapping

Crew Alumni Gather to Cross the Bay

Seven SI crew alumni went for a row on the San Francisco Bay on Oct. 22. Pictured at right are Chris Murphy '98, Pat Reid '98, Doug Kilroy '98, Brian Murphy '94, Tom Abbott '83, John Paul Sekulich '97 and Rich Tzeng '92. The group left from the South End Rowing Club en route to Marin, had breakfast at Sam's and, according to Murphy "had a more painful trip home, fighting currents and our own self-inflicted food comas." They hope this will be the first of many trips.



Keeping in Touch ...

Fr. Ed Fassett, SJ, former Assistant to the Principal at SI and now Acting Principal of Jesuit High School in Sacramento, pronounced his final vows at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Sacramento, on Oct. 15.

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Jack O'Dea was feted by his family on Dec. 22 on the occasion of his 95th birthday at his 28th Avenue home.

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Richard Cullinen celebrated his 85th birthday this year; his six grandchildren are getting older like their grandfather.

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Carleton Oyster retired and worries about the terrible financial problems in the U.S. Neil Riordan still sings in his church choir with his wife. He recently became a great-grandfather for the first time.

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Jack Scharfen has a new book at the publishers to be released this year entitled *On Falcons' Wings*, which profiles 25 heroic personalities of his generation.

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Mike Ryan celebrates another grandchild, Declan, for a total of 14.

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Al Romero became a great grandfather for the first time on Sept. 20 when his grandson and his grandson's wife became the proud parents of Tyler Grant Romero.

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William Kennedy and his wife, Trish, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 25 together with their friends, their seven children and spouses and their seven grandchildren, including Sarah, 5, who is the first girl in the Kennedy family in 40 years.



Three members of the Class of 1951 visited the Baseball Hall of Fame recently. From left are Dan Collins, John Moriarty and Rosemary (St. Rose '51) and John Lally. There they saw a poster that featured both Babe Ruth and St. Ignatius College, which was to play Fresno State College in football.

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Robert Jordan's son, Kevin, and his daughter-in-law, Melissa, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Jacqueline Rose. Robert and his wife, Joanne, enjoyed two tours this year: a Vienna-to-Amsterdam cruise and a river-lake-canal cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow.

Willard "Pat" Seitz is going on his seventh season with the Sacramento River Cats baseball team, Oakland A's parent club. His grandkids, Lauren (4th grade) and Alyssa (1st grade), are at St. Robert's School in Sacramento and his grandson, Ryan, is a sophomore at Galt High School.

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Norman Boyd was appointed to the board

of Kúlana Huli Honua, the Foundation of the Search for Wisdom. The group protects and preserves Hawaiian antiquities. Norman has visited the big island for the past 39 years.

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Jack Tillmany's book, *Theatres of San Francisco*, was recently released by Arcadia Publishing. It features the great movie theatres in the city, many of which have fallen victim to multiplexes. Jack, the former owner of the Gateway Cinema and a revival programming pioneer, has spent 30 years in cinema management. You can find the book at www.arcadiapublishing.com.



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Al Thuesen Jr. and his wife, Jennifer, have moved to Sun City, Lincoln Hills, in Placer County.

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Gianni Fassio moved to his father's hometown in Italy where he is growing grapes and hoping to make wine.

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The Hon. Timothy A. Reardon received the St. Thomas More Society Award at the Red Mass celebrated by Bishop Ignatius C. Wang at Saints Peter and Paul Church Oct. 20. Msgr. Robert McElroy preached and **Ed Nevin '59** gave a stirring encomium of the Appellate Court Judge as he sat with his wife, Maureen, and daughters, Kerry, Elizabeth, Sharon, and son, **Tim '86**, SI teacher and coach.

Francis Scarpulla was awarded Anti-Trust Lawyer of the Year for 2005 from the California State Bar Antitrust section.

Dennis Zaro, Ed.D., recently retired from a supervisory position in the Education Department at San Quentin State Prison. He is continuing his involvement in correctional education as a consultant for a teaching methods course, which he developed for jail and prison educators.

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Ralph Johnson's first grandchild, Matthew Johnson, was born April 14, 2005.

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Michael Sullivan completed the California Ironman Triathlon in Davis Sept. 17. He finished in 13 hours, 41 minutes, the first in his age group (60–64). He has served as CEO of Golden Valley Health Centers in Merced and Modesto since 1972.

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Ken Howard retired in 2001 after more than 30 years in the business world to pursue his interest in marine photography on a full-time basis. His photo of gulls feeding on bait from the surface of waters off the coast of South Africa won the Grand Prize for 2005 in *Popular Photography*

magazine's Annual International Picture Contest. The contest received more than 10,000 entries from around the world. You can see more examples of Ken's work at www.seaimages.org.

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Frank Clifford was elected president of the Olympic Club for 2006 succeeding **Al Clifford '73**.

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Sean Dowling was appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger as judge to the Nevada County Superior Court. Sean and his wife, Susan, reside in Nevada City and Truckee.

