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From left, seniors Francesca Izzo and Madison Sidwell shared the role of Dolly Levi in the fall play, *The Matchmaker*, directed by Ted Curry '82. The show celebrated the 20th year of productions in the E.L. Wiegand Theatre.





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I could easily title this column *mille grazie*, as I truly have a thousand people I could thank who have created and sustained *Genesis* these past 50 years. In keeping with the theme of this issue, I'm limiting my gratitude a bit.

First and foremost, thank you Rev. Harry V. Carlin, S.J. '35, the man who founded the Sunset District campus and who created *Genesis* in 1964 to publicize the effort and raise funds to pay for the school.

Thank you to the editors who came before me: Duane Press, Andrew Pierovich, Gray Creveling and Wolfgang Fliess, as well as the secretaries in the Development Office who collected stories when Father Carlin told them it was time for another issue: Cathy Carroll, Florence (Santos) Aherne and Barbara Burgess. They edited the text, gathered class notes and proofed the galleys that came in from Olympian Graphics and, later, from James Barry Printing. These men and women made sure that the magazine held true to Father Carlin's message, published in the first issue: "Because we realize that no four years will be as full, as rich and as vital as those four years when a boy begins his journey to manhood at Saint Ignatius, and because each day we renew our total commitment to the growth and development of the young men entrusted to us, we have chosen to call this report '*Genesis*.'"

Thank you Rev. Mario Prietto, S.J., SI's former principal, for hiring an inexperienced English teacher back in 1985 and throwing your support my way when I needed it most. Thank you Leo La Rocca '53 and Art Cecchin '63 who suggested to the administration that a rookie teacher might make a decent *Genesis* editor.

Thank you Rev. Anthony P. Sauer, S.J., SI's president of 27 years, who listened to that advice and became the best boss an editor could have. He also grew into a friend and mentor as well as a guiding spirit and cheerleader for the magazine, not to mention a proofreader who always asked for (and never received) a quarter for every error he found that others missed. I owe him about \$50 by now.

Thank you to Doug Salin, my college roommate who served as photo editor, photographer and Photoshop guru for many of the issues. He embodied the spirit of the *magis*, as he was always pushing me to pursue the greater good in the magazine. I still can't believe that he asked me what color of black ink the printer of *Spiritus Magis* (the SI history) planned to use. He wanted to make sure it was a brown-black, not a blue-black, given the sepia tone to the pages. He drove me nuts, but all for the good.

Thank you to my proofreaders over the years. Dave Mezzera '64 helped me in the early years, and of late, Devi Zinzuvadia '95, math teacher Carol Quattrin and a dear friend who asks to remain unnamed serve in that role. They do more than catch typos; they suggest edits that offer clarity and conciseness and stop me from publishing very stupid things.

I have already thanked Art Cecchin '63, but he deserves a second mention along with religious studies

teacher Anne Stricherz. Art has assembled the Sports Wrap for years, and Anne, as sports editor, offers more than your typical stories. She focuses on athletes and programs through an Ignatian lens. Special thanks as well to Chuck Nan '79, who has written several stories for recent issues and who has just made a move to SoCal.

SI's graphic designer Nancy Hess '05 gets a special shout-out as the person who brought the magazine to the next level when she came on board seven years ago. That's when the covers and layouts took on a new polish thanks to her artistry and expertise.

During my time editing *Genesis*, I have relied on volunteer advisory boards for a comprehensive review of each year's issues. I am indebted to these men and women — too numerous to name here — for their praise and bare-knuckled critique. They pushed me to consider new ways to organize the issues, new stories to write and new ways to understand the power of *Genesis*. It's never easy getting a report card, but if you like the magazine today, you can thank these wise critics.

I have also worked with talented colleagues in the Development Office who have shaped each issue. Some of them no longer work at SI, and one, Stella Muscat, passed away in 2005. Thank you to, in alphabetical order, Tricia Brown, Tom Casey, Carolyn DeVoto '03, Jim Dekker '68, Cynthia Fitzgibbon, Bob Graby, Kristin Haygood, Nancy (Barisic) Hess '05, Katie Kohmann, Steve Laveroni '69, Sean Lawhon '87, Steve Lovette '63, Brian McGovern '82, Shirley Minger, Marielle Murphy '93, Stella Muscat, Tim Reardon '86, John Ring '86, Concie Tarantino, Fred Tocchini '66, Genny Poggetti Veach '97, Erin Visbal and Joe Vollert '84. Joe, SI's vice president for development, likes to call me "captain" as a nod to my longevity, but he is the true admiral of our efforts as well as a great friend.

I have other colleagues I rely on as well — men and women in the business of communicating the Ignatian and Catholic message of a faith that strives for justice, mercy and love. Jim Muyo at the California Province office, Steve Saum at Santa Clara University and the late Peg Major at SCU — the first person I tried to emulate in my work — have been friends and allies as well as sounding boards over the years.

Thank you to my colleagues at SI who have contributed with photos — Carlos Gazulla and Pedro Cafasso — and with many stories or ideas for stories, especially Michael Shaughnessy '67, Mary Ahlback, Katie Wolf (who also helped with illustrations) and Jim McGarry, now with Notre Dame de Namur University.

Thanks to the 20,000-plus alumni who receive *Genesis*. Many have told me that they read each issue cover to cover. Some write asking to cancel their subscription. The critics who are right have taught me much and helped me to improve the magazine. The critics who are just plain wrong — who get upset, for example, when I write about Africa, who see no value in expanding their circle of concern — also remind me I'm on the right path. As the old saying goes, if no one is shooting at you, you're not doing a good job.

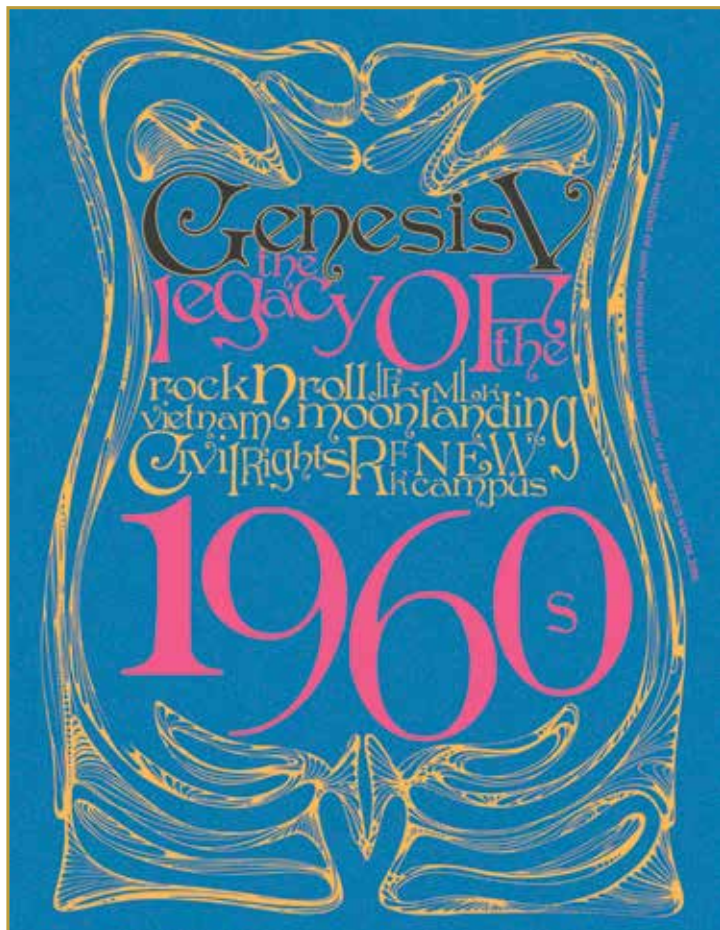
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facts. The late Ted Wurm '37 was a champion of this, and Hugh Visser '47 has taken over for him. Hugh recently called to let me know that Arthur Latno '47, whom I had listed as deceased in the *Annual Report*, was alive and well. That's not the first time I buried someone before his time.

Many thanks to younger alumni who call to pitch stories or send in unsolicited stories. Turn the pages and you'll see a piece about Andrew Munday '04, who is proud of the jobs he is creating and the businesses he is helping. Amy Cutten '02 writes about her experience honing her Spanish skills and learning about the culture and people of Guatemala. I'm delighted this magazine can be of service to our young grads.

Thanks, too, to alumni who, on occasion, send in false class notes. One of my classmate's brothers wrote about a solo trek across Antarctica. I still feel the pull of the hook against my cheek as he reeled me in for that one, reminding me along the way not to take this magazine or myself too seriously.

I have to give a shout-out, too, to Ben Chan '92, who has a long history of submitting multiple Keeping in Touch items for each issue. Now residing in England, Ben is a talented pianist and performer who clearly loves SI and wants to stay connected. More power to you, Ben! Keep those updates coming.

To all the donors to SI, my heartfelt thanks. You help SI be a school for all, and you pay for the printing and postage of this magazine. I try to be a good steward of your generosity. Each copy of the magazine costs \$1.25 to print and mail — a price comparable to a letter you mail on nice stationery. This isn't by accident. I work hard to pinch pennies, and I have Tom Corsiglia '73 at Almaden Printing to thank for this and for the company's high quality work.

Thank you to the students now at SI. They shine on these pages with the good work they do and the loving

people they already are. On days when the workload gets me down — rare days, thankfully — they lift me back up and remind me why I got into this business in the first place.

My wife, Kathryn, and our children, Lauren '07 and Michael '10, deserve praise too for putting up with my long hours at school and all the quiet time I need at home to read and reread my magazine before it goes to press. I'm a lucky man to have them in my life.

Final thanks goes to Brian Doyle, the talented editor of *Portland*, the alumni publication of the University of Portland and one of the best in the business. He provided me with the last words to this overlong piece. He wrote this some years ago, and I keep it handy to remind me why I value this magazine so much: "When I entered this field, long ago, when Lincoln was president, there were giants like Walt Collins at Notre Dame, and John Bethell at Harvard, and Ben Birnbaum at Boston College, and now there are giants like Mary Ruth Yoe at Chicago and Tina Hay at Penn State and Teresa Scalzo at Carleton, people you totally learn from and steal from and watch as they stay creative and unexpected and make their magazines the voices and music of their schools, and this seems cool to me, that what we do really is a craft and a guild. It's not an art, but it's a damned subtle and telling craft, and when editors like Jeff and Guy Maynard slip away, grinning . . . those are threads yanked from the fabric; but they sure added color and substance to it, and I am proud to be in a craft with editors like that. It's a hard craft, it seems to me, not well understood, but enormously important to our schools, and schools are enormously important."

Thank you Brian. Thank you all. And here's to 50 more years, at least, of *Genesis* magazine.

— Paul Totah '75



SI thanked its generous donors at the President's Cabinet Dinner in October. The night also celebrated the 50th anniversary of *Genesis* magazine. Photo by Pedro Cafasso.



Lloyd Berges supervised the seismic upgrades at SI, with most of the work finishing just before the August quake.

## Seismic upgrades give SI a steady footing

Shortly after a 6.0 earthquake shook the Bay Area out of its sleep on the morning of Aug. 24, Christopher Meehan, director of buildings and grounds at SI, walked through the school and saw that it had ridden the seismic waves without a crack or a scratch.

The next day, Lloyd Berges confirmed what Meehan saw. As superintendent for Plant Construction Company, the firm handling the \$6 million seismic project, he knew that SI, given the strength of this earthquake, would have been fine even without the retrofit, thanks to the school's long commitment to safety. The school was built to existing codes in 1969 and subsequent remodeling efforts incorporated reinforcements to the campus structures. The current work is being done in advance of new city codes.

He was pleased, however, that his workers finished the last of the major seismic work in the Student Center the day before the earthquake struck.

So, too, was Bobby Gavin, SI's assistant principal for student affairs and the school's point person on the project. "When I woke up at 3 a.m. Sunday morning to the earthquake, the first thing I did was check to see that my wife and son were okay. When I knew they were, I went back to bed and thought about the seismic work going on at SI and one of my mom's favorite sayings: 'The Lord works in mysterious ways.' We are fortunate to be taking on this work at this time, and our children's children who attend SI will thank us."

Berges and his crew, which included 20 to 60 workers on any given day, logged long hours over the summer to ensure that the campus would be ready for the return of students for Freshman Orientation Aug. 17. Even with change orders, the bulk of the work finished on schedule by Oct. 31.

Berges, who commuted each day from Discovery Bay to arrive at SI by 4 a.m., was on the job starting in May. In that time, he gained a love for the school and its students. "I always seem to adopt the schools I work on, but this place is special. I watch how students come in early to work before school begins and how they carry themselves and treat others with respect. It gives me a new hope for America's youth."

He also noted that the project has included several SI grads among the workers as well as Bernie Curran '78, a senior building inspector for the city, who comes out to the school both to inspect the site and to drop off his daughter, Siofra, who began her freshman year at SI.

"I also knew that we were blessed with divine intervention," Berges said. "Our work on the chapel included a guy named Jesus working on the roof, another man named Jehovah doing demolition and a third guy, Moses, taping drywall. With that kind of manpower, I knew the chapel project would go smoothly." ∞

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# Honoring the legacy of Judge Bill Mallen '54

John Mallen '51 and his brother, Bill '54, grew up with San Francisco royalty. Their Marina District neighbors included Dianne Feinstein, who would later become the city's mayor and a U.S. Senator, and Bill Newsom '51, whose son, Gavin, would serve as mayor and lieutenant governor. Another future mayor, George Moscone '47, played basketball with them.

The brothers would later befriend Gordon Getty '51 and his brother Paul, and their sister Carmel would later marry Pat Malley '49, who became a legendary football coach at SI and SCU, where he also served as athletic director and where an athletic center bears his name. (See Carmel's obituary on page 73.)

For John, none of these luminaries outshines his brother, Bill, a basketball star at SI and USF and a judge of such distinction and generosity that the SI Law Society started a memorial scholarship in his honor in 2013, 21 years after Judge Mallen died after suffering a heart attack during a trial. He was only 55.

John was three years older than his brother. "But even as kids, Bill was larger than life," he noted. "He towered over me starting when he was 7 and I was 10. He eventually stood 6-foot, 3-inches, and he earned the nickname 'The Buffalo.' When you played basketball against him, you didn't drive in against him when he was in the center post and survive."

Bill became an All-City basketball player at SI, where, as a freshman, he played varsity along with Rudy Zannini '51 and helped SI win the Tournament of Champions crown — the NorCal title of its time. Stanford, Cal and Penn offered him scholarships, but he chose USF.

In college, he distinguished himself on the court and off. The year after USF won the NCAA national title, the team toured the country including a game in New Orleans. Bill protested when a hotel took in the white players but sent the African American players, including All-American Bill Russell, K.C. Jones, Hal Perry and Warren Baxter, to sleep at Xavier College. "My brother and one other white player refused to stay at the hotel and spent the night at a hotel for African Americans, instead," said John.

On the court, he helped his USF team — one of the best college teams in the history of the NCAA — win 55 straight games and take two national titles. Both Russell and Jones would later sign with the Boston Celtics. Along the way, Bill competed against Hall of Famers, such as Wilt Chamberlin, Elgin Baylor and Tom Heinsohn.

Even though John and Bill's father wasn't an attorney, both boys knew they would go into law. "Growing up, we were surrounded by lawyers who lived in our neighborhood," said John. "We looked up to them."

Both men knew they would be drafted, so they joined the ROTC at USF. John served for two years in England at an Air Force base near Oxford. When he returned, he took night classes at the San Francisco



**John Mallen holding a photo of Judge William Mallen.**

Law School. After USF, Bill served as an Army officer in Oakland. He later went to the USF School of Law while also working as the director of the DePaul Boys' Club at St. Vincent de Paul, where he coached the sons of Mayor Joseph Alioto.

Bill later married Marilyn, whom everyone called Midge, and they had nine children, including Bill Jr. '79. Bill worked for the City Attorney's Office and was later appointed by Mayor Alioto to head the Criminal Justice Council, where he served as a liaison between the police and the district attorney.

In 1981 fellow SI grad Jerry Brown '55 appointed Bill as a municipal judge, and he later served on the superior court.

He also gained a reputation as a defender of civil rights. As children, both John and Bill befriended many of the drivers who worked for their father's parking company — men from the Philippines and Central and South America. "One day, Bill took an African American friend of his, a sheriff's deputy, to lunch at a prominent city men's club, where they were refused service. Bill resigned his membership the next day."

He also became a generous benefactor to many San Francisco students. Zannini, who worked at Riordan High School's Development Office, recalls that Bill, more than anyone else, "took kids under his wing who got themselves in trouble. He became a surrogate father to many students, paying their tuition out of his own pocket. He was quite a guy."

John Monfredini '61 recalled Bill's tenure as director of the DePaul Youth Club. "He served not only as a capable director but also as a friend and role model to myself and others. He set a standard of behavior for us all to emulate. Bill would always pass the ball to the youngster with the least ability so that he could make an easy layup. He went out of his way to make sure that all kids felt good about their ability and capacity for improvement. His humility and self-effacing humor made everyone feel comfortable in his presence."

For John, his brother was the quintessential student athlete. "How many guys can play sports so well and then succeed as he did in the legal profession? He fits the mold of what so many people strive to become. I still miss him." ∞



## How you, too, can be a part of the SI experience

BY DAVID MEZZERA '64

Forty of my 68 years of life have been spent at Jesuit schools: eight years as a student at SI and USF and 32 as a faculty member and program director back at SI. To say that Ignatian spirituality is a way of life for me would be an understatement!

Following many years spent in the classroom — Public Speaking, American Government, U.S. History, Rhetoric, Religion, Philosophy, Logic — my final 16 years at SI were significantly spent as the director of the Community Service Program (CSP). Teaching primarily one-semester classes and working with every graduate in CSP, I estimate that I had direct contact with about 10,000 students during my 32 years. The most remarkable element of those contacts was sharing reflections from students about their experiences in giving of themselves to others through community service.

When I retired early, what I missed most was the daily connection with such caring and giving students and observing the pervasive spirit of ministry at SI. I knew that CSP would continue as an integral part of the curriculum (along with academics, campus ministry and retreats), but how could I have a role in such ministry into the future and continue to feel a part of that experience?

I've got it: How about helping to endow a scholarship that would guarantee that worthy students would be able to afford the SI experience and would

be able to continue to give of themselves to the greater community and be able to gain life-enduring experiences themselves?

Here's what I discovered: By becoming a Heritage Society member and using my estate to endow a scholarship for the next generation of students, I could help create a legacy to insure the SI experience for a needy student. I could set up an endowment that earmarked scholarship funds to a student who has completed her or his Christian Service Project in an exemplary manner.

Think about your own experience. What talent was nurtured in you at SI that you'd like to see developed in another student? What were your passions at SI? How about pre-arranging a scholarship to help a choral student, a club president, a newspaper writer, a yearbook photographer, an art student, a sports manager, a violin player or, in my case, a member of the 200-Hour Service Club?

What SI nurtured in us can be nurtured in countless ways for countless future students through our commitment to the Father Carlin Heritage Society. As Rev. James Keller, founder of the television show *The Christophers*, wrote, "A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."

If you are interested in joining the Father Carlin Heritage Society and mentioning SI in your estate or trust, contact Director of Development Marielle Murphy '93 at (415) 731-7500, ext. 214, or drop her a line at [mmurphy@siprep.org](mailto:mmurphy@siprep.org).



David and Helen Mezzera with their first grandchild, Francesca Lynne Mezzera.



**Brian Heafey '86**  
Partner, PCCP, LLC



**Jill Stinn**  
Ignatian Guild President



**Rob Uhrich '83**  
Alumni Association President

### Corrections:

The Bingo Family Scholarship was omitted from the Annual Report and the Karen Reidy Memorial Scholarship should have been included in the Perpetually Endowed Scholarships list. Our apologies for the errors.

# Ignatian Guild rocks the ages with record-breaking fashion show

The four women who chaired the Ignatian Guild fashion show, SI Rocks the Ages, owe their success to the same balanced teamwork the Giants showed when they won the World Series.

Robin Mattimore, Liz O'Connor, Saasha Orsi and Gerry Sangiacomo also had their own Bruce Bochy of sorts in Ignatian Guild President Jill Stinn, whom they called a fifth member of their team.

The Giants even played a role in their celebration, as the 240 senior models watched the World Series during breaks from their rehearsals.

"When the Giants won the final game, the students screamed and jumped for 20 minutes," said Mrs. Mattimore. "We let the kids go after that. It was the smartest thing to do, given their exuberance."

The students showed the same exuberance during the Nov. 1 dinner and Nov. 2 lunch shows, which also featured clothing from the Giants' Dugout as well as dozens of local stores.

The fashion show also won a World Series of sorts by bringing in the most money in the history of the event — \$350,000 in profit to benefit the SI Scholarship Fund, which provides \$3.5 million in tuition assistance to a quarter of the student body.

These record revenues came partly from a change of venue. The two fashion shows moved to the two gymnasiums from the previous home in the Carlin Commons, allowing for more guests — 850 for lunch and 650 for dinner.

Both shows sold out in five weeks given the effective marketing campaign organized by the chairs, which included calling all freshman families to invite them to participate. "If you're new to the SI community, you don't know all the traditions we have here," said Mrs. Orsi. "Our goal is to get the families on board so they can continue going to all the other events that follow the fashion show."

The chairs also promoted the fashion shows at meetings attended by parents of Asian, African-American and Latino students — the SIPAC and AALPA clubs — as well as parents of athletes and those in the performing arts.

They asked these parents as well as grandparents for help with underwriting, which garnered \$235,000, according to Mrs. O'Connor, who chaired that portion of the show as well as the live auction and raffle.

Other revenues came from the Marketplace, which last year happened

exclusively at the Sunday lunch show. This year, those who attended the dinner show also had the opportunity to buy goods from 23 vendors, and the profits from this exceeded \$20,000. In addition, the show offered twice as many raffle items.

The four women came up with the idea for the SI Rocks the Ages theme "because we wanted to celebrate how the SI community extends into every aspect of our students' lives, as well as into their extended families and generations of relatives," said Mrs. Mattimore, who was in charge of the fashions.

"And that's the most ironic part," she added. "I'm not at all a fashionista. I'm more of a tomboy. We were on our way to Trina Turk, and I confused it with Tory Burch, a very different kind of store. That shows how clueless I am about brands. Fortunately, I had a great team to help me."

Mrs. Sangiacomo, who organized the runway shows, praised the SI faculty for taking part in video musical spoofs that were shown throughout the dinner and lunch shows. "Years ago, we had teachers who served as models, but we have so many wonderful seniors who take part now, that we don't have room to do that any more. This was our way of bringing back faculty involvement."

The chairs also thanked SI Principal Patrick Ruff and director and producer Christopher Columbus for serving as auctioneers for the two items: dinner for 20 prepared by chef Daniel Ripley, which sold twice, and a chance to attend the premiere of Columbus' new movie, *Pixels*. Both items raised \$74,000 for the Scholarship Fund.

"Christopher and his wife, Monica Devereux, are just amazing," said Mrs. Mattimore. "We are grateful to them for

their years of supporting the fashion show and auction with walk-on roles and invitations to premieres."

Mrs. Orsi, who organized the party production and Marketplace, praised Jason Pulido's Blueprint Studios, which transformed both gyms into venues worthy of any downtown hotel. "The rooms looked beautiful, and I was in awe seeing it all come together," Mrs. Orsi noted.

The women added that their favorite part of the fashion show was developing friendships with each other. "We were united by all the work and all the time we spent together," said Mrs. Orsi. "I've come away with a better understanding of SI and the friendships that are the basis of this great community."

"We felt the love from everyone from SI President Ed Harris, S.J. '63, to the cleaning crew and security personnel," added Mrs. Sangiacomo. "It truly takes a village to do this event, including the tremendous support of SI's Kristin Haygood and Tricia Brown."

