

# GENESIS V

THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE OF SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY, SUMMER 2007



**Shear Love:**  
**SI Helps Children with Cancer**

# In This Issue ...

Basketball alumni from the 1970s posed with Bob Drucker (center) at a May celebration honoring the legendary coach, teacher and counselor.



This issue features stories about Ignatians who create and sustain communities. Pat Maguire '85 has done this in the area surrounding his Java Beach café where Judah runs into the Ocean.

Bert Selva '80, the CEO of Shea Homes, builds community quite literally both through his residential developments and with the houses he builds and donates through *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

Jeff Hanak '85, the owner of Nopa on Divisadero, has a table for 14 in the front of his restaurant where people from the area can meet their neighbors.

Jay Bechtel '77 helps create community at Google by preparing new buildings for the ever-expanding software giant, and Amy Phelps '97 has gathered a community of healers at the Oakland Zoo to treat giraffes using medicine from East and West.

Finally, Fr. Mick McCarthy, S.J. '82, writes about how he came to join the community of Jesuits through the discovery of his vocation.

At SI, communities have formed around the issue of cancer, poverty and homelessness. Fifty-seven girls and women in the SI community cut and donated their hair to Locks of Love, which makes wigs for children with cancer. Others put together bags of blankets and books for homeless children, and the swim team got together on a weekend to raise money to help poor stu-

dents in Mexico attend high school.

These students and grads excel at building community thanks, in part, to their experience of community at SI, where many of us have made friends for life.

I've had a chance to see this from a different perspective through my daughter, Lauren, who graduated June 2 along with the class of 2007, and through my son, Michael, who just finished his first year here. Both are blessed with great friends. They will gather with them long into the future, just as I get together with about a dozen of my 1975 classmates at Caesar's in North Beach three times a year for a long Friday lunch. We compare receding hairlines (for those of us still with hair) or ever-expanding bellies, and we talk about our kids, many of whom graduated from or attend SI.

I generally come away from these lunches impressed with how lucky I am to have such good friends. At our last gathering for instance, my classmate Jim Lawrie '75 mentioned in passing his volunteer work in Mexico building homes with the Youth Group from St. Gabriel's Parish, including his son Dan '07 who will be attending SCU this fall along with my daughter.

My classmates aren't the only ones who have discovered that it's just not enough to get together once every five years at class reunions. Take the class of 1967, which meets every Friday the 13th, or the class of 1951, which celebrates first

Fridays at the Balboa Café.

This celebration of community doesn't just happen within one class. In the past few months, I've enjoyed different sorts of reunions thanks to Bob Drucker '58, who retired in June after a remarkable 42-year career as coach, teacher and counselor.

Bob's former basketball players from 1967 through 1986 reunited at the Irish Cultural Center in May to tell stories, one of which, by Patrick Schneider '79, is recounted in this issue.

A week later, former SI teachers gathered with the current faculty to pay tribute to Bob. Jim Dekker '68 even performed a blues song in honor of Drucks, accompanied by Tim Reardon '86 on the harmonica.

And, on June 8, nearly 400 alumni gathered at the All-Class Reunion to praise Bob, who, through his passion, sincerity and integrity, has helped to build and nurture our community. They watched a video tribute prepared by Sean Lawhon '87, a producer at Fox Sports. (Check it out at [www.siprep.org](http://www.siprep.org).)

The idea of "building community" may seem a cliché, but it is made vital by people who create and nurture communities through their industry, generosity and ingenuity and who provide us with living examples of what happens when people come together to have a good time and to work for the greater good.

Thanks to them, we are SI. ❖

— Paul Totah '75

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*Cover photo: SI girls donated their hair to help cancer patients.*

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Work is scheduled to be completed this fall on the West Campus Development, featuring four new classrooms, the Mary Ann and Jack Gibbons Hall of Music, the Doris Duke Wall Choral Room and the Columbus Piazza. SI plans to christen this addition to its 11-acre campus Oct. 13 at the annual President's Cabinet Dinner.

# No Will or Living Trust? SI's Website Can Help You

Director of Development Joe Vollert '84 hopes you will visit the new planned giving section of SI's website, especially if you have no will or would like to have a living trust.

"The site offers a real service," he said. "It helps visitors review the basics of wills, living trusts, powers of attorney and advance health care directives on their own time and in the comfort of their own homes."

Besides covering these estate-planning fundamentals, the new section provides descriptions of advanced planning devices, including private foundations, donor advised funds and charitable remainder trusts.

It also lets professional advisers review estate planning strategies that combine insurance with charitable giving or allow donors to financially assist children and grandchildren while providing for charitable causes.

"It is amazing what the web is doing to estate planning and charitable giving," Vollert said. "Colleges, universities and other nonprofits are now offering Internet access to detailed estate planning

and charitable giving information. Our website now has a calculator visitors can use in perfect privacy to estimate the deduction they'll get from a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust."

The planned giving section also covers 10 life changes that may require updating your will, the difficulties of choosing someone to make decisions for you when you can't, a glossary of commonly used planned giving and estate planning terms and Q&A reviews to test yourself on financial planning and planned giving topics.

Visitors can also compare a charitable trust with a gift annuity and other gift types.

The website's planned giving section does not offer legal, tax or financial advice and repeatedly urges use of qualified professionals.

"Basically, we want our supporters to have good estate plans," Vollert said. "It's good for them, their families and, if they are so inclined, SI."

To visit the new planned giving section, click "Giving to SI" on the SI home page ([www.siprep.org](http://www.siprep.org)) and then "Planned Giving." ❖

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*The Ignatian Guild installed its new officers at a Mass in May. From left are Fr. Walsh, President Heidi Tate, Vice President Beth Miller, Treasurer Becky Loback and Corresponding Secretary Annell Brickley. Not pictured are Recording Secretary Kim Scurr and Assistant Treasurer Christine Price.*



**Fathers' Club Board Installation Lunch**

*The Fathers' Club installed its new board at a lunch at Alioto's #8 June 4. Pictured back row from left are Pat Ferdon and Rob Kaposch; middle row: George Arabian, Paul Gaspari, Barry Fontaine and Joe Betro; front row: David Papale, Don Mancini, President Bob Guglielmi, Nick Saribalis, Brit Hahn, KC Murphy and Br. Draper.*

*After the graduation ceremony on June 2, Fr. Walsh thanked outgoing regents Fred Tocchini (left), Francis Scarpulla second from right, Paul Gaspari (right) and Theresa Moore (below with family). Not pictured are departing regents David Bernstein, Gerald McCourt, S.J., and Thomas Murtagh.*



**SI Thanks Outgoing Regents**

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### Batting Cage Dedication



*SI celebrated the completion of a new batting cage at Marchbank Field in Daly City, one of the finest of its kind on the West Coast, built with the help of many people, including SI dads Mike McCaffery, Joe Toboni '70 and George Lawson '71. Pictured above at the April 7 dedication before the Alumni Baseball Game are, from left, Fr. Walsh, George Lawson, Vice Mayor Carol Klatt, Colt Coach Paul Cunnie, P&R Commissioner Jack Pastor, Mayor Maggie Gomez, Mike and Marg McCaffery, P&R Assistant Director Ed Barney, Joe Toboni and Kevin Dill.*

### Father-Son Dinner



*Paul "Buddy" Bucha (right), president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, delivered a stirring speech at the annual Fathers' Club Father-Son Dinner. He is pictured here with Fathers' Club President Paul Gaspari '70 along with Paul's son, Matt '07, and father Ed.*

# BUILDING COMMUNITIES

SI GRADS & STUDENTS WORK TO CREATE & NURTURE  
COMMUNITIES IN THE BAY AREA & BEYOND

## PAT MAGUIRE CLEANS UP OUTER **SUNSET**

**P**at Maguire '85 first healed himself. Then he healed his neighborhood, turning it into one of the most vibrant parts of San Francisco.

Growing up at 44th and Kirkham, Maguire attended Holy Name School along with his siblings, including Dan '87, who would later gain local fame as a seven-time Golden Gloves light heavy-weight champ.

Pat's remarkable story took a turn for the worse in his sophomore year at SI when his father, John, died. Christy-Ann, a medical records worker at Laguna Honda Hospital, was left to care for Pat and his six siblings.

*Pat Maguire estimates that 50 marriages can be credited to people meeting their future spouses at his café.*

At SI, Pat often found himself in trouble, both academic and otherwise. He credits three priests for turning him around — Fr. Bill Ryan, S.J., Fr. Mario Prietto, S.J., and Fr. John Murphy, S.J.

“My four years at SI were among the toughest of my life with my father gone. These priests, as well as Jim McGarry, took an interest in me and helped me out quite a bit beyond the classroom.”

After graduation, he worked for John Bacchini '75 installing partitions in office buildings, and for the first time he wrestled with his alcoholism and quit drinking. He stopped going to bars and



*Pat Maguire first wrestled with his personal demons before turning his attention to rehabilitating the area outside his Java Beach cafe.*



began hanging out in coffee shops. One day, while sitting in Simple Pleasures in the Richmond District, he realized that he wanted to open up a neighborhood coffee shop of his own.

He shared this dream with friend and classmate Tom Landers '85. "He thought it was funny. He couldn't see me owning a coffee shop. I didn't seem like your typical espresso kind of guy."

Shortly after that conversation, Landers fell two stories in a construction accident and ended up on life support. "I was holding his hand as he died and helped administer last rites with the Catholic priest and with Mike Doherty, another friend and SI classmate. Just before he passed away, I promised him that I would open that coffee shop."

Maguire made good on his promise. He and Doherty eventually leased property on Great Highway and Judah and, in 1993, opened Java Beach.

The location seemed ideal. The N-Judah stopped in front of the business, and Ocean Beach lay just across the Great Highway. "The place just felt right," said Maguire.

Open from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and offering everything from breakfast, lunch and dinner to a full bar and coffee and tea, the business became an instant hit. Some of the people who came in the first year are still regulars, and many friendships formed over a café latte or chai tea.

Java Beach also had a little match-making magic. Maguire estimates that 50 marriages can be credited to people meeting their future spouses at his café. "I'm always amazed when I see the children of Java Beach relationships running around."

Maguire wanted his business to emulate cafés in Europe, which also serve as community centers and a way station between work and home.

The eclectic crowd that gather at Java Beach includes surfers, construction workers, dog walkers, bike riders and SI students who go there every Friday when school lets out at 1:15 p.m.

Life looked good for Maguire. Then he started drinking again. "I fell into such



Elena Petralone and Mark Levay stand with Pat Maguire in the park he and his neighbors built across the street from Java Beach.

a dark pit. I knew I couldn't go on living this way. I asked God to either take me off this planet or change me. Later that day I saw a brochure advertising a treatment center run by an Italian nun in Medjugorje in the former Yugoslavia. What I didn't know at the time was that my younger brother, Stephen, during a pilgrimage there, had left a photograph of me on a cross at this holy place to pray for me."

Maguire asked his family to run his business while he spent 14 months as a laborer at the Campa Della Vita along with people from 15 different countries. In addition to sobriety, Maguire also found a new passion for Christ and a desire to live a spiritual life.

When he returned to the U.S., he joined a charismatic Catholic community and began praying every morning. This routine, coupled with his lifelong interest in martial arts and boxing, returned his life to a healthy rhythm, and good things followed. He married Buffy O'Boyle, and they now have two sons, Kevin, 3, and Conor, 6 months.

(Pat's family also includes siblings John Joe '82, Dan '87, Thomas '91, Stephen '92, Mary and Christy Ann as well

as 21 nieces and nephews, 12 of whom attend St. Gabriel's.)

Maguire eventually bought out his partner, and, with his wife as his new business partner, purchased the Java Beach building in 1998. He and Buffy moved upstairs, and they moved a few years later to a house just down the street.

*The last straw came when one of these [homeless] men attacked him with a machete right outside his business.*

"The business changed for the better with my wife as my partner," added Maguire. "I owe her so much."

With his life in order, Maguire turned his attention to his neighborhood, which was growing increasingly more dangerous as homeless men began appearing in increasing numbers. The last straw came when one of these men attacked him with a machete right outside his business.

"I later found out that the police were putting these men on the N-Judah and telling them to get off at the beach. They wanted the federal park police to deal with these guys."

The cops at Taraval Station, according to Maguire, weren't eager to respond to his complaints. "They all remembered me from my days as a troublemaker." Maguire approached Ron Dudum, an SI dad who had just lost a close election for district supervisor. He contacted Capt. Keith Sanford of the Taraval Station on Maguire's behalf and set up a meeting. "I told Capt. Sanford how all the neighbors felt vulnerable, and he promised to help us."

of neighbors came, along with Supervisor Fiona Ma and representatives from the Public Works and the Recreation and Parks Departments. City representatives also approached homeless men about drug and alcohol rehabilitation services. Even a school group from St. Gabriel's came to help.

the Mayor of the Great Highway and the Mayor of the Sunset. He attended meetings at City Hall, representing the concerns of his neighbors. He even opened up Java Beach for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at midnight — one of only two midnight AA gatherings in San Francisco.

*Suddenly, Maguire found himself as their leader. He earned the moniker the Mayor of the Great Highway and of the Sunset.*

The captain kept his word. "He spent the afternoon walking the neighborhood and saw all the trash that had accumulated and the men sleeping in the bushes across the street. He encouraged me to get the community involved because I couldn't do this on my own."

During the cleanup, Capt. Sanford suggested that a vacant lot be turned into a community garden. That idea became the second neighborhood effort. About 100 people came and, with the help of native plants donated by the city, they turned the lot into a beautiful garden.

Maguire also helps the homeless in his neighborhood. He employees men to keep the community garden clean, and he looks out for one old friend, a wheelchair-bound homeless man who has lived in the neighborhood for 17 years. "Before the cleanup began, Keith came to my business covered in blood when a group of men stabbed him seven times. He has finally recovered from the stabbing. When I look at him, I'm reminded of the story of the rich man and Lazarus, and I think about what I can do for him."

SI religious studies teacher and Java Beach neighbor Mike Shaughnessy '67 was among them. "He noted that for many of the neighbors, this was the first time they had spoken with one another," said Maguire. "These two events changed the consciousness of the neighborhood. I didn't stand alone anymore. People began calling the police about vandalism and seeing results. They came to neighborhood meetings and formed the Take Back the Neighborhood Coalition."

Maguire hopes that his new way of life also sets an example for his children. "They will grow up listening not only to what I say but also watching what I do. If they see me living a clean life, and they see how it affects the neighborhood, then they will learn an important lesson." ❖

The two men organized a neighborhood cleanup in 2004 and dozens

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*Maguire behind the counter at Java Beach. Thanks to him, the area around Judah and the Great Highway is far safer and cleaner than it was just a few years ago.*





Bert Selva (third from left) with some of the cast and crew of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. His company, Shea Homes, has built two houses for the show.

## BERT SELVA: BUILDING A HOME IN 96 HOURS

Not many builders can construct a 5,200-square foot home in 96 hours. Bert Selva '80 did it by assembling a construction team of 1,500 for the 2005 season opener of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* episode.

He built the house for a South Central Los Angeles family, whose mother, while sleeping, was shot and killed by a gang member's stray bullet.

The murdered woman's son, Johnny Garay, and his wife took in his five siblings, one of whom is autistic. Then, along with their own four young children, they moved all 11 family members into the only home they could afford, which needed major repairs.

"Before I even knew how we were going to get it done, I knew we had to build this family a new home," said Selva.

The president and CEO of Shea Homes, Selva used an expensive foundation mix that dries in two hours. "As soon as we could, we had 1,500 people running in and out from the different trades, most of whom donated their services and materials. It was a huge success and a far cry from the old house, which had one bathroom, holes in the walls and ceilings and mold everywhere."

After the show aired, eight of Sel-

va's top competitors called to ask him how he had pulled it off. "I'm proud that we inspired other builders to get involved. I also enjoyed that we were the first to tear down a home and build another rather than simply remodeling an existing home."

ABC called upon Selva's company once more for the 2005 season finale. This time, the home went to the family of Pfc. Lori Piestewa, 23, who, while driving with Jessica Lynch in Iraq, was killed in a firefight after her convoy took a wrong turn. Lynch was taken prisoner and became the subject of a massive rescue operation, while Piestewa became the first American woman to die in the Iraq war and the first Native American woman killed in combat in a foreign country.

Piestewa's parents — Hopi Indians living on a reservation in Arizona — were left to raise her two young children. With Lynch as part of the work crew, Selva and Shea Homes built a new home for the family near Flagstaff, complete with a tribute room to Lori to hold all the letters of support the family received.

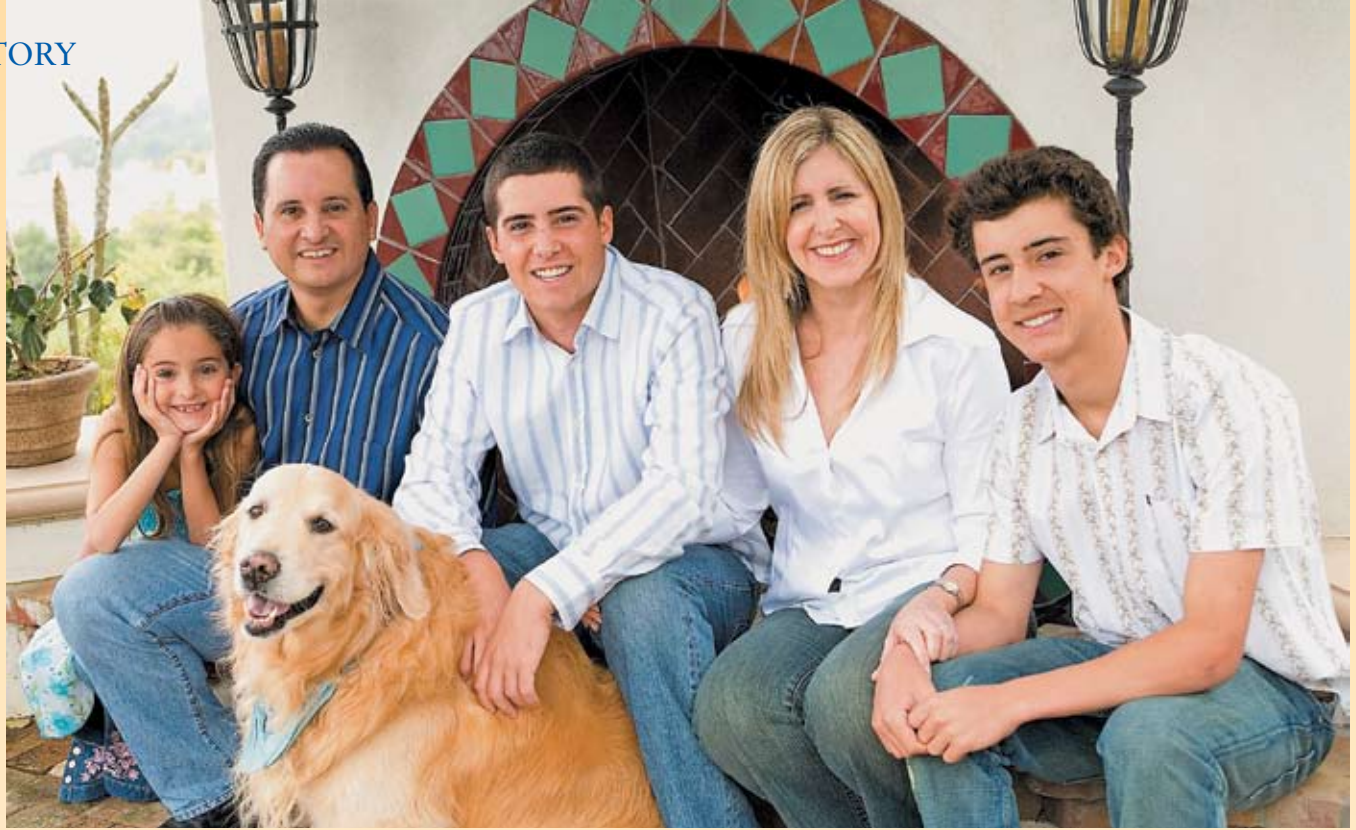
"It felt extremely gratifying to present the house keys to Lori's parents and children," said Selva. "Their daughter gave her life for our country. It was the least we could do."

Selva is no stranger to this kind of service work. A member of the National Advisory Board for HomeAid America, he has helped build houses for the homeless. He is also a National Vice President for the Muscular Dystrophy Association/Augie's Quest, an organization driven to find a cure for ALS, also known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease." (Selva's good friend Augie Nieto was recently diagnosed with ALS.)

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Last year, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the parent company of Shea Homes, the firm gave \$10,000 each to 125 individuals in a program modeled after the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Each of the company's eight divisions submitted candidates for these grants.

Those chosen included an advertising account executive for the company who, before her wedding, was diagnosed with brain cancer. "Her doctor told her to move her wedding date up, which she did. We provided for an elaborate honeymoon, and, unfortunately, she died shortly thereafter," said Selva.



Bert Selva and his wife, Cindie, and their children: Jordan, 19; Spencer, 17; and McCallister, 8.

Another wish went to a boy, 9, whose rare skin disorder required him to be covered entirely by gauze bandages, changed every other day by his mother in a four-hour process. The Wish Committee granted his family a trip to Disneyland with special accommodations so that they could enjoy their first vacation together.

Selva's business acumen and passion for serving others has earned him and his company many honors. He was named "CEO of the Year" by *Builder* and *Big Builder* magazines in May

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2006, and his company won the 2007 "Builder of the Year Award" from *Professional Builder* magazine. Two years prior, Shea Homes was named one of "America's Best Builders" by *Builder* magazine.

The son of Nicaraguan immigrants, Selva attended SI, as did his brothers Manuel '71, Jorge '86 and Will '90, a sports reporter for CNN's Headline News. "The Jesuits at SI had a huge influence on my life," he notes. "They taught me the value of serving

others and gave me a passion for life-long learning. True happiness is built on these twin foundations."

Selva became a star on SI's basketball team, playing for the city championship and making the All-City team. He went on to San Diego State University and received his degree from USC before working for a year in Asia. When he returned to Southern California, he signed on with Arthur Andersen as a business consultant and later received his MBA from UCLA. As part of that program, he wrote a thesis paper analyzing the business of a large Southern California area developer.

"That's when the real estate bug bit me," said Selva. "I saw all sides of the business and developed a passion for home building and community development."

He worked for Signature Homes in Orange County for five years, eventually becoming that firm's CFO, and then moved to Denver with his wife, Cindie, and their children to start a division of KB Home, and later a new division for Shea Homes. In Denver, he reconnected with his Jesuit roots when he joined the Board of Trustees at Regis University.

After running Shea's Colorado Division for 5 and a half years, he became the firm's president and CEO in 2002.

This new position took him back to Southern California to the company's headquarters in Walnut.

"I love every part of this business, from buying unimproved land all the way through handing house keys over to a family." He also loves working for Shea Homes, the largest privately-owned homebuilder in the U.S., whose parent company helped build the Hoover Dam and the Golden Gate Bridge. Last year the firm built more than 5,200 homes in California, Arizona, Washington and Colorado, grossing \$2.8 billion, making it the 13th largest builder in the nation.

"I've been blessed to work with a great group of people," said Selva. "Although this is a demanding job, it has provided me with incredible opportunities. I've met Gov. Schwarzenegger and Alan Greenspan and played golf with Tiger Woods at one of our communities."

Selva added that his company "does more than build homes. We believe in building great communities and enhancing lives, and this aligns perfectly with the Jesuit motto of creating 'men and women for others.' The best legacy I can leave for my children is to set a good example for them and show them that true success involves making a difference in people's lives." ❖

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AT NOPA'S TABLE

**Y**ou can almost imagine the three owners of Nopa, one of the city's hottest new restaurants, chanting in unison at the start of each day a one-word mantra that defines and drives their success: local.

The food and art are local. The customers are local. Even the owners are local, with two living up the street from the converted Divisadero Street bank. The third partner, Jeff Hanak '85, lives only 10 minutes away.

Hanak, together with chef Laurence Jossel and Allyson Woodman, have won high praise from *Bon Appetit*, *Gourmet* and *7x7sf.com*, which ranked Nopa (named for its location north of the Panhandle) as the city's "Best Newcomer Restaurant." Nopa even made the top-10 list for *Chronicle* writer Michael Bauer.

As a result, the restaurant is so busy that you need to book a table a month in advance. But that doesn't mean you have to wait to eat there, says Hanak.

"We always hold a third of our seats for walk-in customers," he notes. "And we have a long community table that seats 14 for neighbors to eat together. We want them to get to know people who live down the street. A restaurant should be a place that builds community."

Hanak found a strong community in all the restaurants for which he worked, starting in high school when he bussed tables. He later graduated from the hotel and restaurant program at San Francisco City College, but then decided to try another line of work. He received his accounting degree from Golden Gate University and tried living the buttoned-down corporate life for a year at Arthur Anderson until he realized one day driving to work that he just wasn't happy.

"Here I was, back in 1991, going to Oakland and glancing at the classified ads for an entry-level job as a cook," said Hanak. "I missed the restaurant business too much. The people are so dynamic and

the energy of the business so intense. Your work touches many people, and you learn about numerous cultures through food and wine."

*"We have a long community table for neighbors to eat together. We want them to get to know people who live down the street."*

Hanak jumped at the chance to work as an assistant manager for a friend's restaurant. Since then, he has made a name for himself in the local restaurant scene, first at Chow (in San Francisco and Lafayette) and then at Park Chow.

But running three restaurants in disparate locations wasn't what he wanted to do. Hanak sold his shares, and, in April 2006, he and his new partners opened Nopa.

"We wanted to run a restaurant in an up-and-coming neighborhood, and the Western Addition fit the bill. When



*Jeff Hanak, a partner in Nopa on Divisadero, believes a restaurant should be a place where neighbors can meet each other. His table for 14 in the front of his restaurant is one place where that can happen.*

we walked into this 1920s bank, with its high ceilings and old vault (where we now store our wine), it just felt right.”

His goal, he added, “was to open an affordable restaurant for the locals offering urban-rustic food raised using sustainable methods. We wanted to create an inner-city late-night atmosphere here, so we keep the restaurant open until 1 a.m. seven nights a week.”

The restaurant offers an almond-wood-fired rotisserie and oven, with nearly all the food coming from local farms and ranches. “We want local organic food, not vegetables flown in from thousands of miles away. Our food comes from where we live.”