Jay Veach has moved his business, Boat & Motor Mart, after 50 years in San Francisco to Oyster Point Marina in South San Francisco.

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Phil Kelber retired from the SFFD in July after 30 years of service.

Denis Rusca is the new principal at Horizon Middle School in Spokane, Washington, where he has served as an educator for 31 years.

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Jim "JB" Burke celebrated the 30th anniversary of his independent San Francisco brokerage, Burke Real Estate.

Fr. William O'Neill, SJ, continues to teach at the Jesuit School of Theology Berkeley and culminated a year of research by publishing "Remembering Evil: Reflections on the Rwandan Genocide," and by offering the keynote address "Commonweal of Woe: The Ethics of Public Policy," for the Diocese of Oakland's public policy breakfast in September. In October, he presented a paper on theological perspectives on immigration for the Jesuit Migration Service in Mexico City.

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James Corum was elected to a visiting fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford, from January to July 2005. As the fellowship provided free lodging for the whole family, his wife, Lynn, and son, Tommy (11),

and even the dog all accompanied him to Oxford. He finished a book on counter-insurgency strategy that will appear in 2006. He left his job with the Air Force and is now a professor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. "Br. Draper and some of my SI friends all predicted that I'd end up at Leavenworth, and they were right," he notes. You may contact him at james.corum@leavenworth.army.mil.

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Steve Grealish owns two bars in San Francisco — Shanghai Kelly's Saloon that just celebrated its 20th anniversary, and The Northstar Café in North Beach — both popular Wildcat watering holes.

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Sgt. Phil Downs, SFPD, was featured in the Sunday Pink Section of the Oct. 2 *San Francisco Chronicle* for his work heading up the horse mounted patrol. His son, **Phil Downs '99**, will return to Iraq for another tour of duty and is featured in this issue.

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Dan Ehrmann and his wife, Karen McNulty, live in San Francisco with their two sons, Luke (8) and Cal (6) and actively participate at St. Ignatius Parish. Dan owns and operates a residential remodeling/renovation company in San Francisco. **Bob Enright** was nominated by *Research Magazine* to the Research 2005 Hall of Fame. As a financial planner, he was selected for the Advisor Hall of Fame. Bob is also vice president of the SI Alumni Board and president of an organization of SI, Sacred Heart, and Riordan alumni who are among the major benefactors of the Janet Pomeroy Center (former Recreation Center for the Handicapped).

Jim (Greg) Magee and his brother, **Will '87**, opened up Jack's Bistro and Wine Bar on Oct. 1, 2005, in Glen Ellen.

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Ted Cordery's son, Ted, was recently featured in a radio ad for Mills-Peninsula Hospital, touting the fine medical care he received after a sports injury at Serra High School.

Capt. Dennis Murphy, USN, who saw all five of his submarines earn retention excellence awards during his tour commanding Submarine Squadron Seven, relin-

quished command July 1. Capt. Murphy received the Legion of Merit award in a ceremony aboard the *USS Tucson*, where he had served as commanding officer from 1998 to 2001. Rear Adm. John Donnelly praised Murphy for his "visionary leadership" and for being "a remarkably successful leader throughout his career."



Ferdinand Lansang, O. Carm., was installed as pastor of St. Jane Frances De Chantal Parish in North Hollywood on Sept. 18.

Ken Ryan was invested as a Knight of Malta in a ceremony at St. Francis Xavier Church in Phoenix on Oct. 28.

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Joseph Fraher moved back to the Bay Area with his wife and daughter after living in Japan for six years where he taught English at Sophia University. Joe now writes technical documentation in Silicon Valley. He's at his second startup.

Neil Kelly lives in Folsom, has three kids and works for the Employment Development Department for the State of California, which grants money to faith-based organizations who help unemployed people find work.

Peter Tranchina has been a member of Carpenters Local 22 for 22 years. He is

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John Patrick Bunnell is currently practicing dentistry in Hawaii.

Francis Jue has had several recent acting gigs including *Law & Order: SVU*, *Pacific Overtures*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* on Broadway, and *Into the Woods* at Theatreworks in Palo Alto.

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Steven Welch's daughter, Eileen, is student body president of St. Philip the Apostle School in San Francisco.

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Dan Linehan and his wife, Diane Murray, were feted at a surprise 40th birthday party at the home of his sister, Theresa, and brother-in-law, Carl Spitz, parents of **Chris '07**. Diane and Dan are proud parents of Siobhan and twins, Molly and Patrick.

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Kevin Conley and his wife, Lucia, just celebrated their daughter Erika's first birthday.

86

James Farrell is back home in Austin, Texas, after a six-month deployment to Iraq. He has completed Command and General Staff College and is now an Acquisitions Officer at Fort Hood, Texas.

Peter Morrissey was married to Anne this fall in Sun Valley, Idaho.