Mrs. Stinn praised the four organizers of the event, noting that she "could not be more proud of them and all the Guild volunteers. The theme for the evening was both inspired and inclusive, and the execution of the theme was flawless thanks to everyone's tireless efforts and the inspired leadership of Robin, Saasha, Liz and Gerry. Not surprisingly, the SI community responded in an historic way. I am grateful to all who supported the show. Ultimately, the students who receive financial assistance are the big winners."

In short, added Mrs. Orsi, "everyone hit a home run. We kept the fun in fashion while raising money for a great cause." ∞

**Below: Chairs Saasha Orsi, Liz O'Connor, Gerry Sangiacomo and Robin Mattimore.**







Rev. Harry V. Carlin, S.J., who moved SI from Stanyan Street to the wind-swept sand dunes of 37th Avenue, posed in 1965 among the native plants and the surveyor's stake that cemented our place in the Sunset District. A year earlier, he launched *Genesis* magazine to pay for SI's sixth and current campus, one where thousands of students, in the words of our mission statement, have learned to respond "courageously to the opportunities and challenges of our time."



## Fifty years of reporting from the frontiers

Fifty years ago, Rev. Harry Carlin, S.J. '35, followed the advice of Horace Greeley and John Babsone Lane Soule when he decided to head west to the last inland sand dunes of a frontier city and build a new home for SI. He created *Genesis* magazine to rally alumni and parents around this grand venture, to move a fifth time to plant our stake in new ground, a stone's throw from the edge of the continent, and build a modern college preparatory.

This magazine celebrates both the genesis of *Genesis* and the frontier spirit that is at the heart of our nation and the Society of Jesus. Rev. Paul Coelho, S.J., wrote about this last spring in an introduction to his online publication, *Callings*: "At the time of their founding by St. Ignatius in 1540, Jesuits were quick to head to the geographical frontiers of the world. Jesuits would pioneer in India and Brazil, later in Persia, China and Tibet, in Uruguay and Bolivia, in the Malay Peninsula and Thailand, in Ceylon, in Burma, and Indochina, and, of course, North America — the 'New World.' To this day, in the U.S. National statuary in the Capitol rotunda in D.C., the statues of two Jesuits — Pere Marquette and Eusebio Kino — give testament to this Jesuit spirit."

Fr. Coelho also noted that "the frontiers today are no longer just geographical. Besides being actively engaged on religious and cultural frontiers, Jesuits also pioneer on moral, social and economic frontiers. Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, Jesuit Superior General, describes the frontiers for Jesuits today as 'those places where others do not reach or find difficult to reach.'"

Those words could easily describe the stories that have appeared in *Genesis*, ones that challenge our alumni to venture beyond their comfortable and familiar world and stories that celebrate our alumni and students who do just that — reach the places where others do not reach.

In addition to our celebration of a half-century of publication, we also offer other examples of alumni who are working on the frontiers, whether across the globe, such as Amy Cutten '02 in Guatemala, Alysson Gomez '05 in Peru, or Makaela Manning '98 in the United Arab Emirates; in public policy, such as Federal Environmental Executive Kate Brandt '03; or in medicine, such as Francis de la Cruz '97, who is working to improve cancer detection protocols in the U.S.

These graduates evidence the Jesuit notion of *magis*, of seeking the greater good, and they remind us that we have hard tasks yet to accomplish. They remind me, as well, that 50 years is a minor tick of the clock in what, I hope, is a long and fruitful history for this publication, one that supports SI's mission to form boys and girls into men and women capable of becoming saints and saving the world. — PT

# ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Ignatian Bulletin

ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO 18, CALIFORNIA

No. 1

## FIRST EDITION OF IGNATIAN BULLETIN

Tack this first edition on your living room wall. In a hundred years it will be a valuable collectors item. You are looking at "a first"—the first edition of your Alumni Association Bulletin. This was planned for September, but due to financial handicaps we are just getting it to you now. That self-addressed envelope you received with this edition is designed to bring us your donation to help pay for this edition and the three remaining editions of this school year. At the end of the school year if any money remains we will put it into the newly established Alumni Scholarship Fund. There are no dues for the Alumni Association, so please come through with a few dollars to help meet publication and mailing expenses.

## REPORT ON THE HOMECOMING

If you receive this S. I. Newsletter you also should have known that the High School held its first General Reunion and Homecoming on June 2, 1956. Whether or not you were able to attend, this brief report should interest you.

The Reunion and Homecoming was the result of eleven weeks of preparation by a planning committee and an executive committee. The men on the planning committee were chosen because they were men who were well

The first and last issues of the *Ignatian Bulletin*, SI's first alumni newsletter, published between 1956 and 1967. The school stopped publication in favor of *Genesis* magazine, which began as a way to promote the building of the new school.

were grouped together in a larger area, and some smaller classes were also grouped together.

At four-thirty parties for the individual classes were well underway in their assigned rooms. These rooms became pretty lively places, and some men who had not seen their classmates for quite a few years were having a field day. Father Leo Simpson, S.J., beloved principal at the High School until 1924, made a special effort to get away from his confessional box at St. Ignatius Church long enough to greet his many former students. Father Edward Whelan, S.J., esteemed and beloved president from 1927 until 1932, was also getting around to say "hello."

At 5:45 P.M. after almost everybody had been well-toasted from years back, the dinner to be served in the gymnasium. By 6:45 P.M. 1100 men had been served a fruit cocktail, green salad, half of barbecued chicken, mashed potatoes, rolls and butter, ice

'36, the master of ceremonies, got the show on the road. Present yell leaders from S. I. sent the group through some Wildcat yells, and even gave the school fight song a whirl. Then former yell leaders took over under the leadership of Danny Galvin, '42. Dan still has the touch, and the Alumni responded long and loud.

Ray Williamson, '14, announced the formation of the High School Alumni Association, as was determined by the Executive Committee, and introduced the first president of the Association Tom King, '22. The other officers are Darrell Daly, '15; Superior Judge Edward J. Molkenbuhr, '18, and Charles Creighton, '30, vice-presidents; Richard B. Doyle, '21, secretary; and Dan O'Hara, '35, treasurer.

Brief words of welcome by Father Robert Leonard, S.J., the present principal, and Very Reverend John F. Connolly, S.J., '33, President of the University and High School, concluded the formal program. Informal activities continued for quite a few hours after.

As far as can be judged from reports, all who attended the Homecoming had a very enjoyable afternoon evening, so much so, that an affair of some kind has been recommended and will be the discussion of the Executive Committee Meeting in December. The Homecoming was not expensive and a great deal of pleasure for at least a hundred grads. If you missed it up in the error column and note to watch for and catch one.

## HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

The Fall Term at St. Ignatius High School opened September 1, one of the largest enrollments in the school's 100 year history.

# Before the genesis of *Genesis*

In the beginning —December 1956 to be precise — there was the *Ignatian Bulletin*, SI's first alumni periodical, one that preceded the first edition of *Genesis* magazine by eight years.

SI published the *Ignatian Bulletin* until 1967, the last three years concurrently with *Genesis*, which had its start as a publication to promote the construction of the Sunset District campus. Given the success of *Genesis*, Rev. Harry Carlin, S.J. '35, opted to end the publication run of the *Bulletin* in favor of the newer publication.

The *Bulletin* announced itself by asking readers to "tack this first edition on your living room wall. In a hundred years it will be a valuable collectors item. You are looking at 'a first' — the first edition of your Alumni Association Bulletin."

Its editor was most likely Rev. Donald O'Gara, S.J., who served as moderator to the Fathers' Club and Ignatian Guild and as faculty rep to the Alumni Association. In 1963, he became the school's first director of development. Whoever it was, the editor noted that he had hoped to publish the first issue by September, but "financial hardships" set back the publication date. Thus, he added, readers would find a "self-addressed envelope ... to bring us your donation."

The issue also reported on SI's "first General Reunion and Homecoming on June 2, 1956," a forerunner event to the annual All-Class Reunion, which SI established in the 1990s.

At that June reunion, Ray Williamson '14 announced the "formation of the High School Alumni Association" and introduced the association's first president, Tom King '22. It also reported that the football team had won the city's AAA championship at the Turkey Bowl with a 7-6 win over Balboa thanks to coaches Pat Malley '49 and Gene Lynch '49.

Along the way, the *Ignatian Bulletin* began traditions that *Genesis* carried forth, including running class notes. In issue number 2, the *Bulletin* congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Sam Piercey (1904), who were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary and noted that Bud Maroevich and Jack Grealish of the Class of '44 "are motoring west from Detroit on April 29<sup>th</sup>. They plan to visit the various Art Centers and Museums along the way."

A 1959 edition announced the formal separation of the SI and USF Jesuit communities and named Rev. Patrick J. Carroll, S.J. '31, SI's first president and rector. (Before this time, the president of USF served as head of both the college and preparatory divisions.)

The March 1960 edition announced the establishment of the Christ the King Award and asked readers to nominate alumni for this honor. "To assist you in your nomination, we suggest some general criteria [including that] ... the nominee should be an older Alumnus, battle-tried so to speak.... He should be a man of outstanding character and principles. He

should be well regarded in his particular profession or line of endeavor, or have made some notable reputation nationally, statewide or in his own local community. Those suggested criteria may evoke the comment that it will be impossible to find such a saint or a hero. But we think you will be surprised when you start discussing candidates with other Alumni." That saint and hero turned out to be Dr. Edmund Morrissey '16, who appeared in the April 1961 edition of the *Bulletin*. A world-renowned brain surgeon and chief of staff at St. Mary's Hospital, Dr. Morrissey received his award during SI's first annual Family Communion Breakfast and Alumni Mass.

The January 1964 edition offered the news of the football team's second undefeated season and also the tragic news of the death of Dennis Carter, a student basketball player who had collapsed in the middle of a game against Bishop O'Dowd High School. While rescue squads worked to revive him, Jesuits gathered around Dennis's parents, who were in the stands watching the game. Seven hundred spectators "were asked to leave the gym area and to pray for Denny Carter. Many boys and girls assembled outside the gym and began a Rosary. Others went up to St. Ignatius High School Chapel and to St. Ignatius Church."

In April 1964, the publication advertised a Cadillac Raffle for the General Reunion Party scheduled for May 16. "The Cadillac, though a 1951 model, is in perfect shape. It recently got a new paint job and new seat covers, and was put in first class condition before being offered as first prize. It has power windows, power seat, power top, and, of course, radio and heater. In a recent road test to L.A. and back, it got 15 miles per gallon gas, and a quart of oil lasts for months."

October 1964 marked the announcement of Fr. Carlin as SI's president, just a month before the publication of the first *Genesis* magazine, which the *Bulletin* would later describe as "the hub of a public information program" surrounding the construction of the new school.

Two years later, the *Bulletin* announced that Fr. O'Gara would leave SI to serve as pastor of Our Lady of Tahoe Church at Stateline, Nevada, and the publication lasted one more year without him at its helm. The final issue, dated October 1967, made no mention of its imminent demise. It listed, as it always had, class notes, alumni pledges of support and a feature on the Christ the King recipient, Hon. Raymond J. O'Connor '25 of the Superior Court.

While the 11-year run of this publication laid the groundwork for *Genesis*, few alumni, I suspect, took Fr. O'Gara to heart when he advised hanging the first edition on their walls back in 1956. If you do have it posted, please let me know, and then tell me, even if it's not quite true, that you have the first issue of *Genesis* framed just next to it. — PT

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# EDITOR'S CHOICE

## THE TOP STORIES & COVERS FROM THE ARCHIVES

I begin with a confession: This is not a fair list. First, it includes no stories from the first two decades of *Genesis*. Those of you familiar with the magazine will know why. Those magazines held little in the way of journalistic offerings; instead, those issues did what most high school publications did in the '60s and '70s. They offered the typical academic, athletic and fund-raising updates with an occasional historical piece thrown in for color.

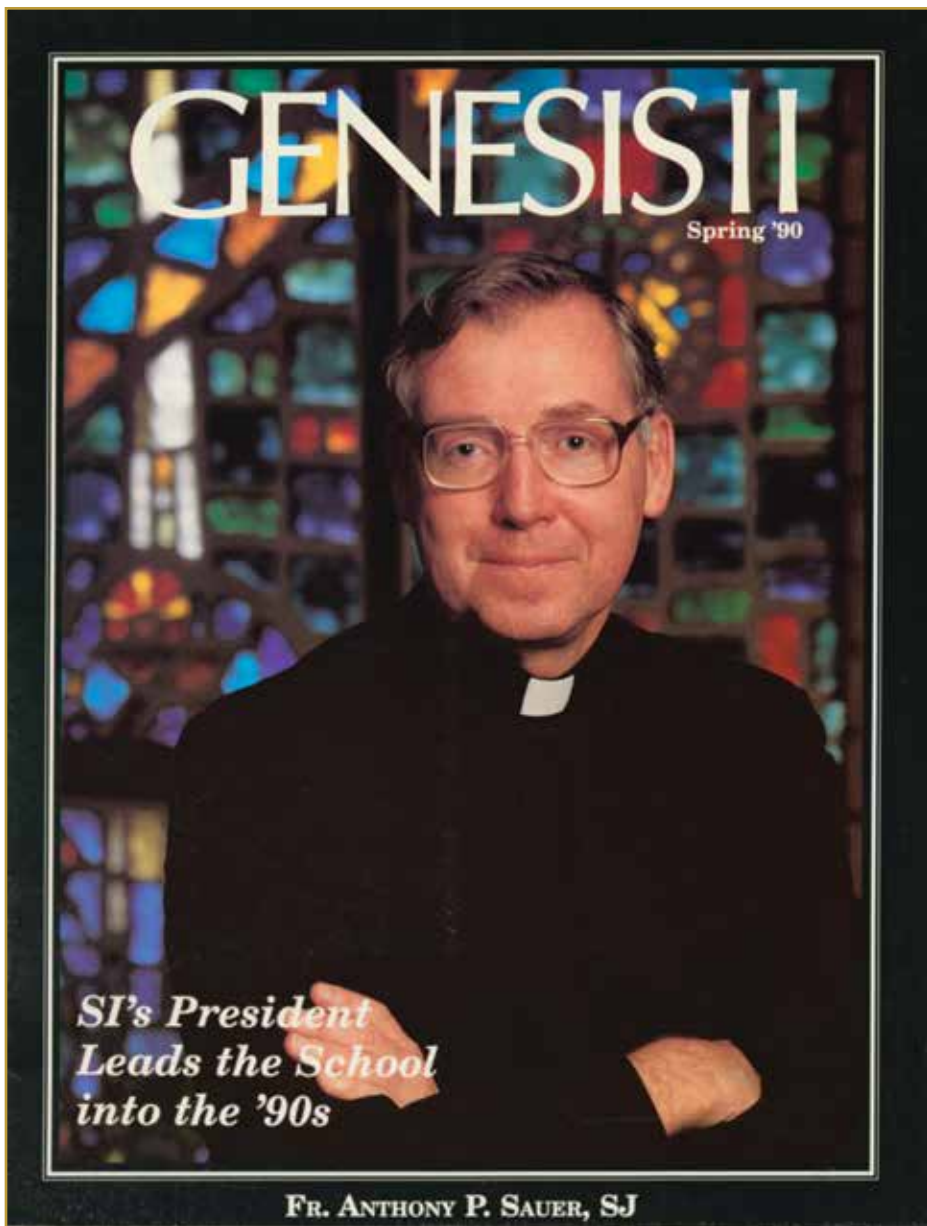
When Fr. Sauer asked me to edit the magazine in 1987, he allowed me to take *Genesis* in a new direction. The publication you are now reading has evolved since then, but the mission statement I drafted then remains the same — to offer stories that provoke, educate, excite and inspire and that carry Ignatian education beyond our four years at SI.

In forming this list, I gathered no committee and asked for no advice. I picked stories and covers that, for reasons only known to my subconscious, struck me as memorable. If I left off one of your favorite stories, blame that portion of my brain filed under “whim.”

Here, then, is a list of my favorite 50 stories and 25 favorite covers, offered chronologically from date of publication. — PT

*Top covers are identified by gold border & heading; top stories are indicated by blue heading.*





## SPRING 1990

The first full-color cover of *Genesis* featured SI president Anthony P. Sauer, S.J., whose tenure as president spanned 27 years. We would soon launch the Genesis III campaign to remodel the campus that would see the addition of a new gym, a pool and a theatre as well as remodel the Student Activities Center — changes that helped in our transition to coeducation and that modernized the school. Fr. Sauer wasn't too pleased with this photo. He always thought he looked a bit like Jack Benny in these posed shots.

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*Jesuit Superior General Comes to SI.* "For the second time in SI's 135-year history, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus came to visit." The Very Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., gave a stirring speech just months after the murder of six Jesuits and their two co-workers in El Salvador. He asked students to "remember that the calling you have is to cherish the oppressed, the refugee, the alien, the homeless and the sick as your own personal brother and sister in the Lord..." That same issue also includes an interview with Phil Bennett '77, who was the first reporter on the scene when the murdered priests were discovered, and an interview with Dick Howard '67, the first Jesuit to rush to the university after reports of the killings. Years later, in 2009, Rev. Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., Fr. Kolvenbach's successor, would visit SI and say a Mass at St. Ignatius Church for the students, reminding us that we are connected to a worldwide order that stretches back to the 1400s, an order whose mission is more important than ever: to heal a broken world.

*What Will Happen When the Last Tree Dies?* Few have done more good to our planet than Dr. Peter Raven '53, a man *Time* magazine hailed as a "Hero of the Planet." If there were a Nobel Prize for botany, Dr. Raven would have received it long ago. This interview was the first of many with the former head of the Missouri Botanical Garden, a man whom Fr. Sauer selected to receive SI's first Spiritus Magis Award for

## SUMMER 1990

saving plants around the world from extinction. While a student at SI, Dr. Raven discovered a species of beetle, now named for him, as well as a species of manzanita, whose location in San Francisco's Presidio is kept secret given its one-of-a-kind status. In 2006, Dr. Raven visited SI and warned students that unless we did something to slow man-made climate change, our world would suffer terribly. "Like it or not, we're in the position of Noah just before the flood — looking at an upcoming extinction of enormous proportions and realizing we alone are responsible for saving as many creatures as we can."

*Noah's Wake: Why All God's Creatures, Even Bristle-Thighed Curlews, Are Important,* by Brian McCaffery '75. Brian, one of my closest friends, now serves as acting deputy refuge manager with the Fish and Wildlife Service for the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge and as a Catholic deacon working in Bethel, Alaska. He wrote about the theological imperative of caring for creation by

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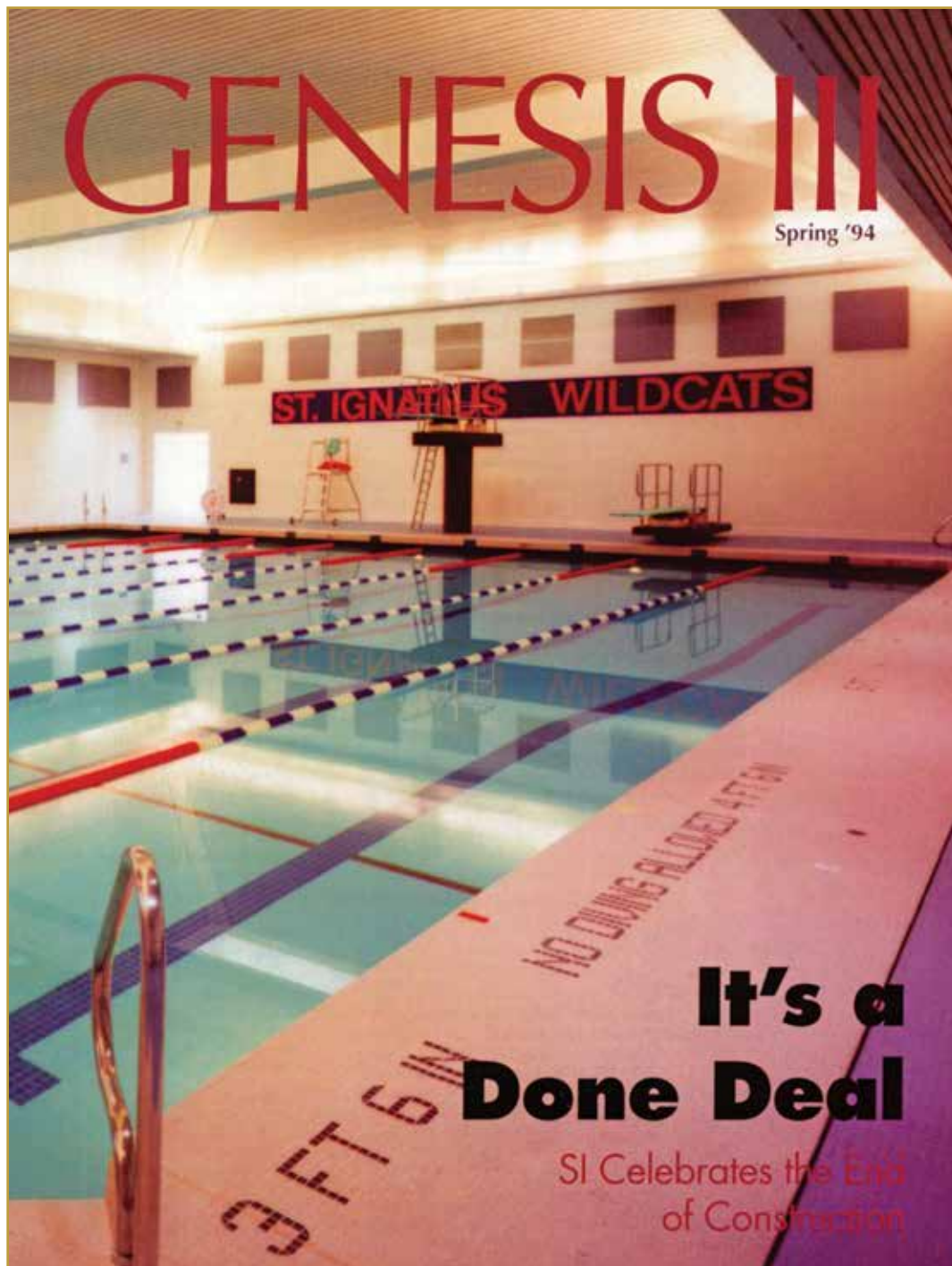
stressing that "dominion [of nature] and domination aren't synonymous." The piece struck a chord with members of SI's religious studies department, many of whom used the article in their classes. I wrote about Brian in the Winter 2002–2003 edition regarding his work helping the Alaskan bishops craft a pastoral letter on subsistence, perhaps the most debated issue in the state, regarding access to the limited natural resources. In the spring 2007 edition, I published another piece by Brian on the reality of climate change — perhaps the longest piece other than this story ever to run in the magazine, and also one of the most important.

*In the Eye of the Hurricane: Theologian Bill Spohn '62 on Changes That Will Rock the Church.* Spohn, a Jesuit who left the order, died Aug. 3, 2005, the victim of brain cancer, a tragic loss given the respect he garnered at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and at SCU for his brilliant academic work. In this article, he made his best guesses as to where the Church would be by 2016. Had he been alive today, he would have seen many of his predictions come true as Pope Francis seeks to revitalize the reforms inspired by the Second Vatican Council. When I asked him, at the end of our interview, if he was hopeful regarding the promise of Vatican II, he said this: "Yes, though I'm not optimistic. Optimism is when you think the odds are in your favor. To say that I'm hopeful is to say, fundamentally, it's God's business. Optimism is something that rests on the odds. Christian hope rests on God. God started the changes of Vatican II. That's why they will continue."

## SPRING 1991

I hired my SCU roommate and close friend Doug Salin to take photos of the new facilities after the Genesis III building projects had been completed. Doug is a masterful architectural interior photographer, and we worked together to get the lighting right for the dozen or so shots he took, some of which involved 20-second exposures of students who were kind enough to freeze in place for his photographs. Doug was so impressed with SI that he was delighted when his sons, Zach '05 and Jared '06, chose to enroll here.