*Hanak is even more pleased that many in the SI community have also frequented Nopa.*

Even the art is local. Brian Barnecllo, who lives in the neighborhood, painted a mural that depicts the history of Divisadero Street and shows edifices old and new, including the Church of John Coltrane just down the block.

Hanak and his partners don't advertise the “local food” angle among their customers. “It works for us as a business model. When customers ask, we'll tell them, but we don't make a big deal out of it.”

Still, word has gotten around. Michael Pollan, author of *The Botany of Desire* and *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, has eaten at Nopa. So has celebrity chef Jacques Pépin as well as many of the city's politicians, lawyers and fellow restaurateurs, who come to Nopa after their own restaurants close for the night.

But Hanak is even more pleased that many in the SI community have also frequented Nopa, including his friends Jim Canales '84 and John Corey '85 and former principal Mario Prietto, S.J. Hanak even works with SI grad Ben Brandin '96, who serves as Nopa's bartender.

“That's the reason we opened,” said Hanak. “To serve the community. And what could be better than to do this in the epicenter of the food industry right here in the heart of San Francisco?” ❖

## JAY BECHTEL HELPS GOOGLE GROW INTO NEW QUARTERS

Google encourages its employees to think outside the box. Jay Bechtel '77 has the job of building those boxes.

One of nine real estate and construction project managers for the company, Bechtel finds new sites for the company's 10,000 employees worldwide by buying or leasing existing buildings in Silicon Valley, Australia, China and South Korea. (Bechtel's counterparts do the same in Japan, India and Europe.)

Bechtel works with contractors, engineers and architects to get the structures ready for business, making sure they have all the cables, furniture and security they need to help the brightest minds on the Internet create innovative software and improve Google's already ubiquitous search engine.



A San Francisco native, Bechtel attended Our Lady of Mercy and played shortstop at SI before attending SCU, where he earned his bachelor's degree in economics.

He worked as a salesman for Xerox and then sold commercial real estate for CPS before working for Cisco Systems, helping that company expand.

In 2005, he signed on with Google, where he found a company legendary in the industry.

Take for example all the presidential candidates who have made the pilgrimage to the company's Mountain View campus to be grilled in town-hall-like meetings. Both Sen. John McCain

and Sen. John Edwards answered questions from a thousand employees ranging from the war in Iraq to the economy.

Other visitors — President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Clinton, Colin Powell, Gov. Bill Richardson, Maria Shriver, Katie Couric, Tom Brokaw and Vice President Al Gore, for example — have come to meet with the company's founders while an internal video network broadcasts those chats to employees.

Then there are the goodies. Google gives its employees free snacks, breakfast, lunch and dinner at dozens of on-site restaurants and micro-kitchens.

Employees also enjoy a wellness center with a physician and full gym. For a small fee, workers can hire an on-site personal trainer or masseuse, have their car-washed or oil changed in the parking lot, drop off their dry cleaning, get a haircut or do their laundry.

While they are waiting for their laundry, they can go outside and play beach volleyball, take a dip in the lap pool or play table tennis or billiards. Google even offers a pit filled with plastic balls. “The engineers go crazy in there sometimes,” says Bechtel, who also praises the company's TGIF parties, movie nights and Christmas party at San Francisco's Pier 48.

In addition to competitive salaries, Google offers its employees \$5,000 toward the purchase of a Prius, performance bonuses, stock options and \$1,000 at Christmas.

Google founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page know that happy employees, and ones who don't have to leave to run personal errands, are productive employees.

That productivity has its innovative side, too. The company requires its engineers to spend 20 percent of their time doing something other than their



normal work assignments. This has led to Google Earth, Gmail and Google Maps as well as word processing and spreadsheet applications that are available at no cost through the firm's website. "Our motto is never to be complacent," says Bechtel.

The company's founders model this corporate freedom. You might see Brin on rollerblades carrying his lunch tray or playing beach volleyball with his employees or you may walk past one of their latest acquisitions decorating the grounds, such as a Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton or a spaceship built by Microsoft's Paul Allen.

*Jay Bechtel rides atop one of the many scooters available throughout the Google campus for employees to use to travel among the buildings.*

*Bechtel praised Google's commitment to sustainability. Much of the food the company buys is locally produced and organic.*

For all its quirkiness, the company hasn't lost sight of its primary goal. "Our job is to organize the world's information," says Bechtel. "That may take hundreds of years, but we're committed to doing it."

He also praised the company's commitment to sustainability. Much of the food the company buys is locally produced and organic. Google recently installed solar panels on seven buildings and is installing a fuel cell in another building. All the carpets are made from recycled materials, and the lights are energy efficient.

Working from his Shoreline office, Bechtel has a challenging job setting up buildings in Asia and dealing with people outside the company. "My challenge is to assemble a team of people that includes a real estate broker, project manager, contractor and architect. As hard as it is to build in China, I was able to assemble a fantastic team there, and the project came off great."

Bechtel adds that he loves his job "because it offers me a diverse sets of challenges. I love seeing a project through from start to finish. It isn't done until I deliver the keys to the occupants." ❖

# AMY PHELPS BRINGS EASTERN MEDICINE &

Amy Phelps '97 gives neck rubs to giraffes. She also provides them with body massages, acupuncture and homeopathic treatment.

No. This isn't a set-up for a David Letterman comedy riff. Phelps uses these techniques on her giraffes at the Oakland Zoo because, in short, they work.

These innovative treatment methods earned her the Jean M. Hromadka Excellence in Zookeeping Award from the American Association of Zookeepers last September, as well as the respect of her colleagues at the annual gathering in Chicago.

"They did give me a little flak for the homeopathy," she said.

Phelps's has been fascinated with giraffes ever since she was a little girl visiting the San Francisco Zoo with her parents, Steve and Sue Phelps, and her brother, Chris.

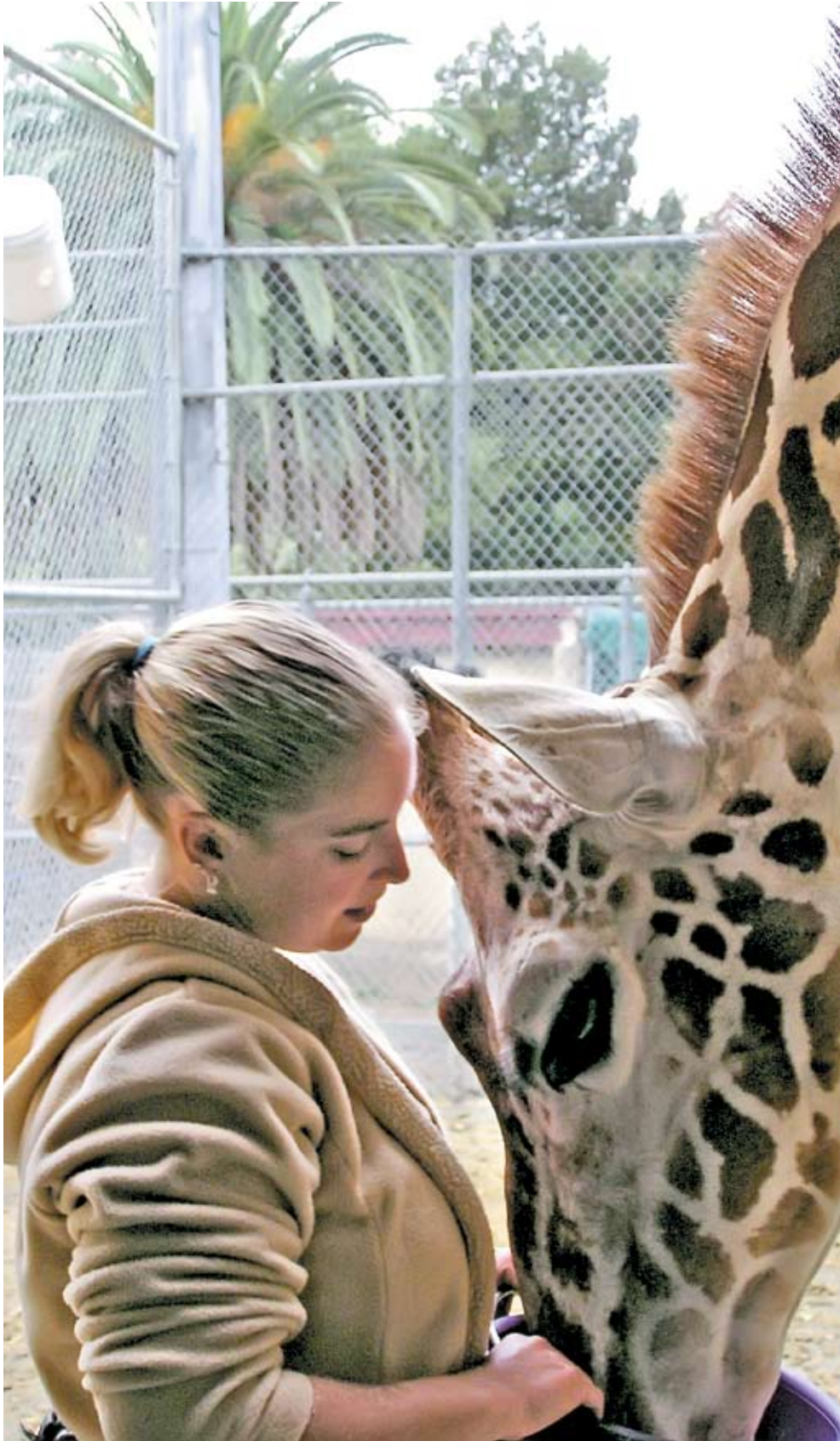
(Steve, by the way, left SI two years after a long career as teacher, coach and administrator, and now works next door to Amy as president of Bishop O'Dowd High School.)

As a child, Phelps volunteered at the Children's Zoo in San Francisco, but spent her share of time with the giraffes and their keeper, Ron Amiot, who is an old family friend.

Occasionally after classes at St. Gabriel's and SI, she would walk to the zoo and hang out with Amiot, helping to care for the giraffes.

"These animals are misunderstood," said Phelps. "For many years, people thought of them as large wild horses. They are difficult to work with and require tremendous patience. Some people think they are neurotic or stupid or impossible to train, but these perceptions just aren't true. I enjoy working with giraffes, in part, because I like proving people wrong."

Phelps added that she "grew up wanting Amiot's job. Now we work together on projects. I sent two giraffe calves born in Oakland to San Francisco. I feel privileged to work with him as an equal."



*Amy Phelps and Benghazi. She uses TTouch to help her giraffes at the Oakland Zoo release their fear.*



# NECK RUBS TO GIRAFFES AT OAKLAND ZOO

After SI, Phelps attended Rutgers University and Cal State East Bay. While studying in Hayward, she started working at the Oakland Zoo in a variety of jobs. She recently was promoted to primary keeper of the African Veldt exhibit and its eight giraffes, three common elands, two addra gazelles and a variety of birds.

A few of Phelps's giraffes are getting on in age, including Tiki, who suffers from painful arthritis.

Phelps had heard of an innovative treatment for horses called TTouch, short for Tellington Touch, in which trainers rub the animals to help relax them and to offer positive reinforcement.

"The goal is have the animal release all its fear and to create a working relationship with the keeper that is positive and trusting," said Phelps. "TTouch uses bodywork to increase the animal's body awareness and to promote a positive, trusting relationship between animal and trainer."

It isn't the same as massage, Phelps stresses, as the trainer gently moves the skin over the giraffe's muscle in a circular movement using a variety of hand positions and pressures."

Phelps began using TTouch with the giraffes knowing that "in general, they don't like to be touched. As prey, they feel threatened when something touches them. And they aren't socially tactile. They don't groom each other as some animals do."

To prepare a giraffe for TTouch, Phelps first touches it gently with a stick and then with her hands. "The entire time, we reward it with food for standing still and remaining calm. Once we can stroke the giraffe, we can begin using TTouch."

Phelps is aware just how dangerous it can be working with such a large animal. She often works atop a ladder or stool standing behind a barrier. "We're careful to avoid situations where trampling might occur."

She has little to worry about. "The giraffes like the TTouch method. You can

see them relax, take a deep breath, lower their heads and lean into the touch. Their muscles loosen and they start breathing in rhythm to the massage."

This kind of contact makes it easier for zookeepers to perform routine medical treatment, such as administering ultrasounds, trimming hooves, applying topical medication, cleaning wounds or examining ears and eyes.

Phelps's success with TTouch led her to invite holistic veterinarian and acupuncturist Dr. Jenny Taylor, and homeopath Beth Murray to treat Tiki's arthritis. She also asked Elizabeth Fulton, who practices an ancient Japanese energy therapy called reiki, to treat Tiki and the other giraffes.

"Some of the drugs Tiki takes can damage her kidney, liver and rumen, and she might die from that treatment. By using acupuncture, reiki and homeopathic medicine, we can manage her pain without these side effects. Since we switched to these treatments, she hasn't needed the medication and hasn't been lame a single day."

Phelps believes that holistic treatment complements western practices. "We have an excellent vet at the zoo who does wonders with traditional treatment."

Phelps has shared these techniques with colleagues at other zoos through articles she has published in professional journals and through one-on-one consultation. She has trained keepers at the Santa Barbara Zoo, the Great Plains Zoo, the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo and the Vienna Zoo.

She also trains interns and apprentices at the Oakland Zoo in a program that she and one colleague revamped and now run. This summer they are working with 35 interns who have a college-level curriculum that includes reading and coursework

Phelps sees some irony in her work. "Giraffes are so quiet, and I admire their regal silence. But I like to talk a lot. They have helped to teach me to step back, relax and appreciate what I have. They are



patient, never in a hurry and incredibly intuitive. They know what you're going to do before you do it. I feel calm when I'm around them. My whole body takes a deep breath and nothing matters. All I want to do when I am with them is to make them happy. That's my goal every day."

Phelps isn't the only one delighted by these animals. Children love to interact with giraffes, feeding them and watching their 20-inch black tongues lassoing branches of leaves.

*"The goal is to have the animal release all its fear and to create a working relationship with the keeper that is positive and trusting."*

"I love bringing children to meet them up close. Six months ago, one 8-year-old boy came to us through the Make-a-Wish program. He was dying of leukemia, and for his last wish he asked to feed a giraffe. He put bread on his head and let Tiki eat it from there. It was as if Tiki knew the boy needed her to be calm and cooperative. She came over and ate 20 treats while the boy laughed hysterically the entire time. Tiki smelled and nuzzled him and made his day."

If you are interested in volunteering at the Oakland Zoo or in helping it improve the giraffe barn, contact Phelps at amyk@oaklandzoo.org ❖

*Tiki and Kipande live at the Oakland Zoo. Amy Phelps was able to relieve Tiki's arthritis through holistic medicine.*

## Education for

## THE DISCOVERY OF VOCATION

BY MICK MCCARTHY, S.J. '82

“Brother Polycarp says I have a vocation.”  
 “Holy farmer above, what nonsense is this?”

“I thought you’d be pleased if I was to be a brother.”

“And what about the shop? ... I don’t understand you, Jim. You’re not *cosmos mentis* at all...”

The boy waited at the door. His thin face had the look of being wedged in the jar. “Look, Da, if I’m not to be a brother, what am I to be?”

“You’re to follow me in the shop of course. There’s your vocation. To learn to be a better shop-keeper.”

*“I must therefore confess that I have no grand plan. If I ever did, I assure you it was frustrated and short-lived.” — Fr. Mick McCarthy*

It surprised what the boy said then. It surprised the way he said it.

“Well it may so be a vocation isn’t like that. It may so be a vocation is like a friend you might make. You don’t choose a friend. A friend would come to you. And you don’t turn him out, no matter what others would say. You’re only too thankful if you found him.”

— Jamie O’Neill, *At Swim, Two Boys* (New York: Scribner, 2001), 124-5.

At Santa Clara University in the last few years, we have been urging our students to ask how their Jesuit education not only prepares them for careers but also helps them discover their vocations. Let me be clear that “career” and “vocation” are not mutually exclusive terms. “Vocation,” though, suggests a quality of discernment and reflection on the mystery of our lives before God that “career” fails to capture. Furthermore, I argue that one measure of distinction of Jesuit institutions such as SI or SCU, is that they give privilege, some-

times courageously, to questions of vocation over issues of career.

In the process of Santa Clara’s DISCOVER program, I myself have often been asked: “How did you discover your vocation to be a Jesuit and a university professor?” This question, which so many people (especially students) pose usually sends me into an anxious cringe. Since the day 24 years ago when, as a recent SI grad and Stanford frosh, I announced that I was leaving college to enter the So-



ciety of Jesus, I have faced a constant line of interrogators — sometimes suspicious, sometimes sanctimonious, always curious — on the subject of “vocation.”

Never once have I felt any sense of mastery when speaking about “vocation”: There is something elusive, something mysterious and indeterminate about that word. I sympathize, frankly, with the boy in the novel quoted above. Language of “vocation” simply has no place in the practical world of his father, the Dublin shopkeeper. To him the boy speaks “nonsense,” to him the boy is *non cosmos mentis [sic]*. And so he calls his son back to the horizon that he himself knows and controls: “You’re to follow me in the shop

of course. There’s your vocation.”

The boy, however, intuits that he and his father are living in different thought-worlds. To the boy there is something narrow, confining, even crushing about the horizon of his father; his face has the look of being “wedged in the jar.” Life, for Da, makes sense on account of its familiar and determined patterns of success. What I like best about this passage is the way the boy handles his father. His answer comes from a place he himself hardly controls or determines. What he says *surprises* him; indeed, even the way he says it *surprises* him. Perhaps, he suggests, “a vocation isn’t like that....”

Whenever I myself have addressed peoples’ curiosity, I have usually felt “wedged in” by a common presumption: that my vocation comprises some sort of grand plan, which I clearly recognized or conceived long ago and which at every turn I consciously seek to fulfill, point by point. I must therefore confess that I have no grand plan. If I ever did, I assure you it was frustrated and short-lived. Moreover, I admit that I now harbor a healthy suspicion against grand plans, because the best things in my life have surprised me.

I do recognize in my life, however, a rich and remarkably coherent history of desire and attraction. I do discern a succession of discoveries in persons and events I had neither imagined nor looked for. This mysterious history gives form to the vocation that has led me here.

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I was born with the name (certainly) and the temperament (perhaps) of an Irish politician. As the youngest in a family of six kids growing up in San Francisco, I quickly determined that the path of civic responsibility was the natural destiny of someone whose immigrant grandfather was a City beat cop and whose father taught English at City College. At some point while at SI, though, the horizons started to expand. I found myself immersed in a community that stressed to me the importance of being a “Man for Others” and of thinking about

models of excellence that challenged the more conventional wisdom. In a way, you could say that I was thoroughly minted by the rhetoric in currency during the last 30 years at Jesuit high schools and universities.

In another way, however, I truly believe that such language only helped me access and discover what, at a far more profound and mysterious level, I so desired: a life marked by an emerging pattern of warmth, generosity, large-heartedness, compassion, friendship, intelligence, service and outgoing love — a love that would even include an element of free self-offering and sacrifice. I have not exactly lived such a life. And while, frankly, I shrink to expose such pious desires knowing full well how poorly I live them and how notorious are the tragic failures of others who have similarly espoused them, still I find considerable peace and joy at the promise of daily re-committing myself. For me, this commitment is irreducibly tied to the person of Christ, in whose self-donation I find my most constant source of inspiration and the most complete revelation of God: “Here is my body ... for you. Here is my blood, poured out for you.”

*“It may so be a vocation is like a friend you might make. You don’t choose a friend. A friend would come to you. And you don’t turn him out, no matter what others would say. You’re only too thankful if you found him.”*

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**S**o I never became that Irish politician but, instead, a priest. For nearly a quarter of a century now, I have spent the vast majority of my working hours poring over classical texts and teaching about the ancient search for wisdom, for goodness, for God. Why? Simply, it gives me great joy. There was never any grand plan here, but early on I stumbled (literally, as I remember) into the office of someone who initiated me into the mysteries of the Greek language. At first I was simply attracted by its exotic alphabet. Through that alphabet, though, I eventually discovered Homer, whose vision of human life is so complex, so fresh and so bold that it arrested me. Its poi-

gnant beauty arrested me. Achilles, in his own way, still moves me to be a “contemplative in action” as much as Ignatius of Loyola does.

When I was given the opportunity to study classics for four years in Europe, it was not something I had asked for. At first I demurred because (as many a 22-year old will likely tell you) it seemed a waste of time. Over the course of those weekly tutorials discussing works of immense human beauty with my Oxford don, though, I came gradually to discover that, on some level, for the sake of my soul, I had to attend to the life of the mind, as pretentious as that sometimes sounds. Finally, through the example of Dr. Parker — exact, critical, engaging, kind — I came to see the intellectual life as a vocation of its own, one which required a certain contemplative space and leisure, true discipline and deepening humility. It was the humility of my tutor — he the Wykeham Professor of Ancient History at Oxford! — that especially moved me to imagine the academic life as an occasion of generosity and joy.

Through a mysterious confluence of interests and desires, I ended up going into Patristics, the study of early Christian theology. Besides teaching at SCU, I study St. Augustine, that massively influential and maddening and complex and controversial 5th century bishop of North Africa. I confess that I was first attracted to Augustine because I discovered his Latin to be so very beautiful, but this seduction was only the initial movement in what has been a far more powerful and enduring draw.

Augustine, like all early Christian writers, was trying desperately to make some sense out of his life, to find some order in his world. He had to discover his own way, given a diversity of cultural resources and his love both of the classical and the Christian traditions, situated as he was within multiple political, social and ideological tensions and set in a position of ecclesial power and pastoral responsibility, possessed of intense, often conflicting desires, and committed to Christ. His discovery came through blazing imperfections and mistakes. His way,

he confesses, was that of a conspicuously “restless heart.” And (I confess) I return to him because, for all the complex differences and similarities between his life and mine, between his world and ours, he provides a rich reflexive framework or mirror in which I can see myself as someone also longing and discerning for a beauty “ever ancient, ever new.” I believe that, on some level, each of us is engaged in some such process.

I love to think and write and talk about these things. I love to do so in various spheres and with differing degrees of complexity and specialization, both personal and academic, secular and religious. I love being a priest and feel profound gratitude for everything the Society of Jesus has given me, and most especially the gift of companionship. I feel a certain joy when I am around people

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who take seriously what many traditions call the “contemplative life” and who are deeply concerned to live justly. I believe that, at their best, Jesuit schools such as SI comprise such communities, where we are pushed to live and think within wider horizons, where human flourishing does not simply defer to the nearest available definition of success, but is modeled on the unique dispositions of Jesus, after whom St. Ignatius of Loyola named his Society. In such a context we may discover vocations that surprise us, derail us, make us re-consider our conceptions of excellence and happiness, and lead us finally to a joy we wouldn’t otherwise have imagined if our sights had been narrowly set on a career path.

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# BUILDING COMMUNITY AT SI

Communities form for all sorts of reasons. High school friends get together for lunch once a month. Work buddies go fishing on weekends. Backyard gardeners get together to talk about green tips.

But pain and suffering? Cancer,

homelessness and poverty?

At SI, these issues have galvanized students and formed communities that have come together to support healing and service.

Here are stories of those at SI who have raised money to support poor students in Mexico, assembled care pack-

ages for homeless children in San Francisco and even donated their hair to make wigs for pediatric cancer patients.

These teachers and students have listened to Christ's call to love through service, and their work has given them a new family, right here at SI.

## DONATING HAIR TO CANCER PATIENTS

Hairstylist Kathleen Silvestri took 10 inches off freshman Erin Murphy's hair, as part of the Social Justice Club's donation to Locks of Love.



When two teachers and more than 50 students decided to cut their hair and donate their locks to cancer patients, the *San Francisco Chronicle* sent reporter Kavita Mishra to cover the May 24 event.

She was so moved by watching the girls give up their hair that she sat down and offered 10 inches of her own for the cause.

Others were equally moved and also donated their hair on the spot, including counselor Jenna Boswell and several students.

SI's Cancer Awareness Group sent the collected strands to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for children who suffered hair loss after chemotherapy.

The club, which has raised more than \$2,000 since its inception, had its beginnings two years ago when one senior, who had lost her mother to cancer, approached counselor Amy Jones with the idea of starting a support group.

Last year's group of 10 students met regularly for grief-counseling sessions and took part in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk.

"Every two weeks, we would gather in my office, and there would be many tears," said Jones, whose own two grandmothers were breast cancer survivors.

Last August, the group swelled to 70 members. "I was surprised by how many of our kids have family or friends who



are affected by cancer,” added Jones. “It’s powerful to look at a room of 70 girls and know that every one of them has someone in her life with cancer.”

In fact, one out of three people in the U.S. will suffer from cancer in his or her lifetime, according to Dr. Robert Goldsby, a pediatric oncologist at UCSF who was on hand for the May 24 event.

The group began the school year by coming out in force for the Susan G. Komen walk, where it was the second largest school group at the event.

Students in the Cancer Awareness Group then decided to work to support victims of pediatric cancer. They raised \$1,000 through bake sales to help a child born with neuroblastoma, and they sent another \$500 to UCSF in honor of two children currently battling cancer.

They also took part in a “C is for

Cookie” discussion on cancer, which included talks by SI mom and Genentech researcher Gail Schwall, whose husband died of cancer, and Dr. Kate Matthay, chief of pediatric oncology at UCSF.

In November they learned that Norma Osgood, the sister of Bob Drucker ’88 and the mother of Donna Murphy, SI’s assistant principal for student affairs, had gliosarcoma, a rare form of brain cancer, which she succumbed to in early January.

“To support Donna, each student created a page that told about her own story of dealing with a loved one with cancer,” said Jones. “Donna later told me that she found solace and strength when she read about the struggles to survive.”

To honor Norma, Donna and her daughters decided to donate their hair

to Locks of Love. “I told Donna that I would do it, too, and she brought this idea to the club,” said Jones.

About 60 students eventually had their hair cut, some before the May 24 event and a dozen on that day, with volunteer stylists from Ask Artistic Destination, Cinta Salon, Partners for Hair and Studio Redz working at a bank of salon mirrors provided by Gary Brickley ’71.

Volunteer stylists included Liz Tabakis, Cari Olocco, Robin Ratzlaff, Christine Silvaroli, Robert Contreras, Karen McDonald, Kathleen Silvestri, Adriana Santana and Harper Cohen.