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Matt Prescott married Jennifer Rose Hunt Oct. 8 at St. Paul's Church. **Steve Borzoni '87**, **Brian O'Connor '88** and **Kristine Ferree '00** were among the many attendants. Jennifer is a San Francisco firefighter and Matt a distributor of fine macro and micro brews.

Sean O'Neill is a Project Controls Manager for Intel, overseeing financial aspects of the company's construction efforts in

California. He also graduated in December 2005 from USF with an MBS, proving once again that "school is for fish."

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Jim Riley is a partner at Gunderson Dettmer in Menlo Park specializing in technology transactions. Jim and his wife, Marci, have a daughter, Caitlin (4), and a son, Patrick (1).

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Dave Bartels is an associate with the international law firm Howrey LLP at its Irvine office. He lives in Laguna Hills with his wife, Wendy, and their two daughters, Caitlin and Kimberly.

Al Madrigal and wife, Krystyn, are expecting a baby girl, Luisa, in late February 2006.

Stephen Meuris was appointed vice president of Atel Securities/Atel Investor Services.

Alex Muscat manages the Westlake Recording Studio: Recording, Production and Mixing for Bands, Songwriters and Musicians.

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Mario Alioto III is working towards a Master's degree in educational leadership from Sonoma State and is hoping to graduate in June 2007.

Brendan Kennedy and Maria Chapman were married on St. Simon's Island in Georgia on July 3. Groomsmen included brothers **Bill '75**, **Jim '81**, **Michael '83** and **Chris '92**.

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Sean Pate is the public relations director at StubHub.com in San Francisco. StubHub is a ticket marketplace where fans can buy and sell tickets to sporting, concert and theater events in San Francisco and across the country. He graduated from Arizona State in 1996 with a degree in kinesiology but decided to pursue public relations as a career. He still resides in San Francisco.

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Adrian Sawyer, a lawyer at Morrison & Foerster, recently married Miss Victoria

Yeager, also a lawyer and classmate from Princeton University.

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Brian Arthur McCann married Patricia Ann Rollo Oct. 22 at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco. The best man was his brother, **Paul McCann '90**. Among the attendants of the groom were SI class of '93 graduates **Andrew Mack**, **Fred Tocchini**, **Virgil Caselli**, **Tom Golden** and **Damian Molinari**. Brian's parents, Nancy and Don McCann '57, were overjoyed.

94

Louis Bachleder recently completed the New York City Marathon and is starting his sixth year as a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley in the company's San Francisco office.

Ryan Dunn, son of Laura and **Tom Dunn '64**, was married to Julie Briggs on Sept. 24 at St. Agnes Church in San Francisco. Bridal party included his sister, **Emily Dunn '97**, as well as '94 classmates **Mark Farrell**, **Jack Grimes, Jr.**, **Kevin Cahill** and **Dr. Matt Donnelly**.

Soledad Garcia and **Daniel McCarthy '95** had some friends over to celebrate the coming of **Mike Kudemus'** new baby. Also present were **Dylan McCarthy**, **Jake**

Jeff Isaacs is doing community work in South Africa with street children.

Rob Skinner is married and living in Cour D'Alene, Idaho, and is in nursing school.

95

Ryan Jackson married Lisa Chinchilla Oct. 16 in Burlingame.

Juliana Moylan married William Benedetto in San Francisco at St. Anne's Church on Aug. 27, 2005. Julianna is in her second year of pediatric residency at Albert Einstein Hospital in New York.

Jason Speckenheuer was married in June to Monica and he has been working for the Milpitas Police Department for the last four years.

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Diana Laurretta married Philip Leonida on Aug. 16, 2003, at St. Ignatius Church. Her sisters, **Danniela** (Sacred Heart Cathedral '01) and **Cristina '07** were two of her bridesmaids. Philip and Diana met as undergrads at USE, where Philip later received his Master's degree in education. In May 2004, she graduated from Golden Gate University School of Law with highest honors. In law school, she was the research editor for the *Law Review*. She took and passed the California Bar Exam

in July 2004 and is currently working as a research attorney for the Unified Family Court in San Francisco.

Elisa Diane Rhein married **Robert Gary Marcaletti** Oct. 1 in St. Gregory's Church, San Mateo. Maid of Honor was **Amy Rhein '94** and bridesmaids included SI teacher **Danielle Devencenzi '97**, her sister, **Michelle '98** and **Kim Bohnert '93** — cousins all. Ignatian groomsmen were **Jeff Marcaletti '99**, **Tony Rhein '91** and **Mike Bohnert '96** and non-cousins **Tom Callen**, **Rich Hunt**, **Sean Jacobson** and **Justin Roja** — all class of '96. Rob is the assistant varsity basketball coach at SI.

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Courtney Allen was promoted to managing director of the San Francisco office of the Brand Division, a drug-safety institute. She had worked previously with the Microsoft European Operations Centre, Guess, Inc., Gap Inc. and Fox Television Studios.