## SPRING 1994



## It's a Done Deal

SI Celebrates the End of Construction

*SI Honors Two Japanese-American Grads.* "When the Class of '42 held its Golden Diploma Reunion, Fr. Sauer handed two alumni something they had waited 50 years to receive — their diplomas." Both Takashi Watanabe and John Morozumi

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were students at SI when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Both were told that they had to leave SI and San Francisco and accompany their families to internment camps. Neither did. Two months shy of graduation, Morozumi traveled to Denver where he continued his studies at Regis College; he would later enlist in the U.S. Army's 442nd regiment, an all Japanese-American combat team that fought in Europe. Watanabe found refuge in Yerington, Nev., where he worked on a ranch for six months before enrolling at Chicago's Loyola University. This aspect of my job — interviewing grads whose lives intersected with history— has taught me that our alumni teach far more than any history book about the lessons we all need to learn, especially as we seek to avoid the sins of the past.

*In the Midst of Death, Fr. Jon Sobrino Finds Life.* "St. Ignace is honored to welcome Fr. Jon Sobrino, S.J. Not only is he an eminent theologian of the contemporary Church, he is also the living embodiment of the hopes and aspirations of the 80,000 El Salvadoran people killed in a decade of civil war, and of a nation's poor, striving for a just society." Fr. Sobrino, who was out of El Salvador when the military killed his brother Jesuits, told SI's students that he would "never congratulate you ... if you are so well-trained that you make millions. I will feel pity. I will congratulate you if, with the knowledge you gain here and later in universities, you put your skills at the service of the poor."

## WINTER 1992–1993

While the Jesuits at SI applauded Fr. Sobrino's statement, some of our alumni were taken aback by what they perceived as an attack on their financial success. Rather, I think he was warning that the pursuit of wealth and power over Gospel values can lead to tremendous evil, much like he witnessed first hand in El Salvador. Later that year, SI awarded Fr. Sobrino with the President's Award, the highest honor we bestow upon non-alumni.

*War Unedited, by Lt. Ted Bennett, USN '82.* "The bomb left the pilot's control and entered its terminal phase, locking onto the target. An instant before impact, two women appeared from behind a neighboring vehicle and crossed perhaps 3 meters in front of the target, directly in the path of the bomb. The picture fell blank, the camera destroyed by the bomb's detonation." Lt. Bennett wrote here about the first Gulf War and told the story of watching a video of a "smart bomb." In his piece, he decried the myth that modern

wars are both "sterile and measured," and he criticized the Pentagon's "media-control policy" as both "undemocratic and shortsighted.... To serve, either in uniform or as an active participant in our democracy without accurately assessing the real costs of force and questioning whether the value of the ends justifies those costs is to abrogate our obligation to our nation and our faith." As we debate the use of drone warfare today and hide the death of innocent civilians with jargon, Lt. Bennett's warnings are, sadly, still relevant.

*With Peter Casey at the Bat, Frasier Hits a Grand Slam.* "It's a rare feat, but Peter Casey '68 has managed to do it. He has achieved tremendous success without the baggage that typically accompanies it." I do most of my interviews by phone or in person in my office, but for this piece, SI flew me to Paramount Studios in Hollywood. The rental car company ran out of small compacts, so I was upgraded to a convertible Miata to drive down Melrose Avenue. Even before I landed on the set of one of the most successful shows on TV, one created by Casey and his two partners, LA had seduced me with its charms. I had a ball watching the rehearsal and the filming of the season finale and going to the cast party after my interview with Peter, who, to this day, is both gracious and humble as well as extremely talented.

## SPRING 1995

## SPRING 1995

*Alumni Winemakers Thrive Despite Stiff Competition.* "Sitting in his office at Kenwood Winery, Mike Lee '62 wondered how an Irish kid from the Parkside District ever got involved in the wine industry." Mike was just one of 20 people I interviewed for this series on grads who owned wineries or vineyards or who worked as winemakers. Over the years, I've had more requests for copies of this story than any other piece

I've written. These days it would be tough to return to this theme given the number of alumni who have since entered the business. We celebrate as many as we can now at our annual St. Ignatius Alumni Wine Classic, where our alumni winemakers share their craft and culture with the SI community.

*Senior Adam Jacobs Shines in San Francisco Opera's Harvey Milk.* "Last year, as a parody of PBS's *Three Tenors* performance, music teacher Nick Sablinksky '64 asked three students to sing at the Winter Pops Concert. One of those students, Adam Jacobs '97, did his best Placido Domingo impersonation, hamming it up in grand opera fashion." While at SI, Adam performed as the young Harvey Milk for the

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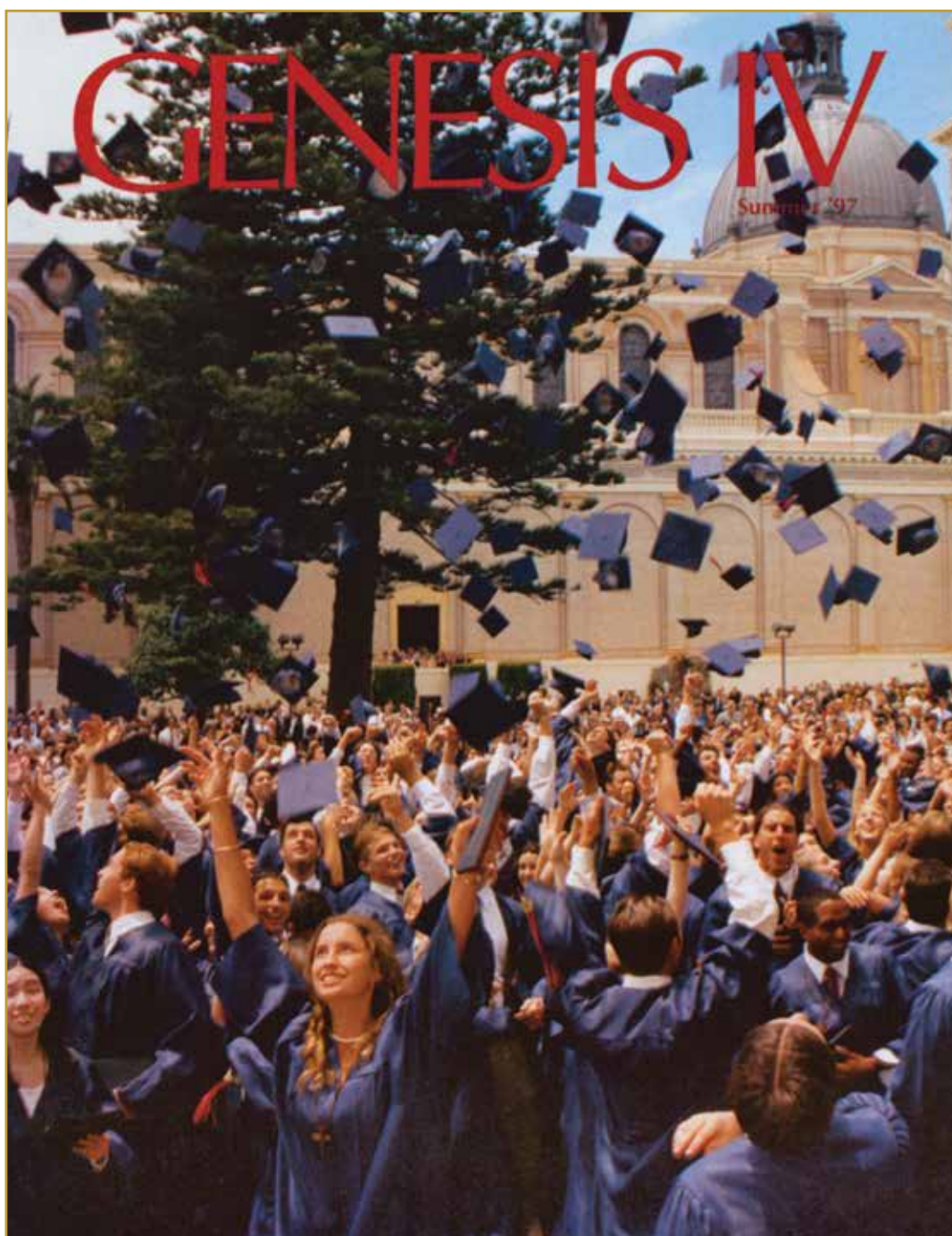
SF Opera. Later, he brought his talents to Broadway, where he is currently singing and dancing in the title role in *Aladdin*. One of the joys of teaching at SI for so long is that I can see young, talented students pursue their dreams and, as is often the case, be celebrated for their success. As one of Adam's former teachers, I wish I could take some credit for his talent, but if you've ever heard me sing, you would know otherwise.

I try not to run "caps in the air" shots for every summer issue, but the young woman in the front, Marielle Schlueter '97, looked so beatific as she celebrated her graduation that I felt this warranted cover treatment. A Brophy Award recipient at SI, Marielle went on to attend Cal, where she competed at the U.S. Nationals and NCAA championships in steeplechase, and she later became a registered nurse. She now lives in Pennsylvania with her husband, Jon, and their children Joe, Marlowe and Mila.

## SUMMER 1997

*Burl Toler, First Black NFL Official, Honored with President's Award.* "Today we honor Burl Toler, Sr., an educator and athlete, a pioneer and devoted father, an exemplary parishioner and community leader, a man who, as the first African-American NFL official, taught us all the rules of fair play." For many years, I wrote the citation for the President's Award, and this one was among my favorites. I knew Burl Sr. through his son, Burl '74, who went to St. Emydius with my wife and who was a year ahead of me at SI. His father played football on the USF team that was "unbeaten, untied and uninvited" to a bowl game because several players, including Burl, were African American. Burl served SI as a regent for many years; Burl Jr. would later serve on the board as well. I also wrote about the younger Toler in the Spring 2001 issue for his architectural work on the new International Terminal at SFO. Two great men from a great family.

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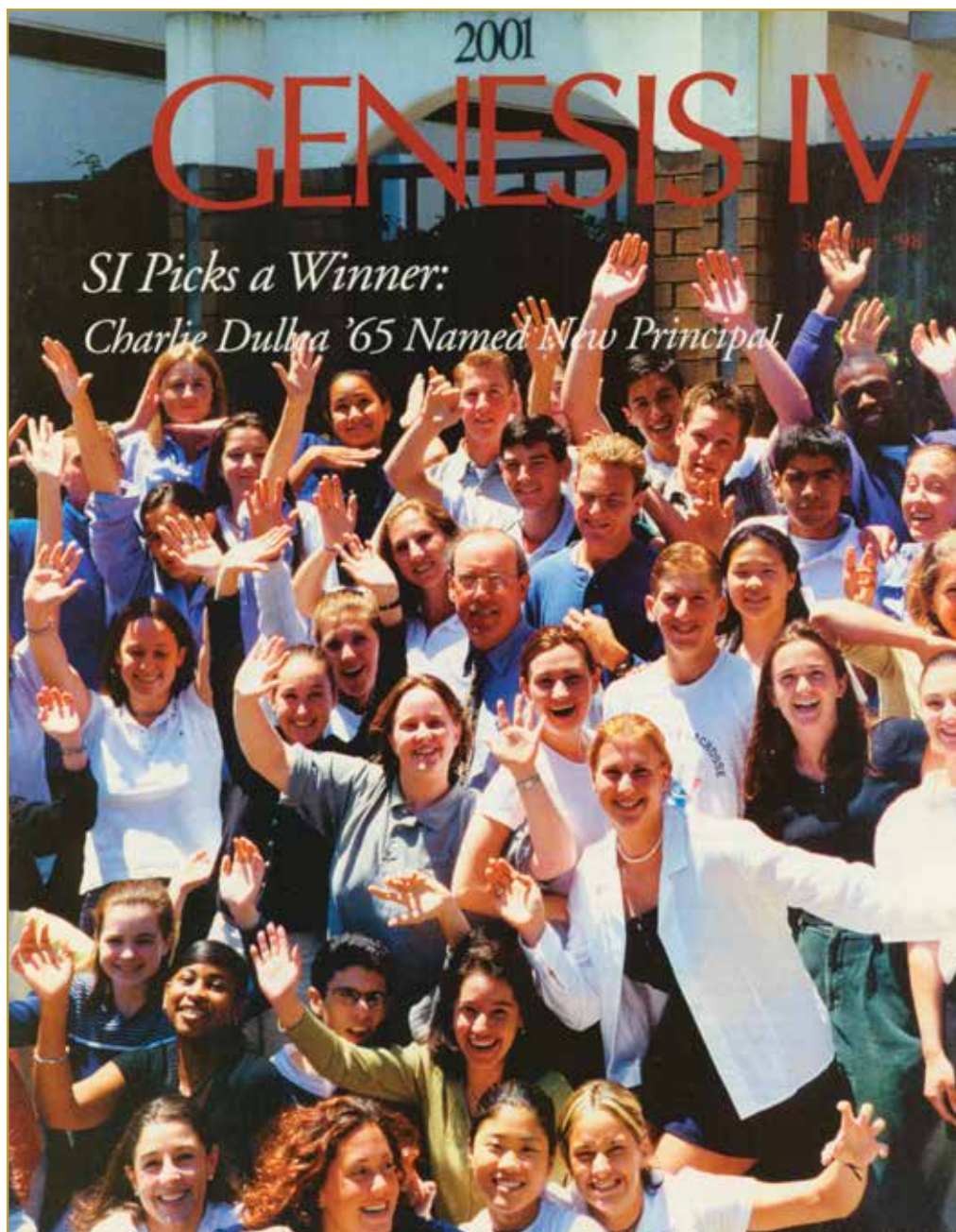


*Shaughnessy Says 'Just Don't Do It' to Nike.* "Not many teachers will take a student up on a challenge. Count Michael Shaughnessy '67 as one who will." Shaughnessy has long protested Nike's pay to Indonesian workers. While discussing the issue in class, Shaughnessy fielded a question from a student regarding what he planned to do about the situation. Shaughnessy decided to take part in a protest at the downtown Nike store to inspire his students to go beyond rhetoric. Over the years, I've come to count on a handful of faculty and alumni to write something for the magazine at a moment's notice. Shag (as he is affectionately known) has invariably said yes, and his pieces in *Genesis* echo the Jesuit's credos of promoting "a faith that does justice" and "a preferential option for the poor."

## SPRING 1997

*SI Crew Takes First in the Nation.* *Genesis* celebrated SI's first national victory in any sport in the waters off Cincinnati. This would be the first of three national titles, as SI repeated that feat in 2005 and 2006 before going on to win the school's first international championship by taking the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup after finishing first in five races on the Thames at the Henley Royal Regatta.

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*Fr. Maraschi, SI's Founder, Taught School's First Coed 100 Years Ago.* "Charlotte McFarland was orphaned in infancy in the 1880s and was placed with an aunt who was staunchly anti-clerical and opposed to the formal education of girls. Raised on a small San Francisco farm in the Castro District at the west end of Market Street, she took covert reading lessons at St. Ignatius College as a young girl." Her son, Jack Gibbons '37, told how she approached Fr. Maraschi to ask him to teach her to read. He did, and in gratitude, Gibbons donated enough money to SI to establish a scholarship in his mother's name and erect the Gibbons Hall of Music in 2007. Gibbons noted that his mother loved to read the daily racing form as well as *The Wall Street Journal*.

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*Signature Theatre Company Has the Spirit of '76.* This was the first of many stories on Tony-winner James Houghton '76, the founding artistic director of New York's Signature Theatre, which recently opened doors on the newest and most ambitious performance space in Manhattan — the Pershing Square Signature Center. Houghton also directs the drama division of Juilliard. The story in this issue explored his collaboration with classmates Loren Toolajian '76, a musician and founder of SandBlast Productions, and David Cosier '76, a set designer who went on to serve as art director for *Veep* and *SNL* and assistant art director and set designer for *House of Cards*. The story recounts how Houghton, while working as a waiter in Manhattan, ran into his old friend Toolajian, who was working as a program director at a classical radio station. When Houghton asked, "May I take your order," Toolajian replied: "Dude, what the hell are you doing here?" Their many years of collaboration began that day.

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Forty-three years ago, Charlie Dulha '65 came to SI as a young and gifted English teacher. In his second year on the job, he was named department chair, and he was promoted to the job of assistant principal for student affairs in the 1980s. In 1998, the Board of Trustees named him as SI's first lay principal. In his dozen years on the job, he instituted numerous changes that improved the lives of teachers and students and helped SI grow into a school renowned both for excellence and a balanced approach to education. He continues to teach English at SI as well as coach young teachers, passing on his wisdom and insights.

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*Building the City's Landmarks.* I count this story as among my greatest adventures. Jim Kennedy '73 served at the time as a construction coordinator for the City of San Francisco during the seismic upgrade to City Hall. The entire building was placed on rollers that allow it to move 28 inches in any direction and remain unscathed during a major earthquake. When Kennedy offered to take me and a few SI administrators and regents on a tour of City Hall, I jumped at the chance. Thanks to scaffolding outside the dome, I was able to climb, King Kong fashion, up a ladder to the outside of the dome about 6 feet from the top. I held onto one of those giant gold vases as the wind howled around me. These days, my children groan every time I retell the story as we drive by City Hall. Too bad for them. I'll never forget that view of our glorious city. I owe you, Jim!

## WINTER 1998-1999

*Genesis* underwent a new name-change, from III to IV, as we launched a 10-year campaign to increase the school's endowment. As part of this effort, we showcased our school from the air. I shot video from a helicopter as a professional photographer took photos behind me through a massive opening. (We were both strapped in, thankfully.) This was my first time in a helicopter, and the journey from Hayward took us past the construction site of AT&T Park, under the Bay Bridge and over the Golden Gate Bridge, proving a real treat. When we got to SI, we could barely make out the campus as the fog had come pouring in since our departure. The pilot told me not to worry. He circled a few times, and the wake from his chopper blades carved an opening through the fog, letting in just enough light to get us started. By the time this shot had been taken, the fog had largely dissipated.

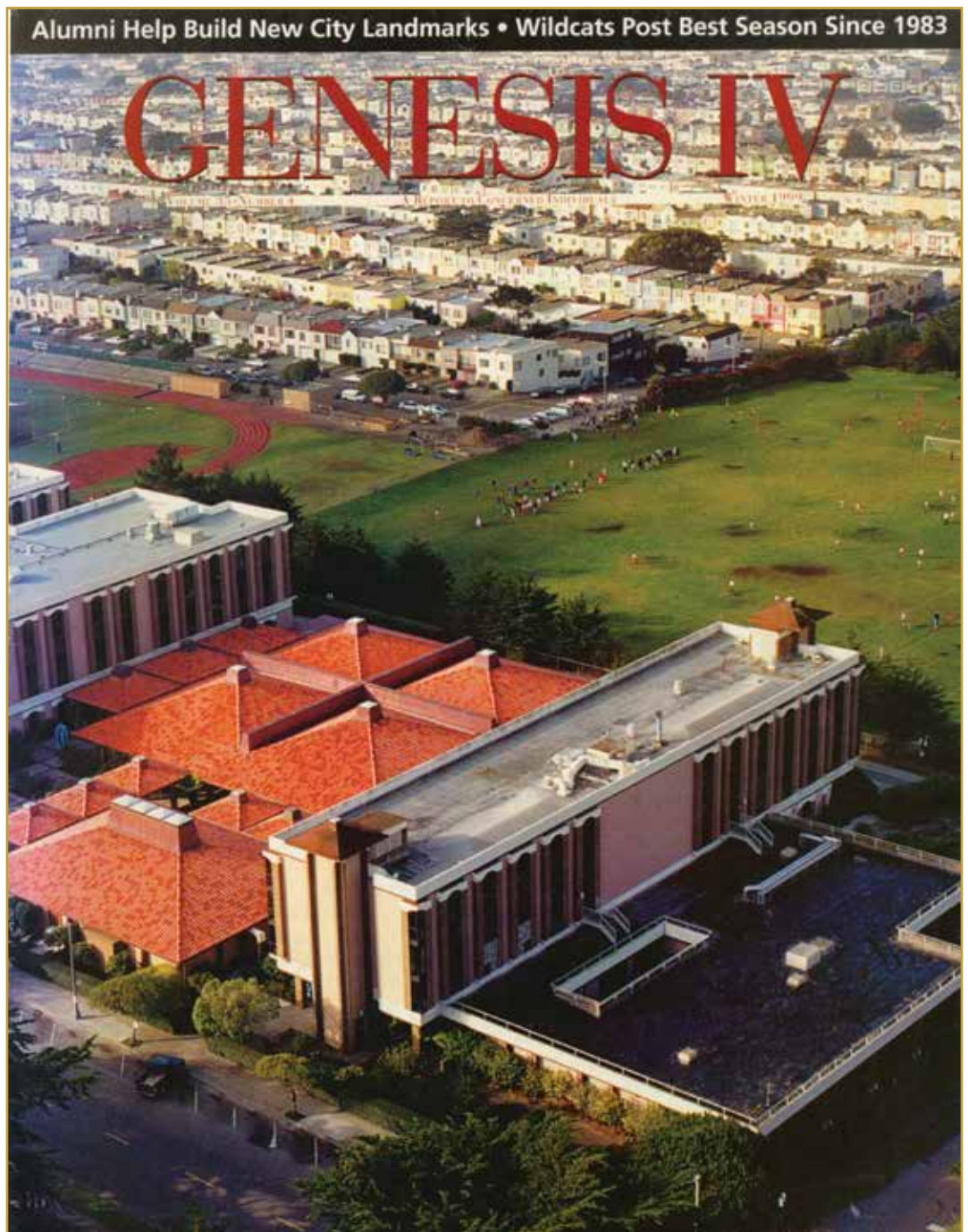
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*Wrestling with a Great White Shark.* Jonathan Kathrein '00, while body boarding in the waters off Stinson Beach, had to “wrestle himself free from a great white shark whose teeth bit so deeply that they left indentations on his thigh bones. Then, while bleeding and in pain, he swam back to shore and to safety.” His life was saved after he was helicoptered to John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek, where surgeons worked on him for seven hours. Kathrein would later write *Surviving the Shark* and became an advocate for sharks and for ocean conservation. He also founded Future Leaders for Peace, which encourages people to overcome challenges, develop leadership skills and do good in the world.

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*Closing in on a Cure for AIDS.* This story on Dr. Eric Goosby '70 told the story of one of two SI physicians to serve as U.S. AIDS Czar. (The other is Dr. Joseph O'Neill '71, who led the Ryan White program and who helped secure \$15 billion for AIDS relief in Africa.) I met Dr. Goosby in his office at San Francisco General Hospital, which served as Ground Zero in the 1980s when the national spotlight shone for the first time on this disease. Goosby would later go on to direct the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and to serve as Global AIDS Ambassador. He returned to his roots last year when he took a job at UCSF to work again at Ward 86 at SF General, where, as a resident in the 1980s, he served some of the earliest AIDS patients. In this interview, Goosby expressed his optimism in the fight against AIDS, noting that “we’re so close to stopping the viral replication of HIV, you can sense it.” Today, thanks to the work of Goosby and his colleagues, men and women with AIDS are living long and productive lives.

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*SI's Two Jerrys Take on Oakland.* This was my first interview with BSU co-founder Gerald Simon '72, Oakland's newly appointed fire chief and a champion of community-based fire protection, which brings firefighters into neighborhoods to teach fire safety. It was my second interview with Gov. Jerry Brown '55. (The first was in the Fall 1988 *Genesis*.) Now in his fourth term in the top political seat in California, Gov. Brown has always proved an interesting interview subject. I've never met anyone as detail-oriented as he is in making sure that the wording of a sentence

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is just right. We spent 20 minutes on the phone while he was mayor of Oakland in 1999 doing the interview and three hours reviewing and editing the transcript. I've always respected the way he blends his Ignatian roots into all he does. In this interview, he railed against a materialistic society and noted that “contemplation for anyone goes against the grain of modern sensibility. Our contemporary world of gadgetry, shopping malls and medical ‘miracles’ makes it difficult to touch the spiritual.” His words still ring true.