*Sophomore Camille Bermudez was one of 40 students and faculty who donated their hair to help pediatric cancer patients.*

*“I’m so proud of these girls, who, from the start of the year, have shown tremendous maturity and sensitivity.” — Amy Jones, counselor*

As the girls sat down to have 8 to 10 inches cut from their coiffures, other members of the club gathered behind them to cheer them on.

“This wasn’t an easy decision for these girls to make,” said Jones. “In high school, appearances are everything. Through this process, they came to realize that if it’s hard to cut your hair, it is far worse to lose your hair from cancer. I’m so proud of these girls, who, from the start of the year, have shown tremendous maturity and sensitivity.”

The group, Jones noted, is open to boys as well as girls, though no boys have joined thus far. “They may be intimidated at the prospect of joining a group of 70 girls, but it has more to do with how boys process grief. In general, adolescent boys grieve internally and silently while adolescent girls do so more externally. One coping mechanism for girls is talking about their experience. Girls tend to be more comfortable than boys at sharing and showing their feelings.”

Both Jones and Murphy hope to continue this tradition, and many club members have already committed to growing their hair long to be able to donate to next year’s event. ❖

## IN HONOR OF MY MOTHER, NORMA

BY DONNA MURPHY

Asst. Principal for Student Affairs

**I** come from a place of gratitude. It's been just five months since I lost my beautiful mother to a rare brain cancer, yet I am struck by the grace, struggle, sadness and love that I have experienced these last 11 months.

I decided to cut my hair for Locks of Love in the early summer of 2006 even before knowing of my mother's impending illness. I had always wanted to do this.



*Donna Murphy and her mother, Norma Osgood, who died from a rare form of cancer in January.*

Ironically, a month later, my mom, Norma Drucker Osgood, was diagnosed with brain cancer. She was only 69. We both found ourselves on an intense and difficult journey that had moments of complete desperation, facing a cancer we could not control, and moments of sheer joy when we stared into each other's eyes and spoke of our deep love.

Back in September, on a cold, foggy, windy San Francisco day at UCSF, I met my mom for one of her 23 radiation treatments. As I wheeled her back to her car, I realized that I needed to do something more. I needed to bring this back to SI.

My mom had perspective, even battling the cancer. During her 6-month illness, she often spoke of the children just down the hall. Norma felt she had lived a full life, almost all of it in excellent

health. She knew the children were enduring the same treatments she was, and this knowledge gave her the strength never to complain. And she never did. She took on her illness with poise and courage.

My mom told me that when she was diagnosed, she felt she had accomplished what she was meant to do in her lifetime — raise seven children with love, integrity and strength.

She had no regrets. When I took the Locks of Love idea to the SI Cancer Awareness Group, I was met with enthusiasm by moderator Amy Jones and with empathy and energy by the students.

These amazing young ladies embraced the idea, and it grew from there. When I cut my hair, I felt a variety of emotions that included a physical sorrow over missing my mom so much.

But I also felt a sense of purpose that I was doing something to help the self-esteem of children suffering from hair loss.

I also felt compassion for those who are suffering and fighting cancer in order to hold close to life.

At the hair cutting celebration, these young ladies found purpose in their unselfish act of generosity and kindness. It is a big deal to cut off your hair. This is an example of the powerful work a community can accomplish with a shared goal and purpose.

I am touched by the human spirit that has been extended to me and to this effort. I am proud to know everyone involved, including my daughters, Dria '06 and Julia, who cut their hair in solidarity with me in memory of their Gigi.

Norma Drucker Osgood would be proud of all these girls who cut their hair, for these ladies are an example of her vitality and affection for life.

I thank the SI community for holding me up in a time of great sadness. This is a remarkable place to work. Even though I miss my mom terribly, I come from a place of gratitude for the love, blessings and hope given to me by the SI family. ❖

## WISHING HOMELESS CHILDREN A GOOD NIGHT

**H**omeless children, 200 of them, are sleeping easier thanks to 20 SI students in the Social Justice Club who assembled bags of blankets, stuffed animals and books this past semester.

The bags went to children at Homeless Prenatal, Tenderloin Child-care Center and Walden House through Project Night Night, a San Francisco-based organization that will distribute 20,000 bags in 30 states by the end of this year.

Some children at homeless shelters suffer from learning disabilities and about a fifth end up repeating a grade due to absence from school, according to Veronica Bricker, who moderates SI's Social Justice Club.

Kendra Stitt Robins, a former attorney living in the city, founded Project Night Night in 2005 to help homeless children sleep better. "A good night's rest is critical for the healthy development of children," she notes. "Children who sleep poorly at night often suffer the ill effects of inadequate sleep such as decreases in performance, concentration, learning and health."

Nearly two-thirds of children in homeless shelters, she adds, have no books at all, and she hopes the donated books "provide them with a stepping stone toward literacy, skill-building and a love of learning."

Robins launched the program after looking for an organization to donate clothes and toys her son had outgrown. She approached La Casa de las Madres, a shelter for battered women. "I thought of women running from abusive spouses in the middle of the night and arriving at shelters with nothing for their children. The shelter was eager for my items, and I saw they needed much more."



The Social Justice Club filled 200 bags with blankets and books for homeless children.

Robins approached her friends and family for donations and then expanded to Starbucks, which put up collection boxes. In her first year, the group distributed 1,200 bags. Last year, that figure skyrocketed to 15,000.

“The kids from SI were tremendously easy to work with and saw the project through from start to finish,” said Robins. “SI did such a good job. I know that a lot of love went into those bags.”

Students at SI first heard about this program when freshman Julia Anaya proposed the idea to the underclassmen in the Social Justice Club. Sophomores Lauren Goralski and Molly Meehan signed on to lead the project.

“The upperclassmen were collecting money for AIDS orphans in Tanzania to help Mary Ahlbach’s Tanzi Project,” said Meehan. “The freshmen and sophomores wanted to have their own project and to do something tangible beyond raising money.”

Still, the group had to raise \$600

to pay for the bags. They partnered with Jamba Juice for a fundraiser at SI on April 25, and raised more than they needed. “We were surprised how many kids gave us \$5 for a \$4.50 smoothie and told us to keep the change,” said Goralski. “Students could relate to this project because it was local and aimed at helping kids.”

Classes, clubs and teams also took it upon themselves to fill bags or raise money. “Students on their own also came up to us and asked for a bag or two,” said Meehan.

Students also filled the bags with extra items, such as toothbrushes, coloring books and pajamas. “I put a little pillow in one bag,” said Goralski. “And I was impressed by how many people were willing to part with a treasured stuffed animal or take time out of their day to donate money. Behind each animal or book, they had a story that they wanted to share.”

The girls praised Bricker, who washed all the donated blankets at her

home. “She turned her classroom into a staging area for all the Project Night bags,” added Meehan.

Both girls say they are new to social justice but are now hooked on helping others. “I realized how powerful a small group can be,” said Meehan. “A few people can make a change by supporting a cause. I was amazed by how much we were able to donate.”

*“I was impressed by how many people were willing to part with a treasured stuffed animal.”*

*— Lauren Goralski '09*

Goralski learned “the importance of the Ignatian values we’ve been taught at SI, because we can apply them everywhere. I saw how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.”

Bricker added that she was grateful for all the “teachers, classes, teams, staff, counselors and parents who participated. We were able to fill 200 bags thanks to their great generosity.” ❖

## SWIMMING LAPS SENDS MAYAN KIDS TO SCHOOL

**F**or a Mayan child growing up in Mexico's Yucatan Province, high school is a distant dream. Most children end up working in *maquiladoras*, sweatshops producing trinkets for the tourist trade.

Thanks to \$10,000 raised by the SI girls' swim team over the past two years, 20 of those children are now attending high school and a summer program run by USF where they are learning English and job skills as well as taking class in art and playing sports.

The 32 girls on the team gathered sponsors for a swim-a-thon last year and this past spring break to help Project Yucatan, founded by Dr. Joan Avis, who directs the counseling psychology program at USF.

The SI girls swam 200 laps at the Herbst Natatorium to raise funds. "The kids at SI are literally changing lives by giving their counterparts in Mexico opportunities similar to the ones they have here," said swim coach Amy Jones.

(Both the girls' swimming varsity and JV teams, incidentally, went undefeated in regular season play and took first in the WCAL. See page 48 for story.)

The girls became involved in Project Yucatan through Jones, who was one of Dr. Avis's graduate students in 2004, the same year Jones also ran the sports programs for the Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco.

"When Dr. Avis told me about her idea," said Jones, "I offered to help. I'm interested in empowering youth through athletics, and this seemed perfect for me."

Since then, Jones has traveled to Mexico four times in three years, along with Allison Silvestri '96, to assist with Project Yucatan. The two recently helped to open an Internet café so that the students and the community could have on-



*The girls' swim team, pictured here in a meet against Mitty, raised money by swimming laps to help poor children in the Yucatan afford a high school education.*

line access and become computer literate.

"When these kids graduate from high school, they will be the first in their community to go to college," said Jones. "If we can change the labor market in these Mayan communities, it will force the *maquiladoras* to pay fair wages."

These students live in a tourist destination known as the Mayan Riviera. "But the Mayan people are poor and marginalized," said Jones. "They are treated as second-class citizens. If they are lucky, they will find jobs in the resorts. They need their kids to do this, too, working 15-hour days for 50 cents. We teach problem-solving skills to these students so they can deal with their parents who don't know how valuable an education can be. For many families the short term reward of having money each week seems too important to pass up even when it means sacrificing longer term financial stability and upward movement. These families are worried about where their next meal is coming from, not what kind of job their son or daughter can have in five years."

Project Yucatan, which also teaches students how to fill out resumes and apply for jobs, has had tremendous success. Two of the 20 students have received the highest honors in their high school class and have represented their school at a national conference in Merida.

In addition to raising money, the girls on the swim team have sent letters to the 20 students in the program. "Those students, in turn, made a 'thank-you video' for the SI girls that

featured some hilarious dancing and clowning around."

Jones, a native of San Francisco, earned her degree in psychology from Duke University, where she received the Duke University William J. Griffith University Service Award. After Duke, she moved back to San Francisco and taught fourth grade at San Francisco Day School and coached swimming at Lick Wilmerding High School.

She then moved to San Diego where she enrolled in a graduate program in clinical psychology, but left when she realized that she wanted to serve as a counselor, not as a researcher.

She took a break to work at Club Med in Ixtapa and Cancun teaching waterskiing, wake boarding and other sports. "That's where I fell in love with the Mexican people, food and culture," she notes.

Jones returned to San Francisco and started working as a counselor and swimming coach at SI in 2006.

"My job at SI connects everything I've done. Here I have the opportunity to work as a coach and counselor and to work for social justice in the summer. Growing up in San Francisco, I learned the importance of giving back to one's community. Students here, despite all their academic and athletic commitments, still manage to do service work not because they have to but because they understand the value of helping people. They do it without being asked because they get pleasure from helping others. That's why I love working at SI." ❖



# Class of 2007 Honored at 148th Commencement

**VALEDICTORIAN:**

The Valedictorian is chosen from among those seniors who have distinguished themselves by genuine academic achievements as well as by participation in the co-curricular and campus ministry activities of both school and community. He or she must have a distinguished academic record of at least a 3.75 GPA, be able to speak clearly to a large audience, and have the support and respect of the graduating class.

Mary "Mimi" P. Smith

**SALUTATORIAN:**

The Salutatorian is selected as one who embodies the spirit and values of the graduating class and who manifests the Christian values of the school with a marked concern for his or her fellow students. The Salutatorian addresses the S.I. Student Body at the Awards Convocation.

Joseph W. Tursi & Elizabeth K. Reiser

**LOYALTY AWARD:**

This award honors extraordinary dedication to the entire school, conspicuous service, and dedication to the stated values and goals of St. Ignatius.

William J. Vanderbilt

**GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARD:**

This special award is conferred upon a senior who is distinguished by scholarship, excellence in conduct, and outstanding devotion to the school through participation in both curricular and co-curricular student affairs.

Rebecca H. Martinez

**THE IGNATIAN AWARD:**

This is the highest award our school offers. It is conferred upon a graduating senior who has consistently put the welfare of students above his or her own interests. This award winner is chosen from among his or her fellow classmates for generous service on their behalf, dedication to the Gospel message, and devotion to the Christian ideals enunciated by the patron of our school, St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Kelly M. Conley

**THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD:**

The President's Award shall be conferred upon persons who have distinguished themselves in the service of the greater community.

Robert K. Drucker '58 & Rev. Anthony P. Sauer, S.J.

**National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists**

- Elizabeth C. Adler
- Drew A. Lawson
- Elizabeth G. Palazzolo

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- Genevieve M. McGuire
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- Madeleine D. Moore
- Gina M. Perlite
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- Christopher P. Scott
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 Kerry Moffitt Grady  
 Thomas Jess Kilgore

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 Brendan Thomas Byrne  
 Alex Vance Trembath

FR. HARRY CARLIN, S.J. AWARD  
 Andrew Robert Hooker  
 Benjamin S. Lo  
 Madeleine Driscoll Moore  
 Heather Zhu-Wai Mui  
 Sarah Jane O'Leary

CHORUS AWARD  
 Michelle Lauren Arguelles

CLASSICAL & MODERN  
 LANGUAGES AWARDS  
 Japanese: Kelly Marie Conley  
 Latin: Elizabeth Grace Palazzolo  
 Spanish: Andrea Balcar Dillon  
 French: Christopher David  
 Johnson

DANCE AWARD  
 Madison Rosario Kelleher

ENGLISH AWARD GENERAL  
 EXCELLENCE  
 Calvin Thomas Trembath

ENGLISH WRITING AWARD  
 Gina Michele Perlite

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 Francesca Elizabeth Giuliani

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Class of 2008: Christina Fowler  
 Class of 2009: Marian Manapsal  
 Class of 2010: Julia Anaya

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 OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL  
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 Catherine Teitz  
 INSIGNIS AWARD  
 Patrick John McDonnell  
 Monica Kristin Ow

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 Hubert Francis Lamela

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 The Ignatian:  
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 Mary Patricia Smith  
 Inside St:  
 Ella Nicole Irwin Christoph  
 William James Vanderbilt

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 Giuliana Maria Stella Blasi

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 AWARD  
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 Kevin Joseph Hahn  
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 Matthew William Manteuffel  
 Natalie Stefanie Monterrosa  
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 SECONDARY EDUCATION  
 ASSOCIATION AWARD  
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 Jeffrey Michael Monticelli  
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SERVICE AWARD  
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 THEATRE ARTS  
 William James Vanderbilt

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 Jesse Connor Kay-Rugen

VISUAL ARTS AWARD  
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 FINE ARTS  
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 Kelsey Victoria Maher  
 Certificate Awards  
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 Dance: Nicole Marie Radovich  
 Drama: Clancy James McCartney  
 Music: Carmen Siu Hom Lam

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 Blasi  
 Language:  
 French – Jacqueline Angela  
 Mancini

Japanese – Kristina Virginia So  
 Latin – Andrew Robert Hooker  
 Spanish – Sherry Sze-Wing Chak  
 Religious Studies:  
 Andrew Richard Manuel Dudum  
 Social Science: Christopher  
 Brendan Blohm

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# Valedictorian Mimi Smith Offers Life Lessons to Classmates

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BY MARY "MIMI" P. SMITH '07

Time's up! Pencils down. ¶ Our academic lives can be characterized as a series of tests. Tests of memorization, clarity and dedication. Tests with names like A-C-T, A-P and, everyone's favorite, S-A-T, an alphabet soup of anxiety and angst. Now the time is up, leaving the importance of these tests eroded by the passing of months and the understanding of what truly counts.

Nevertheless, each one of us graduating today has passed these tests. We have the report cards, the college acceptances and, very soon, the diplomas to prove it. But how does our education mean more than just these paper results?

Saint Ignatius College Prep has challenged us with the most difficult types of tests. Tests of competence, zeal and discernment. Tests of conscience, resolve and faith. These are the tests that eternalize the past four years. These tests demand that the meaning of this education — of our education — must be lived.

We are students educated in the Jesuit tradition. This means one thing: Our tests are not over. As we search out new challenges and immerse ourselves in unfamiliar environments, it becomes our responsibility to keep this education alive.

In a matter of months, the 338 members of this class will be scattered across the country, saturated with stimulating subject matter and surrounded by inspiring professors and classmates. Realize the abundant talent and peerless perspective that we take with us. Recognize that the source of this greatness is our education.

A Jesuit education is a sustainable resource that we will continually develop, tap and share with the world. Saint Ignatius once wrote, "Love ought to manifest itself more by deeds than by



words." As students, we have learned the words, memorized the material, and we will excel in college classrooms. But as Jesuit students, as men and women with and for others, we have learned and are called to teach so much more. The next four years will undoubtedly present seemingly impossible tasks that challenge who we are and what we believe.

How will we respond to life's toughest questions? How will we fare on the tests of our futures?

As before any other exam, we will refine and review exactly what we have been taught. As we overcome adversities and accumulate achievements, we will discern that we are more than simply "prepared." The past four years have provided every student before me with a personal study guide that ensures unimaginable success. Trust this education. I invite each of us to embark on the tests of the future with the assurance that we already possess the answer keys — or, what I like to call, the "life lessons of SI."

**LIFE LESSON NUMBER ONE: BELIEVE THAT WE CAN POSITIVELY TRANSFORM THE WORLD.**

Catapulting our caps towards the sky, we surrender the refuge of this safe

community. We enter a world engulfed in violence, riddled with insecurity and awash in intolerance. Challenge yourself and others to find glimmers of goodness and believe in the potential for positive change. There will be times of dark despair when it will be difficult to believe in a brighter future, but we must.

Following a painful death at the hands of injustice and hatred, the risen Jesus, in this moment of prodigious joy, advised doubtful Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not yet seen and believe." Believe that our world can overflow with equality, peace and justice. Act — just as so many of you have — to make this vision a reality. As a class, we have addressed many of the problems of our generation, and we graduate unhesitatingly prepared for the challenges of the future.

Our social justice activists — Andrea, Becky, Katherine, Maya — will quell unrest and feed hungry mouths on a global scale. We will join them in believing that we can make war, genocide, malnutrition and violence distant nightmares relegated to the past. We will make ourselves the

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generation for whom, as Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed, those words are "removed from the dictionaries" and "no longer meaningful." Instead, "equality," "justice," and "compassion" will reverberate through the world from the mouths and through the actions of our classmates.

The 64 alumni of our immersion programs have already immeasurably improved countless lives. These Ignatians will continue to heal the wounds of environmental devastation and severe poverty as leaders wherever life takes them. Believe that we can turn back the clock to rehabilitate the environment, breathe hope into our inner cities and barren countryside and treat all parts of God's world and its inhabitants with the respect



and care that we have been taught.

Our local, state and national governments cry out for optimistic and proactive leaders like Ben, Madeleine and Ramzi. From their examples, we will adopt new roles and demonstrate the effectiveness of audacious leadership.

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Believe that America can break free from a static political state and elect its first Latino, female, or African-American president — just maybe, the nation will elect one of us.

In times of great uncertainty such as those we face today, Robert F. Kennedy declared: “It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”

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providing the knowledge and inciting the mission to send forth our own tiny ripples of hope. We will surge. Life lesson number one: Believe that we can positively transform the world.

#### **LIFE LESSON NUMBER TWO: EXCEL IN ALL OUR ENDEAVORS.**

“True happiness is the full use of your powers along the lines of excellence in a life affording scope,” JFK once proclaimed. This class’s potential for greatness is remarkable. I do not hesitate to demand that each one of us never settle for mediocrity. The world craves people like those before me: individuals with ever expanding knowledge, limitless determination and a tangible passion for the outcomes of this excellence in all areas of society.

Within the decade, Jessica and Lawrence will command the stages of Broadway. The voices of Andrew, Rocco and Michelle will boom through jam-packed concert halls. Guiliana, Chris, Katie and Jen will electrify audiences in dance venues across the country. TK, Kerry, Chris and Miles will light up scoreboards and lead their teams to victory. Will and Ella will be present, pen and notebook in hand, interviewing, investigating and reporting, to make their newspapers come alive. Claire, Julie and Monica will preserve these memorable moments between the bindings of a yearbook. Liz Adler will find the cure for AIDs. Kelly will revolutionize economic theory, and Ryan will be by her side, expertly solving abysmal mathematical functions. Liz Palazzolo will invent her own language. Wait — hasn’t she already accomplished that?

We will charge into the future and validate the unparalleled potency of an SI education: our undying drive for excellence. Just as we have here, we will succeed in a wide arena of academics and illuminate our communities with brilliant talents. SI set the bar high for us, and now we must elevate it for people across the planet while holding ourselves to the same standard. Together, we will satisfy the world’s craving for excellence and infuse humanity with happiness. Life lesson number two: Excel in all our endeavors.

#### **LIFE LESSON NUMBER THREE: LOVE. IT IS AS SIMPLE AS THAT. JUST LOVE.**

For direction in this lesson, there is no better example than our Rabbi. When asked by an incredulous Pharisee, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is greatest?” Jesus answered, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” An SI education exemplifies Jesus’ teachings by uniting the hearts and minds of its students. For His greater glory, we must keep the message alive in our world by continuing to learn and by beginning to teach. Like Jesus, our most basic and foundational lesson will be the commandment to love.

Marina, Kevin and Andy will carve out communities as loving our Kairos retreats by disseminating the gifts of God’s friendship in their colleges and beyond. Julian and Melissa and will strut down city streets and vogue on corners to express their love for high fashion. When new neighbors need unquestioning support and intense love, they will seek out Christopher, Lauren, Sarah and Cal. The mere presence of Geoff, Libby and Joe will infect those around them with laughter and fill hearts with rapture. And, of course, the dedicated members of SI crew will demonstrate to others how to love self-inflicted torture!

When faced with those “tough questions,” live by the lessons of Jesus, St. Ignatius and each amazing individual — from parent to teacher to coach — who formed our last four years. Teach these lessons to new neighbors with a spirit of compassion, justice and — most importantly — love.

Love the unpredictability of a blossoming friendship with that painfully shy classmate buried in her books. Love the miserably freezing temperature of an actual winter as a Nor’easter gales through. Love the midnight whispers from your homesick roommate. Love the bright red “C minus” bleeding from your first paper. And always remember the insight of Richard Bach: “Fail at love, and other



tests don't matter." Life lesson number three: Love.

Irish poet William Butler Yeats once wrote, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." A unique fire blazes within each one of us as a result of our Jesuit education. We are benefactors of a commitment to *cura personalis* and the development of the whole person.

Our parents illuminated our spirits by pushing us through the most daunting challenges and never allowing us to fail. With constant advice and unwavering confidence, our teachers fueled us through early morning paper editing sessions and late-night AP cramming. Our coaches ignited our competitive drive by showing incredible patience until we mastered that game-winning play. Our friends brightened even the darkest of days, providing an irresistible incentive to crawl out of bed rather than shielding the sun with our bed sheets. Surrounding us today, we find all the "teachers" who have lit our fires. It is nearly impossible to sufficiently thank them, but in this moment let us give it a try.

For four years, we have ripened our talents and shared our gifts with a community that fueled our passions and protected the fire at the core of our persons. But the winds of the world wait just outside these doors. The oil of high school is nearly spent.

How will we keep the flame burning brightly? Believe. Excel. And love.

These are the life lessons to live by: the lessons SI has taught us and the lessons we are called to teach to the world. Fuel the fire lit by Jesus more than 2,000 years ago, the same fire raging in the classrooms of SI and in the hearts of its graduates.

I challenge each of us to shine brightly, love warmly and answer the eternal call of St. Ignatius to "Go set the world aflame!" By doing so, we will lead by example. We will light a fire. Indeed, we will teach.

So, class of 2007, finals are over, grades are completed, and diplomas are sealed. We have passed this test with red and blue flying colors. We will enjoy the

liberation from the bell schedule, burn our polos in a ceremonial bonfire and cherish in our collective memories all we must leave behind. Yet as we separate from this loving community, a distinct commitment endures. Our work is not over. A new test is scheduled in our futures.

Approach it with the curiosity of a student and the wisdom of a teacher. It is the test to live what we have learned, to

teach through actions of hope and justice and to love life with a fiery passion. This is the ultimate test. The time begins now.

I thank every teacher in the past four years of our lives. I congratulate each one of you, my classmates. And I conclude with Gandhi's guiding words:

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

Thank you and congratulations. ❖



**SPRING CHORAL CONCERT**

*Janet Sablinsky directed the Spring Choral Concert in May, featuring performances by the Mixed Chorus, Chamber Singers, Handbell Choir and the Combined Chorus. The show ended with a medley of songs from West Side Story and Jersey Boys.*



**CLASS OF 2007 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON**

*Comedian and local personality Bob Sarlatte, along with members of the Alumni Board, welcomed the members of the Class of 2007 into the Alumni Association at an end-of-the-year luncheon in May following the Awards Assembly. From left are Tim Nevin '90, Tim Cecchin '93, Andrea Callan Porter '93, Jeff Columbini '79, Mark Hazelwood '80, Bob Sarlatte '68, John Barbieri '80, Marielle Murphy '93, Dr. Erich Habelt '75 and Dan Linehan '83.*

# President's Award for Former President Tony Sauer, S.J.

*Below is the text of the President's Award citation received by Fr. Sauer at the June graduation.*

BY PAUL TOTAH, GENESIS EDITOR

Fr. Anthony P. Sauer, S.J., in his 27 years as president, bestowed the President's Award on 30 men and women. Today, finally, we turn the tables on him.

In searching for the right lens to view this man, we first look to Fr. Harry Carlin, S.J., who earned the moniker "the father of the modern SI" after moving the school to the Sunset District.

If Fr. Carlin is the founding father — the George Washington of the school — then Fr. Sauer is Thomas Jefferson.

Jefferson defined our nascent nation through the Declaration of Independence and redefined our borders through the Louisiana Purchase. He was a Renaissance man with an encyclopedic knowledge and an unwavering commitment to education.

*He managed to combine a precise professionalism with a "hey, babes" attitude, laid-back and detail-oriented all at once.*

Just as Jefferson shaped the United States, Fr. Sauer did the same for SI in the wake of Vatican II and the social upheavals of the 1960s. He took our school into uncharted territory when we went coeducational in the 1980s. He launched the endowment and capital campaigns of Genesis III, IV and V and helped change SI from a strong Bay Area school into a national powerhouse in every area — academics, fine arts, athletics, ministry and service.