Alex Bea announced his engagement to Michelle Case at a Dec. 20 Christmas party at the family home. Helping Alex celebrate were his loving parents and brothers **Sebastian '95**, **Dominic '04** and **Nicholas '04**.

Raquel Paez, after receiving her Master's degree in forensic science from UC Davis in December 2004, is now employed as a forensic chemist at the Prince George's County Police Department in Landover, Maryland.

Robert Anthony Peters performed in *Things You Shouldn't Say Past Midnight*, a play by Peter Ackerman, at Theatre Q in San Francisco last October and November. The show, and Peters' performance, received rave reviews.

Marjorie Skinner has just been named managing editor for the *Portland Mercury* in Oregon.

Joe Talmadge has two new nieces, **Sophia (5)** and **Vanessa (4)**, and a new nephew, **Eddie**.

98

Kara Asuncion attended NYU's film school and now lives and works in New York City.

Lisa Tennenbaum graduated from LSU and works for Accolo in Tiburon.

Theresa Wolanin graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in December 2004 after only two and a half years. She then took and passed the California Bar Exam in February 2005. She is currently working as an associate attorney at the Law Offices of Steven D. Hillyard in the financial district of San Francisco.

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First Lt. Kevin Chan remains at Fort Lewis, WA, where he is the Mobile Gun System Platoon Leader in E Troop, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment. His wife, **Marla**, was deployed to Iraq Nov. 20 with the 29th Signal Battalion.



Manalo, **Christine (Manalo) Valentine**, **Karima Burns**, **Justin Young**, **Gus Ejercito** and **Eric Moretto '96**.



Escape From Alcatraz

Class of 1985 members Sean McFadden, Jeff Hagen, George Rehmet, Jeff Hanak, and SI senior Julieclaire (JC) Sheppard swam from Alcatraz to Aquatic Park to raise money for the Breast Cancer Center in Marin and San Francisco. Rehmet also served as assistant race director for this Alcatraz 100: Swim of the Centurions event. Sean, Jeff and George finished within 90 seconds of each other and were among the top 100 finishers. JC took third place in the non-wetsuit division. Later that evening, the four men attended their class reunion.

Jonathan Kathrein has formed the foundation Future Leaders for Peace to train young people to resolve disputes without rancor. Look for more on his organization in the next issue of *Genesis V*.

Susan Ott graduated from USF with a Bachelor's degree in politics and is working at Paul Hastings Attorneys in San Francisco.

Doug Tennenbaum is currently in the 210th recruit class for the SFPD.

Kelly Patrick Turbin received a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering degree with a concentration in structural design and a Master's degree in structural engineering in the field of limit state analysis and design; he graduated *cum laude* at the commencement exercises of California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, Dec. 10.

Ens. Frank Verducci has recently relocated to Pensacola, Florida, for Naval flight training. He is currently delayed and waiting to start flight training.

Maggie Volk is headed to South Africa to volunteer in a women's shelter.

1st Lt. Kenneth Yambing completed his military Aeronautical Rating and Army Aviation Officer Basic Course in August 2004. Shortly thereafter, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air As-

sault) based in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, and then was deployed to Iraq. Kenneth is an Operations Officer and pilots UH-60A/L Blackhawks.



Angela Ferrari Schach '06 was First Duchess in the 2005 Italian Heritage Parade in the Court of Queen Isabella.

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Riley Newman is completing majors in international relations and economics at the University of Washington and will graduate this spring. Last fall, Riley served as an intern at UN headquarters. He has also been selected by the University of Washington to be a candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship and the Gates Cambridge Scholarship. He would like to pursue graduate studies in international development at Oxford University or Cambridge next year.

02

Dianna Lawrence is a senior at Boston College.

Lauren Philibosian, after a successful soccer season as captain of the UCSC Banana Slugs, was named to the Division III All Independent Team and the All Western Region Team. She graduated from UC Santa Cruz in December with a Bachelor's degree in English and has returned to San Francisco to pursue a career in public relations.

03

Billy Gale spent another summer working as a launch driver at a yacht club in Massachusetts. He is back at Johns Hopkins but will take time off to visit classmate **Mike Stillman** in Florence, Italy.

Colin Ward is studying economics and philosophy at the London School of Economics.

04

Ryan Carter is playing lacrosse for Division I Hofstra University in Long Island, New York.

Katie McGovern finished second in scoring on the UC Davis Women's Lacrosse Team and 13th in a league that includes both Stanford and Cal. Davis is building a new 40,000-seat multipurpose stadium as it has transitioned to Division I for college sports. Katie was appointed to the Stadium Advisory Committee — and is the only female athlete on the committee — to provide input from those who will be using the stadium. Katie's sister **Claire** is a junior at SI who was captain of the JV field hockey, soccer and lacrosse teams last year.

Cruisin'

The Sunset



The Fathers' Club 2006 Spring Auction

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The annual alumni basketball game the day before Thanksgiving showcased the talents of the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams and stars of previous years.