*Preventing Depression Before it Strikes.* After Ricardo Muñoz '68 received an international award from the World Federation for Mental Health, I spoke with this talented professor of psychology who, at the time, worked for UCSF's School of Medicine, where he had founded the Depression Clinic in 1985. One of my best friends still suffers from clinical depression, and I was eager to promote the good work of Muñoz, especially regarding his ministry to Spanish-speaking women dealing with post-partum depression.

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*DiMaggio's Old Friend Hailed for Generous Spirit.* "More than a few people have earned the appellation 'Mr. Baseball' over the years. But when Joe DiMaggio calls you that, you know it's for real." When the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame inducted former USF baseball coach and restaurateur Dante Benedetti '36, I sat with him at a window table at his New Pisa Restaurant looking out at the 11 a.m. crowd on Green Street. I sipped a cappuccino and typed on my laptop while Dante regaled me with stories of Joltin' Joe and playing ball with Dominic DiMaggio. At that moment, I decided that I wanted to be Italian. I still go to the location of Dante's old restaurant, now called Sotto Mare, to hang out with my Italian classmates and marvel at the legacy of Dante, now memorialized with a quote painted in the alley behind his former restaurant and by the Benedetti Diamond at USF.

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*Nature Program Helps Students Link Ecology, Religion & Literature.* Veteran religious studies teacher Jim McGarry (who now directs the Sr. Dorothy Stang Center at Notre Dame de Namur University) wrote about the birth of an interdisciplinary program at SI — Nature/Nexus — which combines religion, ecology and nature literature. Jim, like Michael Shaughnessy, wrote many pieces for *Genesis* over the years and made a habit of calling me with great ideas for stories, many of which are on this list. I also chose this story for selfish reasons, as Jim and I co-founded Nature/Nexus along with Brian McCaffery '75. (See story #3.) The class has been taught by various faculty over the years, including English teacher Kristen Moraine and current religious studies chair Chad Evans, who shaped it into a class that asks students to do two simple things: Save the world and become saints along the way.

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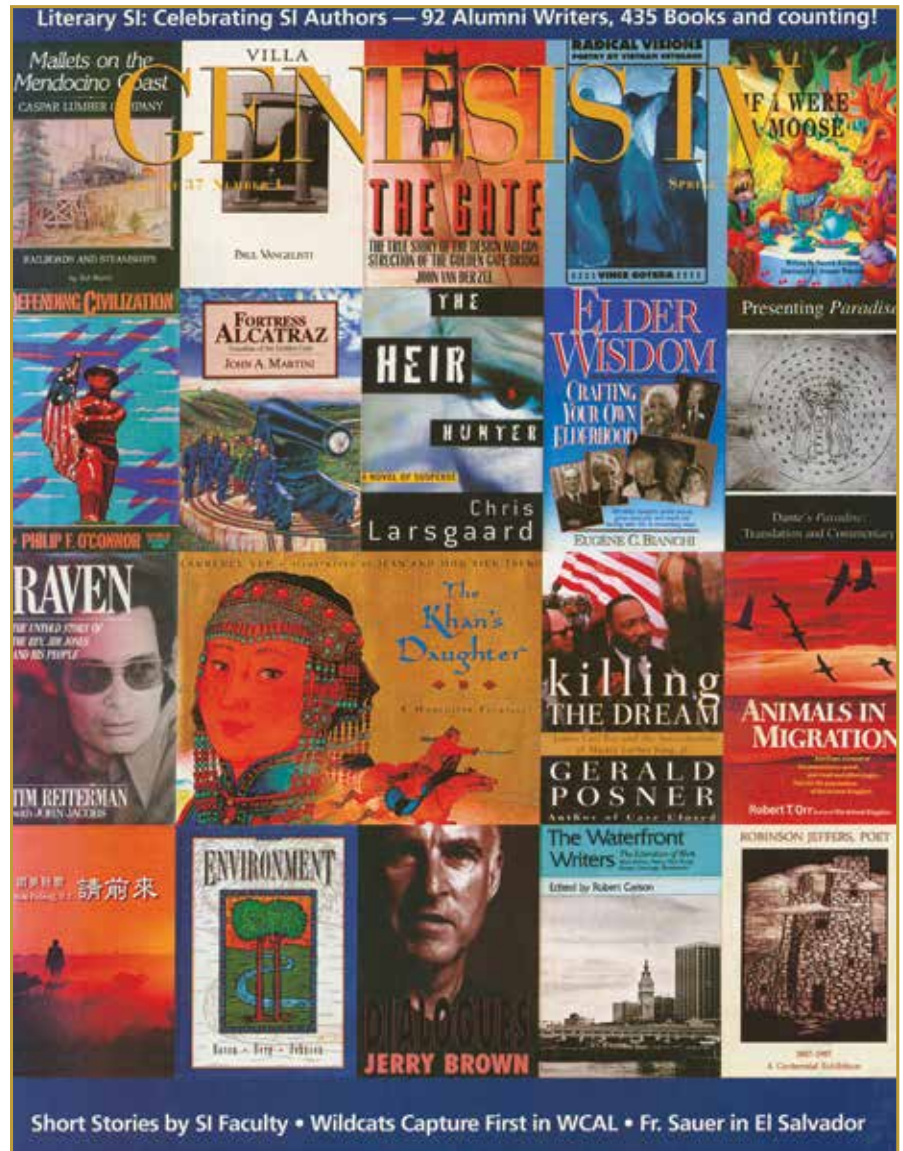
*The Bravest Man I Know.* As a young reporter, I read *The Powers That Be* by David Halberstam, who received the Pulitzer Prize in 1964 for his reporting from Vietnam. In 2000, I had the opportunity to correspond with Halberstam to ask permission to reprint a piece of his on Vietnam vet Ivan Slavitch '45, one that included this line of praise: "Twenty years ago, when I was a young reporter in Vietnam [Ivan] had been the commander of the first armed helicopter unit in American military history, a legendary figure, a man of such skill and drive and bravery that he was for a time perhaps the most admired officer in the country." That same issue featured a piece by Capt. Jim Farrell '86, who was serving as a Joint Commission Observer in Bosnia at the time. Over the years, I've written about many SI grads who have served their country in the Armed Forces, and I'm convinced our military is better thanks to participation by SI grads.

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*Clothing a Cathedral: SI Artist Katie Wolf Designs Textiles for St. Mary's.* I've probably written more about art teacher Katie Wolf than any other member of our faculty. And for good reason. The woman is amazing. Both my children had two of her classes and, like legions of students since the 1970s, they enjoyed learning by doing as well as seeing the city as canvas. In this piece, I wrote about Katie's fabrics that, to this day, decorate the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the

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Assumption on Geary Boulevard. I later wrote about Katie and her students creating art at the city dump (a.k.a. the Recology Transfer Station across from Candlestick Park). Her students were the only teens allowed into this prestigious program. Years later, I featured her innovative Art in Nature class, where students turn nature into art and sustainable architecture at Wolf's property in Lake County. For years, Katie did many of the drawings for *Genesis* as well.



Br. Daniel Peterson, S.J., started collecting books by SI authors during his time as head of the school's library and archives. For this issue, we ran a collage of covers and featured some of Dan's favorite books. That collection has grown considerably over the years and is now housed in SI's library, where thousands of students can see the literary achievements of those who have come before them. Brother Dan now serves as archivist for the California Province of the Society of Jesus. Taking his place was Rev. Michael Kotlanger, S.J. '64, USF's archivist. Now Robert Vergara '76, former athletic director at SI, is using his vast knowledge of the school as the school's newest archivist and preserver of our treasured past.

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*Hometown Heroes Live On: Athletes Compete for Prized Trophy.* My St. Gabriel's classmate Ken Garcia wrote this piece about Bill Bruce '35 and SH's Jerry Mahoney for his Native Son column in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Before Ken began his research, we knew only a few details about these two men who had died in WWII and for whom the Bruce-Mahoney Trophy is named. Ken interviewed friends and relatives to discover much more. He wrote about Mahoney's death in June 1944 when a German submarine torpedoed his transport ship, and he told the story of the 1943 death of Bruce, who survived 50 combat missions in Europe only to die in Washington State, teaching a young pilot how to fly. "He refused to bail out when the pilot could not pull the plane out of a nose dive, and the two men were instantly killed. Bruce was 25." Ken, an SH grad who sent his children (Nick '05 and Laura '10) to SI, wrote a recent piece showing the many connections between our two schools.

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*From the Foreign Desk: The Washington Post's Phil Bennett '77 Offers a Primer on the World.* Back in 2001, Bennett served as assistant managing editor for foreign news. Later, he was promoted to managing editor of the *Post*; a predecessor in that position was the great Ben Bradlee. Bennett visited SI to speak with students about NAFTA, the World Bank, Colombia's Civil War and free trade with China. Our students heard from a journalist who combines consummate professionalism with an Ignatian sensibility, one rooted in social justice. I later met with him in the summer of 2005 in his office at the *Post* just a week after Woodward and Bernstein had met with Bradlee and Bennett to review the revelation of the identity of Watergate's Deep Throat. Phil later invited me to stay for the

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editor's meeting in a room that featured the famous "Nixon Resigns" plate from the 1974 newspaper announcing that chapter of the Watergate saga. I'll never forget that day nor Phil's answer to my question: "What story isn't being covered by the American press?" He answered that the "divide between rich and poor is a global issue that also permeates many of our communities. When was the last time you heard a serious discussion of poverty? The world has become increasingly divided along certain fault lines, and the life experiences of people who have resources as opposed to those who don't are so different that they barely even match up." Those words continue to haunt me as I see how far that divide has grown.

*John Moriarty '51 Helps St. Charles Students Succeed at and Beyond SI.* John wouldn't want me describing him in these terms, but I can't help it. He's a saint. No person has done more to help students at SI who need tuition assistance than this man. He consented to an interview only after I convinced him that a story on him might inspire others to follow in his footsteps. About 20 students each year are able to attend SI because of him. He is as proud of them as they are grateful to him, and he sends me clippings of their success from time to time to run in *Genesis*. You simply won't find a more self-effacing model of generosity among our alumni community than John.

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*Tom Harlan '90 Escapes World Trade Center Disaster.* Tom is now a veteran ferryboat captain, shuttling passengers between Tiburon and San Francisco. For a brief stint, he left that job to train to be stockbroker. He was in the south tower when the first jet hit the north tower, and he was walking in the stairwell when the second jet struck his structure. He told me weeks after the disaster that "the lights flickered, and then the wall behind me split open about 2 inches from the base of the stairs all the way up to the

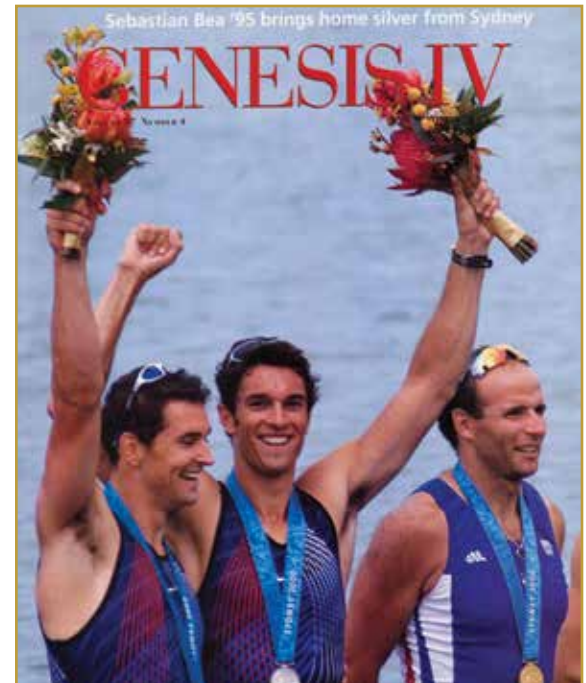
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next level. You could hear the building split open and tilt." Thanks to Tom's rescue skills as a captain, he was able to hurry people safely down the many flights to exit the building before it collapsed. Tom returned to his work on the ferryboats and gave an interview for the 10-year anniversary of the disaster. He doesn't talk about it any longer. Instead, he exalts in his job, one that allows him to be out in nature every day and, on occasion, have the best seat for races such as the America's Cup.

*Jesuit Generations: Five Jesuits, Young and Old, Offer Insights into Their Lives of Prayer and Service.* Older grads will recall the days when 50 Men in Black taught at SI. Now we have four collars in the classrooms and one in administration — President Ed Harris, S.J. '63. In 20 years, we will be lucky to have one Jesuit at SI, given current trends. In 2002, I wrote about a number of Jesuits who were going through significant stages in their priestly vocations: an SI grad who had entered the order (Rob Skinner '94); a man about to be ordained (Mike Gilson, S.J.); a priest taking final vows (Fr. Greg

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Goethals, S.J.); a priest celebrating 40 years (Rev. Jim Torrens, S.J. '48); and Fr. Ed McFadden, S.J. '41, former SI principal, who was weeks away from succumbing to brain cancer. While the number of SI grads entering the Jesuits has slowed significantly, the path from the Sunset District to the Society hasn't stopped. Ryan Mak '09 entered the Society of Jesus in 2013 and is now preparing for the priesthood. Even more importantly, through our Adult Spirituality and Campus Ministry programs, we are encouraging our faculty and students to deepen their Ignatian roots and understand Christ the way Ignatius did — through contemplative prayer and by translating faith into justice.



When Sebastian Bea '95 landed in Sydney for the 2000 Olympics, he was flat on his back, writhing in pain from muscle spasms. "The pain almost broke me in half," he said for his interview for this story. By the end of the games, he and teammate Ted Murphy had won silver medals for their performance in the pairs rowing event. This wasn't the first Olympics attended by Seb's father, Judge Carlos Bea, who had competed in basketball for Cuba in the Helsinki Olympics in 1952. Several other SI grads and faculty members have competed in and won medals at the Olympics over the years, including Seb's former crew coach at SI, John Pescatore, who later served as Yale's head crew coach.

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*To Kosovo, Phil Kearney '76 Brings the Rule of Law.* I've known Phil since I was 10, as he and my brother Bob '76 have been close friends since grade school. Phil became a talented assistant district attorney for San Francisco and then worked in Kosovo and The Hague prosecuting war criminals for the United Nations. I first wrote about Phil in 2002 and once again after he published his remarkable book, *Under the Blue Flag*, that impressed me with the quality of its writing, the complexity of international law, the savage criminality of that region and the courage Phil showed facing down men who longed for his death. Phil spoke at our Law Society Lunch in 2013, where he reiterated the need for the rule of law in a world that reels under militias and politicians who routinely practice and preach ethnic cleansing.

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Paul Otellini '68 is the *Inside Man* at Intel. The man who was named

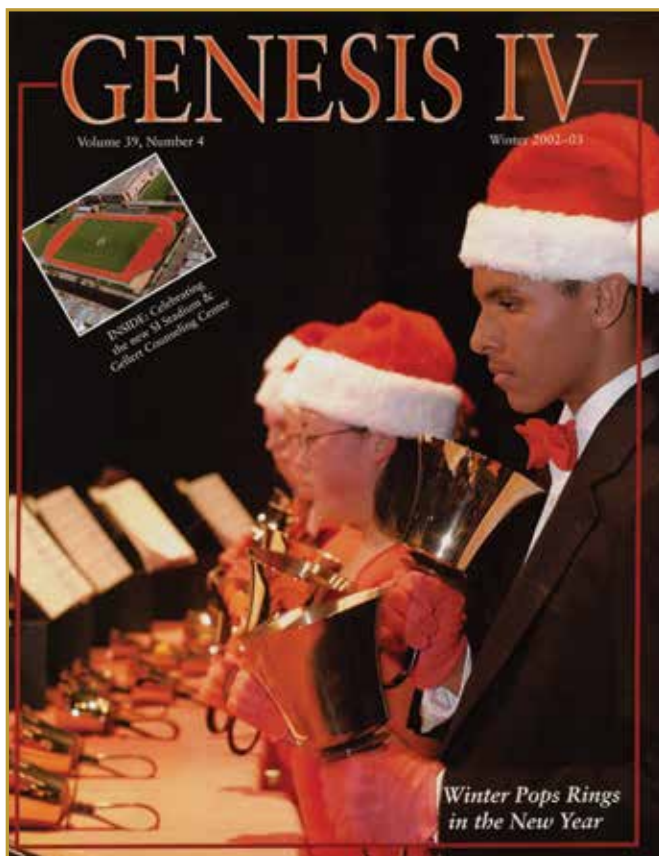
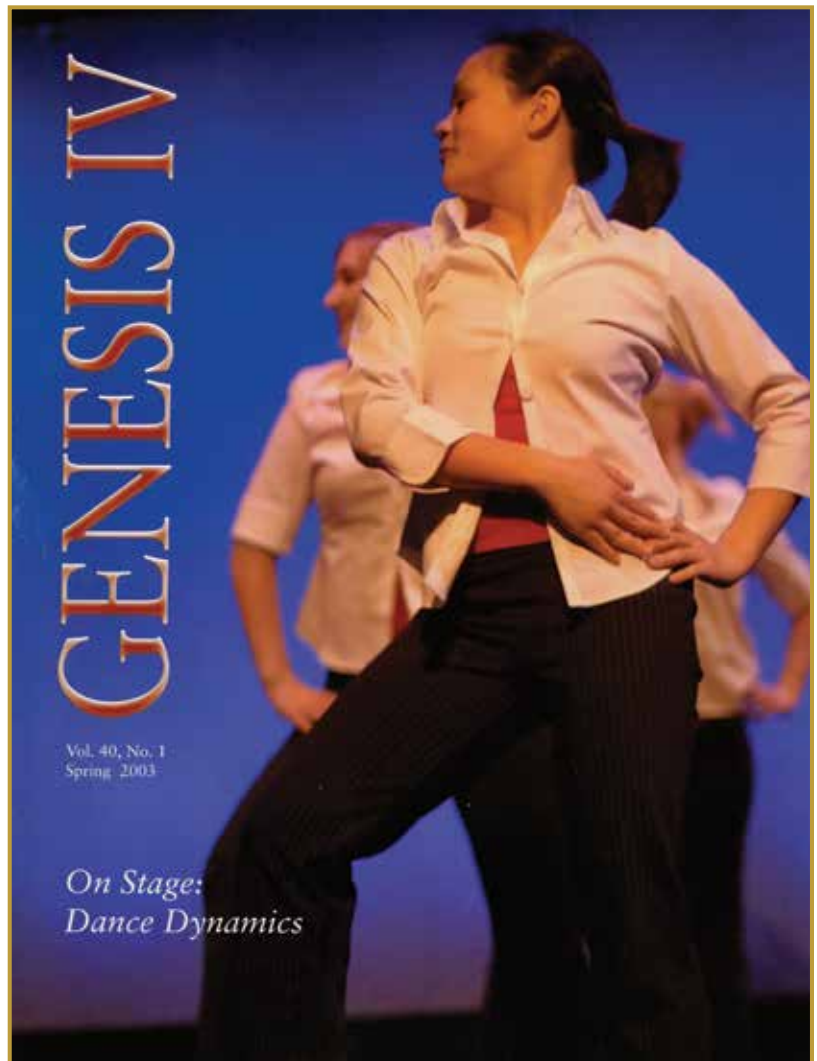
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president of Intel in 2002 spoke to me, in the days before smart phones, about how the high-tech industry "is making computers ever more pervasive, ever more easy to use and ever more connected." I interviewed him again a few weeks after he stepped down as president and CEO and two months before he spoke to a sold-out crowd at our Downtown Business Lunch in February 2014. By then, he looked back on a career of unparalleled success. In his eight years as CEO, Intel generated more revenue than it did during the rest of the company's 45-year history. A dozen years after our first interview, our conversation shifted to issues of privacy versus security and the need, from time to time, to unplug. "If you're always interrupted by your cell phone or by something else, you won't have time for reflection or thought," he noted. He also looked ahead at the merger of high tech and medicine and a day when "you will be able to do targeted medicine and treatment for cancer, and that will happen in our lifetime."

*New Adult Spirituality Program Aims to Help Faculty Develop Lives of Prayer.* For this piece, I had the chance to write about my good friend Rita O'Malley, who first came to SI in the 1980s to help us with our transition to coeducation. In 1999, she and Fr. Greg Goethals, S.J., then the superior of the SI Jesuit community, launched what has become the preeminent program in the country for helping Jesuit high school teachers, alumni and parents understand and live out the values of Jesuit education, especially the call to contemplative prayer. Thanks to her, I did a yearlong cycle of prayer called the 19th Annotation Retreat, a version of the 30-day Spiritual Exercises. It proved to be one of the

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most profound experiences of my life. In fact, more than 25 percent of our faculty and staff have done the same retreat. In many ways, SI is far more Ignatian today than ever before thanks to the work of Rita and her talented staff, including Mary Abinante, Mary Ahlback, Br. Joe Frias, S.J., and SI President Edwin B. Harris, S.J. '63



I probably suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder, and being able to roam around events with my camera helps me stay focused. (Yes. That's a pun. Don't expect an apology.) I was able to get close to the handbell choir during the 2002 Winter Pops concert to photograph these students in the middle of a complicated piece. Both Nick '64 and Janet Sablinsky did a

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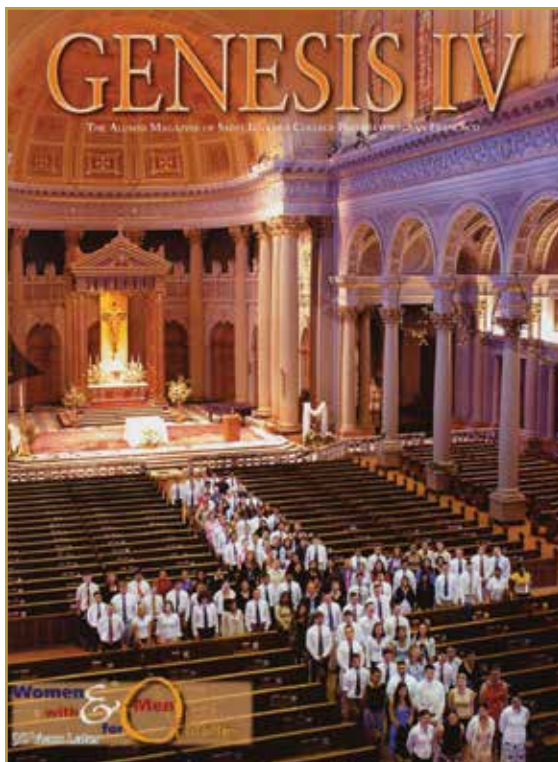
remarkable job all the years they worked together and established a tradition of excellence that Chad Zullinger and Gillian Clements are upholding as the current choral and orchestral conductors. I saw our singers and instrumentalists perform at Carnegie Hall last April, and while I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, I felt frustrated by Carnegie Hall's no-photography rule. Still, I managed to sneak a few shots with a small point-and-shoot camera without attracting too much attention.

Veronica Esmero '03 struck this dramatic pose during the January "Cover Up" Dance Concert, which featured choreography by Meredith Cecchin Galvin '97 and Lizette Ortega Dolan '94. The title of the show didn't refer to an edict by the Jesuits for the dancers to cover up, but to the music used by the dancers — all covers of popular songs, including *South Park's* Eric Cartman singing "Come Sail Away."

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I found it difficult taking photos, as I laughed so hard I cried. That this is my favorite moment in SI's long history of dance performances says far more about my weird sense of humor than it does about our talented dancers and choreographers.