Born to Dr. Kearney and Rita Sauer, Tony attended Loyola High School of Los Angeles and Santa Clara University, where he was required to take ROTC despite his lack of interest in drills or parades. At graduation, he received a second lieutenant's commission and served in South Korea at the Demilitarized Zone, 2,000 me-



*Fr. Sauer will return to SI in the fall to teach English.*

ters from North Korea, where he found himself staring eyeball to eyeball with the North Koreans. "I had more power at 21 than I've ever had since," he says of those days. "That's why I don't take myself too seriously."

After the Army, he taught at Loyola High before joining the Society of Jesus. His Jesuit studies took him to LMU, St. Louis University and USC. He came to SI for the first time as a scholastic in 1965 on a day when tanks were driving up and down Stanyan Street to prevent race riots.

At SI, students found him a breath of fresh air. He taught modern poetry, such as Allen Ginsberg's *Howl*, much to the chagrin of a few parents and faculty, and he staged a debate between Class of '67 members Mike Shaughnessy and Tom Schaefer regarding which poet was greater: Bob Dylan or Dylan Thomas. "Tony Sauer was one of the few teachers who challenged me to think and not just do rote memory," adds Shaughnessy. "He is one of my personal heroes."

Tony was also the master of multitasking, serving in his third year as the school's only counselor, the admissions director and the person in charge of scheduling classes.

He left for theology studies in 1968 and, after ordination in 1971, returned to find the faculty and administration divided over what kind of school SI would be — one that upheld the old Church traditions or one that responded to the radical vision of Vatican II. He was one of the few people respected by both sides, and he helped ease the transition for many. He worked as campus minister and taught English and history before leaving in 1974 to serve as rector and president of Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix. He returned to SI in 1979 as the school's 25<sup>th</sup> president.

In his first few years in office, Tony celebrated the school's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a young Mayor Feinstein and, along with Fr. Carlin, paid off the school's debt. He and Principal Mario Prietto, S.J., traveled to the nation's capital to meet President Reagan in 1984 when SI was honored as one of the top 60 prep schools in the nation.

Three years later, he prayed long and hard over whether or not to make SI a coeducational school, and he, along with the faculty and staff, worked to make SI more than just a boys' school that accepted girls, but a school for all.

He guaranteed that SI would always

keep its promise that all students, regardless of finances, could afford an SI education. He launched endowment campaigns that, today, provide annually \$1.35 million to 20 percent of the student body. Under his stewardship, the school added a pool, a second gymnasium and theatre, and refurbished classrooms, laboratories and library with the state-of-the-art improvements.

Tony's work bore much fruit. Student success on AP scores ranked SI among the top 20 schools in the country, and the school took its first national championship in 1997 with a crew victory in Cincinnati, a precursor to SI's first international championship last summer at the Henley Royal Regatta.

Tony encouraged the growth of the community service program and the Kairos senior retreats. No area of the school escaped his attention. If he saw a need, he would whip out his pocket notebook, write it down and take action. He also added the personal touch, sending hundreds of notes and letters each year in his inscrutable handwriting to students, teachers, parents and friends.

SI's teachers are his biggest fans, according to his close friend Bobby Gavin, because he paid them a just wage and helped them afford housing in San Francisco through a new endowment fund. When Principal Charlie Dullea instituted the five-to-four plan, Tony gave him his full backing.

He did all this while still managing to teach an English class, where his students found themselves in the hands of a master, one who valued intellectual rigor and the classics as much as a bad pun or a witty aside. He managed to do the impossible time and time again, with almost all of his students passing the AP English Literature test.

This is where you will find Tony's legacy — in the thousands of students he has taught. They are powerful writers and critical readers thanks to him. He has opened minds, moved hearts and brought souls to the God he serves and the God he loves.

And he made it all look easy. He managed to combine precise profession-

alism with a “hey, babes” attitude, laid-back and detail-oriented all at once. Perhaps that's why so many of you consider him among your best friends. You know just how approachable he is. Knock on his door or call him, and he will drop everything to focus on you and help you as much as he possibly can.

He served so well not just because he was president; in the fashion of Jefferson, he never stopped learning, passing time in his car by listening to lectures on Dante, Milton, Byzantium and Rome.

But there's an ironic twist to Tony. For all his gregariousness, he finds himself most at home in the solitude of nature, just as Keats did when he wrote, “Yet the sweet converse of an innocent mind, whose words are images of thoughts refined, is my soul's pleasure.” Tony, however, finds little time for forest glens as he is first and foremost a priest, ministering to the needs of the SI community, visiting the sick, helping families grieve at funerals, celebrating baptisms or marriages, or offering advice to a teen wondering about the future.

Two years ago, 7,000 people came to celebrate the school's sesquicentennial. Tony will deny this, but they were really there to celebrate his long reign as presi-

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dent of SI and all that he accomplished in helping the school grow. They cheered him not because of his accomplishments but because they genuinely and profoundly love him.

Today, we celebrate him once again, for this transplant from Southern California has become the heart and soul of SI. He has eschewed titles such as “President Emeritus” but takes joy in his new assignment as teacher, the fulfillment of his priestly vocation. We envy his future students, and we welcome him back home.

We only have one request: Never leave us again. Together with you, as your license plate proclaims: We Are SI, and we are better for it. ❖



*Eleven students and four faculty went to New Orleans in March for a conference on racism and poverty at Loyola University, sponsored by the Ignatian Solidarity Network. They worked on a playground in the lower Ninth Ward, restoring a site that had served as a traditional meeting-place for neighborhood families after Hurricane Katrina devastated the region. Those who attended included Tom O'Malley, Michael Kolhede, Gabe Buck, Karla Ruiz, Lucy Gonzalez, Nathan Baker, Andrew Durdum, Victoria Gomez, Libby Paulsen, Monica Joe and Ebony Dortch, accompanied by faculty members Shannon Vanderpol, Michael Shaughnessey, Matt Balano and Roselva Tunstal. In all, 500 students from 35 Jesuit high schools and universities took part in the Teach-In.*

Bob Drucker & family. Bob received the Presidents' Award at the June graduation. Below is the text of the citation.



## Bob Drucker First Alumnus to Receive President's Award

If SI artist Boris Koodrin '67 ever chooses to expand his first-floor school mural to include the pantheon of 20<sup>th</sup> century Ignatians, you can bet that he will add a wizard to the wall.

Robert Kevin Drucker '58, the Wizard of Westlake, who engendered the jungle rivalry with Serra and who merited a story from *USA Today* when he retired from coaching, has earned yet another

*"I am a much better person today for having played for Bob Drucker."*  
— Chris Moscone '80

distinction after 42 years as teacher, coach and counselor: He is the first Wildcat in school history to receive the President's Award, traditionally granted to a person who did not attend SI.

Father President Robert T. Walsh, S.J., decided to break tradition with this award given the honoree — a man who has the respect and admiration of thousands of Ignatians whose lives he has touched in his remarkable 42-year career.

Born to Joseph and Olga Drucker and raised in St. Anne's Parish, Bob fell in love with basketball in 1947 after attending a sports camp at the Mission Armory. He won a shooting contest, received a trophy and had his picture in the paper. That first taste of glory hooked Bob on the game.

At SI, he played basketball and baseball and served as student body treasurer and sports editor for *Inside SI*. He did not shine in the classroom, however. "I struggled academically," he admits. "If I didn't like the teacher, I didn't care about the

class. That's why I identify with the kids and their academic struggles."

He did find inspirational mentors in Ed Malatesta, S.J., then a young scholastic, and in J.B. Murphy; later, after a stint with U.S. Army, he studied at USF with Fr. John McGloin, S.J., who inspired in him a desire to teach history.

In 1965 Bob joined the faculty at SI and met Kathy Griffin. They married a year later and reared four wonderful children — Katie (SI's director of special events), Molly (Mercy '87), Joe '90 and Chrissy '93, a member of SI's first coed class.

In Bob's 20 years as head coach for the boys' basketball program, his teams won 394 games and lost 150. He won a league championship in his first year in the WCAL and seven more after that, including two CCS titles and, in 1984, one Nor-Cal crown, earning him a trip to the state championship.

His players succeeded because Bob prepared them for each game by stressing the fundamentals. Former SI Athletic Director Leo LaRocca '53 noted that Bob would "day by day, break down the opponent's offense and defense, so that by game day, his players were ready."

Kerwin Allen '78 recalls that he "can't recall playing in a game where our opponents did something that we were not prepared for."

Rob Ennis '82 notes that "many of us were able to play beyond our ability because of him. When I started coaching at Burlingame High School, I took my example from him, not my college coach."

Frank Byrne '81, adds that "in my

two years playing for him, we had many games that came down to the wire. We were confident we could win each of these games because of his leadership."

Jeff Thilgen '81 puts it this way: "Bob Drucker is simply the best high school coach I've ever had. Every time we stepped onto the court, we had an immediate advantage because he was our coach."

His players also knew that if they messed up on the fundamentals, they would hear about it. Chris Moscone '80 recalls one game at SI where he took, and made, a risky shot. "Even as the ball left my hands, I knew I had blown it. At the next whistle, I didn't even have to look. I knew I was coming out of the game."

Drucker was known for his passion during practice and on game day. After one bad call by a referee, Bob slammed his hand down so hard it broke the gold watch his father had given him. He sometimes flung his clipboard up into the rafters. Once he threw it to the ground so hard that it bounced back and broke his glasses. On another occasion, he vaulted over the scorer's table to confront an egregious referee after a game. Clearly, Bob took the game seriously.

Paul Fortier '82, now the assistant men's basketball coach at the University of Washington, once felt the wrath of Bob after missing the bus to St. Francis with two other starters. "We drove to Mountain View and met our team as they came off the bus. Coach Drucker just walked right past us and didn't say a word. He didn't start us, and we lost the game. That's the kind of man Bob Drucker is: one who doesn't cave in to excuses. Now,

as a coach, I stress the fundamentals — like being on time for the bus — just as he did.”

All of these men, and all of those who played for Bob over the years, would probably echo Chris Moscone’s words: “I am a much better person today for having played for Bob Drucker.”

At the height of his success, Bob retired from coaching at the age of 46 and dedicated himself to teaching and counseling. “I love how creative basketball is. Some people paint, but for me, X’s and O’s are an art form. But drawing plays on cocktail napkins while taking my wife out to dinner was not the way to win her heart. The game consumed me.”

But Bob’s love for basketball couldn’t keep him off the court for long. In 1994, he returned to help Shel Zatkan with the varsity girls’ basketball program. A bypass sidelined him, but he returned when Jim Dekker ’68 sought his help in 2001. “I immediately went after Bob to assist me. He was instrumental in our championship season, and I saw firsthand what made him a great coach. He paid attention to details and always told me that while games are fun, the real coaching is done at practice. He often told his players, ‘Sure, you want to win, but are you prepared to win?’”

Over the years, Bob proved just as much a gifted teacher and counselor as a coach. Phyllis Molinelli, the 2005 President’s Award recipient, calls Bob a natural counselor. “Sometimes, our department would have long and sometimes fiery discussions about a critical case or coming event. Bob would quietly listen and then sum up the situation in two sentences. Because he sees through the filter of common sense, he would know just what to do. He was the voice of reason and a grounding force in our department.”

In 2003, Bob left counseling to return to the classroom full time. “I wanted to end my career the way I started it,” said Bob. “My first love has always been teaching.”

Everyone at SI will attest to Bob’s gifts as a teacher, including Fr. Sauer, who came to SI in 1965 along with Bob, and who notes that “Bob was a splendid

teacher from day one, not only because he was intellectually curious and wanted to do a perfect pedagogical job, but above all because he loved the kids he taught.”

For his many years of service, Bob has been honored by the San Francisco and Daly City Prep Halls of Fame and by SI, which named the court in the new gym for him in 1997.

The highest honors, however, come from Bob’s peers. Chuck Murphy ’61, who also came to SI the same year as Bob, notes that “faculty members are hired based on their ability to serve the community in academics, in co-curriculars and in the spiritual life of the school. For the past 42 years, Bob Drucker has been a model to all in the SI family as he has excelled in each of these areas. He is a person who understands Ignatian values and lives them on a daily basis.”

Fr. Mario Prietto, S.J., calls Bob and Kathy “the ideal Catholic couple. They live the Ignatian values of faith and service to an extraordinary degree.”

Fr. Walsh has this to add: “Bob is not only a role model as a teacher, coach and counselor — one who has changed countless lives for the better — but also a model Catholic, a faith-filled man who finds great strength in the Eucharist both in his parish community and here at SI each day before the start of school. He is a man of faith, of prayer and of God.”

True to form, Bob has still to master the art of retiring. He will help SI in the days to come, mentoring and evaluating young coaches. They, like all of his players, students and counselees, will benefit from this Wizard of Westlake. They will see that his magic resides in his honesty and passion, in his keen insight and common sense, and in his dedication to the fundamentals that teach us to be on time for the bus, to pass the ball to a teammate, to know when to walk off the court and when to walk back on. These, ultimately, are the fundamental values that show us all how to live, how to prosper and how to love.

Bob Drucker — teacher, coach, counselor — you have taught us well. God bless you and your family. You are always SI, and we are forever grateful. ❖

## Three Words to Honor & Recall Bob Drucker

BY PATRICK SCHNEIDER '79

*Patrick Schneider delivered this talk at a tribute dinner for Bob Drucker attended by many of his former basketball players. He teaches religion and math at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, where he has served as head varsity basketball coach for 16 years.*

### Old Times

Last Saturday night, my wife and I attended the 150th anniversary celebration for St. Clare School, which our daughter, Rachel, attends. In helping prepare the night, my wife was given a video dating to school life in the 1920s. The film depicted the boys playing tackle football on the hard top, the girls playing hardball and an elaborate game of cops and robbers on the rooftop and

*“He was a fiery and generous winner and loser. He made the WCAL a fun and challenging place to play.”*

— Chris Lorenc

bell tower of the convent — with the boys staring down the bad guys with guns they had no doubt brought from home.

When he invited me to speak here tonight, Shel Zatkan asked me to frame my comments within the lens of my role on Bob’s sole losing team and also of my current work as coach. I am honored to share my recollections of Bob Drucker (or at least the ones that can be shared in public), to present a scene in the movie of Bob’s coaching career. At the same time, I am hesitant because I want so much to give honor to a team remembered so little and understood even less; I want even more to present a coach’s view of Bob that will do justice to the sentiments of the number of great coaches Bob has spawned.

Players from the 1960s and 1970s joined Bob Drucker for a tribute dinner in May.



And so, three words for tonight: Losses, Lessons, and Laughter.

## Losses

My brother, Brendan, in honor of Bob's retirement, is drafting an all-Drucker team. Certainly, no one from the class of '79 will be on it, and, truthfully, perhaps few of us would have made Bob's best teams.

Bob was wise enough not to try to squeeze blood from a turnip. He didn't have to. We gladly spilled our blood for our teammates, for Bob and for SI. We certainly hope that the seniors on the WCAL champion class of '78 appreciate the battle we gave every minute of practice. That was our championship, too. Likewise, we hope the class that followed us, who also played for the league title, recognized the sacrifice it took for us to take a lesser role in our senior season and to do so without rancor.

Our losing season was sandwiched by greatness; this is well known. What gets missed is how our season was drowned in a world of loss, a school of loss and a team of loss. In our senior year, U.S. citizens were held hostage in Iran, an event that so clearly foreshadowed our world today. The massacre in Jonestown shocked the world and especially the Bay Area, home to so many victims. The SI community grieved with Italian teacher Mrs. Rocca, whose young son was killed crossing Portola Avenue. And even before playing a game, our team stood in silent, solemn reverence as a teammate's father, a city's mayor, was carried from St. Mary's Cathedral in a coffin.

In this context of loss, our sole league win was celebrated greater than many CCS crowns because we had conquered so much more than a depleted opponent. More significant than a fleeting victory,

the lessons of loss prepared me as much as possible for other losses in my life: My close high school friend Renato Bermudez was killed in the Alaska Airlines crash far too young; my best friend in college was killed in a hiking accident; and three days shy of his third birthday, our oldest son, Michael, was diagnosed with autism and retardation. Truly, my senior year served a greater purpose. As Leo LaRocca said earlier tonight, "There is a reason for everything." If high school sports don't prepare us for loss, what good are they?

## Lessons

I have been blessed by wonderful mentor-coaches, especially Bob and my father, a Hall of Fame coach at Tamalpais High School. Other coaches in this room can also point to Bob's mentoring, including Pat Mulligan, Eliot Smith, Mike Thomas, Shel Zatkin and countless others.

I have taken so many things from Bob. He taught me to post depth charts on the game-day chalkboard; to use the expertise of assistants, especially regarding personnel decisions and difficulties; to stress the importance of getting open and the necessity of constant wing entry drills; to finish strong and fast in the famous 3-3 full-court scramble; to have a plan for both practices and games; and to set limits on players so that they could play freely. "Take your shot," was advice found on the chalkboard in a 1978 year-book photo.

Still, I wish I had learned several lessons better than I had, especially to concentrate more on your team than your opponent. Bob always taught us that if you can't execute half-court offense, you will lose. He reminded us that the managers are the most important people in the gym and that every coach needs someone like

Doc Jeffrey. While it takes a great person to garner such loyalty (no offense, Bob), it takes an even greater one to give it.

Bob knew the importance of taking an off-season and that the 1-3-1 zone traps work better with someone like Brian Sampson (a.k.a. the "Human Ladder").

I am fortunate to work with Chris Lorenc, who played for Bob Galliard both at Jesuit High and USF. Chris coached Bellarmine in the 1980s and faced Bob often. I think there is no greater praise for a coach than what comes from an opponent. Chris wrote this about Bob:

*"It is a delight to be a colleague of Bob's and to have coached against him. He elevated coaching with his intelligence, wit, passion and perspective. I always felt his genuine friendship and respect, and I've continued to look up to him as a model educator. In our games against each other, whether he won (which is what usually happened) or lost, I always felt his sincere care and friendship, not only for his own players, but also for me as an opposing coach and for my players. He was a fiery and generous winner and loser. He had such respect for the game. He elevated the league and game. He made the WCAL a fun and challenging place to play.*

*I think teachers often teach most by their personality, by their passion and eccentricities. I can hardly imagine someone who has done that with more flair and success than Bob. It was a joy to be in the same arena with him, and I wish him and his family every continued blessing.*

What do future coaches say about Bob? Well, my son Noah, 2, was badgering my wife tonight about where I was. She told him I was at a dinner in honor of Coach Drucker. "Who dat Coach \*ucker?" Let's just say Noah struggles with diphthongs, which brings us to ...

## Laughter

Everyone speaks of Bob's humor, but few can define his brand of humor. Bob has the wit of prophets, and he uses that wit to level kings and elevate paupers. I never had any king-like playing moments, but I have been the pauper plenty of times.

In January 1992, I stood on the sideline at SI's McCullough Gymnasium preparing to coach my first WCAL game. I thought I was hiding my panic well. Bob came by my bench, prior to ascending into the bleachers, to remind me that basketball boiled down to "ten guys in the dead of winter wearing short pants and tank tops." We all know that it was so much more. Bob made it so.

## Movie of Memories

What would my movie be if SI in the 1970s could be captured like St. Clare in the 1920s?

We would be in the locker room at Kezar. Bob would have received the chalk from Doc Jeffrey's chalk-tube, and on the board would be the depth chart, the keys and some simple advice. The JV's would wait in the hallway, ready to clap our backs as we took the floor.

Our room would be filled with energy and excitement, anticipation and anxiety, while outside we would clearly hear the rising excitement from the growing crowd. We would huddle and Br. Draper would lead us in prayer. "Lord, teach me to be generous; to serve as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to ask for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except to know that it is your will that I am doing."

Ignatius wrote it. Br. Draper spoke it. Drucker instilled it. And we are called to be it.

Bob, thank you for directing this movie of Wildcat basketball and for giving direction to my work in Jesuit education. ❖

## Speech Program Enjoys Revitalized Year

BY BEN LEONG '02

I moved back to the Bay Area after finishing college and stopped by SI where Kate Denning, one of my coaches in high school, offered a quick hello and a job offer to coach the team.

At our first practice, I met five members and learned that they had only attended one tournament the previous year. This was a stark contrast to my time at SI.

At activities rush, we signed on many recruits; later, we met after school and during lunch to learn different styles of public speaking and debate.

Eighteen students attended our first tournament at Miramonte High School in Orinda where they earned seven trophies, more than all the awards the team had captured the previous school year.

We enjoyed success at tournaments sponsored by the local Golden Gate Speech Association, garnering nearly 20 trophies by Christmas.

During the second semester, we continued to compete in league tournaments and entered the national circuit in public speaking and debate, competing against teams from across the country. Membership climbed to 30, the most it had been in a decade.

In February, SI attended its first two national circuit tournaments. At Stanford, sophomore Edward Kong lasted 10 rounds competing against students from Texas, Washington, Illinois and all over California to take second place in the JV division. At Cal, sophomore Darwin Li lasted nine rounds against students from

all along the Pacific Coast to finish in the top 15 in the JV division.

In post-season action at the national qualifying tournament, freshman Timothy O'Reilly earned alternate status for the nationals. At the state qualifying tournament, sophomore Nicolas Hernandez finished in the top five both in one-on-one debate and impromptu speaking to earn double bids to the California High School Speech Association state tournament in Fullerton, where he finished among the top 15. Juniors Alex Arnest and Rian Dineen also received awards in impromptu speaking, earning alternate positions to the state tournament.

At the Santa Clara Spring Invitational, Arnest, Kong, sophomore Nick Jose and freshman Michael Lin each took first place in their respective events. Then, at the final tournament in San Jose, Hernandez took first with Arnest and Kong finishing in the top four.

In all, SI debaters had earned 65 trophies and honors by year's end and cemented the foundation for next year.

Many thanks to physics teacher Todd Bank, who provided transportation; English teacher Kate Denning and Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Donna Murphy for their support; and Social Science Chairman Eric Castro, my debate coach from high school, who gave me valuable advice.

Thanks also go to Magis Director Abram Jackson for helping out at several tournaments and to parents for their hours of judging and driving the team all over the Bay Area. ❖

*The Speech & Debate Team enjoyed tremendous success this year thanks to new members and coach Ben Leong, front row right.*



# Magis Program & Local Agencies Benefit Thanks to Seniors

Seniors Karla Ruiz and Jeffrey Monticelli did something at the Awards Assembly that no other seniors did. They each, in turn, gave an award to someone else.

The Thomas J. Reed, S.J. Christian Service Award, named for a former principal, allows recipients to designate agencies that they served during their years at SI as beneficiaries of a \$1,000 gift.

Monticelli's gift went to the Parca Program and Camp Costanoan and Ruiz's to the Magis Program at SI.

## Karla Ruiz

*Karla Ruiz & Jeffrey Monticelli were able to donate \$1,000 to the agencies they served thanks to the Thomas J. Reed, S.J., Christian Service Award.*



Ruiz began her long history with Magis as a student at St. Elizabeth's in the Mission District. She took summer school classes at SI and found herself among a diverse group of students that, "thanks to Magis, formed us into a community of friends."

The experience helped her graduate at the head of her class and encouraged her to apply to SI.

In the summer after her sophomore year, she decided to give back to the program that had given her so much. She served as an aide for Patricia Kennedy's science class and discovered a new love for science.

"Miss Kennedy turned science upside down for me," said Ruiz. "She gave it a new dynamic through all the activities, and she encouraged me to study medicine."

Ruiz grew into an effective aide because she was able to work so well with troubled kids. "Miss Kennedy asked me to deal with one girl who was bullying the other sixth graders," said Ruiz. "I told her that she had to stop being a bully because she was mainly hurting herself. She was impressed not only with what I said but also with how I said it. I didn't yell at her like her teachers did at her grammar school. She finished the summer a changed person and returned to tell me about all the awards she had won in the seventh grade. She never thought she would attend high school, and this year she's starting at Lowell."

Ruiz also helped one sixth-grader who had difficulty reading and who hated math. "I discovered that he loved history. He knew all the state capitals and loved geography. When he came to me for tutoring, I tied math to social studies. He started doing his math homework. When he returned to his grammar school, his teachers saw that he really wanted to excel."

Ruiz had high praise for Abram Jackson, who took over as Magis director one year ago. "He is the bomb. He's amazing. He started by asking me and the other aides, 'How are we going to make Magis better?' He invited us to make suggestions and changed the sports program to emphasize cooperative play."

In addition to helping in the classroom, Ruiz also taught dance and choreography and led a cooking activity featuring recipes from a variety of cultures.

Ruiz's success in the Magis Program encouraged her to take a leadership role at SI. She attended a diversity conference in Texas and went to New Orleans in March for a Jesuit-sponsored conference on racism and poverty.

The first person in her family to attend college, Ruiz will attend UC Davis

and study neurobiology. "I want to become a doctor," she says. "With the right training, I can reach so many more people."

Jackson had high praise for Ruiz. "She embodies the motivation, determination and passion that the Magis Program hopes to reflect in its students. As a middle school student, Karla was excited about making new friends and dissecting sharks. In June she began her third summer as a Magis aide working to help low-income and traditionally under-represented students prepare for a preparatory school education. She truly embodies 'the more' that defines Magis."

## Jeffrey Monticelli



Students need to watch their words around Jeffrey Monticelli. He won't hesitate to correct them when they use the word "retarded" as an insult.

"People aren't angry when I correct them," he says. "They tell me they didn't know they were being offensive. My friends now know not to say 'Oh that's retarded.'"

Monticelli spent two summers and a winter working with developmentally disabled and low-income children



through the Parca Program's REACH day care facility in San Bruno and at Camp Costanoan in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

As a REACH counselor, he led cooking and art activities and took students on field trips.

Before volunteering at Parca, the only disabled person he had met was a friend's older brother. "I had some fear and misunderstanding before working at REACH, but I overcame those. REACH's motto is that differences are OK. I learned to live by those words."

One summer Monticelli worked with a young girl who came every day to care for her older, disabled sister. "She was devoted to her sister, making sure that she was included in all the activities and having fun. She also played with all the campers, even the ones who weren't her good friends. She served as a peacemaker, keeping everyone happy. We played Mancala constantly."

Monticelli accompanied his young charges to a sticker factory and to Golden Gate Park, where they rowed on Stow Lake.