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Anabel Agloro received the Brian Ohleyer Scholarship at Brown University; the scholarship honors the late son of Michael Ohleyer '56.

Gina Isaacs is attending UCLA and loving it.

Births

76

John Riccio and his wife, Judy, a daughter, Isabella, born Dec. 15, 2004. Judy is the sister of Gerry Macchello '78.

Robin Villa and his wife, Michelle, a daughter, Isabel Dominica, born Sept. 24, 2004. She was officially baptized at Holy Name of Jesus Church in the Sunset, where renowned artist Jay Mercado '76 served as godfather.

80

Peter Tranchina and his wife, Sonya, a son, Jake Andrew, born July 15, 2004.

81

Bill McGrath and his wife, Suzy, a son, Michael Davis, born Aug. 4, 2005; Michael joins twin sisters Emily and Sarah. Kevin McNulty and his wife, Sheree, twins, Benjamin Pierce and Harrison Scott, born July 5, 2005, in London, England. They join big brother Malcolm.

82

Patrick Cunneen and his wife, Jennifer, a son, Colin Patrick, born May 4, 2004. Rob Ennis and his wife, Heidi, a fifth child, Emily Patricia, born May 7, 2005, in Burlingame. Other Ennises include Megan '09, Madelene, Robert Jr., and Amalija. Dr.

Jerry Ennis '55 and his wife, Madelene, are proud grandparents.

Greg Kall and his wife, Shaun, twins, Caitlin Isabella MacKenzie and Dylan Luke Giambatista, born Sept. 21, 2005; they join siblings Ashley, Connor and Ryan.

83

Adam McCarthy and his wife, Heather, a son, Jack Liam, born Oct. 4, 2004. Jack joins brother Connor and sister Kate.

84

Mike Johnstone and his wife, Mary, a daughter, Kylie Rose, born March 22, 2005. She joins big brother Lance Patrick, 4.

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Ron Fiore and his wife, Kristin Lafontaine, a son, Enzo, born Feb. 21, 2005.

Jim Riley and his wife, Marci, a third child, second son, Patrick David, born Jan. 31, 2005, in Palo Alto.

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Aaron Frank and his wife, Elyse, a second child, William, born Sept. 20, 2004.

Stefan Mayo and his wife, Amy, a son, Keaton James, born July 9, 2005, in Redwood City. Keaton joins big sister Solia. Keaton's godparents were Ralph Barsi '89 and his wife, Sara.

90

Rick Brandt and his wife, Leigh, a son, Wyatt Fredrick, born Sept. 10, 2005. He



Portland Alumni Reunite

The Portland Chapter of the SI Alumni Association held its annual meeting at Caffé Mingo, owned by Michael Cronan '63 (right). Chapter president Charles Ducharme '82 (left) organized the event, which brought together more than two dozen alumni and their spouses. The group paid tribute to the late George Alvergue '52, previous chapter president.

joins big sisters Emma, 6, and Abbie, 2. **Sean Moriarty** and his wife, Tara, a daughter, Reilly Terese, born April 29, 2005.

91

Anthony Christen and his wife, Lora, a son, Colin James, born June 27, 2005, in San Francisco. Colin joins siblings Luke and Jenna.

Christian Molinari and his wife, Barbara, a son, Santiago Lucas, born June 9, 2005, in Santiago, Chile. He joins big brother Francisco.

92

Mark Farrell and his wife, Liz, a daughter, Madison Briggs, born Nov. 14, 2005.

Ken Sablinsky and his wife, Katie, a son, Aiden, born Oct. 4, 2005. Aunt is **Meg '95**, and grandparents are **Nick '64** and his wife, Janet, longtime SI choral and music faculty.

Nick Tsiagkas and his wife, Stephanie, a daughter, Amelia Marie, born Sept. 6, 2005, in Mountain View.

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Erica Labson Gaddi and her husband,



Brad Jack Business Speaker

In October, Brad Jack '76 (left), former chief operating officer of Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., spoke at the Downtown Business Lunch at the University Club to nearly 200 alumni and friends. He is pictured here with his brother, John Jack '73, and Director of Special Events Katie Kohmann.

Tony, a daughter, Giana Tiffany, born June 30, 2005.

Joe Passalacqua and his wife, Doria, a daughter, Charlize (Charlie) Elizabeth, born March 26, 2005.

Roy Reyes and his wife, Katie, a son, Luke Nicholas, born. Sept. 15, 2005.

94

Bridget Scott Akinc and her husband, Akin, a daughter, Alana Rose, born Aug.

1, 2005. **Denis Scott '96** was godfather.

Nate Barulich and his wife, Christine, a son, Luke Victor, born Aug. 9, 2005.

Chuck Eggert and his wife, Gina, a daughter, Makenzie Addison, born Dec. 18, 2005.

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Kim (Cadagan) Freeman and her husband, Kyle, a son, Jefferson Clay, born Aug. 12, 2005.