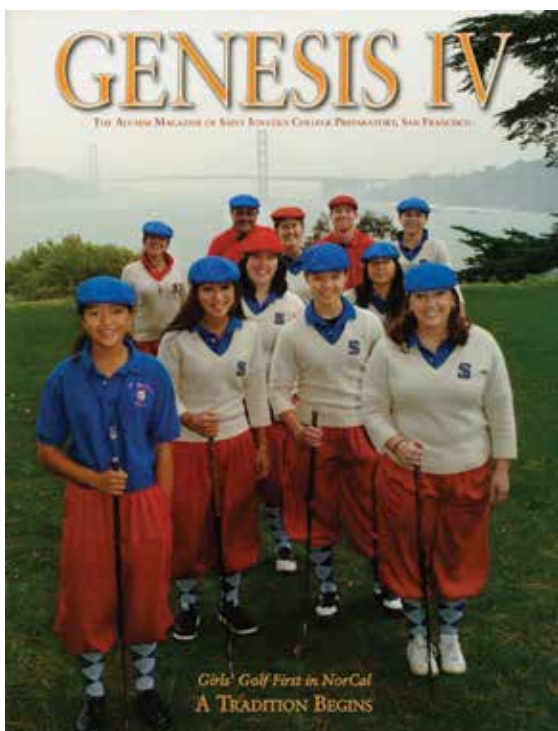
School years follow a certain rhythm with many recurring events. This challenges me to come up with new ways of photographing the same places and ceremonies. One year, we strapped Doug Salin to a narrow ledge of St. Mary's Cathedral for an aerial view of the Baccalaureate Mass. To capture this shot, Doug stood in the relative safety of the choir loft at St. Ignatius Church, and we varied the composition by taking the picture during graduation rehearsal, with members of the 200-Hour Club forming a cross. These seniors completed 200 or more hours of volunteer service, twice as many as the school requires. Only after the issue was printed did we see that we had left a swoosh on the left side of the page, a remnant of an early Photoshop effect we had just learned. How many of you noticed it either when the issue arrived at your home or when you first saw this photo?

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*Healing the Land the Cowboy Way.* "Spend an hour or two with Joe Morris '80 and you might not hear him do a lot of laughing. Still, when you shake his calloused hand as you take your leave, you will realize that you had just met one of the happiest people on the planet." Some of us, as kids, dreamed of being cowboys. Joe lives that dream as he raises grass-fed beef in San Juan Bautista. I drove to his ranch with my family, and he grilled his burgers for us while

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we stared out at land that boasted the kind of native plant and animal diversity that you'd find at a national park. He managed his land so well that professors from UC Davis studied his techniques. His burgers, which my children declared the best they had ever tasted, contain much healthier fats than corn-fed beef. He made me a convert that day and even made me think about giving up the computer for a set of spurs. Go to [www.morrisgrassfed.com](http://www.morrisgrassfed.com) for more on him.



When the Varsity Girls' Golf Team took first in Northern California in 2003, we opted to photograph them in their old-timey uniforms on the 17th hole at Lincoln, with its iconic view of the Golden Gate Bridge. The only day that worked was the last day of final exams, a day when the skies opened and rain came cascading down.

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Once again, I asked Doug Salin to take this picture, as he has a great eye for balance. While the girls and Coaches Julius Yap '74 and Bill Olinger '95 waited in a van, I thought about moving the shot to some indoor location. Doug told me to be patient. It took about 30 minutes, but the rain finally let up, allowing us to take a relatively dry shot and see the bridge. Doug, by the way, stood atop a park bench that bears the name of Fr. Sauer. Next time you're near the 17th hole, look for it.

*Facing the Fear of Failure, Paintbrush in Hand.* "After two years of working with a group of tough teenage prisoners, Boris Koodrin '67 knew that they had one advantage over him. They had faced their fears while, Koodrin confesses, he had not." Boris called me one day to pitch a story about his return to the canvas as a painter after many years avoiding paintbrushes. He had faced his biggest fear: that he couldn't make it in the world of fine arts. He is now a much celebrated painter of murals and fine art as well as a gifted naturalist. As I spoke with him, his story wove among tangents, all connected, all forming a tapestry of experiences that included his work at the Log Cabin Ranch, teaching young offenders how to start a fire in the woods with no matches and how to track animals. After that story came out, SI asked Boris to submit an entry for a mural to celebrate our sesquicentennial, a mural that now decorates both the first floor of the school and the cover of my book on SI's history. Boris has also taught past Nature/Nexus classes the same Native American skills he used to teach in La Honda to inspire or rekindle a connection to nature.

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*John Kolenda '75 Takes a Leap of Faith into a Life of Healing.* Not everyone loves going to class reunions. Count me as one who does. At my 10-year reunion, I ran into John, whom I knew only casually while we were classmates. He told me his story of giving up a lucrative life at Solomon Brothers to pursue acupuncture after he tried that treatment for a soccer injury. Over the years, he explored new uses for acupuncture and helped addicts go through detox programs, athletes improve their performance and kids with learning differences learn how to focus. He treated me for injuries twice, and I swear by his healing powers and by the courage he showed to make a drastic career change, one that has served him and others so well.

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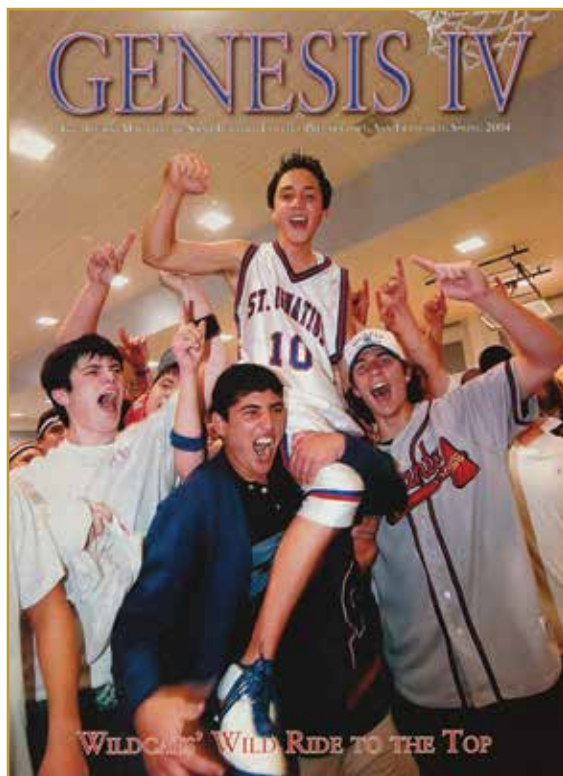
*Dick Wall '52 Fights for Human Rights for North Koreans.* Dick Wall befriended me years ago and impressed me with his goodness. He jokes that he's a minority, being a Republican in San Francisco. You won't find many Republicans in this town, nor will you find folks as good and true and talented as Dick. When President George H. W. Bush appointed him to serve on the U.N's Commission on Human Rights, he worked tirelessly to help those oppressed by the reign of despots. Later, he had the idea for a society of alumni and students that would reinforce the Jesuit call to service, one modeled

## WINTER 2003-2004

by Adm. Daniel Callaghan (1907) the recipient of the Medal of Honor who died aboard the bridge of the *USS San Francisco* during the Battle of Guadalcanal. Thus was born the Callaghan Society for both our grads and current students. He is also the inspiration behind the annual Callaghan essay contest and the display case that reminds us all of the SI grads now serving in the military.

Larry Purcell '62 Jailed for Protesting WMDs Made in the USA. I first met Larry when I was a 23-year-old reporter working in Redwood City. Even though Larry's Catholic Worker House was a half mile from my office, I had to drive to Milpitas to interview him, as he was serving time in jail for an act of civil disobedience. He and his colleagues hopped a fence at Lockheed and spilled blood on missile parts. A year later, I left my job as business editor of the *Dispatch* in Gilroy to be a part of Larry's other job, which involved helping homeless teens on the Peninsula. Twenty years later, I invited Larry, who had just been released from jail for protesting the invasion of Iraq, to write something for *Genesis*. (Others who wrote included two former military men — Dr. James Corum '71 and Janar Wasito '87 — and Doug Hamblin '73, who entertained the troops as part of Bruce Willis' band.) Larry wrote both about his belief that the invasion of Iraq was unjust and of his experience in jail, one that gave him time to minister and pray. Whenever I teach Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail," I think of Larry and the tough decisions he felt compelled to make to obey the dictates of his conscience.

## SPRING 2004



When SI's boys' basketball team defeated Foothill of Sacramento in 2004, they won the right to play in the NorCal finals in Sacramento. Possessed by the moment, seniors Ricci Ribero and Mike O'Mahoney carried junior guard Nicholas Mizono on their shoulders. I pushed my way through the crowd and used a wide-angle lens to catch the excitement. This photo later won first place in a contest sponsored by the national Jesuit publication *Company Magazine*. Both Doug Salin and Spanish teacher Pedro Cafasso helped me with post-production on this photograph.

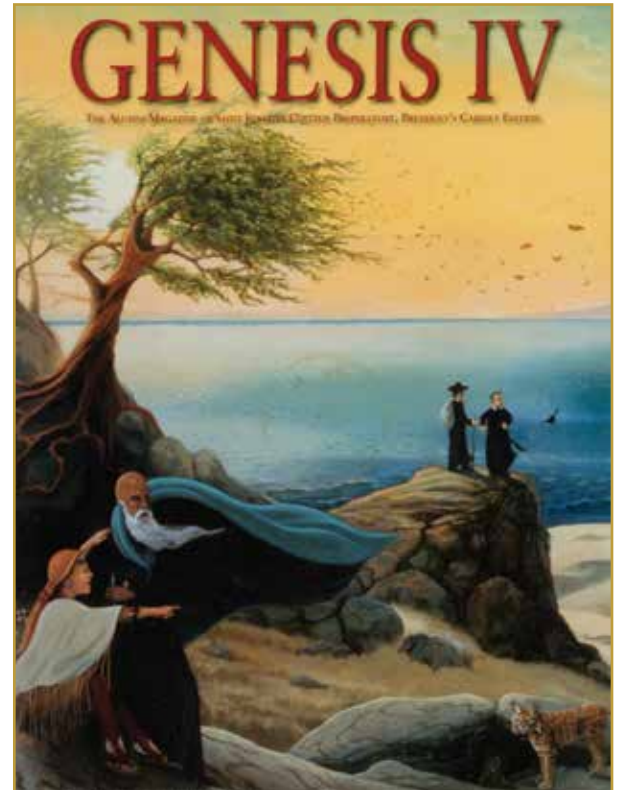
## SPRING 2004

*A Day on the Boulevard Gala Celebrates 150 Years of SI History.* Fred Tocchini '66 organized a team of volunteers to put together a little party to mark a milestone in our school's long history in San Francisco. Little did he or any of his committee members know that more than 7,000 people would crowd the streets around SI and the halls of the school that sunny June day to stage the greatest block party most of us had ever seen. We had to cap the number of \$10 tickets we sold, and then we started seeing ads on craigslist from folks willing to pay \$200 for a ticket. The day was a glorious

celebration of SI's history, and it marked the start of a new career for Fred, who left the produce business to help us plan for the next few years. As director of special projects, Fred helped us nearly double the size of the school property with the agreement that opened the 8.5-acre Fairmont Field in Pacifica. He also covered Orradre Courtyard and modernized the kitchen. I worked in an office next to his for many years, and saw first-hand his expertise as well as his love for the school.

## SUMMER 2005

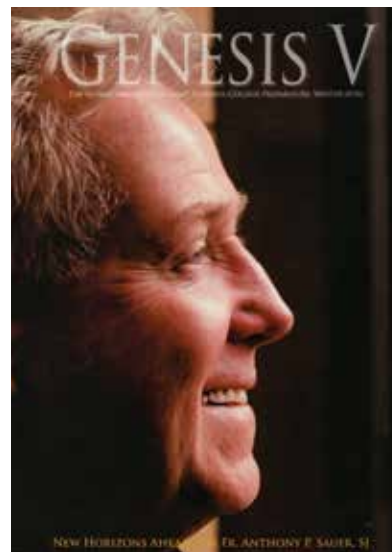
As the school prepared for its sesquicentennial celebration, I was asked to write the SI history. While I was polishing the first chapters, the sesquicentennial committee selected Boris Koodrin '67 to paint the history mural near our first floor entrance. Boris asked to see my early drafts, and he used it as background information for his piece. Later, I used the title of his mural — Spiritus Magis — for the title of my book, and I used parts of the mural for the covers of the winter, spring and summer editions of *Genesis* that contained excerpts from the book. Pictured here are Fr. James Bouchard, S.J., and his mother, Marie, along with Frs. Michael Accolti, S.J., and John Nobili, S.J., founders of the California Province. Fr. Bouchard, who was half Native American, became a legendary preacher at the first St. Ignatius Church on Market Street.



## WINTER 2004–2005

Next time you're on campus,

take a closer look at the mural to find hundreds of hidden symbols and figures that Koodrin included to help students learn how to see and, ultimately, learn how to learn.

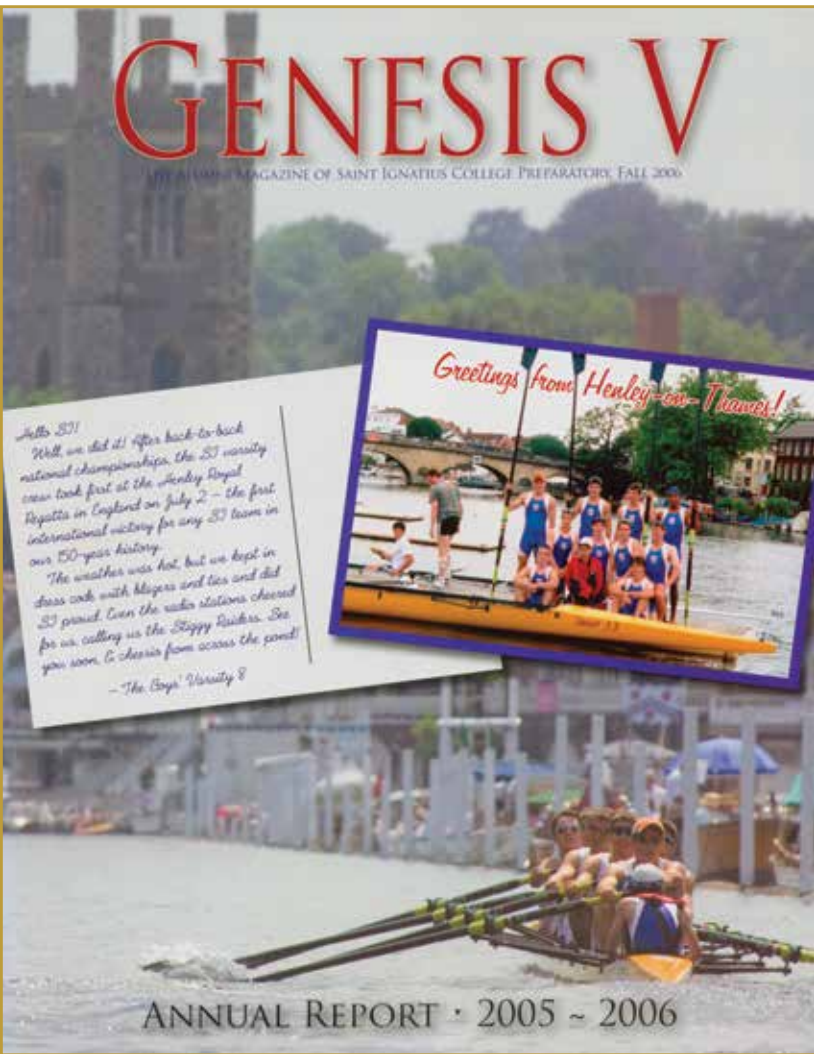


When Fr. Sauer stepped down after 27 years as SI's president, we celebrated his long service to the school in this issue and on the cover. Doug Salin suggested a profile shot of Tony, and we took a test picture, knowing that we would spend more time later fiddling with background and lighting. When we looked at the test photos, we realized we

## WINTER 2005–2006

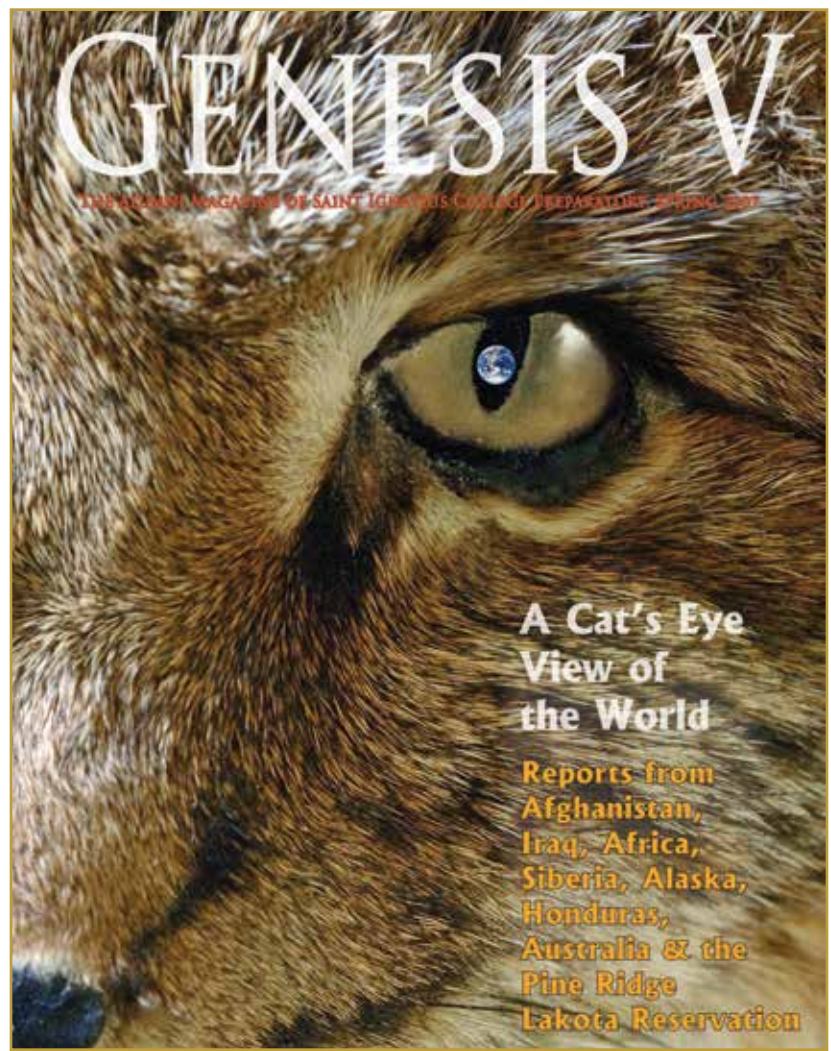
had just what we were looking for. This image captures Tony's wisdom, humor and holiness in his patrician profile. Tony might

bristle at the word "patrician," as he is truly a man of and for the people, but there is no denying that many in the SI family think the world of him. Note, by the way, the new name for the magazine: *Genesis V*. That new name came with the 5-year campaign to increase the endowment fund; build a new field in Pacifica; add the choral room, piazza complex, weight room and a new classroom wing; and modernize the kitchen and Orradre Courtyard.



Coach Tom O'Connell knew early on that he had a special crew for the 2006 season. The boat included many rowers who had won the national championship both in 2005 and 2006. He entered them into SI's first international competition, the Henley Royal Regatta in England, where the boys won the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup. *Rowing Magazine* later named the boys among the top 25 crews of the past 50 years for the U.S. and Canada. No one photo fully captured this historic event, so I came up with the idea for an inset postcard. This was the first annual report to feature cover photos — previous editions had simple covers printed on linen stock. We felt this victory merited a change of course, and all subsequent annual reports have featured photos on the cover.

Part of the mission of any Catholic publication is to help readers extend their definition of family beyond familiar borders. That's one reason why I'm drawn to stories of our grads reporting from and working in little-known parts of the world. We are called to know, love and serve our brothers and sisters in Siberia, Honduras, the Lakota Reservation, Malawi and Tanzania — just a few of the places featured in this issue. I gave Doug Salin the idea for the cover, and he made it come to life thanks to two stock photos.



*Alumni Politicians Discuss Ways to Repair Government.* Rather than interview half a dozen SI grads in politics, I invited to SI Supervisor Mike Nevin '62, campaign strategist Ed McGovern '75, former U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan '76, political consultant Tom Hsieh '83, Supervisor Sean Elsbernd '93 and Mayor Gavin Newsom's chief aide, Mike Farrah '85, to speak to SI's AP Government students, answering questions posed to them by John Wildermuth '69, a longtime political reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle*. I transcribed the discussion and printed it in *Genesis* along with a list of other SI politicians throughout the ages. These men impressed upon our students, and upon me, the importance of political engagement. "The greatest problem in politics today is apathy," said Nevin. All the men mentioned the larger role money played in politics and complained about term limits, though Farrah did express his hope that term limits would "see new people come into politics at City Hall, where not every voice is heard."

*Pat Maguire Cleans Up the Outer Sunset.* "Pat Maguire first healed himself. Then he healed his neighborhood, turning it into one of the most vibrant parts of San Francisco." This story on the man who opened three local cafes — two Java Beaches and the Beachside — drew more favorable comments than any other piece I had ever written because, I believe, we love stories of redemption. It's part of the Catholic tradition, after all. Pat had struggled with

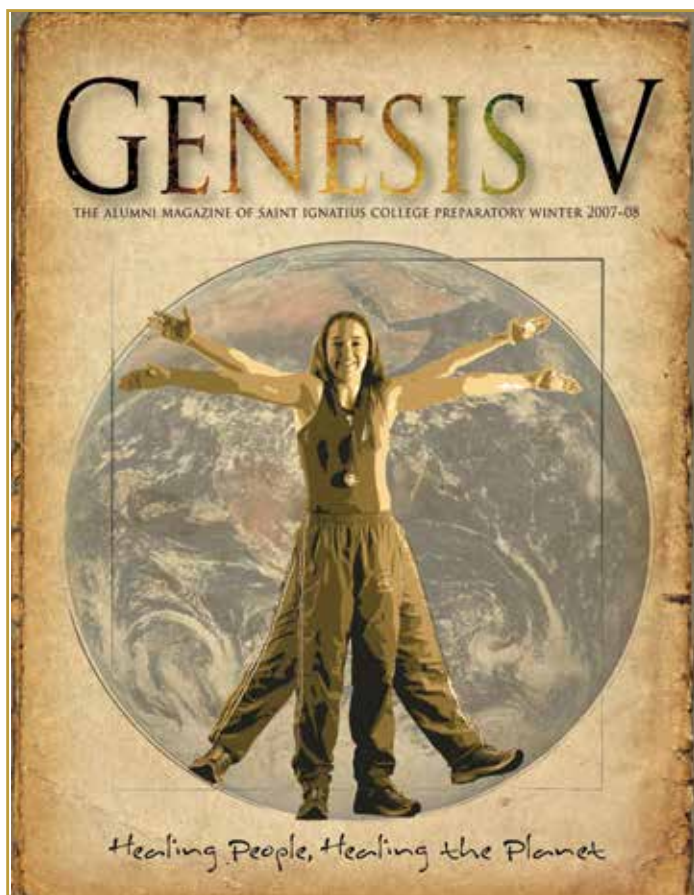
alcoholism after the premature death of his father. After getting sober, he opened a coffee shop and helped transform a seedy neighborhood into a vibrant community, earning him the moniker "the Mayor of the Great Highway." Not every story of redemption is entirely happy, however. Pat and his wife, Buffy, suffered the loss of their young son, Kevin, from cancer one year ago. I got a glimpse into Pat's great faith when I interviewed him, and though we haven't spoken since that interview, I have hope his faith has sustained him and helped him and his family to heal.

*Meet Your Neighbors at Nopa's Table.* I began hearing about a new restaurant, Nopa, in early 2007 and how chefs from all over the city would head there after their restaurants closed for the night. Then I read that Jeff Hanak '85 was one of the three owners. My interview with him

## SUMMER 2007

deepened my belief in the value of the Slow Food movement and made me a huge fan of his farm-to-table fare. Later, I did a story on the nearly 50 SI-owned restaurants in San Francisco, many of which succeed as Jeff's place does in crafting a place that engenders community while

nourishing customers. Next door to Nopa now is the city's second Bi-Rite Market, owned by Sam Mogannam '86, one of my many cousins. Together, Jeff, who is Jewish, and Sam, who is Palestinian, find common cause in the food they serve. I used to love taking my Nature/Nexus students to this power corner of the city to see the epicenter of the food revolution and to show them just how good food can taste.