"I'm glad SI asks us to do 100 hours of service," said Monticelli. "I doubt I would have been involved with Parca without that requirement. My work there taught me to be more accepting, patient and understanding and to see that differences are not only OK but also enriching. I consider myself a nice guy, but I would have just stopped at 'nice' had it not been for my service work. It led me to go on the Costa Rica immersion and to work at Camp Costanoan. I hope to continue this in college and beyond."

Christian Service Coordinator Jenny Girard praised Monticelli for "showing courage to step up and serve in programs than can often be intimidating. In working with kids who have mental and physical challenges, volunteers must physically and emotionally be prepared to give their all to children who demand full attention and who have high energy. I am impressed by Jeff's commitment and energy to service, a commitment that I know he will continue as a student at SCU." ❖



**EARTHTEAM POETRY WINNERS**

Four SI seniors in the Nature/Nexus class swept the poetry awards for EarthTeam's annual Multi-Media Festival. Max Torres (right) won first place, Chuck Beaulieu (second from left) took second and Sherry Chak (left) and Cyrena Giordano (third from left) tied for third in this Bay Area-wide contest. Junior Alex Kranenburg also won honorable mention for his art.



**INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIRE**

The Ignatian Guild held its annual International Food Faire in April, featuring performances by the Multicultural Dance Group and other student acts. Parents supplied food from the various cultures that make up the SI community.

**SF MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM VISITS SI**

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom paid a visit in May to Mary Ahlback's religious studies class to speak on the issue of homelessness.





Kate Denning teaches myths from a variety of cultures as well as modern novels that echo mythological themes.

## Kate Denning Believes in the Power of Mythology

**K**ate Denning didn't need Joseph Campbell to teach her the power of myth. She had her father.

"He was a little old Irish dad with a tweed jacket and cap. Like most Irish, he held the story sacred. He never told a short tale in his life; they were all multi-part stories that had some basis in fact and some in myth. His stories made my

*"I was drawn to myths because they offer worlds that seem similar to ours but are also fantastically different." — Kate Denning*

perspective on the world so much richer and helped me fall in love with reading."

A 30-year classroom veteran, Denning has taught English at SI for the past seven years. One year ago, she began teaching a senior mythology elective and made it into one of the most popular courses at SI.

Her love of mythology also stems from the books that surrounded her growing up. "I'm the middle of seven children, and I had books around me as long as I can remember." As a child,

she most enjoyed the large picture books that featured winged horses, heroes with bulging muscles, gods and goddesses. "Like so many people, I was drawn to myths because they offer worlds that seem similar to ours but are also fantastically different."

She grew up with Irish folk stories, such as "Deirdre of the Sorrows," which tells of a love fated to end in tragedy. She also read traditional Greek myths, such as the story of Theseus and Minotaur, and found hidden meaning. "Deirdre, for instance, is a symbol of the Irish people, and the labyrinth that Theseus navigates represents the complexities of life we all face."

As an English teacher at George Washington High School, St. Phillip Neri, St. John's in San Lorenzo, St. Thomas Apostle (where she worked for 20 years) and SI, Denning taught her students to recognize mythological allusions in the literature they read and multiple layers of meaning.

"Modern novels often have mythological patterns to their plots and cover the same themes as myths. This is certainly true with James Joyce, who writes about a young man's journey from in-

nocence to experience in the world or Frazier's *Cold Mountain*, in which the weary traveler looks for a place to rest."

Denning came to SI two years after her twin daughters, Molly and Julia, graduated with the class of 1998. "I had always wanted to teach here. Thanks to my brother John O'Shea '70, I have long regarded SI as the best high school in the city. I used to attend Sunday Evening Liturgies here with my family and was amazed both by the homilies and the sense of community."

She has engendered that same community in her mythology class. Even second-semester seniors with one foot out the door dive headlong into her assignments.

Fred Madigan, for instance, became a self-proclaimed myth detective. "He wandered through Oakland and Berkeley to find mythological themes in public art and architecture. He filled two binders with photographs and identified the numerous mythological allusions. He even analyzed the appropriateness of the use of the gods and goddesses in their particular settings."

Tess Curet did the same for statues, paintings and buildings in Paris, and

Richel Briones wrote a 92-page story, complete with illustrations, using Campbell's Hero Journey as a guide.

Alan Kham and Ryan Brown transformed the legend of Beowulf into a comic book, Michela Rizzo created vivid artwork, Ogden Pierce wrote a prose poem featuring a tree as the mythic hero, and Ritchie Gordon wrote a screenplay inspired by the Daedalus myth.

At least one student, Ryan O'Dea, hopes to major in mythology in college thanks to Denning's class. "His college doesn't have that major currently," adds Denning. "He wants to start it from scratch."

Denning teaches myths that go beyond the traditional fables, including *The Things They Carried*, *Beowulf*, *Grendel* and *Metamorphoses* by Mary Zimmerman as well as a unit on Norse myths.

"I could have made the course an

intensive on Greek and Roman mythology and felt very good about it. I want to make my students better readers, and the best literature is filled with classical allusions. A knowledge of traditional myths improves both general literacy and cultural literacy.

"But I have a deeper goal," Denning adds. "Myths communicate great and enduring truths and offer important lessons to help us face the monsters we will encounter — monsters whose faces always change. Myths show us how the world works and what humans value. They teach us about love and how to be heroes. Myths force us to contemplate the intangible realities."

Denning points to Tim O'Brien as a modern mythmaker. "O'Brien lies his way through his book on Vietnam. He writes about soldiers living through horrific events so that the reader can truly understand aspects of the human experi-

ence. At the end of each vignette, however, he confesses that his story is a lie. O'Brien acknowledges the differences between telling 'story truth' and 'happening truth.' He mythologizes events to

*"Myths communicate great and enduring truths and offer important lessons to help us face the monsters we will encounter ..."*

capture the vibrancy of the original experience. The reader can see stems and shadows of ancient myths in his tales."

Denning keeps busy beyond the classroom, serving as moderator of Speech and Debate, the Irish Club and the Pedro Club. Still, her first love will always be teaching, especially when it comes to the great myths that, according to Denning, "teach us how to relate to God, to nature and to our families." ❖

## Dominique Bonino Named State's Entertainer of the Year

**S**I junior Dominique Bonino credits her win at the 39th annual California State Talent Competition last May, in part, to a letter she never received.

While preparing backstage at the show in Santa Clara, she saw all the other contestants practicing a speech to give before the panel of judges.

"I never received the letter informing me about the speech," said Bonino. "I already felt that I was going up against some stiff competition, including Miss Alameda County and young women who had performed on *American Idol* and *Teen Idol*. This just made me so nervous that I also didn't hear the instructions right before we went onstage. We were supposed to stop, take our time and smile at the judges, and I didn't really get that right."

But when it came time to give her speech, "I stopped worrying and just spoke naturally about my years dancing and singing and my love for musical theatre in particular."

That speech, coupled with her brilliant performance of Jason Robert



Brown's "Christmas Lullaby," earned her the title of "CSTC Ambassadors 2007 – Entertainer of the Year" and the chance to compete for the title of Miss California State in August.

More than 3,000 girls and women compete for this and other categories, sponsored by Youth Focus, Inc. At

17, Bonino was the youngest person to compete in her category, where she faced contests as old as 22.

Her title as Ambassador comes with a job — to advocate for the performing arts throughout the state. "I'm looking forward to it," says Bonino. "I'd love to publicize the arts wherever I can."

A veteran of the stage, Bonino has been in shows since she was a little girl. At SI, she is a member of the Chamber Singers and Dance Workshop. This fall, she hopes to play an active role in Performing Arts Club.

Outside of school, she has performed with Peninsula Ballet and in musicals for Broadway by the Bay, Hillbarn Theatre and the Diablo Light Opera Company where she recently played Zaneeta in *The Music Man*.

This summer, Bonino will take part in New York University's Tisch's CAP21 musical theatre summer conservatory, start rehearsals for *Annie Get Your Gun* and compete for the title of Miss California State. ❖

*Dominique Bonino will compete for the title of Miss California State in August.*



From left to right: Head Coach Remy Hitomi, Liz Adler (coxswain), Emma Skelton, Julianna Kapjian-Pitt, Elise Wilson, Carolyn Vinicombe, Vivian Schwab, Scout Moran, Hannah Lynch, Victoria Dudley and Assistant Coach Mike Scanlon.

## Girls' Crew Takes Third in Nation, Finishes as Top School

**F**ides et Spes, the name of the varsity 8 girls' racing shell, tells only two-thirds of the story.

Faith and hope are two of the qualities that helped the girls take third in the nation at the 2007 U.S. Rowing Youth National Championships in Cincinnati on June 10.

The girls won, noted Head Coach Remy Hitomi, thanks to their faith that they would succeed despite losing four boats in a devastating accident last year, their hope for a medal at nationals and — the one word missing on the side of the boat — love, especially “the love they had for one another and the love extended to them by the SI community.”

After the first heat, the semifinals and the final race, the girls checked their cell phones to find dozens of text messages and emails from classmates and teachers asking how they did or congratulating them on their success.

English teacher and Cincinnati native Bobby Gavin even made a reservation for them at the Montgomery Inn, known to locals as the Ribs' King.

“We felt supported by the entire SI community,” said senior coxswain Liz

Adler. “Math teachers Chuck Murphy and Sandy Schwarz and English teacher Kate Denning were always in touch with us, too, cheering us on.”

Hitomi had special thanks for assistant coach Mike Scanlon and for Assistant Principal for Student Affairs Donna Murphy and Bob Vergara '76 and John Mulkerrins '89 of the Athletic Office for helping to send the girls' crew to Cincinnati and replacing the boats lost last year.

All of this support paid off. The SI girls were the top school to finish in the nation, as the first and second place boats are club teams that practice year-round.

SI's success is even more surprising given last year's accident. After one race late in the season, the trailer carrying four boats fishtailed on Hwy. 17 and spilled down a hillside, destroying them all, and the varsity 8 finished sixth in the region in 2006 in a borrowed boat.

“These girls turned the year around,” said Hitomi. “They started the season with nothing, not even a full contingent of boats.”

The girls earned a trip to Cincinnati after finishing second behind the Long Beach Junior Crew at the regional cham-

pionships in Sacramento.

SI exacted revenge in the first heat on June 8 in Ohio, beating Long Beach by 4 seconds. The next day, SI finished third in the semifinals, earning a spot in the June 10 finals where the girls again finished third to earn a medal and their moment on the winner's platform.

“We came to the nationals ready to race and committed to reaching our full speed,” said Adler. “We came to Cincinnati to place as one of the fastest boats in the country. We achieved our victory thanks to Remy, who asked us to set our own goals and then helped us achieve them. That's a sign of a great coach.”

“The girls won,” added Hitomi, “because they decided they wanted to win. And when this boat commits to something, good things happen.”

SI raced in the finals, she added, with all the West Coast club crews and schools cheering them on. “Our girls have a lot of fans because they are generous, sincere, grateful and loving. They cheered on the other girls and even put together a thank-you care-package for the man who drove their boat from San Francisco to Ohio. Many people, including college coaches,

told me that my girls are amazing.”

Senior Elise Wilson, the sixth seat in the boat, said her time at the nationals “was the greatest experience our team could have asked for. It was great for the sophomores and juniors to get an idea of how big the national rowing world is, and it was a wonderful way for the seniors to end their high school rowing careers.”

The other girls on the boat included seniors Vivian Schwab and Victoria Dudley, juniors Emma Skelton and Hannah Lynch, and sophomores Sarah “Scout” Moran, Julianna Kapjian-Pitt, and Carolyn Vinnicombe. Senior Kelsea Hannegan and junior Zoe Magennis-Molke served as alternates.

Last February, Wilson finished first in the world in an indoor-rowing competition. (See story in this issue.) She is trying out for the junior national team, which will race in Beijing this summer, and next fall she will row for UCLA.

Dudley will row at Bucknell and

Schwab may continue her crew career at Wesleyan. Adler, who achieved the highest GPA in her class, will attend Brown but won't pursue rowing.

Moran was selected for the U.S. Junior National Development Camp, where she will train in hopes of making the junior national team next year.

Hitomi won't return to SI next year, as she is moving to Southern California to pursue a teaching credential and a master's degree in education. She finishes on a high note thanks to her team's success and to a visit to the White House in mid June along with Cal's varsity-8 women's crew, which she helped coach and which won the NCAA championship last year.

“After only one year, I leave the best job I could ever ask for at the best prep school I could imagine,” said Hitomi. “This was a hard decision, as the faculty, administration and students have taught me some valuable life lessons on love, generosity and patience. God has truly

blessed me with amazing memories here at SI, and I am forever grateful.”

At the start of the season, Hitomi showed her gratitude through her naming of the new boats. In addition to the Fides et Spes, the other boats include the Fr. Jerry McCourt, S.J. '58, named for the man who served as superior of the Jesuit community at SI for the past two and a half years, and the St. Martha, named after the saint known for her active ministry and after a house in Rome established by Ignatius to protect girls and young women. ❖

### GIRLS' CREW

**Coach:** Remy Hitomi  
**Assistants:** Mike Scanlon, Katie Yrazabal  
**Highlights:** SI finished 2nd at the Southwest Regionals and 3rd in the US Rowing Youth National Championships in Cincinnati.  
**Team Awards:** Spiritus Magis Award: Kelsey Hannegan; Ignatius Award: Sarah O'Leary; Dedication Award: Nora Hall

## Boys' 2006 Crew Ranked Among Best in North America

As if winning the Henley Royal Regatta wasn't enough for the 2006 Boys' Varsity Crew, *Rowing News* magazine named the team from SI one of the “Greatest Eights” of the last 50 years among high school and club teams in both the U.S. and Canada.

The June 2007 issue, which names seven boys' and five girls' crews to this list, featured SI both on the first page of the section and in its table of contents.

“We looked back over the last 50 years of rowing and narrowed it down to these crews,” said Ed Winchester, features editor for the magazine.

“It was a tough decision, but SI fit the bill for us. Andy Anderson, who wrote the piece, knows the high school scene inside and out. We debated long and hard over this list, and many good crews didn't make the cut.”

To assist him in his choices, Anderson, who coaches at the Groton School in Massachusetts, used an informal editorial board of colleagues and coaches from

across North America.

The article praised coach Tom O'Connell for working “his magic the old-fashioned way,” and for out-sprinting Shrewsbury at the Henley “in front of a partisan crowd.”

SI went on to beat Kings College of Chester July 2, 2006, for the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup.

Later that year, Vespoli, USA, which manufactures racing shells, named SI “the Crew of the Year” over every other college and high school crew in the world thanks to the boys' back-to-back national championships in 2005 and 2006 and their win at Henley-on-Thames.

Go to [www.siprep.org](http://www.siprep.org) to read the *Rowing News* story. ❖

The collage features a photograph of a rowing team in a yellow boat with "VESPOLI" written on the side, competing on a lake. Below the photo is the title "The Greatest Eights" in a large, elegant cursive font. To the right of the title is a smaller photograph of a group of men in suits, likely the editorial board mentioned in the text. Text elements include "Rowing News" at the top left, "St. Ignace College Preparing 2006" in a script font, and "HIGH SCHOOLS and JUNIOR CLUBS" in a bold, sans-serif font. There is also a small paragraph of text and a signature "by Andy ANDERSON" at the bottom.

## Senior Elise Wilson is World Champ in Indoor Rowing

**E**lise Wilson '07 appreciates everyone who ever got her angry. She thought about them while competing for the world indoor rowing championship, which she won at the Feb. 25 event in Boston.

In her sophomore year, the 6-foot, 3-inch Wilson took second in the world at the C.R.A.S.H.-B Sprints World Indoor Rowing Championships in the openweight, junior women's division.

She chose not to compete in her junior year as the SI varsity girls' basketball team needed her for its playoff run.

This year, she gave up basketball to devote herself full time to crew and to moving up one notch at the rowing competition to become the world champion.

Girls' Crew Coach Remy Hitomi accompanied Wilson to Boston and served as coxswain, sitting to her right and helping her time her sprints.

One trick Wilson uses in these events is to think about one person who has angered her somehow. "Just when I feel as if I'm about to pass out, I think about this person and what happened to tick me off. I keep rowing just



to spite him or her. It might be a little negative, but it works to motivate me."

Wilson rowed the equivalent of 2,000 meters in 6 minutes and 52 seconds, six seconds faster than Kaisa Pajusalu of Team Estonia, who finished second, and 12 seconds faster than Germany's Claudia Schiwiy.

A longtime basketball player at Cunha Intermediate School in Half Moon Bay, Wilson thought she would focus on basketball at SI. She took up

rowing when her frosh basketball season ended after a conversation with SI English teacher Kate Denning, whose daughter Molly '98 rowed crew at SI.

Wilson played basketball for three years and rowed all four years at SI, helping her crew finish second in the regional meet in Sacramento in May. She went to Cincinnati for the national rowing championship in June and helped her team finish third.

Ever since she stepped into a boat in her freshman year, crew has been her favorite sport, she says. "It's the ultimate team sport. Everyone rows using the same motion and strives for the same goal."

Wilson credits her indoor rowing success to a combination of raw strength, strategy and mental toughness. "You stare at your readout, which tells you how fast you are rowing. It's brutally honest."

When Wilson finished her race in Boston, and saw that she had won, she did something out of character. She shouted.

"When some rowers finish, they will scream, cry or flail around helplessly. They are completely spent and can't

*Elise Wilson (above and fourth from right) beat the best indoor rowers in the world in Boston in February and helped her crew finish third in the nation in Cincinnati in June. She will row for UCLA next fall.*



control their bodies. I take pride in being internal and not making a big scene. But when I took my last stroke and saw my name on the screen, I smacked my machine and shouted, ‘Yes!’ Later, watching the tape of the event, I could hear myself. It was very embarrassing.”

Wilson also felt embarrassed by something else after the race. “When the girl from Estonia on my right finished second, Remy told me to give her a high-five. Kaisa didn’t speak any English, so I patted her on her back, but I smacked her too hard. She and her coach looked at me with some confusion. I felt bad smacking her in front of everyone.

“Being a world champion hasn’t hit me yet,” she says. “I don’t know if it ever will.”

Competing on a rowing machine inside a gym is a far cry from flying down Lake Merced with seven other rowers and a coxswain, she admits. “Success on a rowing machine doesn’t always translate to skill on the water. In my freshman year, I had the highest erg score but I was one of the worst rowers on the team. You need more technique on the water than you do on a machine.”

She worked hard to improve her technique through the years, working her way up from the freshman boat to the third varsity boat to the second (JV) boat and, last summer, earning a place on the junior national team and helping the U.S. take second in the world. She also rowed at the U.S. Rowing National Championships in Indianapolis last July, helping her boat take first in the Women’s Elite/Open 8 category. This year, she sat in the “engine room” in the sixth seat on the varsity crew.

She had high praise for coach Hitomi. “She demands the best every day from us because she has faith that we can succeed.”

Look for Wilson to continue in crew, as she will row for UCLA next year on a full athletic scholarship where she will be coached by three-time Olympian Amy Fuller Kearney ❖



Paul Ghiglieri

Varsity basketball coach Tim Reardon (left) with assistants Mike Watters and Rob Marcaletti, led their team to the CCS championship.

## Tim Reardon Named Coach of the Year by San Francisco Examiner

**T**he *San Francisco Examiner* named SI Varsity Boys’ Basketball Coach Tim Reardon ’86 as coach of the year last April after he led his team to the CCS championship.

The newspaper praised Reardon for blending “a smooth, cerebral style with just enough fire this season to coax St. Ignatius to some of the most satisfying victories in his four years at the helm.”

The paper went on to note that “the Wildcats did it without depending on one star to carry them, instead relying on great chemistry and a team-first concept that counted on everyone to contribute.”

The March 3 victory at the CCS championship at SCU didn’t come easy, says Reardon, whose team finished third in the league, losing to Archbishop Riordan’s varsity boys three times before facing them again in CCS play for the finals.

“We just kept picking away at them,” he noted. “We were down 14–0, but my kids decided they weren’t going to give up.”

At the end of the third quarter, ju-

nior guard Vince Legarza took a shot from half-court that went in at the buzzer. “Everyone went crazy,” said Reardon. “We finally had some momentum, and that gave us the confidence to win.”

Reardon praised his players as “being really unselfish guys. They accepted whatever role I assigned them, and they bought into the team concept.”

He also credited the team’s success to the fact that “no one knew how to guard us. We didn’t have one star that our opponents could shut down. We were a machine of equal parts working together.”

He praised assistant coaches Mike Watters ’98 and Rob Marcaletti ’96, both of whom played for his predecessor, Don Lippi. “It makes it a lot easier to be a good head coach when you work with two guys you trust completely,” said Reardon. “Either of my assistants could be successful head coaches if they wanted.”

In addition to this CCS crown, Reardon won the league and CCS titles in 2004. ❖

# Girls' Varsity & JV Swim Teams Undefeated in League

**B**oth the SI Varsity and JV Girls' Swim Teams went undefeated in league competition this year, with the varsity finishing fourth at the Central Coast Section meet in May, earning the most points in SI history and breaking seven school records.

Head Coach Greg McCarthy '90 also earned an award, as the CCS named him an Honor Coach, recognizing him for his 13-year-career at SI and his remarkable success for someone so young.

"This really is a tribute to the entire program," said McCarthy. "It honors all the swimmers, all their prior coaches and all the assistant coaches, especially Amy Jones, who has done a remarkable job. As individual as races are, high school swimming is still a team sport."

After finishing 7-0, the varsity and JV teams won both the WCAL championship meets, another first for SI. In each of the past four years, SI has finished among the top six teams in the CCS, a distinction that only Mitty and Palo Alto High Schools can claim as well.

McCarthy praised junior Lauren Padilla, who swam the 100-yard breast stroke .08 seconds away from automatic cuts for All-American status. "She will most likely finish among the top 100 girls in the nation in that event," he noted. "Her time is remarkable, especially because she doesn't swim year-round, as do most of her competitors. If she shaves 2 seconds off her time, she may qualify for the U.S. Olympic trials in 2008."

He also praised the 200-medley relay team of Padilla, junior Ruthie Dimagmaliw, freshman Megan Leung and junior Sasza Lohrey, who for the first time in SI's 15-year-old girls' swim program, won their event at CCS. Each of the girls has also attained All-American status.

The 200-free relay team of Leung, senior Darcie Campbell, senior Mackenzie Campbell and Lohrey also swam to automatic All-American status with a time of 1:37.94.

The three seniors on the team each finished the season with distinction. Darcie Campbell swam her personal best in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events

and the 100 breast stroke. Mackenzie ended her career without ever failing to qualify for CCS finals and earned her third automatic All-American honors in the 200 free relay. Kandis Canonica made it into the CCS meet for four straight years in two events and swam her personal best in the 100 back stroke. ❖

## GIRLS' SWIMMING

**Coach: Greg McCarthy**

**Assistant: Amy Jones**

**Diving Coach: Katy Leese**

**League Record: 7-0; Round Robin Champions; WCAL Champions**

**Highlights: Wildcats finished 4th in CCS. 2007 Swimming and Diving Meet Results: 200-yard medley relay team (Ruthie Dimagmaliw, Lauren Padilla, Megan Leung, Sasza Lohrey) finished in first place with an All American time of 148:13; Lauren Padilla finished in second place in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 105.61.**

**Team Awards: Coach's Award: Kandis Canonica; Wildcat Award: Darcy Campbell; Most Inspirational Swimmer: Lauren Padilla; Diving Award: Olivia Schreder**



*The Varsity Girls' Swim Team had its best season ever, taking first in the league and finishing fourth at the CCS tournament.*





*The Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Team beat Menlo School in April on its way to an undefeated season and top ranking in the West.*

## Boys' Lacrosse Ranked First in West After Perfect Season

The SI Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Team finished 18–0, its first perfect season since 2001, ranking it first among all teams west of the Mississippi and in the top 25 in the nation, according to LaxPower and the *STX/Inside Lacrosse* National High School Poll.

Head Coach Greg Angilly also earned Coach of the Year honors for Northern California. Angilly has coached lacrosse at SI for five years. A New Jersey native, he played lacrosse at Boonton High School and at Wake Forest University before coming to San Francisco 10 years ago.

Angilly's team, ironically, never competed for a league or sectional championship all season.

"There are only a few very good teams in our area and we don't belong to a conference," said Angilly. "In order to compete with the best, we have to do so as an independent team."

The Wildcats took on the best teams from California, Oregon, Washington and Missouri, including three 2007 championship teams at the first Jerry Langkammerer Invitational Tournament, hosted by SI last April.

The tournament honors Jerry Langkammerer, who died several years

ago and whose son, Peter '01, played lacrosse at SI.

In March, SI won the Carmel Invitational, which featured 16 top teams, including Poway and Bainbridge Island.

SI beat De La Salle in April in overtime and Coronado High School in March. Those victories, along with two wins each against Monte Vista and Poway, were season highlights for the coach.

Angilly praised Miles Suter '07, who will play next year at Dartmouth and who was the leading scorer on the team for the past three seasons.

Suter was named California Lacrosse player of the year by WestSide LAX and was named to the U.S. Lacrosse Secondary School All-American Team along with junior Roy Lang.

Angilly also singled out seniors Derek MacDonald, who will play at St. Joseph's University, and Carter McLennan, who will attend the Stevens Institute of Technology.

Angilly praised his entire coaching staff, including Chris Packard, Chris Debiase, Michael Abou Jaoude '01 and David Bowe '96.

He also pointed to Jordan Rosen '06 and Ryan Carter '04, who now play at Hofstra University, where one of their teammates died of cancer at 20.

"These two kids came back earlier in the season and told us about this young man's 14-month battle with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma," said Angilly.

"At games and practices, we spoke about and prayed for this young man. We were told that his mantra was 'relentless.' It was how he played lacrosse and how he fought his disease. His motto became our own all season." ❖

### BOYS' LACROSSE

**Coach:** Greg Angilly

**Assistants:** Michael Abou Jaoude and Chris Packard

**Highlights:** Undefeated season 18–0. SI was the top ranked team in California and 25th in the nation. The Wildcats won the First Four tournament with victories over Poway (11–4) and Coronado (14–6). Won Carmel Tournament with victories against Palos Verdes (6–4), Thatcher (6–4), Bainbridge Island (13–3), and Poway (7–1) in the championship match; SI hosted and won the Jerry Langkammerer Tournament, defeating Lakeridge (16–6), Mercer Island (16–6) and Monte Vista (8–4).