In Memoriam

34 John B. O'Donnell
36 Dante Benedetti
36 Rev. Edwin McDermott, SJ
36 John L. "Jack" Schuster
37 John E. Foley
37 William B. Partmann, Jr.
41 Thomas McCormick
42 William T. Brernnan

44 Eugene A. Benson, Sr.
44 John M. "Jack" Riordan
45 William J. "Bill" Dunne
46 Robert A. Hamilton
49 James A. Carroll
49 Lloyd A. Levaggi
51 Thomas H. Conroy
51 John "Jack" Lynch
52 Dr. John David "Jack" Donnelly
53 Leonard A. Lippi
54 Robert M. Flynn

55 John C. Maher II
66 George G. DiPego
67 Michael J. Williams
69 Peter Armstrong
74 Michael J. Logan
76 James Manning
78 Mark V. DiGiovanni

Former SI Faculty Members

Col. Vern Gilbert
James S. McInerney

Vern Gilbert, Longtime Math Teacher

Col. Vern Gilbert, a 15-year veteran math teacher at SI, died Dec. 24, 2005. He was 91.

A native of Weiser, Idaho, and the youngest of three sons, Col. Gilbert attended the U.S. Military Academy in 1939 and later married his lifelong sweetheart, Louise. He had a distinguished 31-year career in the military, serving in the U.S., Asia, Canada and Europe.

After retiring from the Army, Col. Gilbert taught math at

SI from 1970 to 1985 when he received the school's President's Award. A few years after the death of his wife, he moved into the Sequoias in San Francisco, where he remained active, caring for others.

He is survived by his five sons, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Fr. Sauer, who baptized Col. Gilbert, said the funeral Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Dec. 29.

Calendar 2006

February

1	Archdiocesan Abuse Presentation, Commons	7 p.m.
5	Mother-Student Communion Breakfast	9 a.m.
7	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
9	Counseling: Sophomore Parents' College Night	
16	Board of Regents Meeting, Library	4 p.m.
17	Class of '57 reunion, Caesar's Restaurant, (contact Strain & McCann)	12:45 pm
20	President's Day Holiday	
25	Mother-Daughter Dinner, Commons	6:30 p.m.

March

1	Board of Trustees	4 p.m.
3	Magazine Drive Tentative Holiday	
4	Fathers' Club Auction	6 p.m.
10	Quarter Break	
13	Faculty In-Service, no classes	
14	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
19	Golden Diploma Class of 1956, Chapel & Commons	10 a.m.
21	College Night	
24	Father-Daughter Night, Commons	8:30 p.m.
28-31	Spring Musical	7 p.m.
31	Mother-Son Night, Commons	6:30 p.m.

April

1	Spring Musical	7 p.m.
4	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
5-7	Spring Musical	7 p.m.
11	General Parent Meeting	7:30 p.m.
13	Holy Thursday Service, Orradre	7:30 p.m.
14	Easter Break Begins	
14	Good Friday Service, Orradre	7:30 p.m.
15	Easter Vigil Services, Orradre Chapel	8 p.m.
23	College Case Studies Program	1 p.m.
29	International Food Faire	4-8 p.m.

May

3	Counseling, Transition to College Night	7 p.m.
4	Father-Son Dinner, Commons	6 p.m.
7	Grandparents Day	11 a.m.
9	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
10	Board of Regents' Meeting	4 p.m.
10-11	Choral Concert, Bannan	7 p.m.
18	Ignatian Guild Installation Mass & Reception	11 a.m.
19	Faculty In-Service, no classes	
19	Fathers' Club Barbecue, Commons	5:30 p.m.
22	Senior Day Off	
23	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
24	Board of Trustees	4 p.m.
25	Transition Liturgy, Holy Name Church	8:30 a.m.
26	Awards Assembly	8:30 a.m.
	Class of 2006 Alumni Lunch	11 a.m.
30-31	Final Exams	8:30 a.m.

June

1	Final Exams	8:30 a.m.
1	Baccalaureate Mass, St. Mary's	7:30 p.m.
3	Graduation, St. Ignatius Church	10:30 a.m.
9	All-Alumni Golf & Dinner, Commons	

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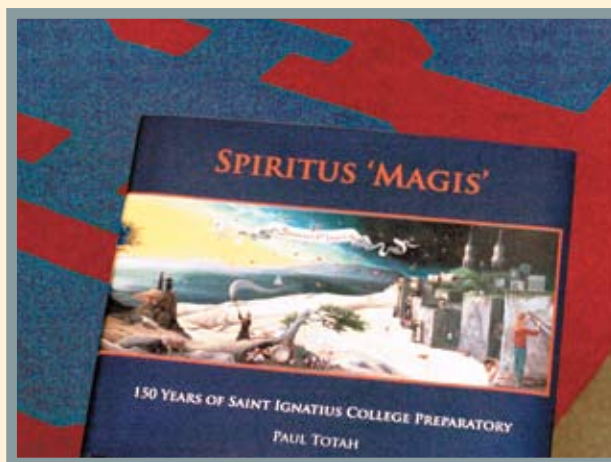
mation (grounded in a life of prayer/meditation) and the results of that transformation. Buddha and Christ represent what is possible for us human beings, right here and now. I tell my students in class, "Raise your hand if you do not want peace, joy, love, compassion, gentleness, patience and happiness." As humans, we all want these fruits that both traditions reveal are available to us in abundance.