Katy Daly '09 proved a force on SI's cross country and track teams. In her first three years at SI, she finished ninth, third and first at the state cross country meet. I wanted to feature Katy on the cover, but I also wanted to allude to the feature stories, which included stories on

## WINTER 2007-2008

Dr. Jack Kerrigan '75 and Dr. Mark Terry '71, each of whom had remarkable breakthroughs in medicine, and Helmut Schmidt '88 and Conor Johnston '99, each doing great work in sustainability.

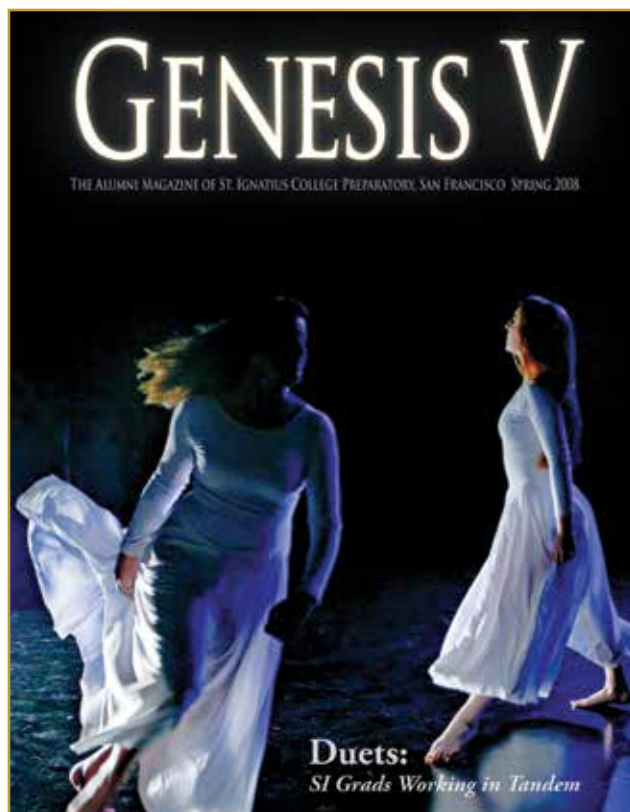
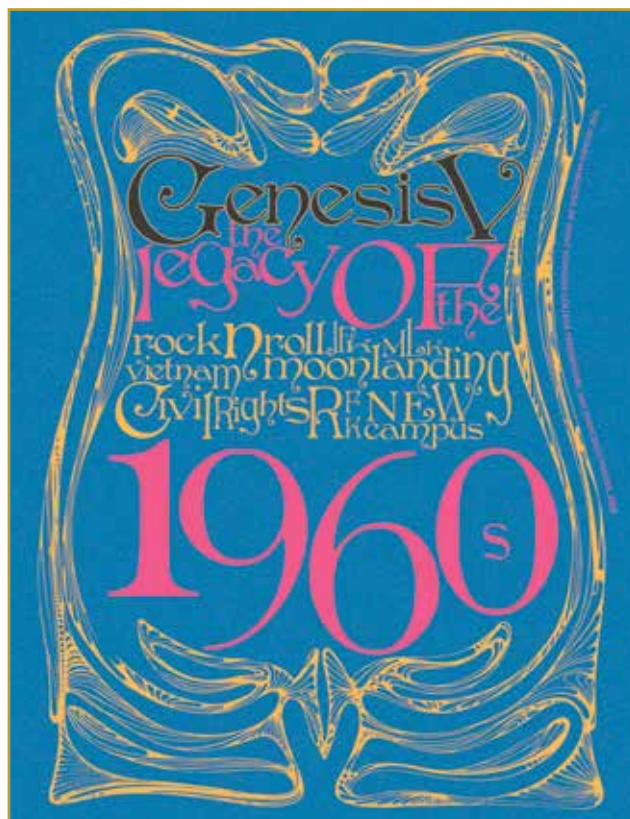
I pitched my cover idea both to Doug Salin and to Nancy Barisic Hess '05, who had just come on board as the school's graphic artist. Nancy merged the two images of Katie into Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man and composed an antique overlay and effect.

I like running covers that do double duty (see 2007-08, Winter); for this cover, I was able to highlight our dance concert, *Interactions*, and mention the Duets theme of the issue, which featured stories of graduates working on parallel projects, such as Paul Kolsanoff '97, producer of *Colma: the Musical*, and Dr. Vince Morelli '74 whose documentary film, *Left Behind: The Story of New Orleans Public Schools*, showcased the failings of that city's corrupt school system. I loved the way the two girls pictured here danced between light and darkness, with their complementary body positions echoing the efforts of our grads.

## SPRING 2008

In 1967, Jefferson Airplane and Buffalo Springfield played a concert at USF's gym to benefit the building fund at St. Charlie Dullea '65 had a poster from the concert in his office, and I liked it so much that I asked Nancy Hess to modify it for the cover of *Genesis*. The issue covered more than the concert. We ran stories that touched on the hot-button issues of the 1960s, including the watershed year of 1968, 40 years prior to this publication. You probably have your favorite cover; this is mine.

## WINTER 2008-2009





The end of the 2008 school year saw the retirement of Dean of Students Douglas Draper, S.J., Deans' Office Secretary Eda Bottini, Orchestra Conductor Nick Sablinsky '64 and his wife, Choral Conductor Janet Sablinsky. Each had served the school for decades, and I wanted to offer a sense of that history with this playful cover. Doug Salin helped design and compose the scene, and Nancy Hess provided the sepia effect and frame. I'm grateful to these four subjects for being good sports. Note the old-timey photo in the background is SI's second campus, which opened its doors on Market Street in 1861.

## SUMMER 2008

The girls' varsity basketball team beat SHC at USF in January 2010 and later went on to earn a spot in the NorCal tournament. Leading the cheers for the Wildcats that year was Jaqueline Toboni '10 (center of the photo with the blue cap). I had the occasion to run her photo once more, this time in the Summer 2014 edition, after producers of NBC's *Grimm* saw her at the University of Michigan, where she was studying acting. Within a few weeks, Toboni was on location in Portland, Ore., cast as the character Trubel.

## SPRING 2010



*Ah, But I Was So Much Older Then — I'm Younger Than That Now*, by Curtis Mallegni '67. "As our culture strained and groaned with social and political change of the 1960s, St. Ignatius High School stood in quiet contrast, rooted in discipline, order and Jesuit tradition." Few people in SI's history have served the school as capably or as loyally as Curtis Mallegni. He served on our board of regents for nine years, the last three as chair. His five years on the Board of Trustees included two years as president. Add to that seven years on the Fathers' Club board, including a year as president. He led the committees that searched for a new president and principal, he participated

## WINTER 2008–2009

on two Kairos retreats and attended an immersion trip to LA. A humble Catholic, he also completed the 19th Annotation retreat. But it was his turn as a rock 'n' roll drummer for the Vandals that led me to ask him to write an essay for an issue devoted to the 1960s and the peculiar juxtaposition of the Stanyan Street campus just blocks from Haight and Ashbury. Curtis hit upon the twin forces that have inspired SI since its founding: tradition and innovation. We strive to teach age-old lessons while (as our mission statement proclaims) "responding courageously to the opportunities and challenges of our time." As Curtis wrote: "We stretched ourselves to think in broader terms and pondered the imponderable [and] we did this, ironically, in the context of our Jesuit influence."

*Chris & Jon Moscone Reflect on their Father's Legacy*. Thirty years after the assassination of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone '47, I interviewed his sons Chris '80 and Jonathan '82, who were attending SI when they

## SPRING 2009

learned of their father's death. The movie *Milk* had just premiered, and Jonathan noted his objection to seeing how his father was portrayed "sitting on the sidelines on Proposition 6 and watching Harvey run the show." Later, Jonathan penned his own play, *Ghost Light*. The mayor, both sons recalled, was a progressive politician both in Sacramento and San Francisco. "He wasn't a gay rights advocate or a civil rights advocate. He was a human rights advocate, even from his early days," said Jonathan. "If he were alive today, he'd still find a way to use his power to get the good work done."

*Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Makes Historic Visit to SI to Commemorate 20 Years of Coeducation*. Sometimes I don't prepare for interviews. I find some

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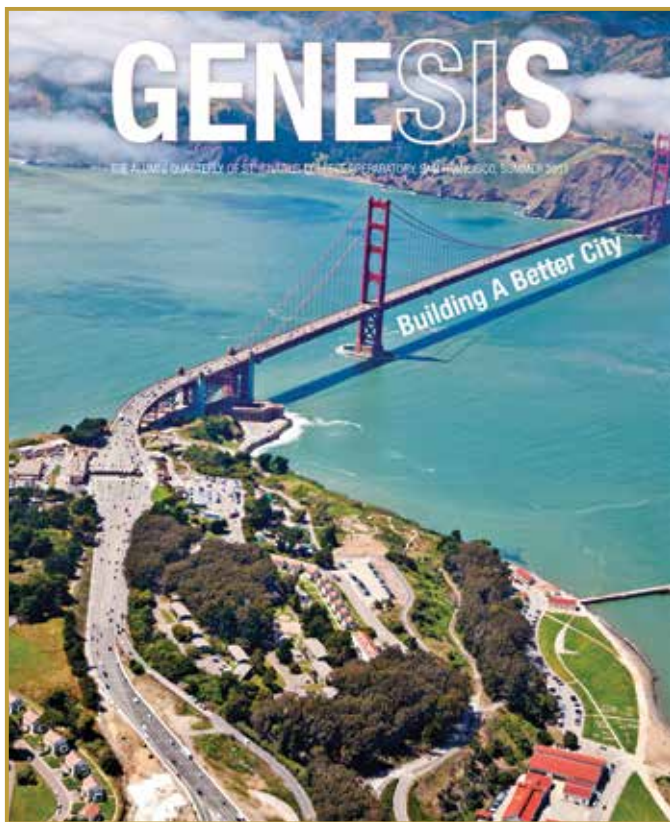
value in the Larry King approach of knowing little and discovering the story as I interview a graduate or a student. Sometimes I prepare by doing a little reading on the Internet. For my interview with the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, I prepared big time. I asked my friends who taught government or who practiced law to send me questions, and I read parts of her book, *Lazy B*, about growing up on a cattle ranch in the Southwest. Before her speech at the Four Seasons to a sold-out audience, I had 20 minutes sitting across from her to ask a barrage of questions. Her answers revealed a brilliant mind, as she cut to the heart of so many issues in a minimum amount of words. She also shared personal reflections, too, about her husband, John O'Connor '47: "When I first met him, he made me laugh. I don't know if SI has a special class in humor, but John was the funniest man I have ever known." The day after her talk at the hotel, she addressed the entire student body and took a tour of the campus, led by Student Body President Natalie Doyle '10. The two walked arm in arm most of the way, and you could see the influence Justice O'Connor was having on this young woman, who, I know, will lead in her own way when her time comes.

*Jill Costello '06, Pac-10 Athlete of the Year, Dies at 22 After Battling Lung Cancer.* I wish this story were not on my most-significant list. I wish Jill were still with us. In many ways, she is. She had such a powerful and positive impact on the people she met during her life and those who wish they had known her. Athletes at Cal and rowers throughout the country wear Jill's Legacy bracelet in her honor. *Sports Illustrated* placed the story on her life and death among its top-60 stories of all time. ESPN aired a documentary about her, and since her death, crowds have gathered to walk or run to raise money to fight lung cancer. Her story even inspired her close friend Kelcey Harrison '06 to run from New York to San Francisco to earn support for cancer research. Few deaths have inspired so much good as Jill's, and despite this, we would all rather have her back with us, alive and laughing. May she rest in peace and may her legacy never rest.

**SUMMER 2010**

*Correcting the Correctional Facilities in California.* Hon. Peter Siggins '73 and the Hon. Chris Krueger '83 both advocated for a reform of our criminal justice system, and both cited facts and figures that showed just how broken our system is. Justice Siggins, who now serves SI as a trustee, extolled the virtues of restorative justice, which offers a collaborative approach among "mental health courts, drug courts, homeless courts and courts that focus on reintegration and reintroduction of offenders into society." Justice Krueger argued for the application of more resources for Child Protective Services, a system he called "badly broken because it is so overwhelmed by the number of children who need help." These two men represent what I love most about SI: We train students to become leaders who help and heal, who love the most broken members of society and, like Christ, find value in everyone, even those who break the law.

**SPRING 2012**



For the feature section, "Building a Better City," I flew over San Francisco with veteran English teacher and pilot Bill Isham to take an aerial shot of the city's iconic structures. I love flying with Bill, and I like to joke that even though he is as conservative as I am liberal, he sits on the left wing, and I sit on the right wing of the Cessna 172 that we fly out of Hayward's small airport. I'm only surprised by how long it took me to put the Golden Gate Bridge on the cover of a San Francisco magazine. Since then, I've included the bridge on the cover of the Winter 2012–13 issue for the story on Kelcey Harrison '06 and her

cross-country run in honor of the memory of Jill Costello '06. I also included several images of the bridge inside the Summer 2012 edition that reported on how Golden Gate Bridge CEO Denis Mulligan '78 was preparing for the structure's 75th anniversary celebration, including a stunning photo taken by Doug Salin of fireworks streaming from the deck of the bridge. Finally, note the last name change. After successfully completing the Genesis V campaign, we removed the Roman numeral and returned to the original name of the magazine.

**SUMMER 2011**

*Letters Connect the McCarthy Brothers, Charles '29 and Walter '33, Despite War, Jail and Revolution.* I first wrote about the SI-China connections in 1988 after interviewing USF's Edward Malatesta, S.J., and Brother Daniel Peterson, S.J., who served as SI librarian at the time. Dan had just returned from China where he helped organize a seminary's library. Later, my classmate Paul McCarthy '75 and his sister, Mary Jo, approached me about an unusual collection of letters written by their father, Walter, and their uncle, Charles. The latter had served as a Jesuit missionary in China only to be imprisoned both by the Japanese during WWII and by the Chinese after the communist takeover. Fr. Charles and a companion became the last American Jesuits to gain their freedom when Chinese authorities released them in 1957. The letters between the two brothers detail more than a deep love. They served as primary historical documents for a Harvard Press book written by SCU's Paul Mariani, S.J., on the Jesuits in China. Sitting in the McCarthy kitchen with my classmate, his sisters and their father, I was moved by the love Walter still had for his older brother, who had died in 1991 in Manila; I was also moved by the courage and fortitude these young Jesuits mustered when faced with torture and long imprisonment.

**SUMMER 2011**



Each year every junior, over the course of Stewardship Week, does restoration work somewhere in or near the city. For 2012, students added native plants to an overlook near the Golden Gate Bridge thanks to a cooperative venture with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. Pictured here is Chiara Macaraig '13, who, along with all of her classmates, learned the importance of native plants to the city's ecosystem and put that knowledge into action. San Francisco's patron saint would have been proud of her.

**FALL 2012**

*Four Authors Rally to Defend John Montgomery's Place in History.* I like to tell people that SI helped the world with light, flight and insight. Light came from Fr. Joseph Neri, S.J., a science teacher at SI whose electric light, which shone from the windows of St. Ignatius College in the 1870s, was the first of its kind to be seen on the West Coast. Insight has come from legions of teachers and students who, since 1855, have come together to form a community of learners advancing civilization bit by bit. Flight came from a man who received his bachelor's and master's degrees from St. Ignatius College in 1879 and 1880, respectively: John Montgomery, the first person to fly a glider successfully under his own control in the Western Hemisphere, a feat he accomplished 25 years before the Wright Brothers' first powered flight. I wrote about two soon-to-be-published books that recounted the efforts by Orville Wright and others to diminish Montgomery's achievements. These books and my article sought to set the record straight and restore Montgomery to his rightful place in history.

## WINTER 2012–2013

*Three Classmates Find Their Lives Connected by Cancer.* Again, here's a story I wish I had no occasion to write. John Bacchini '75 had died from lung cancer, Tom Stack '75 had survived squamous cell carcinoma (though it ravaged his body), and Jerome Williams '75 was (and still is) battling prostate cancer. Many grads told me how much these three stories moved them, partly because we all know people who have died from or survived cancer. This series went beyond that. It showed how these three men supported and loved each other as well as others who suffer from cancer. Certainly SI engenders family by bringing grads back to the campus for celebrations, but we are a strong community because of men like John, Tom and Jerome who love through their pain.

## SPRING 2014

*Remembering Paul Medlin '63 and the Legacy of Vietnam.* When I wrote the history of SI, I told the story of three grads who had died in Vietnam and one who had died in Laos as part of Air America. Later, I learned of two others who had died while serving during the Vietnam War. It took eight years for someone to mention that I had overlooked another fallen grad: Paul Medlin. After a little digging, I discovered that his 99-year-old mother and his sister, Jane, were still living in the family home in San Francisco. Jane was grateful that someone cared enough to tell the story of her brother. On Memorial Day in 2014, I sat in the Medlin living room and listened as mother and daughter told me about Paul, a forestry major at Humboldt State who loved the outdoors, poetry and Rock 'n' Roll. I could tell that had Paul and I been contemporaries, I would have befriended him with the same affection as his classmates had. His death at 24 in Vietnam was tragic for so many reasons. The story resonated with *Genesis* readers just as listening to Paul's story in the Medlin home brought tears to my eyes. This is why I feel privileged to serve as story-teller-in-chief of this magazine – to share Paul's story and those of so many other grads and students and to offer parables that, I hope, do good beyond the facts of any particular story.

## SUMMER 2014

For all those I've interviewed, I thank you for trusting me to tell your story. For the readers of *Genesis*, thank you for putting up with my quirks and biases and typos over the years and for filling me with hope that these stories are doing good, that they are keeping you more than informed by reminding you of the values you once learned here at SI. I'm not ready to retire yet, but I know my successor, whoever he or she may be, will feel just as privileged and honored as I do to sit at this desk and write about a school that is far more than a place to spend four years of our adolescent lives. SI is our home, and these are our stories. — Paul Totah '75

# Celebrating a half century of SI's alumni magazine

By John Wildermuth '69

When the Rev. Harry V. Carlin, S.J. '35, mailed out the first edition of *Genesis* in November 1964, the newly named president of then-St. Ignatius High School had a simple and direct vision for the magazine: He needed money to build a new school on the sand dunes of the Sunset District and the new publication, named for the fund-raising program, was going to help him get it.

St. Ignatius brings “a tradition of excellence that spans 430 years and a record of serving San Francisco and California for 109 years,” he wrote in that opening issue. “The fact remains, however, that without the continued support of our alumni, parents and friends, we cannot effectively continue this vital work. That is why we have undertaken our development plan.”

It worked. The school, which became the current St. Ignatius College Preparatory, was built and paid for — although not until 1980. In the years since, the magazine has documented the efforts of later *Genesis* development programs to raise money to remodel the school for co-education, boost the endowment, renovate and expand the campus and make plenty of other improvements.

But the small, black-and-white publication Fr. Carlin sent out a half century ago is a far cry from the full-color, 64-page-plus magazine that now goes out to 16,500 alumni, parents and friends four times a year.

“*Genesis* was started as a marketing tool, but it has absolutely evolved,” said Joe Vollert '84, the school's vice president for development. “It has become a narrative for what's happening at the school, an echo of the experience our graduates and students have had.”

While the magazine still includes stories about campus development plans and fund-raising activities, complete with the occasional picture of a Jesuit priest looking uncomfortable in a “civilian” outfit for the annual fashion show, over the years it has morphed into a virtual town square for the school's 20,000 living graduates, along with its students, parents, faculty and friends.

News of college graduations, weddings, the birth of children, job changes and accomplishments, retirements and, in the end, deaths, play out across each issue of the magazine, linking the many people who share a bond with the school.

“As alumni director, my job was to connect SI graduates to each other and hope they, in turn, would be connected back to the

school,” said John Ring '86, who now serves as senior director of development at Menlo College. “Nothing did more to achieve that goal than *Genesis* magazine.”

It was a lot less formal in the early days, recalled Cathy Carroll, who worked mostly part-time in SI's development office from 1969 until 1985.

Fr. Carlin would say that it was time for a new issue of *Genesis*, and people would start putting together ideas for stories.

“As ideas came in for articles, I started to put together information and sent it to (*Genesis* editor) Wolfgang Fliess,” she said. “Fr. Carlin and Wolfgang would figure out what the issue would be about, and I'd help them get the information they needed.”

Things like class notes weren't solicited, she remembered, but they would either arrive or they wouldn't. And the magazine, which was never more than 12 pages, stuck to a tried-and-true alumni magazine format, emphasizing development and construction, with sports and student activities tossed in.

Construction was the news in the '60s and as the new school rose and was introduced to the alumni of SI's earlier homes. From the iconic 1965 picture of Rev. Bob Mathewson, S.J., “teaching” a class of students in desks out on the sands of the new school site to shots and stories about ground-breaking, construction, the move-in and the early graduating classes, *Genesis* documented a new era in the history of SI and the people involved in it.

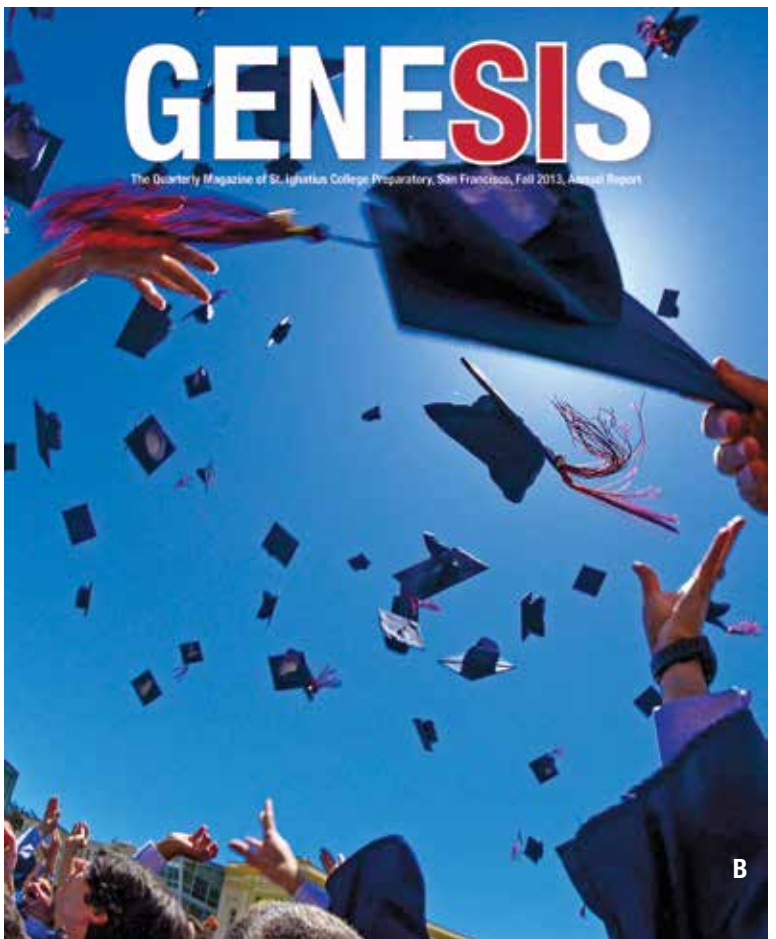
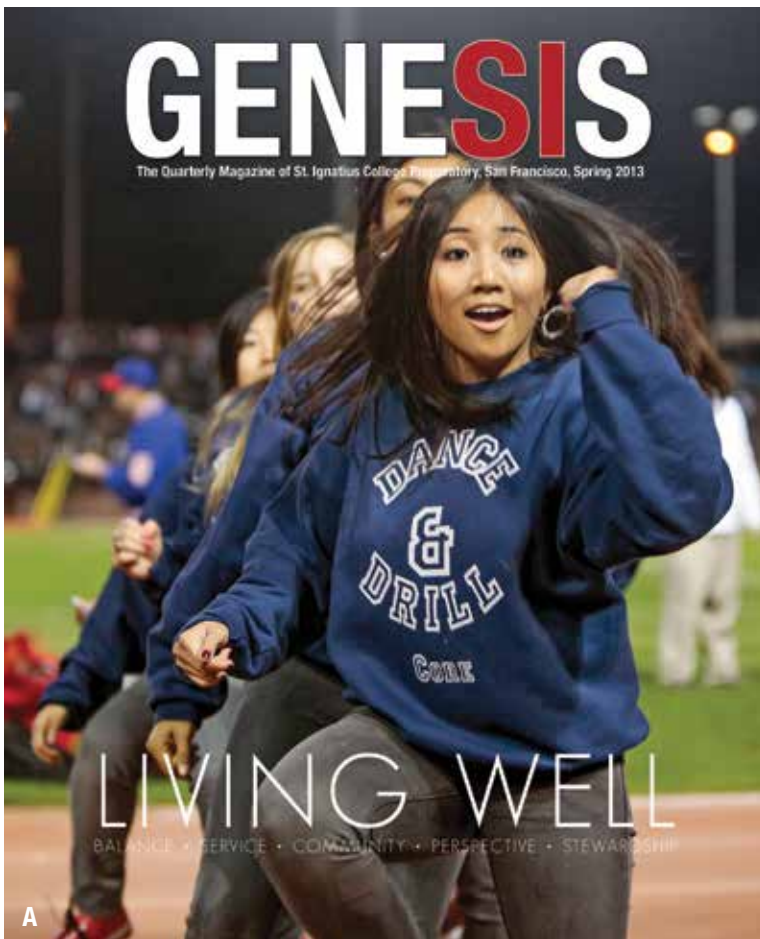
Stories about the new school abounded, focusing not only on the physical upgrades the 11-acre campus provided, but also on the academic and educational improvements being made.