**Team Awards:** John M. Senyard Award: Miles Suter; **Coaches' Award:** Carter McLennan; **Most Improved Player:** Lucas Stratton



**BOYS' BASEBALL**

**Coach:** Ted Turkington  
**Assistants:** Forrest Higgins, Mike Theoharis  
**League Record:** 2-12; **Overall Record:** 8-19-1  
**Highlights** League wins over St. Francis and Archbishop Mitty.  
**League Awards:** WCAL All League Second Team: Paul Toboni, Chris McCaffery.  
**Team Awards:** James Keating Award: David Polhemus; Coaches' Award: Kevin Hahn

**GIRLS' SOFTBALL**

**Coach:** Karen Cota  
**Assistants:** Mike Foley, Michelle Labonog



**League Record:** 4-10  
**Highlights:** SI defeated SHCP twice in WCAL league play  
**Team Awards:** Wildcat Award: Richel Briones, Megan Foley; Coaches' Award: Lizzie Devcich  
**League Awards:** First Team All WCAL: Richel Briones

**BOYS' SWIMMING**



**Coach:** David Fisher  
**Diving Coach:** Katy Leese  
**League Record:** 3-4; 4th Place WCAL  
**Highlights:** In CCS Tournament with 42 schools entered, SI finished 6th; Diver Christopher Scott finished 5th; Jack Ostler was the CCS champion in the 100-yard butterfly with an All American time of 50.94; he finished 5th in the 50-yard freestyle; the 200-yard freestyle relay team (Kevin Apolinario, Fred Madigan, Dillon Moscone, Jack Ostler) finished 3rd.  
**Team Awards:** Bill Schuppel Award: Alex Johnson; Most Improved Swimmer: Fred Madigan; Wildcat Award: Kevin Apolinario; Diving Award: Christopher Scott

**BOYS' GOLF**

**Coach:** Julius Yap  
**Assistant:** Bill Olinger



**League Record:** 4-10  
**Highlights:** Steven Cooney was runner up in the league tournament shooting a 73 at Eagle Ridge in Gilroy.  
**League Awards:** Steven Cooney was named to All League First Team.  
**Team Awards:** Fr. Roland Dodd, S.J. Award: Steven Cooney and Matt Mantuffel; Medalist Award: Alex Kranenburg

**GIRLS' LACROSSE**



**Coach:** Amy Harms  
**Goalie Coach:** Elaine Kulm  
**Overall Record:** 17-1-2  
**Highlights:** The Wildcats finished third in Sun, Surf and Stix Tournament with victories over Carlsbad (7-1), Cathedral (8-6), and Coronado (4-3); SI defeated Monte Vista 12-11 in overtime in final game of the season.  
**Team Awards:** Baggataway Award: Kate Bergstrom; Coach's Award: Olivia Narvaez; Wildcat Award: Renee Eligio



## BOYS' TRACK

**Coach:** Peter DeMartini

**Assistants:** Jerilynn Caskey, Kate Couch, Jack Cremen, Matt Farley, S.J., Kerry Hansell, Melissa Hansell, Lisa Kinimaka, David Longacre, Morris Lozovatskiy, Yakov Lozovatskiy, Helmut Schmidt

**League Record:** 3-4

**Highlights** 3rd Place WCAL Track and Field Championships. CCS Results: Joe Strizich finished 8th in the high jump (6 feet). Elliot Ferrara finished 6th in the long jump (21 feet, 9.75 inches) and 8th in the triple jump (42 feet, 9 inches).

**WCAL Results:** Greg Innes finished 2nd in the 1600-meter run (4:30.46). Joe Strizich finished 3rd in the 110-meter hurdles (15.44) and 2nd in the high

jump (6 feet, 2 inches). Elliot Ferrara was league champion in the long jump (22 feet, 8.75 inches) and took 3rd in the triple jump (43 feet, 8.75 inches).

**Team Awards:** Riley Sutthoff Award: Jesse Kay-Rugen and Matt Kosmas; Outstanding Track Performance: Greg Innes and Joe Strizich; Outstanding Field Performance: Elliot Ferrara; Most Improved Track Athlete: Matt Sauers

## GIRLS' TRACK

**Coach:** Melissa Hansell

**Assistants:** Jerilynn Caskey, Kate Couch, Jack Cremen, Peter DeMartini, Matt Farley, S.J., Kerry Hansell, Lisa Kinimaka, David Longacre, Morris Lozovatskiy, Yakov Lozovatskiy, Helmut Schmidt

**Highlights:** League Record (5-2) and 3rd in WCAL Track and Field Championships. CCS Results: Katy Daly was the CCS Champion in the 3200 meters with a time of 10:47.87. Cyrena Giordano took 3rd in the pole vault (12 feet, 2 inches). WCAL Results: Katy Daly was league champion in the 3200-meter run (10:52.34) and finished 2nd in the 1600-meter run (4:58.58). The 4x100 meter relay team (Megan Knudson, Laura Wardell, Kylie Lin, Kelly Roberts) took 3rd place (51.29). Laura Wardell finished 3rd in the 110-meter hurdles (51.14). In the field events, Giulia Gualco-Nelson finished 2nd in the long jump (16 feet, 6.5 inches), Ginny Hodges tied for 2nd in the high jump (4 feet, 9 inches), and Cyrena Giordano placed 2nd in the pole vault (11 feet, 6 inches). Nina Anguiano threw the discus 103-06 for 2nd place and Sara DeMartini placed 3rd in the shot put (33-06). Katy Daly and Cyrena Giordano represented SI at the state meet, where Cyrena finished sixth in pole vault.

**Team Awards:** Julius Yap Award: Laura Wardell; Outstanding Track Performance: Katy Daly and Kelly Roberts; Outstanding Field Performance: Cyrena Giordano; Most Improved Track Athlete: Marise Thadani; Most Improved Field Athlete: Virginia Hodges and Giulia Gualco-Nelson



## BOYS' CREW

**Coach:** Tom O'Connell

**Assistant:** Eric Giessler

**Highlights:** At the Southwest Regionals, the varsity 8 finished 5th, the JV and 3-V earned gold medals, and the 4V took 5th in the 3V competition, beating all other 4th boats in the league. The frosh 8 won a silver medal. Junior Barrett Hahn was among the few high school rowers invited to try out at Princeton University for the world championships this summer, representing the U.S. on the Junior National Crew. Sophomore Eli Shikaloff was invited to the USA Development Camp at the University of Washington and will race throughout the U.S. and Canada this summer. Senior Nick Lucey is rowing with the U.S. National under-23 development team at UC Berkeley.

**Team Awards:** Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Award: Rob Gilson and Nick Lucey; Ignatius Award: Richie Gordon, Drew Lawson, and D.J. Murphy; Wildcat Award: Bruno Schatz and Eli Shikaloff

## BOYS' TENNIS

**Coach:** Bill Hardt

**Assistant:** Craig Law

**League Record:** 11-3; **Overall Record:** 18-6

**Highlights:** Lorenzo Cabrera and Matt Micheli were runners-up in the WCAL Tournament and reached the quarterfinals in the CCS tournament, defeating Branham (5-2) and Robert Louis Stevenson (4-3).

**League Awards:** All-WCAL First Team: Lorenzo Cabrera and Matt Micheli.

**Team Awards:** Arthur Lee, S.J., Award: Patrick Glaessner; Wildcat Award: Jimmy Bennett; Magis Award: Lorenzo Cabrera



## SI Volleyball Coach Helps Colleagues in the Philippines

For Louie Valiao, volleyball was his ticket to college in the Philippines and his path to success in the U.S.

It was also provided him with a way to help his native country.

Valiao, who has coached at SI since 1997 and served as the boys' varsity coach, will take over the girls' program next year. Over the years, he has coached alongside many of his former players, including Allison Cota '99, Nick Scarabosio '00, Steph Allan '00, Bridget Mulhern '01 and Chris Balestrieri '02,

This summer, he will continue his efforts to train volleyball coaches on the club and college level in the Philippines.

Coming from a poor family in the Philippines, Valiao could not

have paid for college tuition had he not earned a volleyball scholarship to San Sebastian College in Manila. After graduation, he played for the Philippine National Team from 1976 to 1977. In 1977, he immigrated to the U.S. where, with \$6 in his pocket, he lived with his uncle and found work as a busboy.

The following year, he joined the Air Force where he learned the electrical trade and played volleyball for the U.S. Air Force Team from 1978 to 1985.

In 1996 he began coaching volleyball at USF and at the club level, where he met SI's Karen Cota through her daughter, Allison '99. Karen convinced him to coach at SI in 1998, and he has worked with both the boys' and girls' team since then.

Two years ago, while visiting the Philippines on a business trip, he turned on the TV to see some of his old vol-



leyball friends now coaching teams of their own.

He also saw how much players in the Philippines still had to learn, especially regarding the fundamentals of the game.

"They are like par golfers with bad swings," Valiao said. "I knew that if I could teach them the right fundamentals, I could improve the level of the game in the entire country."

Valiao met the athletic director of Ateneo de Manila University and proposed offering a volleyball clinic for coaches. Instead, the director offered him a job as head of the university's volleyball program.

Since then, he has worked at the Ateneo de Manila every month from July 2006 to January 2007, encouraging coaches at the both the high school and college levels to improve their skills.

This summer he will conduct train-

ing clinics for coaches from all across the Philippines. He has already started writing a training manual for Ateneo coaches to help offer them standardized coaching techniques, and he is currently raising funds to form a junior club network there and to offer scholarships to low-income teens to allow them to play on the club level. ❖

### BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

**Coach:** Louie Valiao  
**Assistant:** Pat Steacy  
**League Record:** 2–10; **Overall Record:** 18–12  
**Highlights:** SI defeated SHCP in the league playoffs (25–16, 25–20, 23–25, 25–21) before losing to CCS Champion Bellarmine (19–25, 26–28, 25–23, 25–15, 15–5).  
**Team Awards:** Wildcat Award: Patrick McDonnell; **Coaches' Award:** Hal David Cope and Nick David



*Louie Valiao coached the SI boys' volleyball team this year; next year, he takes over the girls' program, and this summer, he will work in the Philippines to train coaches. Above Senior Pat McDonnell goes up for a spike against Bellarmine.*

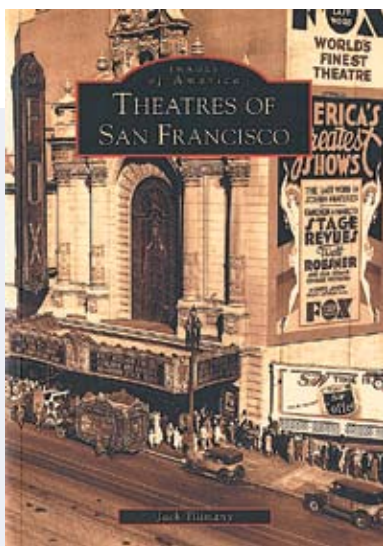
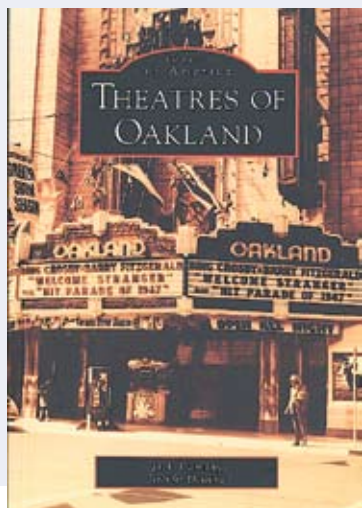
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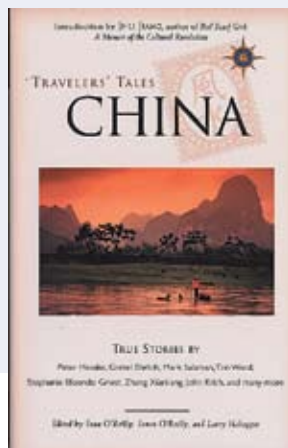


draws from a personal archive gathered during a 30-year career in cinema management. He paints a detailed story of the golden age of theatre, both live and cinematic and reveals a time of stunning architecture, elegance and opulence.



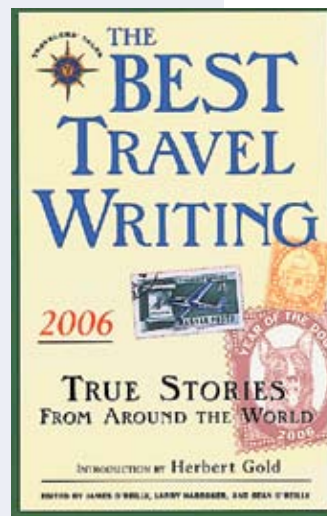
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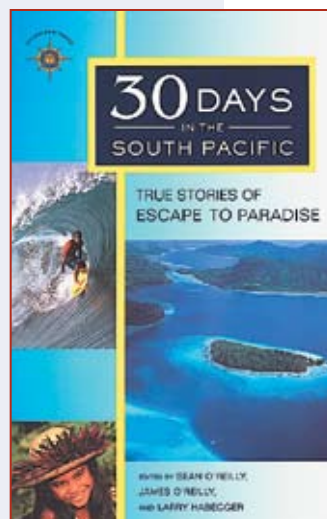


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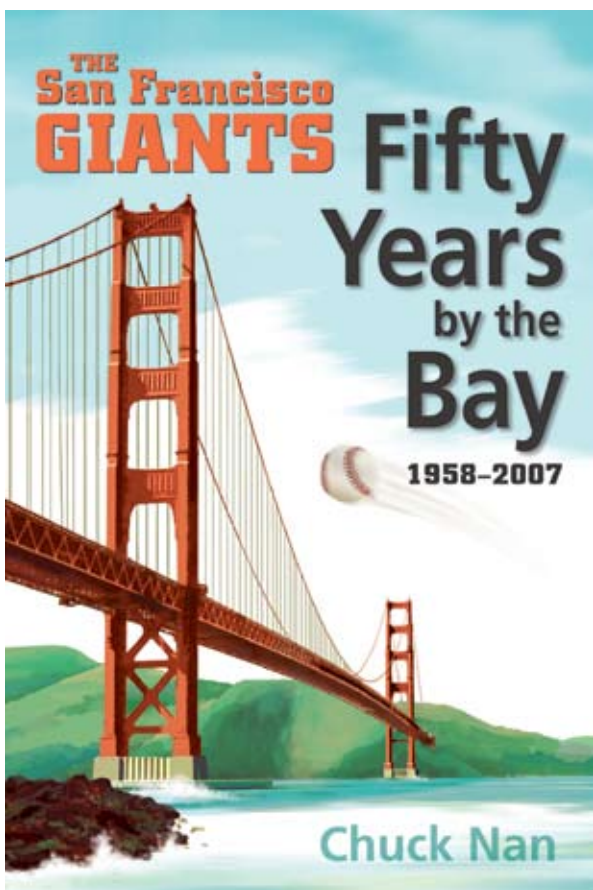
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# Fifty Years by the Bay: The San Francisco Giants '58-'07

BY CHUCK NAN '79

*The following is reprinted from Chuck Nan's new book, available at [www.fiftyyearsbythebay.com](http://www.fiftyyearsbythebay.com). Nan is the sports editor for the Martinez News-Gazette.*

**T**he San Francisco Giants celebrated 50 years when they took to the field for the 2007



season. The Giant franchise migrated West to open play in San Francisco for the 1958 season. The dawn of a new era in Major League Baseball was born; baseball was now bi-coastal and national. Since then, there have been many moments of note in team history. There have also been countless memorable players to take the field, donning the orange and black. There have been unforgettable performances, superb seasons and Hall of Fame

careers. In some cases, the record book has been rewritten.

The Giants had a storied history from their 70-plus years in Gotham. Upon their arrival here, they continued without skipping a beat. The Giants have had an endless stretch of remarkable and intriguing players. The franchise has been blessed with players who have punctuated the game with their own mark. They have been recognized as stars that shaped the game.

I will never forget the excitement and thrill of going to my first Major League baseball game along about 1970 or so. It sounds corny, but it was one of those rights of passage that they talk so much about. It was true to form, as I shared the memorable moment with my father and grandfather. How about this team? The Giants had Mays, McCovey, Marichal and Perry. Throw in Bobby Bonds, Tito Fuentes, and Dick Dietz. Steve Carlton was pitching for the opponent St. Louis Cardinals. How much better can it get? I cannot forget the hot dogs with sauerkraut, salted peanuts, and cotton candy. The sights and sounds of the game are indelible forever.

There were the lean years in the '70s. There were the free agent signing busts (Stennett, Trillo, etc.). There were increased parking, ticket and food prices. There were the arctic cold nights. There were the flakes. There were the threats of selling the franchise and moving to another city.

I do not necessarily care for the direction that the game of baseball has taken in recent years, through free agency, expansion, strikes, the Pete Rose saga and all of the other on- and off-field controversies that have transpired. But, I do still love, appreciate and respect the game itself. I do not let any player or political issue stand above it, in my view. I certainly do not let it affect the memories of what has transpired on that field.

There is something special about getting your day started and going to the park. I often go to the game early, just to sit in a park that is relatively empty. For me, there is solitude. The serenity cannot be matched. In a few hours, the place will be buzzing.

For 40 years, our patience was tested with the winter-like conditions of Candlestick Park. We were consistently challenged by the weather, balancing our love of the game with how many sweaters we could muster to wear. Now, in AT&T Park (formerly known as Pacific Bell Park & SBC Park), we have baseball Shangri-La. I never thought that I would see and experience a baseball Mecca such as this in my life in San Francisco.

Prior to the closure of Candlestick Park, most local news organizations started their "top ten" moments lists. These consisted of a ranking of all the most memorable games or moments played there. After looking at these, I realized that I was in attendance for about seven of them. It started me to think. Then I started to jot down more memorable moments. Then I realized that each of these moments also has a story to be told. Since I was there, I wanted to share the story.

Originally, I wanted to capture the entire history of the San Francisco Giants. I did not just want to record a history of the team, but wanted to document the complete history. This would have included all lists, statistics and sundry information. That is a tall order. Then I realized that it had been done before. The work would become an almanac or encyclopedia. At that point, the storyteller came out of me.

This project has allowed me to write about many of my first-hand accounts, in many cases, of the defining moments in team history. I have been fortunate to be a witness to this history.

To tell the story was not as difficult as you may think. I have been a

fan of this team since the age of six. I started reading the *San Francisco Chronicle* sporting green in the first grade and have not stopped since. The thirst for more and more information about the Giants has endured over the years. I have become a self-proclaimed historian of the team.

Growing up just 10 minutes from Candlestick Park allowed me to spend many, many years watching my favorite team, in some cases with just hundreds of my closest friends in the seemingly frigid icebox we called home. It was a dump, but it was our dump.

There were the memories that true fans will never forget. There were real sunny days (contrary to popular belief). There were the no-hitters. There were the comebacks. There were the grand slams. There were the World Series games.

We had Mays, McCovey, Perry, Marichal, both Bonds and both Clarks. We have had Kruk, Kuip, Speier, Montefusco, Lavelle, Beck and Nen. We have had Bailey, Barton, Chavez, Pitlock, Reberger, Cumberland, Pettini, Sularz, Murray and Spradlin.

We have had memories of the beautiful game of baseball. For 50 years, we have had a fountain of them. Join me as we celebrate the San Francisco Giants' golden anniversary.

### 1958: The Giants Move West from New York

At the end of the 1957 season, the New York Giants startled their fans by announcing that the franchise was moving west to San Francisco for the 1958 season. Amid much controversy and emotion, Giants' owner Horace Stoneham decided to relocate his team 3,000 miles away after nearly 75 years in New York. The Giants had experienced poor attendance that was dwindling for several seasons. The attendance had fallen from 1.2 million in the

World Championship season of 1954 to less than 633,000 in 1956. With the Polo Grounds slated to be demolished and replaced by a housing development, the team was looking for a new home.

Stoneham's decision was purely financial as he saw much more potential economic opportunity in a section of the United States that Major League Baseball had not yet tapped. The Giants' Board of Directors voted eight to one in favor of the move. The team settled in San Francisco and was welcomed with open arms by the city. Initially, there were reports the club would move to Minneapolis, Minn., site of their top farm club, the Millers. Stoneham liked the idea of California better because the Giants' mortal rivals, and New York brethren, the Brooklyn Dodgers, were also headed to California, settling in Los Angeles. This brought Major League baseball past the Mississippi River for the first time.

### 04/15/58: First Major League Baseball Game on the West Coast

The first Major League baseball game played on the West Coast took place at the Giants' temporary home, Seals Stadium, in San Francisco. The Giants' defeated the hated Los Angeles Dodgers 8-0, as Ruben Gomez pitched the team to a six-hit shutout victory. The Giants knocked out the Dodgers' mighty star pitcher Don Drysdale after just three and two-thirds innings. Daryl Spencer and flashy rookie Orlando Cepeda hammered home runs in the 11-hit attack. Cepeda was playing in his first Major League game and hit a home run in his second at-bat. A capacity crowd of 23,192 jammed the stadium to embrace their new team. The Giants' adopted the small stadium, home of the City's one-time Pacific Coast League (Minor/Triple-A) team, for two seasons. Ironically, the first bat-



ter of the game for the Dodgers, Gino Cimoli, was a native San Franciscan.

*Willie Mays became the ninth player in ML history to smash four home runs in a nine-inning game. He did his on April 30, 1961, to help the Giants beat Milwaukee 14-4.*

### Fans Watch Giants at Seals Stadium (1958-1959)

For decades, Seals Stadium had been the home of the Seals — San Francisco's perennial Pacific Coast League powerhouse. When it was announced that the Giants would relocate to the City, the Seals packed-up and headed for Vancouver after the 1957 campaign. The park was opened in 1931. Although a minor league park, it had all the standards of a big league facility. While the Giants were waiting for their permanent home to be built at Candlestick Point, they played two seasons at the Bryant Street stadium. Seals Stadium had a maximum capacity of approximately 23,500 fans. Many feel that the Giants erred by not ever entertaining the notion of upgrading and adding to the already existing structure for their permanent home, if just from the perspective of better weather.

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Willie McCovey was named the 1959 NL Rookie of the Year after batting .354 with 13 home runs in 52 games.



### 07/30/59: Willie McCovey's Major League Debut vs. Philadelphia (4-for-4)

Young prospect Willie McCovey was hitting .372 with 29 home runs and 92 runs batted-in at Triple-A Phoenix (PCL) when he was promoted to the big leagues in mid-summer, 1959. (McCovey still won the PCL league crowns for both RBIs and home runs.) Having played both ends of a doubleheader the previous day and traveling all night with little sleep, manager Bill Rigney placed McCovey in the starting lineup on that Thursday afternoon, July 30. Showing no signs of being weary, McCovey began his

remarkable career with a bang as he went a perfect 4-for-4 in a 7-2 Giants' victory over the Philadelphia Phillies and future Hall-of-Fame pitcher Robin Roberts at Seals Stadium. McCovey's four hits included two triples. Willie became the first player to obtain four hits in his first game since Casey Stengel in 1912. A few days later, on Aug. 2, McCovey smashed the first of his 521 career home runs off Pirate pitcher Ron Kline. He was voted the favorite 1950s Memory by fans in a website ballot vote in 2003. ❖

## Achieving Excellence and Balance in a Multi-Tasking Society

BY JIM CLAITOR  
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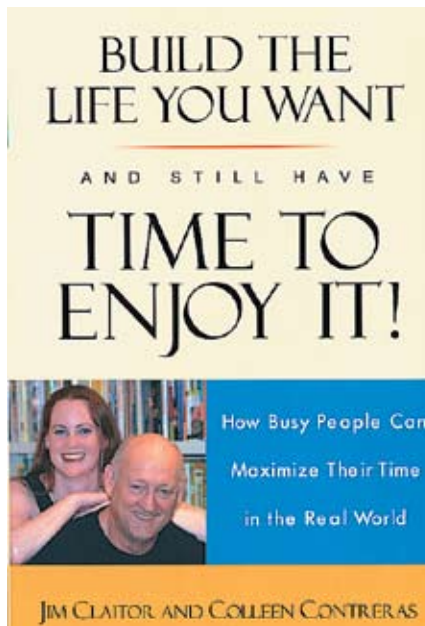
When surveyed, executives listed their top three priorities as home/community, work and self/health. They also described how difficult it was to stay at the top of their game in each of the three areas at all times.

In fact, people seeking to excel in all areas of their lives need to be cognizant of the ebb and flow of the work-life balance.

First, don't think that you need to divide your time equally between work and your life away from work. Sometimes, one part of your life may be more demanding than another. You may have to support a sick parent, or a child may have a problem at school. Your department may downsize and retain only top performers. Your doctor may tell you to start exercising.

How do you achieve and maintain excellence and avoid burnout when one or all areas of your life demand more time than you have?

First, understand that our work environment is different from 20 years ago, when, if we had the right time management tools and enough discipline, we could do it all.



Now, we are overwhelmed and over-committed and sacrifice what we most need, such as exercise, time with loved ones, or moments of peace.

We lose sight of what a "normal" life looks like. We think the only way to live is on a fast-moving treadmill with fewer than five hours of sleep each night, surviving on a hurried diet of snack food. This way of living takes a toll on our health, relationships and the quality of our work.

In order to beat burnout, we need to understand how our emotions influ-

ence our decisions.

For example, how often do you agree to do an assignment or say yes to an opportunity when you really don't have the time? What motivates you to say yes? Do you feel anxious about being replaced? Do you want others to see you as a team player? Do you feel guilty about missing an opportunity or not working as hard as others? Do you see yourself as a martyr and believe that you are the only one who can do a job right?

If so, here are some strategies that may help you.

### 1) Remember that you are not alone.

Reach out to a friend, supervisor or mentor. Often, when engaged in the cycle of burnout, the first thing we lose is perspective. Others can help us to see our lives from a new perspective, offer new motivation or help us make changes to regain control of our commitments.

Many managers whom we interviewed said they felt at their best when coaching or advising staff. They were most concerned when they felt staff came to them too late for help. They wanted to help their employees find the balance between work and life outside work so that they could stay productive and motivated.



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## 2) Take a step back and short-circuit the cycle.

When we are in a “machine-mode,” we have difficulty stepping back to evaluate where we are and where we are going. Burnout sneaks up on us. We exhaust ourselves, become more likely to get sick and grow more sensitive to negative comments that can lead us to feel unappreciated and even more burnt-out than before.

Schedule breaks into your calendar, and take them outside the office. For example, go somewhere offsite to eat lunch and don't work as you eat.