"So, Carla, I hope this answers your question! These are the kinds of short answers you get from your religious studies teacher."

On a final note, I pray for all my students that they may come to know God in the way Merton did. One of the most basic ways of beginning this journey is through the practice of meditation (often called contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition). The Buddha and countless others have "awakened" through such a practice. Ignatius himself had his own conversion experience while in deep prayer in Manresa. As Christians, we can engage other traditions and learn the depths of our own. I'll let our Holy Father John Paul II have the last word: "By dialogue, we let God be present in our midst, for as we open ourselves to one another, we open ourselves to God."

Bill Haardt is in his fifth year teaching religious studies at SI. He has been teaching the World Wisdom Traditions course (World Religions) to seniors and Morality and Ethics to juniors. He also coaches tennis. This article first appeared in National Jesuit News.

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Walking a Buddhist-Christian Path

By **Bill Haardt**
Religious Studies Teacher

This article is the first of three installments highlighting the ongoing dialogue between Christianity and Buddhism and specifically (in the second installment) between the Jesuits and the Zen Buddhist tradition.

“Mr. Haardt, are you Buddhist?” a student asks one day after school.

“Why do you ask, Carla?”

“Well, you start our class with meditation every day, you seem to really embrace Buddhism and talk about it a lot. Not to mention you use a Korean Buddhist bowl to begin our prayer/meditation period. You also have various Buddhist statues, along with icons from other religions. It just seems like an obvious question.”

“Well, Carla, I am the World Religions teacher here, so I have decorated the classroom accordingly. But I understand your question. It is not the first time I’ve been asked. Do you have a minute? I’d be glad to explain.”

The above represents a typical conversation I have had with several students over the years. I have been teaching seniors World Religions (or World’s Wisdom Traditions, modeling Huston Smith’s approach) for the last three years.

My own Jesuit background began at Strake Jesuit High School in Houston where I graduated in 1991. At Colgate University, after many diversions, I decided to major in religious studies. The courses in Hinduism and Buddhism opened up insights that I had never been able to see clearly within my own tradition. After a year of graduate studies at Catholic University of America, I decided to teach high school and have been doing so ever since.

Within my own Roman Catholic tradition, I have always craved more silence and wondered why there is not more instruction in prayer beyond the customary petitionary prayer. I was surprised to find in the Catholic catechism that prayer includes vocal, reflec-



tive and contemplative dimensions, yet it seems the contemplative depth of our tradition has waned over the centuries.

Thus, my path has led me to the Buddhist tradition, one founded on a contemplative practice: meditation. I have always appreciated the sacramental nature of our Christian tradition but had to find a way to cultivate my need for interior silence. At present, I am involved in the Theravada Buddhist tradition as it finds expression in Northern California, namely at Spirit Rock Meditation Center.

Jack Kornfield, who has been engaged in interfaith dialogue within the contemplative path, leads the center and has a real mastery of his own Buddhist tradition as well as the contemplative strains in other traditions. Through him I was reminded of the vital need to devote some daily time to silence, to prayer. In doing so, we regain a sense of ourselves, the basic goodness and simplicity of our own being. Thus, we can become what Ignatius of Loyola impressed upon his companions, contemplatives in action.

By grounding ourselves in our true nature (Christ for Christians, Buddha-nature for Buddhists), we can then act from this place of wholeness. Thomas Merton explains for us: “Life is very simple: we are living in a world that is absolutely transparent to God and God is shining through it all the time. This is not a fable or a nice story. It is true. God manifests himself everywhere, in every thing, in people and in things and in nature and in events. You cannot be without God. It’s impossible. Simply impossible.”

So I come back to Carla’s question. Am I Buddhist? I do not call myself Buddhist; I am a Catholic-Christian who has been touched deeply by other traditions, especially by Buddhism. In my World’s Wisdom course, I try to show students the “forgotten truth” of these traditions. Each in its unique and distinctive way

expresses the reality that Merton states above.

Along this line, Merton says further: “Now I realize what we all are. And if only everyone could realize this...! I suddenly saw all the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God’s eyes. If only they could see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time. There would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed.”

I do think that as human beings we need a particular tradition within which to ground ourselves; ultimately, what the contemplative path reveals to us, as it did to Merton, is that God is the ground of our being, and the more conscious we are of this reality, the more we can live from this truth in the nitty-gritty of life, with our families and friends, with our colleagues and students, with ourselves.