But times were changing in the world around the campus and a new editor pushed to have *Genesis* reflect the new era.

Paul Totah was a 1975 graduate who worked as a reporter in the Bay Area before he returned to SI in 1985 to teach English and serve as moderator of *Inside S.I.*, the student publication.

When the school's president, Rev. Anthony Sauer, S.J., asked him to take over *Genesis* two years later, Totah had a very different vision of where he wanted the magazine to go. As a professional newsman, he wanted not only to improve the look of *Genesis* and make the magazine more modern and appealing to readers, but also to take it beyond the campus and into the larger community, publishing stories about students and alumni that would appeal to a wider audience.





**A Spring 2013** Shelby Miguel '13 survived Burkitt's lymphoma to become a triple threat at SI where she performed as a singer, dancer and actress. As a little girl, she benefitted from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which sent her to Disneyland. Now she serves as a Make-A-Wish ambassador and hopes to start her own foundation to help children suffering from the life-threatening disease. She is currently studying theatre at USC, but flew to SI last December for SIPAC's Pasko celebration, where she sang to an appreciative audience.

**B Fall 2013** Here's another example of how we try to cover cyclical events in new ways. SI Spanish teacher Carlos Gazulla took this photo by standing in the middle of the crowd of seniors as they tossed their hats into the air. He used a wide-angle lens to catch the thrill of the moment as the hats went flying skyward. I'm blessed to have help from him and from Pedro Cafasso, another Spanish teacher and ace photographer, to document the life of the school.

"I worked to take *Genesis* to another level," Totah said in an interview. "I was looking at it as a magazine that a stranger could read and get as much from as an alumnus."

But the three years Totah spent in a Catholic Worker community with Larry Purcell '62 helping homeless teenagers in Redwood City had as much or more to do with his plan for the magazine as his years as a journalist.

Totah wanted the Catholic and Jesuit tradition of the school to be reflected in the magazine, with stories emphasizing how students and alumni make that connection in their personal and professional lives.

The timing was right, with Jesuit leaders calling for their schools to move toward a greater use of media to continue the education of former students and Jesuits themselves.

In 1979, Rev. Pedro Arrupe, S.J., then the head of the Jesuit order, talked about the need for the continuing education of graduates of their schools, calling magazines and other media the best means "for proclaiming the Gospel, forming public opinion and defending ... human rights."

That continuing education, he added, helps "our alumni to become more and more aware of the social and political issues we face."

Despite some anxiety from the school's development staff, which,

like most fundraisers, often worry that controversy can offend potential donors, *Genesis* began publishing stories on social issues, the environment, anti-war protests and other subjects where reasonable people — and reasonable alumni — can disagree.

In 2003, for example, *Genesis* published "Snapshots from Cuba," a story Caroline Pieters Fleming, then director of the school's immersion program, wrote about her visit to the island nation. While the story looked at what she called the "contradictions" of life under Communist rule, it was too sympathetic for some readers.

Calling the story "a love letter to Fidel," one reader wrote the following in a letter to the editor: "I expect this kind of leftist noise on NPR, not my high school alumni magazine. Please discontinue my subscription."

The first thing any editor learns is that it is impossible to please everyone, and Totah has heard similar complaints when he published stories on SI graduates in the military.

"Condoleezza Rice (former secretary of state under President George W. Bush) spoke here, and we're likely to get feedback just for reporting the news," Totah said.

Even the controversial stories celebrate the work and achievement of the school's students and alumni, tales designed to show readers the wide range of interests and activities fostered by the school.



From left: Editor Paul Totah '75, Graphic Designer Nancy Hess '05, Sports Writer Art Cecchin '63 and Sports Editor Anne Stricherz. Photo by Brian Vollert '15.

“Luckily, I work at a place that has some of the most amazing alumni, people like Gov. Jerry Brown ’55, former Intel CEO Paul Otellini ’68, Darren Criss ’05 of the TV show *Glee*, environmentalist Peter Raven ’53, Federal Environmental Executive Kate Brandt ’03 and MIT poet Gretchen Henderson ’93,” Totah said. “There’s always someone or something to write about.”

The ideas come from everywhere. Faculty members come up with suggestions, someone at a school event will mention what another graduate is doing or the school’s administration might want a story written.

“I’ve learned to always say yes because each story can lead you in fascinating directions,” Totah said.

Many of the issues have themes, ranging from graduates in the restaurant or wine business to stories about celebrities past or present who went to SI or about former students who have made a study of San Francisco’s history.

It’s an eclectic mix that works, said Victoria Terheyden ’99, who now edits *Future*, the alumni magazine for San Francisco’s Archbishop Riordan High School.

In alumni magazines, “well-crafted pieces are treasured, tangible expressions of the mission of an educational institution,” she said, adding that “opening *Genesis* and reading the stories of talented alumni from diverse years, vocations and interests has this effect.”

It’s not an easy job, with one issue leading inexorably into another with little time to look back and reflect.

“People ask me if I’m done for the year,” Totah said, laughing. “I tell them *Genesis* is a quarterly publication, and when the years stop coming, then I’m done.”

No magazine is a one-person show, and *Genesis* is no exception.

Anne Stricherz, who teaches a class in sports and spirituality at SI, writes about sports for *Genesis*, along with Art Cecchin ’63, and Chuck Nan ’79, while Paul Ghiglieri, father of three grads, takes sports photos.

Graphic artist Nancy Hess ’05 lays out the magazine’s cover and feature section, while proofreaders include Fr. Sauer, Devi Zinzuvadia ’95 and math teacher Carol Quattrin.

For Totah, it’s a dream job.

“I always wanted to be editor of a small town newspaper, writing about issues of importance, and the SI community is like a small town,” he said. “It’s a privileged position and a responsibility I don’t take lightly.”

But change is inevitable and the *Genesis* of today won’t be the *Genesis* of the future. With the growth of the digital world, there are

continuing questions about the future of full-color print magazines.

While the school scrambles to keep production and mailing costs low, it’s not zero. *Genesis* now has about 300 digital-only subscribers to [www.siprep.org/genesis](http://www.siprep.org/genesis), but that’s a number that’s only going to grow as graduates who now do much of their reading on tablets leave the school.

SI already is pumping up its online and digital presence. The monthly Alumni Newsletter, for example, provides a timely source of some of the same event pictures, school news and development information that now appear in *Genesis*, along with links to newspaper and magazine stories featuring students, alumni, the school and its teams.

In a nod to the digital future, the magazine itself now provides links from some of its stories and class notes to expanded information at [www.siprep.org/news](http://www.siprep.org/news).

As the school’s director of communications, Totah is in the middle of the new media efforts, but he isn’t worried he’s working himself out of his job as editor of *Genesis*.

“St. Ignatius once said if the Jesuits were to be disbanded, he would pray for 15 minutes and then be at peace,” Totah said. “It might take me a little longer, but I’d be fine.”

But *Genesis* remains a popular point of contact between the school, its alumni and its supporters, doing its 50-year-old job of telling the story of St. Ignatius College Prep and its students.

“I received hundreds of comments from alumni who told me that *Genesis* is what they read first when they get their mail, and that it really has a sense of what is important as it tells stories people want to read,” said Ring.

And at a time when private schools are struggling to raise the money needed to stay affordable, *Genesis* still harks back to Fr. Carlin’s original purpose, which was to bring the SI community together to grow and improve the school that meant so much to them.

While every issue has a specific development story, “it’s not the gift, but the story that’s important,” said Vollert, who admitted he’s “biased as all heck” about the importance of *Genesis*.

“The best way to get support for the school is to remind people of all the good things going on here and let them know that what we’re doing still works.” ☺

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## Kate Brandt '03 works to regulate the world's thermostat

So you think your electric and gas bills are high? The federal government has you beat, as it pays \$25 billion each year in energy costs for its 360,000 buildings and 650,000 vehicles.

Leading the charge to lower the charge is Federal Environmental Executive Kate Brandt '03; at 30, she's one of the youngest executive staffers in the Obama administration as well as one of the key players in the fight against climate change.

President Obama appointed Brandt to the position in April 2014, and she has led her team to notable success. Her office has reduced greenhouse gas emissions 17 percent compared to 2008 levels. Thanks in part to wind and solar projects, 9.2 percent of federal energy consumption comes from renewable resources, and that figure will more than double by 2020. In addition, federal buildings have decreased water consumption by 19 percent compared to 2007.

Her youth, she admits, throws some people off. "Some people tell me they are surprised to learn how old I am when they first meet me." After she finishes a presentation, however, they tell her that they understand why she's in the job.

Part of it is sheer industry. She works 70 hours a week most of the time with many late nights and weekends at home in front of her laptop. The other part comes from her own commitment to excellence, one she honed at SI, at Brown University (where she led efforts in sustainability) and at Cambridge University, where she pursued a master's degree in International Relations, before being drawn to politics as a volunteer at the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

Since then, she has served as senior advisor at the U.S. Department of Energy, director of Energy and Environment at the White House Office of Presidential Personnel, special advisor to the Secretary of the Navy at the Department of Defense and a policy analyst for the Office of Energy and Climate Change at the White House.

On Brandt's first day at her new job in May, President Obama announced a \$4 billion goal to help make government buildings more energy efficient. "This could be anything from installing double-pane windows and replacing heating and air conditioning units to installing LED lighting and low-flow toilets," Brandt said.

Brandt calls herself the "chief sustainability officer" for the federal government as she supports projects to build solar and wind farms, retrofit ancient buildings and replace aging vehicles.

Before Brandt moved to her office on the White House grounds, where she works in a row of townhouses on Jackson Place, she



Kate Brandt, one of the youngest executive staffers in the White House, is responsible for the greening of all federal buildings and vehicles.

helped the Department of Defense on projects to support the U.S. military go green in ways beyond the color of their uniforms.

In her current job, she works to put solar on as many federal rooftops as she can thanks to the Capital Solar Challenge, which directs federal agencies, military installations and federally subsidized buildings in the DC area.

"We see this as a way to lead by example at home as we explore different ways we can be both customers and developers of renewable energy," she noted.

Thanks to energy performance contracts, these projects are done at little or no cost. "This is a great way to get the job done," said Brandt.

Brandt also has her eye on the federal fleet of 650,000 vehicles, one third of which the Post Office operates. Starting in 2016, the federal government will only buy alternative fuel vehicles such as electric, alternative fuel, flex fuel or hybrid vehicles.

The Obama Administration, Brandt noted, takes the threat of climate change seriously and has asked all federal agencies to plan for the impacts of climate change such as rising sea levels and more severe storms and drought. "We want federal agencies to prepare to mitigate the way climate impacts the work they do. Most NASA facilities are at sea level, and NASA administrators know they need to account for that by partnering with local governments and communities."

The federal government is also celebrating individuals working on Obama's Executive Order on Federal Leadership in Environment, Energy and Economic Performance. The GreenGov Presidential Award Ceremony last November honored, among others, William Goran of the Army Corps of Engineers for co-founding with NASA in 2007 the Interagency Forum on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations that, according to the GreenGov website, "continues to provide a forum for the Federal community to discuss and share technical information and best practices related to impacts of climate change on Federal agencies resources and mission."

The U.S. Navy also received an award for one of its facilities that reduced energy use by 25 percent compared to 2003 figures and cutting water use by 13 percent compared to 2007.

Brandt, who attended the ceremony, said that she was "heartened and inspired to see how committed so many people are to the mission of sustainability. I'm so lucky to be surrounded by dedicated individuals throughout the government. I see career federal employees who are committed to their work. They have been doing this for a long time and will continue to work at sustainability long after I'm gone." ∞



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## Makaela Manning's teaching career ranges from

The heat of the summer days in the United Arab Emirates might climb to the 120s sometimes, but for Makaela Manning '98, that's not so bad. At least not compared to the winters she spent in Chicago.

Manning's home isn't in the modern city of Dubai or Abu Dhabi (two of the seven emirates that make up the UAE), but in Ruwais, a rural, desert community about an hour's drive to a school in Al Sila'a, where she taught for her first year. She is spending this year and next teaching in Abu Dhabi.

Before coming to the UAE, she had spent years braving the winter winds and snow while teaching in Chicago after launching her career in San Francisco.

A gifted administrator as well as a talented teacher, Manning hopes one day to serve as principal of her own charter school in Chicago for pre-K through third grade students.

Until her contract at the UAE state-run school ends in 2016, she is teaching second graders who are predominantly UAE nationals, with a handful of children from Egypt, Syria and Jordan. For half the day she also observes teachers to give them pointers on how to improve.

Al Sila'a is close to the border with Saudi Arabia, and along with Ruwais and Abu Dhabi, is on the coast of the Persian Gulf. Her fellow teachers and their students in Al Sila'a were also expats and came from Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, the Philippines, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon as well as the U.S.

Despite facing students not used to western-style classroom management techniques, Manning has found success by creating structures and policies that she applies "in a super-consistent way. Kids have to know what you expect of them when they come into the classroom. They need to be clear that one thing leads to another, and they appreciate both order and discipline as they like predictability and stability."

Manning works to have students "manage themselves and take charge of their own education. When they know how a classroom functions, they take off on their own. I have second graders who run their own routines each morning. I can leave briefly to speak with a principal, and the class runs itself."

Still, she faces the limitations of the educational structures of schools in the UAE, which lag behind western schools, especially in special education. "We have to figure out ways to accommodate our students with learning differences, and I do so by building relationships with them to tap into their interests. I have one non-verbal second grader who is fascinated with sounds and who uses my iPad to match words with letters set to music."

After teaching in the mornings, Manning observes teachers in the afternoon and later meets with them to give them pointers on how to improve. "A large part of the education reform is to share best practices from the West with our colleagues here in the UAE. I am exposing teachers to ideas and theories vastly different from how they have been trained."

Manning has always excelled in the classroom, starting in grammar school. She served as student body president of her eighth grade class at Our Lady of Mercy. At SI, she served as president of the Association of African American Students for two years, danced all four years and worked with the No Tolerance for Intolerance Club.

At USF, she was one of the first students in an experimental dual degree program and graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in education and a teaching credential. Along the way, she helped recruit students of color to attend USF.

She did her student-teaching at Rosa Parks School before taking a job at Sacred Heart School the year before and after it became Megan Furth Academy and then took a job with the San Francisco Unified



**A** Makaela Manning is working in the United Arab Emirates both as a teacher and as a teaching mentor. **B** Columns at the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi. **C** Sunrise on the Arabian Gulf.

## the cold of Chicago to the heat of the Persian Gulf

School District to manage the child development facilities.

Manning moved to Chicago in 2007 to work as a program director for Teach for America and to coach 60 teachers in the program who worked in both Illinois and Indiana. She then taught in Chicago's charter schools for two years. "And then the magic happened," she noted, when Chicago's public schools partnered with the Academy for Urban School Leadership, a group that resurrects failing schools.

At the Myra Bradwell School of Excellence in the south side of Chicago, Manning taught middle school and third grade language arts and literature. There she worked with students who came from poverty and sometimes proved tough to teach.

"One boy had been put out of four sections of third grade as his behavior was volatile and extreme. Then he was moved to my room. Had he failed, he would have been expelled. I was nervous, but built a relationship with him and his mother. I bribed him with *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series of books and by promising to spend part of my Saturdays with him if he behaved well all week. We would go to McDonald's and then the library to get a book and hang out. It worked. He still calls me in the UAE to tell me how he's doing."

While teaching in Chicago in 2011, Manning heard about the opportunity to teach in the UAE. "I said I wasn't interested, but during the winter of 2012, I was moved by a curious spirit and decided to try something different." That August, she started her job in the UAE far from the chilly streets of Chicago. "It's been far easier adjusting to the desert heat than to the Chicago snow," she said.

Manning dresses conservatively, with long sleeves and long skirts out of sensitivity and respect for the local culture and customs, but she doesn't wear the traditional abaya and shayla that Muslim women use. "When the Arab women are wrapped from head to toe, they look

so graceful and elegant. For westerners, dressing this way looks like an afterthought."

Women in the UAE, Manning observed, don't suffer from the same level of oppression as women in other Arab countries, but she has seen discrimination against foreign workers who aren't American. "If employers aren't satisfied with expat employees, they can have passports revoked or simply threaten workers with deportation, which for so many is a fate worse than death, as their families back in their home countries depend on that income."

As an American, Manning is treated well by the UAE citizens she has befriended. "Underneath the abayas and veils, they are regular people who have made me feel welcome. Conversations with my colleagues are in my broken Arabic and their broken English, but we talk about shoes, clothes, beauty and travel destinations. We all enjoy the same aspects of life."

She knows she will return to the U.S. better for her experience. "I have more patience and tolerance for everyone and everything. You have to have it in the UAE; otherwise, you will be perpetually frustrated. In the U.S., we are accustomed to things happening quickly and efficiently. In the UAE, it's a *shway, shway* [little by little] lifestyle. Part of this is because the UAE is only 43 years old, and the country is still experiencing growing pains as it adjusts to the large number of people who immigrate here yearly."

When she returns to Chicago to begin the next chapter of her life, she'll also bring a little part of SI with her. "The 'men and women for and with others' philosophy of SI has always rung true for me. I don't know any other career that I could do. It's important for me to have a job that addresses service. Sometimes I think I'm done with education, but I always end up circling back to teaching. I can't get away from that." ∞



## Guatemala journal: finding a home in *La Escuela de la Montaña*

by Amy Cutten '02

In March 2014, the author wrote about her time learning Spanish at Guatemala's *La Escuela de la Montaña*, a school established in 1997 by the non-profit Spanish language school *Proyecto Lingüístico Quezaltco de Español*. Both schools support a scholarship program for secondary students and other projects that benefit nearby communities.

The rain is pouring hard on the tin roof. The drops slip determinedly off, catch the light of the single illuminated bulb and dance like fireflies in the twilight. As I laze in a hammock privy to this piece of tranquility, I wonder how anyone could miss the magic this place invokes.

The place is Guatemala, specifically a rural community two hours from Quetzaltenango, or Xela as it commonly called. This place on the surface appears to be like any other tranquil mountain village.

Surrounded by farmland and lush forests, the people live quiet, simple lives. But if you come to know the place as I have gotten to know it, you will see that the farmlands are *fincas*\* where the people work their bones from dawn until after dusk for less than \$5 a day; the lush forests were hideouts and home for the guerrilla during the war; and the people's lives are far from simple: Each day is a fight against poverty and the oppressions they still face even after signing the Peace Accords in 1996.

This may not be where I imagined myself a year ago, on the cusp of graduating with a master's degree in social work and wanting a little adventure before settling into a career. Still, six months after arriving in Guatemala, I have found a home in a now-struggling school that does so much more than teach *extranjeros* Spanish. *El Proyecto Lingüístico Quetzalteco de Español* (PLQE) and *La Escuela de la Montaña* provide work to a community that otherwise wouldn't have much, organizes a scholarship fund to support the continuing education of youth in the surrounding communities and teaches foreigners the country's history, one not often told nor altogether forgotten.

I am inspired to see first-hand the raw vulnerability of a community that has persevered; however, with the sudden and unexpected shortage of students at the school, the community is facing a real crisis.

Adelaida, a lively woman in her late 30s with a grand laugh and energetic spirit, welcomes me into her home's modest kitchen, with

a dirt floor and a wood-fire stove, for which her mother had just cut wood in the nearby *finca*. Although I have eaten with almost all of the 30 families that host students, it is my first time eating with her. Still, she is like a mother to me already because we have spent months getting to know each other in the school, where she has worked for well over a decade.

Now her normally present smile has disappeared, although laughter lines are still visible. In a serious tone she tells me how grateful she is to have me eating with her, particularly with the current shortage of students studying at the school and therefore not eating with families in the community. The school only functions with the support of the communities that surround it, including Fatima and Nuevo San Jose. Many of the 70-plus families that make up these *pueblitos* partially rely on the income from the school for food.

Adelaida is only one representative of the community of Nuevo San Jose, founded in 1993 after a labor struggle that eventually forced them to leave the coffee *finca* where they had been living and working all their lives. This is a common history for people living in rural areas of Guatemala, and more often than not, it is not a peaceful struggle.

Once every few months, Adelaida's brother Abelino, who helped found the mountain school and who has worked here since it started in 1997, comes to the school to discuss his community's fight against the owner of the *finca* and the struggle to preserve the basic rights that they were denied for months, including salary and access to education, healthcare and clean water. This is one of many *charlas* presented on a twice-weekly basis to the students of the school; they are vital to the integrity and culture of the school and are part of what makes this one of the most sought-out institutions in Quetzaltenango. The school doesn't teach Spanish in isolation but brings in both history and the socio-political context of the students' lives.

In one of the spaces in the school, you can see the sun shine brightly through the windows of the library, making any corner a good one in which to read. Elida commands attention with her presence alone, and when children aren't clamoring around her hoping for a bit of her attention, they listen, almost entranced, with rapt attention to what she is saying.



**A** Adelaida (right) and her mother pose in their kitchen, typical of those in villages throughout Guatemala. The author writes that Adelaida “is like a mother to me already because we have spent months getting to know each other in the school, where she has worked for well over a decade.” **B** The front gates of *La Escuela de la Montaña*, two hours from Quetzaltenango, was founded in 1988 by a collective of local Spanish teachers to teach non-native speakers while also supporting organizations that work to improve human rights in Guatemala. **C** Students of *La Escuela de la Montaña*. **D** The author learning Spanish with Tito, a teacher at the Guatemalan school of *La Escuela de la Montaña*.

This is a great quality for the librarian in this community to have, since the library is one of the only places the youth have an opportunity to read outside of school, as most households are too poor to afford books.

Elida was a lucky recipient of a scholarship that allowed her to continue her education through secondary school. The fees are less than \$50 a month, but the vast majority of Guatemalans cannot pay this. Most make little more than \$50 each month. Elida was able to finish her education with the help of the school’s scholarship program, and she now is working at the library, where she sets an example for the youth in the community.