Also, use breaks to interrupt the stress reflex. When you begin to feel anxious about all you have to get done, stop, take a deep breath, hold it, and repeat. Leave your office to get a glass of water.

## 3) Be honest with yourself about your time.

Some people say “OK” as a first response to any request because they are used to trying to do it all. This eats up our personal time, leaves us overwhelmed and breeds resentment. We ask ourselves, “Why am I always the one who has to do it?” Our willingness to take on too much can also develop resentment in family or friends who feel shorted on time with you.

The first critical step to regaining control of your personal time is to take a step back. Pause before you say yes to new work. Evaluate what you already have on your plate. Ask yourself if you want to take on this work. If you think you do, ask yourself where you will find the time. Then see if you start to feel overwhelmed, anxious or frantic. Pay attention to your emotions. Let them help you decide upon your response.

## 4) Celebrate the small wins

In the rush to the finish line, we can easily move from victory to victory without taking a moment to celebrate how far we've come and see what we've accomplished. We may ignore the people who have supported us along the journey and who now feel neglected.



Revel in the small wins along the way. Evaluate your successes daily, weekly, monthly or annually. This is critical to sustain motivation that keeps us on track.

Sometimes the nature of your job, title or project makes you lose perspective. Don't fall into the trap of always believing there will be time later to celebrate ourselves and others. This is the opportunity to look at the path you've walked, not at how much is left to do. Maybe when you look back at the mountain you climbed, the hill in front will look more manageable.

You have heard the expression that happiness is in the journey not the destination. Celebrating small wins is an opportunity to make happiness a way of travel.

## 5) Reset expectations.

Often, our personal time disappears because we let others know we are always available. To regain our personal time, slowly shift what others expect from us and what we expect from ourselves.

For example, pick a time each day to turn your cell phone off or set off-duty hours at home. You can start small by letting people know when you will be unavailable. If people interrupt your personal time, ask them to come back later. Eventually people will adjust to the new expectation.

A participant in one of our work-

shops commented that she was burning out because she never had a break. Her work spilled frequently into her weekends and created stress on her and her family. She decided to make a change. She informed co-workers that she was not available Friday after 7 p.m. and to interrupt her on weekends only for emergencies. She was surprised to find that she had more rest and quality time with her family and, when an emergency did interrupt her weekend, people were appreciative and apologetic, making her feel that her contributions were valued.

Do something once and you are a hero. Do it twice and it turns into an expectation.

Our goal is not for you to be able to handle more projects. We want to help you understand that you have the right to choose what work you do.

Loren Eiseley, an anthropologist and archeologist, wrote of a wise man who once walked on a beach after a storm. A great number of sea stars had been cast onto the miles of beach and would most likely die. He noticed a boy picking up sea stars one by one and throwing them back into the sea, where they would have a chance to survive. The wise man asked the boy what difference it would make, as so many had washed up on the beach. The boy picked one up, threw it back and said, “I made a difference to this one.”

We hope you will be able to step back and gain new perspective on whatever consumes your time. Your mood, thoughts, behavior and spirit affect more people than you know.

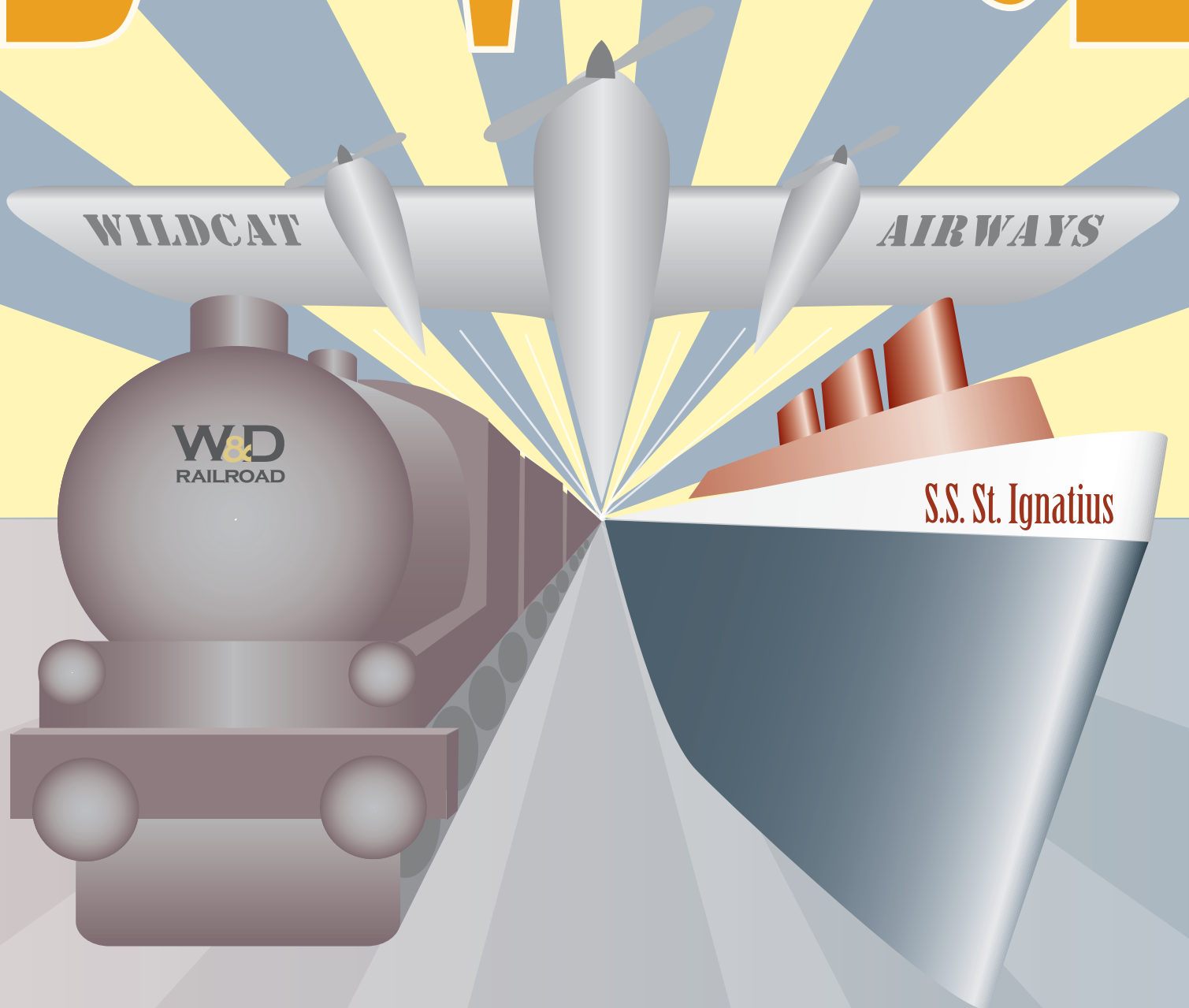
Remember your time belongs to you. Like the star thrower, we believe you make a difference.

Take a moment to be good to yourself. ❖

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*Colleen Claitor Contreras and her father, Jim, offer practical advice to help you balance your time at work and at home.*

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**1945**

Fr. Felix (Frank) Cassidy, O.P., celebrated his 80th birthday on June 3 at a parish picnic at St. Dominic's. Frank is the brother-in-law of Al Worner '36, uncle of Rich '68, and greatuncle of Richard '83, Betsy '96 and Harrison '04, who recently climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro.

**48**

Mario Vedrich, after 20 years in Southport, Conn., retired in 1993 to Tucson, Ariz., with his wife, Arlene. He served as international vice president of Corometrics, a manufacturer of fetal and neonatal monitoring systems. He now spends his time as a volunteer at SCORE, a national organization sponsored by the Small Business Administration, advising would-be and small business owners. He has acted as chapter chair and assistant district director of Arizona.

**51**

Leo La Rocca and his wife, Cappy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 24 in the Orradre Chapel, followed by dinner at Castagnola's restaurant. Their son, Fr. Chris, OCD '77, celebrated the mass with his sisters Laura and Angela and brothers Mike '78, Nick '80 and Paul '84 in attendance.

**52**

Mic Kelly and his wife, L.V., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a Mass and party at the Peninsula Social Club on May 11. Many 1952 classmates attended as well as Mic's best man and first cousin, Pete Murphy '52, with his wife, Joanne.

**53**

Norman Boyd received a 50-year pin and gold card from the Plumber's Union, Local 38. Norman spent 38 years in the Water Department for the City of San Francisco. He bought a house in Hawaii after he retired in 2001 and spends six months each year there.

**55**

Russell R. Miller, a former member of SI's

**All Class Alumni Reunion Honors Bob Drucker '58**

Nearly 400 alumni gathered June 8 for the All Class Reunion to celebrate the 42-year career of Bob Drucker '58, who retired in June.

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Jack Casey '58 (left) was among those who honored Bob Drucker.

board of regents, saw the publication of his fourth book, *Spring*, which recounts a month spent in rural Japan observing spring living in a home that no westerner had ever visited. (See page 53.) He also has begun a non-profit agency, [www.spiritofenterprise.us](http://www.spiritofenterprise.us), which he founded five years ago in Singapore to encourage entrepreneurship and which operates in Vietnam, Mauritius and Singapore.

## 59

**Jim O'Connor and Howard Smith '34** serve as docents on the *USS Potomac*. Last year, the *USS Potomac* Society featured Smith in *Potomac Currents*; the article praised him as “a mainstay of both our History Cruise and Student Cruise programs. He can be found with a group in rapt attention as he spins tales of FDR, *The Potomac* and his amazing knowledge of the WWII era. When he is not spinning stories, he is masterfully practicing the art of knot tying.”

**James F. Shea** was ordained as a deacon in 2005.

## 61

**Tony Murphy and his wife, Mariette**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 10. The occasion was marked by their three children and four grandchildren in their summer home in Bridgton, Maine. Tony completed his doctorate at the University of Notre Dame in 1976 and continues to serve as professor of philosophy at St. Bonaventure University in New York state. He and his wife currently reside in East Aurora, NY, and welcomes e-mail at [tmurphy@sbu.edu](mailto:tmurphy@sbu.edu).

## 64

**Robert Ulicki and his wife, Pat**, have been married 32 years. Their son, Chris, and his wife have two children, ages 2 and 5. Their son, Mike, and his wife have a 2-year old and another baby on the way. Their son, Mark, is a manager at Kohl's department store. Their daughter, Alexandra, attends San Jose State University.

## 65

**Eugene C. Payne III** was honored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Janet Pomeroy



*When K.C. Murphy '77 heard that the class of 1939 was represented in force at the June 8 All-Class Reunion, he made a point of walking over. His late father, Fran Murphy '39, had been a member of that class. "To my surprise, I saw my godfather, Bob Valentine '39, who was one of my dad's best friends, and we were quite happy to find each other." When Bob Watson '39 (third from left) found out who K.C. was, "he grabbed*

*a chair from the next table and insisted that I sit down. He told me stories about my father and what a great man he was. Everyone at the table wanted to shake my hand and echo Bob's words. They were all excited to see Fran Murphy's son. "I spent a good half hour at the table and felt such tremendous warmth and trust. That was the most fun I had all day, even after a great round of golf and a wonderful dinner."*



*Above: The class of 1983. Below: the class of 2000.*

Center at the 23rd Annual Banner of Love Celebration on May 11.

**68**

**Mike Hughes** retired after a 36-year career with PG&E, where he was a human resources manager in the San Francisco office. Mike and his wife, Teri, live in Walnut Creek and are enjoying their time traveling, golfing, home renovating and playing with their two grandchildren.

**Denis Rusca**, the assistant principal at Horizon Junior High School in Spokane, retired after 34 years of service. He was honored at a gala dinner on June 12. Present were his wife, Marsha, sons Patrick and Michael, and daughter Jolene, all graduates of Gonzaga Prep in Spokane, and their grandchildren. Patrick will teach at The Buckley School in Manhattan as head of the science department.

**69**

**Ron Lagomarsino** directed ACT's production of *The Imaginary Invalid*, which opened June 13 in San Francisco.

**Don Papa** has been inducted into the Galileo Academy of Science and Technology Hall of Fame. Since 1992, he has coached at Galileo; over the past 30 years, he has coached six sports at 17 schools, taking nearly every team to the playoffs. He has taught honors and AP economics, government, law, psychology and U.S. history.

**73**

**Dennis Murphy** celebrated the graduation of his son, D.J. '07 from SI exactly 100 years after the graduation of Dennis's grandfather, John J. Casey, from the class of 1907. Dennis's father is Christ the King recipient Fran Murphy '39, and Dennis's daughter is Erin Rose '10. "We are quite proud of our four generations of legacy," says Dennis.

**76**

**Jon Leonoudakis** is executive producer for Evzone Media and Experiential in Los Angeles. He is currently completing work as producer for a new Disney themepark attraction, "Monsters Inc. Laugh Floor" at Magic Kingdom in Walt Disney World. Jon is responsible for producing the me-



**MORE ALL-ALUMNI DAY PHOTOS**

*Above: The Class of 1993  
Left: Bob Drucker and Michael Bowie '75 who helped his varsity basketball team win the league championship.*



**EAGLES ALL**

*Matthew Tate '09 had his Eagle Court of Honor in April at the Elks' Lodge in San Francisco, joining his brothers David '03, Michael '05 and Danny '07 who have already received this honor. This was a first for Troop 343, sponsored both by the Elks and by St. Thomas More Church.*



**1962-63 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS REUNITE**

*Twenty nine members of the 1962 and 1963 SI Varsity Football Teams gathered April 21 in Healdsburg to celebrate their undefeated seasons that earned them a first-place national ranking and to honor coaches Vince Tringali and Jim McDonald '55. Former players included All Northern California selections Tom Kennedy '63 (also All American and AAA Back of the Year), Ray Calcagno '64 (AAA Back of the Year), John Deschler '64 (AAA Lineman of the Year), Bob Unruh '64 (who currently coaches at SI), and all-city selections Rudy Labrado '63, Mike Sullivan '63 and Bill Toth '64. The group also donated more than \$8,000 for the Vince Tringali Scholarship.*

Spiritus Magis Award Winner

## Legacy, Loyalty & Laughter with *Frasier's* Peter Casey '68

*The Spiritus Magis Award recognizes extraordinary achievement in public service, the arts and letters, science and medicine, and religion.*

*In April, Peter Casey '68, the co-creator of Frasier, came to SI to receive this honor. Below is the text of the citation, which his classmate Jim Dekker '68 read to the assembled student body.*

**T**oday, SI honors Peter Casey, Class of '68, the second recipient of SI's Spiritus Magis Award.

Peter's success can be summed up in three words: legacy, loyalty and laughter.

After 25 years in sitcoms, Peter is assured of a lasting and powerful legacy among TV's pantheon. He and his partners wrote for *The Jeffersons* and *Cheers* and created *Wings*. Their crowning achievement was *Frasier*, the most honored series in the history of television. The show won an Emmy for Best Comedy after its first season in 1993 and for the next four years running — an unequaled streak. By 2004,

the show had earned 70 awards, including one Peabody, three Golden Globes and 37 Emmys, well beyond the record of 29 set by *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*.

If you were to go back in time and interview Peter at 16, he would be the last person to predict this kind of success. "I wasn't a stellar student in my first two years at SI," said Peter. "I barely made it through my sophomore year."

Then he found himself in Fr. John Becker's classroom. "He was tough," said Casey. "He could nail you if you weren't paying attention, but never in a malicious way. When he told me that I could write, it made an impression on me. That was the first time I recognized that I had a gift."

Peter had always loved television and movies and pursued a degree in Broadcast Communication Arts at San Francisco State University. Three days after graduating in 1975, and with no connections, he moved to Southern California to launch his career.

dia for the main show, including 3D animation, working closely with Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney Imagineering. The attraction, hosted by the film's star, Mike Wazowski, is now open for previews in Tomorrowland, where guests enter the Monster World to engage and interact with animated comedians in real-time, generating laughter and energy to power Monstropolis. The attraction's grand opening is slated for late 2007.

### 77

**Tom Neary**, a detective with the South San Francisco Police Department, was featured by the San Mateo Daily News for his work as a police sketch artist.

### 78

**Kevin Quattrin** finished doctoral studies in the ICEL (Institute for Catholic Educational Leadership) at USF in three years and received a doctoral degree in Catholic School Administration; his dissertation was titled "Fighting the Freeloader Effect: Cooperative Learning, Attitude and Achievement in a Jesuit Secondary Math Classroom." He has taught math at SI for 22 years and now also serves as educational data analyst for the school.

### 82

**Gino Cerchiai** married Shawn Brennan May 5 at St. Louis the King Basilica in New Orleans. Best men were brothers **John '73** and **Michael '78**.

**John McGuinness** is the new assessment and evaluation manager for the New Haven Unified School District in the East Bay.

**Matt Woerner** recently moved to Brentwood and is still alive and kicking.

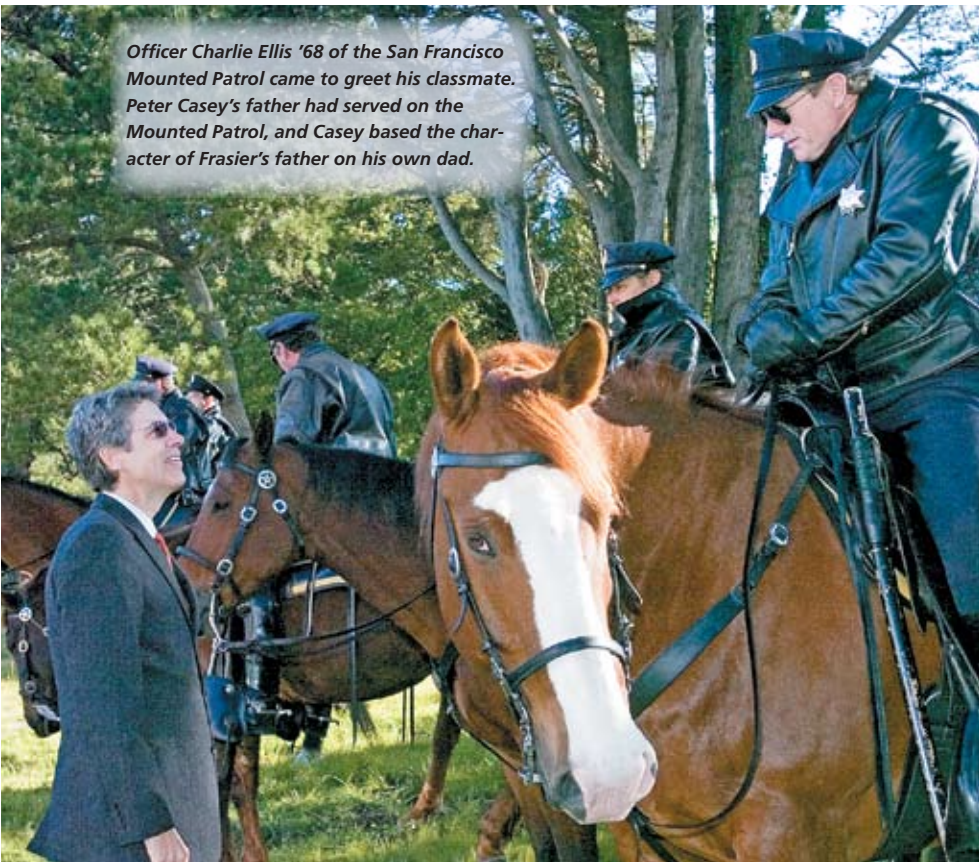
### 84

**Derek Lam** was profiled by the Mercury News for his success as a clothing designer.

### 86

**Sam Mogannam** was featured in *San Francisco Magazine* along with his partners in the Bi-Rite Creamery and Bake-shop. Sam and his wife, Anne Walker,

*Officer Charlie Ellis '68 of the San Francisco Mounted Patrol came to greet his classmate. Peter Casey's father had served on the Mounted Patrol, and Casey based the character of Frasier's father on his own dad.*



also own the Bi-Rite Market just across the street.

## 87

Steve McFeely, the screenwriter for *The Chronicles of Narnia*, had a new movie premiere in June, titled *You Kill Me*, starring Ben Kingsley and Luke Wilson.

David P. Wasserman is the president of the San Francisco Apartment Association, which celebrates its 90th year of operation.

## 88

Steve Finnegan married Sandy Dahl (CSH '84) at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco on May 20, 2006. Fr. Tom Piquado, S.J., former English teacher, presided. SI alumni in attendance included Chris Johansen '89, Chris Brandi '88, Doug Baxter '88, Craig Epstein '88, Matt Roberts '88 and Yancey Wade '88. Steve has been a firefighter with the SFFD since 2000. His wife, Sandy, works for the *Catholic San Francisco* newspaper.

## 89

Mark A. Capitolo began his fourth year as owner of his own political and public affairs consulting firm in Sacramento. His firm manages public affairs and election campaigns for Northern California developers, organized labor, ballot measures and Democratic candidates.

Andrew K. Roorda, M.D., is a third-year resident at St. Mary's Medical Center in San Francisco. He was recently accepted into the gastroenterology fellowship training program at West Virginia University for July 2008.

## 90

Jaime Alvarez married Lean Wells on April 3, 2004, in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Their son, Rio Alexander, is 2, and they are expecting a daughter in September. Jaime graduated from Villanova University in 1994 and from Fordham University School of Law in 1997. He passed the bar in November 1997 and currently works as a Public Defender in Santa Clara County, where he has been employed since June 1998. He and his family live in San Francisco.



Peter's nephews include, from left, Declan Cronin, Jack Casey '08 (next year's student body president), Seamus Cronin '08 and Patrick Casey '09.

"I had no fall-back plan," said Casey. "I was working without a net, but that's not a bad way to start. You can't be afraid to dream or to set lofty goals."

In LA, Peter found himself selling sandwiches and typing scripts for soap operas. He and his writing partner, David Lee, persevered, and in 1978, the two of them sold their first script to *The Jeffersons*, which soon hired them. The two men began writing for *Cheers* in 1985 when they met David Angell, and the three would later form Grub Street Productions, the creators of *Wings* and *Frasier*.

Despite Casey's phenomenal success, if you ask Peter about his proudest accomplishment, he won't point to *Frasier*, but to his family. He and his wife, Rosie, have three sons — Connor, Brendan and Liam — and Peter has proven to be a model father.

"People take notice of all the high profile Hollywood marriages that don't last," said Casey. "But I found many people involved in the entertainment business who have good families and strong marriages. I'm proud to be one of those people. Rosie and I raised our sons the way we were raised here in the Bay Area — with solid values."

Those values came, in part, from Casey's father, a San Francisco policeman who rode with the mounted patrol; Peter based the character of Martin, *Frasier's* father, on his own father.

For his achievements, San Francisco State inducted Casey into its Hall of Fame and gave him its 2002 Alumnus of the Year Award. For his part, Casey has made two gifts to his two alma maters. For SFSU, he donated the five Emmys he won for *Frasier*. For SI, he helped raise funds to establish the Fr. John Becker, SJ, courtyard, adjacent to the Campus Min-

istry Center, both to honor his mentor and to give students a place to talk about literature and dream about their future.

Just as Peter is defined by his legacy, so too by his loyalty to his roots. He has been has a longtime supporter of both SI and Loyola High School, which his son Connor attended, and where fellow SI grads Bill Thomason and Fr. Robert Walsh, SJ, served as principal and president. "I felt just as comfortable at Loyola as I did walking the halls at Stanyan Street," said Casey.

Peter's loyalty to his Ignatian roots stems from his belief in the importance of Jesuit education, which helped him deepen his faith and develop a close relation with God. His education at SI, Peter added, "gave me my moral compass and taught me compassion. I'm a big believer in kindness. People may say I'm a softy, but I see too much needless cynicism in the world to behave otherwise."

Peter's friends will echo this. "Peter





is the epitome of the man who works behind the scenes to do wonderful things without any desire for recognition,” said Bill Thomason. “He is a true Christian gentleman in every sense of the word.”

Former SI alumni director Jim Dekker agrees. “Peter may live and work in LA, but he has never forgotten his Ignatian and San Franciscan roots. Peter is loyal to his old friends and former teachers.” Bob Sarlatte goes further, calling Peter the epitome of the “complete person” that is the goal of Ignatian education. Fr. Walsh also praised Peter as an “accomplished contributor to our culture,” who has served “with dignity, humor, decent values and wit.”

What do Bill Thomason, Jim Dekker, Bob Sarlatte and Robert Walsh have in common? They all graduated with Peter in 1968, and as peers and friends, they have seen his goodness and talent across time and through a microscope. What higher honor than to have your classmates — those who know you best — sing your praises?

Peter may be a serious writer and producer, but he also loves a good laugh. Those who have worked with Peter know this side of him well. “He has the best laugh in Hollywood,” said fellow writer David Isaacs. At the rehearsals for his shows, the loudest and longest laughter came from Peter, and his actors appreciated the honesty of his reactions. “He also makes great funny faces,” added David Lee. “That’s especially helpful when you have to sit across a desk from

someone as long as I have.”

Peter is better known, however, for all the laughter he engenders in his audiences. After a hard day at work or at school, people across the world have fired up their TV sets and enjoyed belly laughs and a release from the daily grind. They laugh so hard, perhaps, because Casey infuses all his comedy with intelligence. When he and his partners began creating *Frasier*, they made a pact: no stupid characters; no stupid jokes. With that as their mantra, they showed that a sitcom can be both intelligent and funny.

Hidden within all those laughs and witty repartee, you’ll find something deep in *Frasier* that comes straight from Casey. This message is best expressed in the series finale, when Frasier Crane has to choose between flying to a prestigious job or to a woman he loves. He, of course, chooses love. “You have to distill your life down to what’s really important,” said Casey. “Fame is fleeting. Love will endure.”

Thank you, Peter, for conveying this message in what you wrote and how you lived; for showing us that success and fame can coexist with kindness and generosity; and for sharing with us your laughter and intelligence. This is why we gather today, on the Eighteenth of April, Two Thousand and Seven, here at Saint Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco, to present the Spiritus Magis Award to Peter Casey, a man who has shown us that the best legacy and the best way to survive the heights of fame is to stay rooted in the solid ground of loyalty, laughter and love. ❖

**92**

**Anthony Chiosso** married Susan Mills on April 21 in Danville. Groomsmen included **Race Merritt ’92** and many family and friends.