In the high school setting at SI, kids are under tremendous pressure to perform at the highest level and often manage to do just that. When Carla and other students come into my class, I do begin with 5 minutes of silent prayer/meditation. I want to give these students a taste of that quiet that allows us to listen to God, especially in a culture with cell phones, Internet and the worship of “doing” and “performance.”

The Buddhist path converges with the Christian as they both recognize the fruits of prayer/meditation. As Christians we talk about fruits of the Spirit. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law” (Gal. 5:22–23).

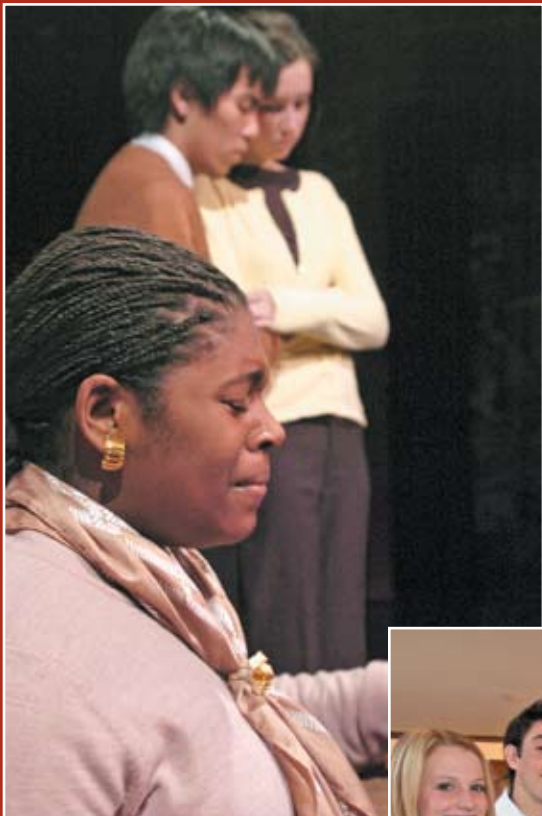
The way we harvest this Spirit-fruit is through the sacraments and a life of prayer. The Buddhist tradition emphasizes the Brahma-Viharas (Divine-Abodes) that characterize the awakened mind. They are metta (loving-kindness), karuna (compassion), mudita (appreciative joy), and upekkha (equanimity).

The path to awakening is through wisdom and compassion, which are cultivated through meditation and the Eight-Fold Path. Both traditions are pointing to the awakened life of the Spirit, and once we realize (make real) the truth of our being, these fruits flow out of us.

I find great wisdom in how both of these traditions understand the process of transfor-

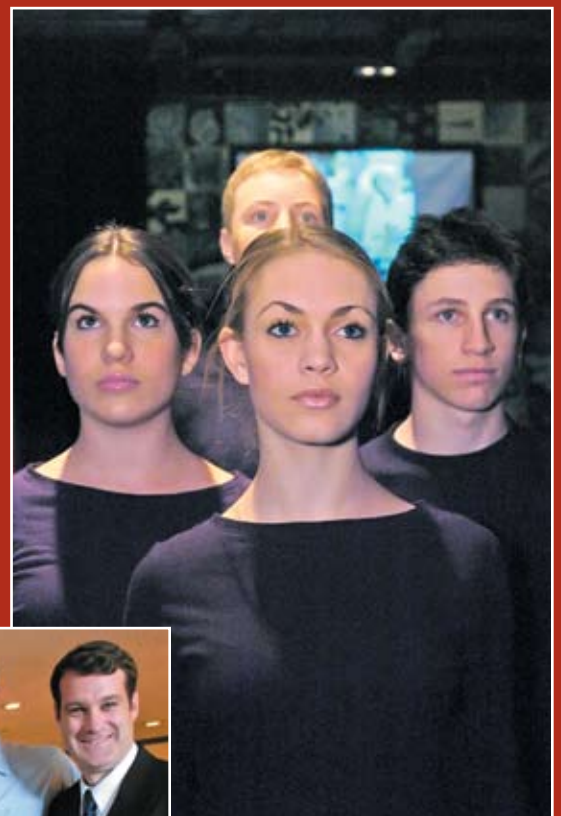
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Fall Arts at SI



Dead Man Walking

Ted Curry '82 (below, right) produced and directed the fall play, Dead Man Walking, based on the book by Sr. Helen Prejean (below, third from left), who came to SI in October to discuss the work with the cast. Written by Tim Robbins, the play was first offered to Jesuit schools last year to produce before it went to Broadway and toured nationally. The show featured two casts with Caroline Naughton, Reed Campbell, Lizzie Fabie and Matt Jones in lead roles.



Winter Pops

Janet and Nick Sablinsky '64 produced and directed the annual Winter Pops Concert, held in November and December, featuring the Chamber Singers, the Mixed Chorus, the Handbell Ringers, and Wildcat Jazz Band, the Symphonic Orchestra, the Male Quartet, and the Men's Chorus. The show ended with a rousing rendition of the SI fight song and featured music from Showboat.