**Marc Chow**, after earning a master’s degree in health policy from George Washington University, is the new director of government affairs/compliance for Satellite Health Care in Mountain View. He and his wife, Vickie, will celebrate their third anniversary in August.

**Mark McManus**, before the Dipsea race, was featured by the *Chronicle*, which predicted that he would have the fastest time. He did finish first with a time of 51:54.

**94**

**Alexander Alioto’s** performance in Nelson was reviewed favorably by the *New York Times*.

**Yolanda (Medina) Zevas** graduated from Notre Dame de Namur with a master’s degree in teaching social studies.

**95**

**Jocelyn Lee and Francis de la Cruz ’97** are keeping the SI connection alive and well in NYC where they are second-year MBA students at Columbia Business School. Both are actively involved in the CBS community as cluster chairs and peer advisors. Francis is president of the rugby team while Jocelyn runs the annual LA Media Trek. This summer, Jocelyn is interning at Yahoo! Media Group in Santa Monica, and Francis is interning at Bear Stearns in NYC.



**CLASS OF '57 RECEIVES GOLDEN DIPLOMAS**



*John Strain (right) and Don McCann (left) serve as bookends for the planning committee from the Class of 1957 who celebrated the Golden Diploma Mass and reception in April.*

**96**

**John Antonini** is engaged to Angela Lagorio of Linden, Calif., and will be married January 5, 2008.

**Rayfil Wong** presented his idea for a “sober key” on *American Inventor*. Sadly, the judges rejected his idea that would prevent intoxicated drivers from gaining access to car keys.



Karla (Gil) Bailey, Erin McHugh '97 and Rob Veloso '94 joined the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training to complete the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon

in San Diego. All 26.2 miles.

98

Clarissa Avendano stayed in Los Angeles after graduating from UCLA in 2002 with a major in economics and a minor in accounting. She completed the Riordan Fellows Program at UCLA's Anderson School of Management and now works as a controller for a securities trading company.

Holly Anne Hogan married Thomas Dean Holmes on Oct. 29, 2006, at Walt Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida. Holly and Tom met in Boston when Holly was a second-year student at Harvard Law School.

Jennifer Kenny Nguyen was featured as a "rising star chef" by the San Francisco Chronicle in March.

Taramal Sama-Borbon is teaching 6th grade language arts at the NFL Y.E.T. Academy in South Phoenix. He lives in Phoenix with his two sons, Damani, 8, and Camron, 3.

John Sullivan married Caroline Davidson Lindahl '99 April 28 in St. Brendan's, while proud parents Kate and John Sullivan '73 looked on. Bridal party included Best Man Brent Sullivan '00, Sierra Fish '99, Michael Watters '98, Michael Pellegrini '98, Jim Murphy '98, Eric Ernster '98 and Eamonn Allen '99. In attendance were numerous SI grads and Fr. Sauer.



John Turnbull, after graduating from Stanford, attended UCSF Medical School, and received his medical degree in May 2007.

## Alumni Politicians Discuss Ways to Repair Government

**O**n Ash Wednesday, six SI grads involved in local politics came to Orradre Chapel and held a discussion in front of the senior government classes.

Moderator John Wildermuth '69, a political writer for the *San Francisco Chronicle* asked several questions that revolved around two issues: What is wrong with the political process, and what can we do to solve these problems?

Answering those questions were Mike Nevin '62, former mayor of Daly City & former president of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors; Ed McGovern '75 campaign consultant and founder of Public Affairs Associates; Kevin Ryan '76, former U.S. Attorney for the Northern California District; Tom Hsieh '83, a political consultant and founder of Hsieh & Associates; Mike Farrah '85, senior aide to Mayor Gavin Newsom; and Sean Elsbernd '93, San Francisco supervisor.

### On getting out the vote:

*Ed McGovern:* How many in this room are 18 or older? How many are registered? Those of you who aren't registered, please go out tomorrow, register and vote in the next election.



*John Wildermuth:* After the election-day ballots were counted, Gavin Newsom was behind in the race for mayor. He eventually won because he piled up votes through absentee ballots. Just under 50 percent of voting in the state is done by absentee ballots. However, we won't see online voting in the near future because people don't trust the technology.

*Ed McGovern:* We offer to drive voters to the polls to encourage them to cast their ballots. During one ballot initiative for the Ikea store in East Palo Alto, we even hired limousines to pick up voters.

If I could make one change, it would be to hold elections over a weekend or have it span three days. I support voting by mail, but we're still a few years away from doing online voting.



*Mike Nevin:* The greatest problem in politics today is apathy. Tip O'Neill, the greatest Speaker of the House, said, "All politics is local." But you see so much apathy no matter what we try to do. It's hard getting people to vote, especially young people. Few seem to care and even fewer have the passion to run for public office. There aren't enough people like Sean Elsbernd around.

*Tom Hsieh:* Some of the most qualified candidates have been terrible campaigners. They just can't connect to people. This is a people business. People who get elected are popular because they are well-rounded, nice people. You have to be a good person, and that has to come through when you shake someone's hand and ask for a vote.

**On media scrutiny:**

*Ed McGovern:* We have the greatest system in the world that has survived all sorts of ups and downs and vacuums of leadership. But our focus on negatives does discourage good people from getting involved in politics. This isn't new, however; it has happened throughout the history of our country.

*Tom Hsieh:* In the last 10 or 20 years, we have seen a lack of quality candidates coming forward, present company excluded. In our media-driven society, any part of a candidate's or politician's personal life, any transgression, becomes a headline.

People thinking about running for office hesitate to take the leap and expose themselves and their families to this level of scrutiny. People don't trust the system because of the media's focus on negatives and "gotchas," which are communicated instantaneously through blogs, websites and email. This focus creates an atmosphere that discourages good people with good morals and ideas from coming forward.



*Mike Farrah:* The scrutiny from the fourth estate tends to drive good people out of politics. On the other hand, we need that scrutiny to help us make informed choices as we vote for our leaders. I agree that not enough people are entering into public service. People in this room entered the political arena because we found in politics a way to extend our SI experience. SI taught us to be men and women for others, and politics allows us to do this.

*Sean Elsbernd:* As a group, politicians aren't held in high regard by most people; however, people think more highly of us as individuals.

*John Wildermuth:* A word of caution to the students in this room: Anything you post on a website like Facebook or send in an email lasts forever. Ten years down the line, people can still recover these pages. It might seem innocent at the time, but it's not so innocent when the FBI is looking at it.

**On the question of money:**

*Mike Nevin:* In the 1980s, when I ran for mayor of Daly City, I spent \$27,000. The first time I ran for supervisor, I spent \$150,000. In my recent campaign for State Senate, I spent well over \$1.5 million. It's very difficult to raise that kind of money.



*Sean Elsbernd:* When I was appointed to a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors, I had less than three months to work on my re-election. I did my job and also had to campaign to meet constituents and raise \$300,000. I set aside two hours each day just to make phone calls and meet people. I now face re-election in one and a half years, and every day I spend time trying to raise money.

*Tom Hsieh:* If you don't want the job badly enough, you won't be able to raise the resources or put yourself out there as much as you need to. Money

He will serve his first-year residency as an anesthesiologist at Stanford Medical Center, working in critical care/internal medicine, and he will serve the next three years at UCSF in anesthesiology.

**99**

*Catherine Anne Avendano* graduated from UCLA in 2003 cum laude with a major in English and a minor in public policy. She will graduate from Stanford University in June 2007 with a master's degree in education with an emphasis on social science in education.

*Doriana Bailey* is completing her fourth year of medical school at UC Davis School Of Medicine. She is recently engaged to William Tunick an attorney originally from Los Angeles. They will be married May 10, 2008. Bridesmaids will include her sister, Melissa Bailey class of 2008, Michelle Cristofani and Sabrina Santilli also from the class of 1999.

**2000**

*Virada Chatikul's* short documentary, *Boonkhun*, premiered at the Thai Takes 3 Independent Film Festival in New York in April. The film focuses on three students of traditional Thai dance and music at the Thai Cultural Center in Berkeley. After two years coordinating YouthCares, an after-school program serving immigrant high school students and senior citizens, she will spend the summer in Thailand leading American high school students in service projects.

*Jonathan Kathrein* received the Jefferson Award from *The San Francisco Chronicle* for his work in conflict resolution. His book, *Don't Fear the Shark*, is available for sale. (See page 53.)

**01**

*Tim Faye* (center, in white) celebrated his graduation from the 212th graduating class of the San Francisco Police Depart-



ment Police Academy. Pictured with him are (back row, from left) SI '01 classmates David Hall, Matt Wittenmeier, Laurence Metz, Alex Brasfield, Ben Matranga, Mark Swarz, (front row) Gabe Wu, Ryan Lim, Nick Figone and Pat Holion.

Emmet McDonagh, after graduating from San Francisco State in May 2005 with a degree in Urban Studies, interned in the Planning Department at BART. In October 2005 he started a one-year term as an Americorps worker in San Francisco working with commercial corridor revitalizing Ocean Avenue. In spring of 2006, he became a volunteer tour guide with San Francisco City Guides and regularly leads walking tours at Sutro Heights Park.

## 03



Kate Brandt graduated with honors from Brown University on May 27. She will be a Gates Scholar at the University of Cambridge in the fall studying for a master of philosophy degree in international relations. She was awarded the William Gaston Prize for academic excellence in the field of international relations and was selected as a Watson Associate. She also won the DAR award for best undergraduate history paper for her original research on media coverage of the Nanjing Massacre of 1937.



Natalie Conneely (above) graduated from Notre Dame University and will begin her career with CNN.

James Hanratty is in his second year coaching at Marist High School in Eugene, Ore., where he helped lead the men's track and field team to its first ever Division 4A state title.

Mairin Lee graduated summa cum laude from Boston College in May with a dual



is a major issue in politics, despite the reforms that try to eliminate some of the big money. In San Francisco, candidates will soon be able to use public funds to run for office. We are moving away from a system where only a few donors finance campaigns through large contributions. Some newcomers are running for office in San Francisco thanks to public financing.

*Ed McGovern:* Limiting contributions is a good idea, but it also means that candidates must spend more time raising money from larger groups of people. Another solution is to limit how much you can spend on a campaign, and that levels the playing field for candidates. They rely less on fundraising and more on grassroots efforts, like shaking hands and talking to people.

## On term limits

*Mike Nevin:* Term limits aren't fair. We don't tell doctors and lawyers and teachers that they have to change jobs after 12 years. There are some people who are very good at holding public office because they have some passion for what they do. They aren't just ribbon cutters who enjoy the fame. They have courage to stand up to vote their conscience. Term limits don't make sense in California.

*Mike Farrab:* The Mayor's office is tackling some problems that will take longer than eight years to fix, especially regarding the homeless. However, I

would like to see new people come into politics at City Hall, where not every voice is heard. We may get that back with term limits.

## On ballot initiatives

*Ed McGovern:* It's too easy to put unrestricted, unedited issues on the ballot in California. Having said that, I trust the voters. They generally have made right decisions regarding controversial issues. Voters saw through one initiative to expand gambling, and they defeated it.



Still, we need a review process by the state legislature before putting initiatives on the California ballot. I go back and forth on this. It may be a bit too easy at the local level. We need to make it harder for NIMBYs and NOPEs (not on planet earth) to obstruct measures that would benefit the larger community, such as creating new residential developments.

## On politics & the judiciary:

*Kevin Ryan:* Federal judges are appointed for life. They are the closest thing we have to monarchs in our society. There's no way to discipline a federal judge short of impeachment.

Judges need to be accountable somehow. They should be appointed



**Other SI Pols**

**H**ere are a few SI grads who are or were involved in government. If you know of any others, send their names to us at ptotah@siprep.org.

- Albert Boro '53:** Mayor of San Rafael
- Jerry Brown '55:** Former California Governor, Oakland Mayor; currently California Attorney General
- Frank Egger '56:** The longest serving City Councilmember in California history (38 years), and former Mayor of Fairfax
- Dr. Eric Goosby '70:** Former Director, Office of AIDS Policy
- Dr. Joseph O'Neill '71:** Former Director, Office of AIDS Policy
- Michael Kelly '72:** Director of the Washington, D.C., Housing Authority
- Tim Simon '73:** Appointments Secretary for Gov. Schwarzenegger
- Peter Siggins '73:** Former Acting Chief of Staff to Gov. Schwarzenegger; currently a judge on the First District Court of Appeal
- Thomas Henry '77:** Former Aide to two LA city councilmen for 17 years; City Planner for the Los Angeles City Planning Department
- Tim Grace '83:** Former Assistant to Mayor Frank Jordan
- Frederick L Jones II '88:** Chief Spokesman for the National Security Council
- Kevin Rooney '93:** Senior Legislative Aide for San Mateo Supervisor Mark Church
- Gian-Paolo Veronese '94:** Member of the San Francisco Police Commission
- Gabrielle (Kaho) Gaetani '96:** Former Aide to Barbara Boxer
- Michelle Los Banos-Jardina '96:** U.S. Department of State Cultural Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Nicaragua
- David Benchener '99:** Planning Officer with U.S. State Department's Office of International Security
- Martha Flores '00:** Constituent Service Representative to Sen. Dianne Feinstein ❖

for a certain period of time and then should stand for reelection. Judges should never have lifetime appointments.

Unlike most political campaigns, there are no limits to fundraising for judicial campaigns, and money brings a weird aspect to running for judicial offices.

Candidates for political office may be beat up by the media, but there is a different kind of scrutiny that happens when you are appointed to a political office. My appointment as U.S. Attorney for Northern California had to be confirmed by the Senate. I had 10 FBI agents looking into my background for four months. They even interviewed my high school girlfriend and wanted to know if I had smoked marijuana in high school, college or law school.

If you want this kind of career, be prepared for this level of scrutiny. Many of our elected officials wouldn't get through it. Stay clean and sober and don't get into trouble. Something you do at 18 may come back to haunt you. And if you are ever asked a potentially embarrassing question, tell the truth. Here we are, sitting in Oradre Chapel at SI. I hope I don't have to tell you that it's important always to tell the truth.

degree in theater arts and communication. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, she is also the recipient of the Father Joseph Larkin Award for excellence in the arts and community leadership. Mairin is the vice-president of the Dramatics Society and has performed in over a dozen theater productions, including *Candide* with Annie Leese '02 (BC '06). Last year, Mairin spent a semester studying abroad at the University of Cape Town, where she taught drama to high school students in the Nyanga Township. This fall she will be a first-year actor in the American Conservatory Theater's MFA program, and she is thrilled to return to the Bay Area. Natasha Lewis-Jones graduated from Hampton University in Hampton, Va., on May 13 with summa cum laude and departmental honors. She has a bachelor of arts in psychology and is currently pursuing a master's in education at Hampton University. Natasha is the niece of Kenneth Watkins '83 and Rufus Watkins '81. Kaitlin Shorrock graduated last May



from the University of Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters along with Kerger Truesdell '02, who graduated from the School of Architecture there. Kaitlin plans to teach in Omak, Wash., with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Pictured above are Notre Dame students Ed Madigan '05, Shorrock, Katie DeMartini '05, Truesdell and Lourdes Long '05. Also at Notre Dame are Chris Ragni '04 and Jimmy O'Meara '05 (right). The "SI Domers" get together for dinner once a semester to reminisce about their days at SI.



**04**

Elaine Harris, entering her senior year at Indiana University, is earning a reputation as a top-tier college golfer. She was named to the National Golf Coaches Association All-Central Region team and led Indiana

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to a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Regional May 12 by shooting a 216 (72-75-69) to finish in a tie for seventh place.



**Katie McGovern** finished her third year at UC Davis majoring in psychology. She continues to play for the Davis D1 women's lacrosse team, where she served as co-captain and was second on the team in scoring. A starter since her freshman year, she set a school record this year with six assists in one game and was named to the women's Lacrosse.com Honor Roll on March 19 as one of the top Division I play-

ers in the country that week. Katie will study the ancient Andean culture in Peru this summer. Her sister **Claire '07**, who served as captain on both the SI field hockey and lacrosse teams this year, will be attending Fordham University in the fall. Her sister **Meagan '10** also played field hockey and JV lacrosse.

### 05

**Tommy Renda** has made a name for himself as a pitcher for the University of Portland despite having cerebral palsy.

### 06

**Jillian Cunningham** has been awarded the Elizabeth Vogel Falk 1900 Prize from the German Department of Wellesley College. The prize is "awarded annually to the student who has demonstrated outstanding progress and shown sophisticated quality of mind in literary studies." Jillian just finished her first year at Wellesley, majoring in neuroscience.

**Johnathan Lou** earned a place on the Dean's List at Loyola Marymount University, where he is a freshman.

## BIRTHS

### 77

**John Casaudoumecq** and his wife, Pamela, a daughter, Emma, born May 2, 2006.

### 83

**Shawn Hallum** and his wife, Tina, a daughter, Taryn Lorraine, born Aug. 25, 2006. She joins sister Keira Anne, 3.

### 86

**Robert Mossi** and his wife, Elizabeth, twin daughters, Cecelia Ann and Lyia Kathryn, born May 1, 2007. They join Ethan, 5, and Andrew, 3. Rob and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Sudbury, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

### 88

**Craig Zevas** and his wife, Yolanda (Medina) '94, a son, Nicolas Jason Zevas, born Feb. 16, 2007.

### 90

**John Bower** and his wife, Tina, a daughter, Kathryn Rose, born May 4, 2007. She joins older brother Ryan, 2.

### 93

**Jack D'Angelo** and his wife, Katie, a daughter, Brooke Leslie, born May 18, 2007.



**Andrew Mack** and his wife, Darcy, a son, Hayden John, born May 2, 2007. The Macks live in San Clemente with their daughter, Morgan.

**Brian McCann** and his wife, Tricia, a daughter, Addison Patricia, born Jan. 17, 2007.

### 94

**Angela (Petrini) Groeninger** and her husband, Michael, a daughter, Mia Caroline, born Nov. 8, 2006.

### 94

**Yolanda (Medina) Zevas** (see '88 above).

### 97

**Merredith (Cecchin) Galvin** and her husband, Tom, a son, Thomas Arthur, born April 24, 2007. Meredith's former SI student, **Kristel DeFrancis '03**, now a student-nurse, assisted in the birth and post-partum care.

### 98

**Joanna (Lee) Bruso** and her husband, Paul Brian, a son, Matthew Joseph, born May 3, 2007. Matthew joins big brother Patrick, 2. **Alejandro Contreras** and his wife, Colleen, a son, Alejandro, born Oct. 19, 2006.

## inMEMORIAM

34 Michael A. O'Dea  
39 Anthony E. Devlin  
40 Kevin D. Maloney  
41 Edmund J. Treacy  
47 William B. Hehir  
48 Robert F. McCullough, Sr.  
49 Edward John Hurley, M.D.  
50 Donald Gatto  
53 John R. (Ray) Doherty  
55 Robert Pozzobon  
57 Robert Burton  
64 Mark W. Dobel  
68 R. Craig Martin

### Robert McCullough '48

**R**obert F. McCullough, Sr. '48, a former regent of SI, died April 27 after a long illness. He was 76.

The new gymnasium at SI is named for Mr. McCullough and his wife, Barbara, thanks to their largesse.

"Bob McCullough was a distinguished member of the Class of 1948 and a longtime and generous supporter of SI," said SI President Robert T. Walsh, S.J. '68, "His devotion to so many Catholic charities and to Catholic education in particular was exemplary."

Mr. McCullough worked as an investment counselor and was chairman of a company that bore his name since 1965.

Other institutions were also beneficiaries of his generosity, including Santa Clara University, where he served as president of the board of regents and of the school's alumni association, and the San Francisco Serra Club, where he served as president and director.

He also served on numerous boards, such as the Dominican Sisters of San Jose, the Sonoma Boys Center and Catholic Social Services of Marin County. He assisted in funding retirement programs for various religious orders of women.

He was made a Knight of the Order of Malta and received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Papal honor and the Marin County Peace Officers' Citizen of the Year Award.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and their children Robert Jr., Jeannie Stiles, Brian and Larry as well as numerous grandchildren and relatives. ❖



# Calendar 2007–2008

## August

22	Frosh Orientation/Registration, Orradre Chapel Frosh & Transfer Mothers' Reception, Commons	9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 9 a.m.
23	Sophomore Registration/Convocation, Wiegand Junior Registration/Convocation, Wiegand Senior Registration/Convocation, Wiegand	1:30 p.m. 11 a.m. 8:30 a.m.
24	School begins	8:30 a.m.
25	Athletics Parents Meeting, McCullough	9 a.m.
28	Frosh/Transfer Parent Orientation, Commons	7:30 p.m.

## September

4	Fathers' Club Welcome BBQ, Commons	5:30 p.m.
6	Back to School Night	7 p.m.
7	Mass of the Holy Spirit Scholarship Luncheon	8:30 a.m. noon
9	Jesuit College Fair, new gym foyer	11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
11	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
15	Class of 1987 Reunion, Commons	1987 Reunion 6 p.m.
18	Senior Parent Night	7 p.m.
21	Bruce Mahoney Game vs. SHC, Kezar	5 p.m.
27	Community of Concern for freshman parents	7 p.m.
29	Class of 1982 Reunion, Commons	1982 Reunion 6 p.m.

## October

3	Community of Concern for 10th, 11th & 12th parents, Commons	7 p.m.
4	Ignatian Guild Mom's Night Out, Commons	6:30 p.m.
7	Father/Student Communion Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
9	Junior Parent Night, Commons Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
13	President's Cabinet Dinner	
16-18	Senior Portraits	
17	PSAT/Frosh Retreat Board of Regents Meeting	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. 4 p.m.
18	Faculty In-Service, no classes	
19	Quarter Break	
23	Community of Concern Soph., Jr., Sr. parents	7 p.m.
27	Class of 1952 Reunion, Commons	1952 Reunion 6 p.m.
30	Board of Trustees Meeting	4 p.m.
TBA	Downtown Business Lunch	11:30 a.m.

## November

1-2	SI Live, Bannan	7 p.m.
3	Ignatian Guild Fashion Show, Commons	6 p.m.
4	Ignatian Guild Fashion Show, Commons	11 a.m.
6	Community of Concern, Commons	7 p.m.
8-10	Fall Play, Wiegand	7 p.m.
11	Open House	noon-4 p.m.
12-13	Senior Portraits Make-Up Day, Student Center	
13	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
15-17	Fall Play, Wiegand	7 p.m.
18	Christ the King Mass, Commons & Chapel	10 a.m.
20	General Parent Meeting	7 p.m.
21	Girls/Boys Alumni Basketball Game	6 & 7:30 p.m.
22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday	
24	Alumni Soccer Game Class of 1997 Reunion	noon 1997 Reunion TBA
27	Counseling Financial Aid Night, Commons Class of '50 & '51 Basketball Lunch, Cesar's contact Mic Kelly at (650) 697-9376	7 p.m. '50-'51 basketball champs reunion noon
27-30	Winter Pops, Bannan	7 p.m.

## December

4-6	Winter Pops, Bannan	7 p.m.
8	Financial Aid Workshop for Class of 2012	9 a.m.-noon
13-14	Final Exams	
17-18	Final Exams	
19	Start of Christmas Vacation	
24	Community Christmas Mass	10 p.m.

## January 2008

3-4	Faculty Retreat, no classes	
5	8th Grade Entrance Exam	8 a.m.-noon
7	Classes resume	8:30 a.m.
9	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
17-19	Dance Concert, Wiegand	7 p.m.
21	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	
22	Freshman Parent Night, Commons	7 p.m.
24-26	Dance Concert, Wiegand	7 p.m.
24	Father's Club Crab and Cards, Commons	5:30 p.m.
27	Ignatian Guild Day of Recollection, Orradre	9 a.m.

## February

5	Sophomore Parent Night	7 p.m.
7	ALAS Applicant Meeting	7 p.m.
10	Mother-Student Communion Breakfast	9 a.m.
13	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
13-15	Student Arts Showcase	7 p.m.
18	President's Day Holiday	
20	Board of Regents Meeting, Gibbons	4 p.m.
23	Mother-Daughter Dinner, Commons	6:30 p.m.

## March

1	Fathers' Club Auction	6 p.m.
5	Board of Trustees Meeting	4 p.m.
6	Faculty Inservice (no classes)	
7	Quarter Break	
11	College Night Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
14	Father-Daughter Night, Commons	8:30 p.m.
20	Easter Break Begins Holy Thursday Service, Orradre	7:30 p.m.
21	Good Friday Service, Orradre	7:30 p.m.
22	Easter Vigil Service, Orradre	8 p.m.
31	Classes resume	8:30 a.m.

## April

5	Mother-Son Night, Commons	6:30 p.m.
8	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
11	Spring Musical, 8th Grade Preview, Bannan	7 p.m.
13	Golden Diploma, Chapel & Commons	1958 Reunion 10 a.m.
14-16	Spring Musical, Bannan	7 p.m.
15	General Parent Meeting, Commons	7 p.m.
17	College Fair, Bill Graham Auditorium	
18-19	Spring Musical, Bannan	7 p.m.
20	College Case Studies Program	1 p.m.
22-23	Spring Musical, Bannan	7 p.m.
25-26	Spring Musical, Bannan	
25	Tentative Magazine Drive Holiday	
26	International Food Faire	4-8 p.m.

## May

1	Father-Son Dinner, Commons	6:30 p.m.
4	Grandparents' Day	11 a.m.
6	Counseling, Transition to College Night Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
14-15	Spring Choral Concert, Bannan	7 p.m.
14	Board of Regents' Meeting	4 p.m.
15	Ignatian Guild Installation Mass & Reception	11 a.m.
16	Fathers' Club Barbecue, Commons Faculty In-Service, no classes	5:30 p.m.
19	Senior Day Off	
20	Ignatian Guild Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
22	Transition Liturgy, Holy Name Church	8:30 a.m.
23	Awards Assembly Class of 2007 Alumni Lunch	8:30 a.m. 11 a.m.
27-29	Final Exams	8:30 a.m.
29	Baccalaureate Mass, St. Mary's	7:30 p.m.
31	Graduation, St. Ignatius Church	10:30 a.m.

## June

2	Fathers' Club Installation Lunch	11:30 a.m.
6	All Class Alumni Reunion	



## Sound of Music at SI

Students performed in *The Sound of Music* in May with direction by Ted Curry '82 and musical direction by Janet and Nick Sablinsky '64. The show was double cast with Maria played by Sarah Horst '08 and Allegra Hartman '08 and the Captain played by Sam Strelkoff '09 and Ben Diserens '08.