The bell rings, signifying the start of another day of Spanish classes. I head, fresh coffee in hand, to the palm-thatched roof *ranchito* in which I have spent hundreds of hours trying to master a language that still, at times, eludes me. Tito, my teacher for the majority of those hours, sits down, and with no hint of a smirk, asks me about the San Francisco 49ers. I exclaimed aloud, because he knows as well as I do that the team missed its chance at going to the Super Bowl this year. He doesn’t care much about “fake football,” and as an ex-*fútbol* player here in Guatemala, he has spent a good majority of our hours together schooling me on *fútbol real*.

Tito was 22 when he started teaching Spanish here at the school. He graduated from Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala (USAC), a public university, and in addition to wanting to teach *extranjeros* about some of the most important points of Guatemala’s social, cultural and political history, he also had hopes to share his knowledge with the youth of his country. “The youth are our hope, our future, and if we don’t teach them, who will?” It is a belief we both share and an interest in which we both are invested.

Tito is still teaching and also volunteers at USAC every Saturday to support the school’s student organization. This is how he shares his vast knowledge with both foreigners and the youth of his country nearly every day. He also shares his perspective and offers context along with his sense of humor tough and grammar lessons.

I can’t quite explain why I stopped my journey in Guatemala and didn’t carry on traveling to explore more of Latin America. Maybe it was because I felt at home when I arrived at the *Escuela de la Montaña*. I was

welcomed with arms wide open and accepted as part of the community.

The longer I’m here, the more I feel that I belong. I can’t say that about many places I’ve been. SI was one of those places. Other SI grads, I suspect, also understand the feeling of being alone in the world and then discovering a place that feels just . . . right.

Now I want to give back to this community that has given me so very much. Besides volunteering at the library and in the local community, translating *charlas* at the school and continuing to study with a family, I feel the biggest help I can be for the people of the communities here is to create interest by talking about the school everywhere I can.

In their time of crisis, I feel as if I can spread the word about a special place that is still a diamond in the rough. I have no doubt that future students of this school will be welcomed with open arms, love and generosity, just as I was.

I encourage anyone who has an opportunity to travel to visit this place and experience a culture different from our own and a people who aren’t so different from ourselves.

For more information visit [plqe.org](http://plqe.org) and [escuelamontana.org](http://escuelamontana.org), or contact the author at [acutten@gmail.com](mailto:acutten@gmail.com). ∞

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\* Here are translations for some of the Spanish in this story:

*finca*: farm or land

*extranjeros*: foreigners

*El Proyecto Lingüístico Quetzalteco de Español*: The Linguistic Quetzalteco Spanish Project

*La Escuela de la Montaña*: The Mountain School

*pueblitos*: small town or village

*charlas*: lecture

*ranchito*: small ranch, in this case a small hut



## A month in Peru helped Allyson Gomez '05 live her dream of service abroad

In her junior year at SI, Allyson Gomez '05 hoped to be assigned an immersion experience in a foreign country. She ended up spending two weeks in San Francisco helping at St. Anthony's Foundation while living in the Mission District.

"There was something special about staying home and seeing life from a different perspective," she noted. "I love my Jesuit education, as it taught me to back up what I believe with action, whether at home or away."

In February 2014, Gomez finally had a chance to do her foreign immersion experience when her employer, Symantec, sent her and nine of her colleagues to Peru for a month of volunteer work helping non-profits with marketing, accounting and human resource-based projects.

Gomez works in learning and development for Symantec while pursuing a master's in organizational development at USF.

In Peru, she helped an NGO called CIED that promotes agricultural sustainability by partnering farms with industries and by promoting cultural tourism.

"This was my dream job, as I've always wanted to live in a foreign country and work on social justice issues," she added.

Syantec paid Gomez her full salary in this innovative and competitive program, one that selects 10 men and women from among the company's 20,000 employees. "The company wants to

practice global citizenship and corporate responsibility, especially in Latin America, as it has expanded business operations there."

Gomez, who was the youngest person chosen for the trip, went with colleagues from the UK, India, Canada, Belgium and Australia and proved a perfect candidate. As a human resources major at SJSU, she worked as an orientation leader and peer mentor, helping students with limited finances and assisting other mentors through difficult times.

Through her studies in 2008, she traveled to Salzburg and India to learn about globalization, and she has also traveled to Malaysia and Costa Rica. Despite this experience, Gomez was surprised by the rolling blackouts and the lack of running water one weekend. "Peru seemed well off compared to some of the other countries I had visited. I had forgotten I was still in a developing nation."

She did enjoy the warmth of the Peruvians with whom she worked. "They made me feel as if I were a part of their families."

She worked at CIED in the city of Arequipa for most of the month she was there and learned that the NGO's funding had been cut in half. "They had to learn how to operate with less money and with fewer people."

One of CIED's projects involved creating an eco-tourist destination in a volcanic region of Peru, carving a path through the rocks so that tourists could drive and see monuments similar to the





**A** Allyson Gomez brought her business skills to CIED, an NGO that helps farmers and families in rural areas develop eco-tourism. **B** Allyson visited Peru's floating islands of Lake Titicaca, inhabited by the Uros people who make folk art to sell to tourists. **C** In the quarry of Sillar, Allyson tried her hands at chopping heavy volcanic blocks, back-breaking work that pays local men \$1 a day.

ones in Jordan's lost city of Petra. Another project taught women crafts to support their families.

"I worked with very talented people whose hearts were in the right place but who could barely make ends meet."

Through her work, Gomez discovered that the organization was duplicating research efforts in its different offices. She offered suggestions to improve communications and to build trust among CIED's four branch offices. "They were thrilled with the ice-breakers I taught them, such as the game where you tell two truths and one lie about yourself."

She helped them make their meetings more effective by teaching how to create agendas, move through action items and take notes, and she reviewed the "learn-teach-learn" method, where workers learn a skill and teach it to someone else. "When they teach, they learn more in return. Doing this among the branches helped break down the barriers that kept them from communicating."

Though Gomez taught in English and worked with a translator, she found herself able to navigate the streets of Peru thanks to her fluency in Spanish. "I have my SI teachers Pedro Cafasso and Carlos Escobar '96 to thank for this."

She had a chance to see more of Peru when she traveled to the Uros Islands of Lake Titicaca. "These are floating islands made of reeds. People have built huts on them and raised their family on these

islands. With limited access to technology, they build reed trinkets to sell and subsist on fish and eggs."

In Arequipa, she visited the quarry of Sillar, where she met workers who chopped volcanic stone into blocks to build homes and who made less than a dollar a day while doing back-breaking labor. "I saw the same inequities in Costa Rica, where men and women toiled all day picking coffee beans for about \$2 in wages."

Gomez returned to the states knowing that "the world is a great place once you step out of your comfort zone. Peru reminded me that this is more than just my world, and it taught me to be mindful and aware that there are other cultures and other ways of working. It helped me when I left my preconceptions at home and came with an openness to learn as much as teach."

Despite being the youngest on her team, Gomez took the advice to "lean in" and trust that her expertise could prove helpful. "I know how to build strong teams and how to teach others to communicate and value differences. I leaned in with something to offer."

Gomez hopes other companies will follow Symantec's lead. "This sort of work creates engaged employees and builds trust in our company, as you work well with people you know. As an employee, I feel valued knowing that Symantec invested money in me and that it cares about the world." ∞

## Francis de la Cruz '97 works to make a life-saving procedure standard practice

Francis de la Cruz '97 has his wife to thank for his life. At least, he has her health insurance to thank.

When his wife took a job with Time Warner Asia in Seoul, de la Cruz went in for a routine physical that found an aggressive and malignant form of cancer on one of his kidneys.

"The irony is that I had just had a full physical in New York that found nothing wrong with me," said de la Cruz, who has known for years that he is at high risk for cancer.

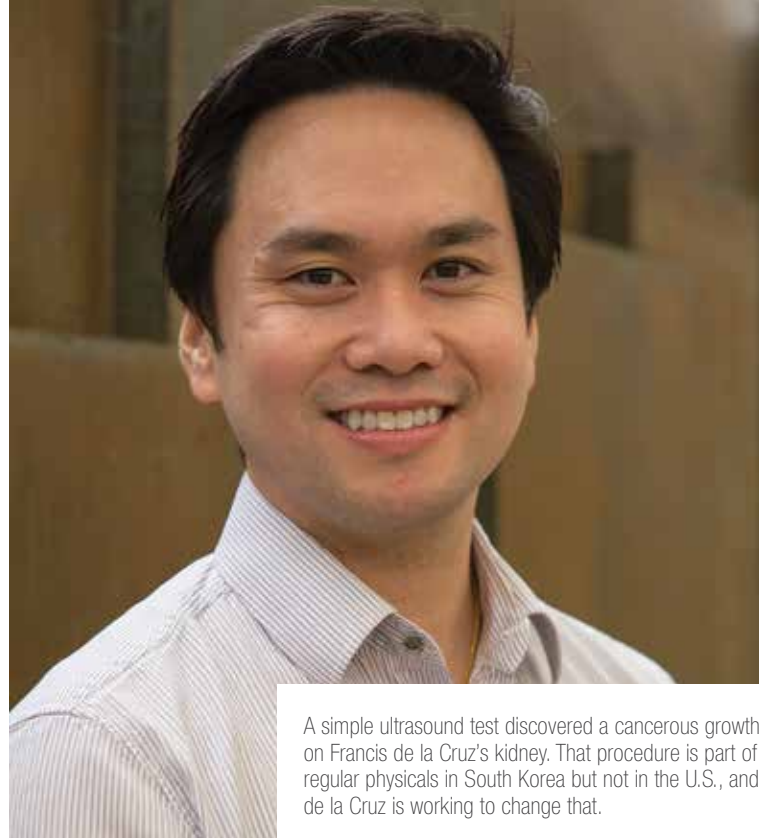
He had lost his father five years earlier to colorectal cancer. In addition, his two aunts, his uncle and his grandmother also fell victim to cancer. Knowing this, de la Cruz scheduled a colonoscopy at 29, more than 10 years prior to when most people undergo this test. He has had a colonoscopy every year since then along with full physicals and blood tests. Each year, doctors have told him he was cancer free.

Then, in 2013, shortly after his move to South Korea, he signed up for a full physical paid for by his wife's health plan. "This wasn't a 10-minute affair like in the States," said de la Cruz. "They did a thorough check-up that lasted an hour. It included an ultrasound test that looked for anomalies on my organs — all standard procedure in South Korea."

That ultrasound test showed a cyst on de la Cruz's right kidney that proved to be renal cell carcinoma. Surgeons removed it in July 2013, long before tests in the U.S. would have detected it. "My cancer wouldn't have appeared on testing in the U.S. until it had developed into stage 3 or 4 cancer in my 40s, even though my physicians know that I'm at a high risk for cancer. My own doctor, the one who had just tested me in New York, told me that he would not have conducted the ultrasound test. That's infuriating to me. Even if I had done everything right, my doctor would not have discovered my cancer until it had spread."

One more irony in de la Cruz's story is how physically fit he has been all his life. While at SI, he was the league leader in the long jump and triple jump and played football and basketball.

A brilliant student, he also received SI's General Excellence Award, one of the top three honors bestowed at graduation. At Harvard, he competed in track and studied history and wrote his senior thesis



A simple ultrasound test discovered a cancerous growth on Francis de la Cruz's kidney. That procedure is part of regular physicals in South Korea but not in the U.S., and de la Cruz is working to change that.

on U.S. policy towards the Philippines in the 1970s. That paper included an analysis of the economic conditions that led his parents to immigrate to the U.S. when de la Cruz was 4.

After graduating from Harvard, de la Cruz worked in New York in investment banking, first for UBS and then for Morgan Stanley before earning his MBA from Columbia University, where he also served as president of Columbia's Rugby Club and on the school's student council.

He met Christina Hwang at Columbia, and the two later married. (They now have a 2-year-old son, Sebastian.) After finishing his MBA, de la Cruz took a job at J.P. Morgan, which promoted him to vice president in 2011. He left that company when his wife's job moved them to South Korea.

Now cancer-free and working in Hong Kong, de la Cruz is working to launch a foundation to help those at high risk for cancer pay for ultrasound testing. The foundation will also raise awareness that ultrasound technology can be an effective tool in cancer detection.

"I'm especially frustrated when people respond to my story by telling me that this procedure can't work in the U.S. because it's too expensive or because it's a Korean thing. The only expense is the time and training to teach a technician how to look for growths. There is a level of denial about this. I've heard the arguments that our medical system can't handle the costs of all this scanning, but without this early detection, it might have been too late to save my kidney and likely my life."

Currently, de la Cruz is raising funds through friends and family, and he plans to host benefit dinners and other events as well as launch a website, [www.checkforkidneycancer.org](http://www.checkforkidneycancer.org).

Assisting de la Cruz in this venture is his friend and former track teammate Brendan Fitzgibbon '97, a businessman in Germany, who plans to do research into kidney disease and treatments in the U.S. and in other countries. De la Cruz plans to use this research to further his goal of making ultrasound testing a standard in cancer screening.

In the meantime, he is busy managing his start-up, The Private Placement Group, an executive placement firm, and working as a consultant for those seeking careers in investment banking. ∞



## Condoleezza Rice speaks to SI's students

Thanks to an invitation from her godson, Joe Begovich '15 (right), former Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice came to SI in October to answer questions from students in the AP Government classes and the BSU leadership, meet faculty and administrators and speak to the entire school community. She urged students to discover their passions, to be "twice as smart as everyone else in the room," and to pursue their dreams.



## Christmas Celebrations

The Loyola Guild toured homes of members in the Lakeside District before coming to SI for a tea in December. Pictured from left are Loyola Guild President Connie Mack, Br. Douglas Draper, S.J., Ignatian Guild President Jill Stinn, Susan Mallen and Debbie Ghiglieri. Below: SIPAC, the parents of members of the Asian Students Coalition, organized the annual Pasko celebration, which featured a fashion show; performances by students, faculty and parents; and a feast that is one of the culinary highlights of the year.





## Winter Concert

Under the direction of Dr. Gillian Clements, the Chamber Orchestra, the Symphonic Orchestra and the Jazz Band (directed by Galen Green) performed in Bannan Theatre to enthusiastic audiences. Above: Senior Stephanie Woodford was the vocal soloist for "All of Me."



## October Arts

Senior Rachel Harris (left) danced at the **Student Arts Showcase**, which also featured singers, dancers and instrumentalists who shone on the stage thanks to show producer Meredith C. Galvin '97. Later that month, the **Playwright's Festival** began a new tradition at SI. Students performed short works from Arthur Miller's plays, including, above, his 1964 work *After the Fall*, which starred freshmen Josie Baenen and Benjamin Schmitt under the direction of Stuart Kimball '15.



## December Stillness

The Winter Choral Concert, *December Stillness*, filled St. Ignatius Church with song and was livecast for the first time via the Internet for those who couldn't attend this magnificent performance by SI's Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, Mixed Chorus and the Ignatius Mannërchoir under the direction of Chad Zullinger. Photos by Pedro Cafasso.



## English teacher Peter Devine '66 back in the classroom after near-fatal crash

When a car slammed into the Prius driven by Peter Devine '66 last May 26, he suffered three injuries, any one of which could have ended his life.

Peter is alive and back in the classroom little more than four months later thanks to another set of threes.

The accident at Baker Street and Geary Boulevard was so violent that Devine, a veteran English teacher and former theatre department head, could hear his back snap as his pelvis was crushed between the side of the car and his control column. That accident also tore his aorta and collapsed one lung.

Devine is grateful that he never lost consciousness and that his car neither flipped nor caught fire. He knew he had to keep calm himself, so he began the same rhythmic breathing technique he used when he acted to calm himself before going on stage. "I breathed in for six counts, held my breath for two counts and then exhaled for eight counts," said Devine. "I wanted to do whatever I could to stabilize my blood pressure and heart rate."

The second thing he did was pray the rosary. "That comforted me, as I thought I was about to die. I just wasn't happy that the place I would die would be Geary Boulevard — not my preferred location."

The third factor that saved his life, in addition to the breathing and rosary, was the medical attention he received on the scene and on the way to San Francisco General Hospital, where surgeons spent nearly four hours repairing, in order, his heart, his pelvis and his lung.

Before the surgery, Devine saw his brother George '59 along with members of his family. "We prayed an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be," said Devine. "I thought I wouldn't make it out of surgery alive, so I started telling George where my tickets for *Showboat* were so that he could give them to my nephew. That's when the doctor said, 'Enough,' and moved me into surgery."

Afterwards, Devine slept for three days heavily sedated. When he awoke, doctors told him that he still needed another surgery to repair his pelvis. "Only then did I realize I was out of the woods and would survive," he noted. "I realized it was a miracle and that God must have had a reason for my survival. When I heard how many people had been praying for me at the graduation and at the Baccalaureate

Mass, I knew it was my job to get well."

Of all crash victims who suffer torn aortas, only 10 percent survive long enough to make it to the hospital, according to Devine. Of that 10 percent, only 3 percent make it out of surgery alive. "I was given a second chance, and I realized if I could beat those odds, I had no choice but do the very best I could to get back to school and regain my ability to walk."

Four days after the accident, Devine underwent a second surgery, this one lasting for more than 13 hours to repair five breaks in his pelvis and to fuse together three disks in his spine. After 13 days at San Francisco General, he traveled by ambulance to CPMC's St. Luke's Campus for physical therapy. He spent the next three months at the hospital gaining enough strength to move from a prone to a sitting position on the side of his bed to being able to stand and walk.

The first time nurses asked him to support his weight and lift himself a few inches off his bed, Devine surprised them by standing up, fighting all the time through the pain in his feet, which suffered from neuropathy — nerve damage in the peripheral nervous system.

After St. Luke's, he moved to CPMC's Davies Campus in order to gain enough strength to return to his home and to his classroom. The 3.5 hours of daily physical therapy included a surprise visit to SI Sept. 15 to see if he could make his way through a crowded hallway to his classroom using a walker, a feat he accomplished to the delight of his therapist.

"Those therapists pushed me like crazy," Devine said. "It was especially hard walking down stairs due to the terrible neuropathy. My feet felt as if Kathy Bates were beating them with a baseball bat."

Though Devine didn't teach the first quarter of the school year, he spent his days preparing lesson plans for Paul Molinelli '78, who taught his Shakespeare class, and for Donna DeBenedetti, a former SI English teacher who returned to teach his sophomores. He also corrected essays for his students, getting to know them virtually through their writing. "This work made me feel as if I were back at school and part of the flow of the school year."

He remained upbeat and hopeful through most of the ordeal, though he fell into a funk a few times, once after his eighth week at St. Luke's, when doctors told him he would need



**Peter Devine is team-teaching his sophomore classes with Donna DeBenedetti after returning to the school last October following months of painful physical therapy and surgeries.**

to stay there another month. "I used that anger to my advantage to spur me to exercise even harder."

In addition to correcting papers, he listened to music, read, prayed and visited with family and friends. When the time came for him to return home Sept. 18, he was well enough to forego the need for in-home care. He returned to the classroom full time Oct. 20, after the quarter break.

He expects to continue physical therapy for years, and he hopes to walk with a cane within a few months. The pain in his feet, doctors have told him, should disappear in a year.

Devine thanked his family for their daily visits and for maintaining the Caring Bridge site, which kept his former students and colleagues informed about his recovery.

He also thanked the hospital chaplains and the SI Jesuits who visited him, especially Rev. Don Sharp, S.J., and Rev. Charles Gagan, S.J. '55, as well as department colleagues Elizabeth Purcell and Jim Bjorkquist '65. He also praised his doctors and nurses. "I felt totally cared for and at peace. I knew that God was taking care of me. I felt surrounded by love and never felt alone. I saw many people at San Francisco General who had none of this. One day, I hope to be well enough to minister to them." ☞

## Hannah Holscher '16 makes historic swim across the Strait of Gibraltar

Hannah Holscher '16 became the youngest American to swim the Strait of Gibraltar when she made the 10-mile swim Aug. 6, with her father swimming alongside her.

She was glad for the company, especially given her father's credentials. David Holscher set a world record for the longest relay when he and his team swam in shifts from San Francisco to Santa Barbara, and he also swam the English Channel twice, also as part of a relay team.

Holscher at 16 already has her list of accomplishments, having won top awards her freshman year as a member of both the water polo and swim teams at SI. This year, she is competing on the varsity level as well as continuing her off-season work with SHAQ, a Junior Olympic team. Eventually, she hopes to become an architect and follow in both of her parents' footsteps.

While browsing online swimming sites at the end of school in June, Holscher saw a story about a college student who had just made the crossing. "I saw her age and realized that I could be the youngest American to make the swim," she said.

Back in 2009, that honor belonged to Stewart Goosens '10, who completed the swim at 17 in 4 hours and 1 minute. Holscher took a little longer, making the swim in 4 hours and 49 minutes. (Back in 1989, a 12-year-old girl from India took the plunge, and she still holds the record as the youngest swimmer to successfully swim from Europe to Africa.)

Holscher began training by swimming in the Bay through the Dolphin Club, where her father is a member. On occasion, she would run into John Ottersberg, a member of SI's campus ministry team and a member of the club who also swims regularly in the Bay.

At first, the cold bothered her more than the distance, even though she wasn't used to the daily mile-long swims. She eventually added weekly 6-mile swims to her training regimen.

Holscher didn't want to swim only to place her name in the record books; she wrote to family friends to ask them to donate to Open Arms Day Care and to a group to which her father belongs: Night Train Swimmers, which offers swim lessons to at-risk youth in Marin. In all, she raised more than \$4,000 for these two non-profits.

Holscher flew with her parents and younger sister to Spain and landed Aug. 4 after coordinating with the Gibraltar Strait Swimming Association, which follows

swimmers by boat to ensure that they don't cross paths with any large ships and to be close by if needed.

On Aug. 6, Holscher and her father stepped into the Mediterranean while her mother and sister hopped into the support boat. During the swim, Holscher ate meals every half hour for energy and, once, had some unexpected visitors when a pod of dolphins swam under her and leapt up to the side. "That was just a little frightening."

Whenever she paused to eat or to rest, those on the support boat shouted words of encouragement and held up signs to cheer her on.

Once in Morocco, she stood on a submerged rock to mark the end of her journey. Back in the boat, it didn't take her long to fall fast asleep and rest before a celebratory dinner that night.

During the next few days, she earned another accomplishment: learning how to kite-board in the waters off Tarifa, Spain.

Now that she has tried long-distance open-water swimming, she hopes to do more. "There are seven ocean swims that people try to check off their list," she said. "I'm looking at them right now and trying to decide what my next big swim will be." ∞



### Donating hair to support cancer patients

The Cancer Awareness and Support Club sponsored its annual donation of hair to provide wigs for people fighting cancer. In all, 49 students and faculty cut their hair for the cause, including several boys and men who shaved their heads in solidarity with those battling the disease. (Thanks go to the volunteer stylists from Aveda.) While hair from the men wasn't long enough to donate, they did raise nearly \$500 from sponsors. The club raised an additional \$1,550 through a bake sale and by selling hair ties to support childhood cancer research programs. The group will gather March 29 for the next big event at SI — Relay for Life.



## New ways to keep score of athletic success

**Above left:** USF basketball coach Rex Walters, father of Addie Walters '15, who plays guard for SI's girls' varsity basketball team, spoke to students in Anne Stricherz's Sports and Spirituality Class Dec. 9 on the ministry of coaching. **Above right:** Before every league meet, the girls' cross country team held a spirit day to harness energy and excitement for competition in the WCAL. On Oct 1, they hosted the first "Pink Out." All girls wore pink to practice in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Since the Giants were in the wild card playoff series against the Pittsburgh Pirates, they threw orange and black into the mix. That day they raised \$250 for the One Flap Down Foundation, started by former Giant Jeffrey Leonard to help single parents with cancer. From left are Lauren Gomez '16, Sophia Balistreri '15, Francesca Ledesma '15, Emma Sheedy '16 and Camille Rumberger '15. Photo by Anne Stricherz. **Below:** SI replaced the scoreboard at J.B. Murphy Field in October, shortly before the school hosted the Bruce-Mahoney football game, thanks to generous donations by SI parents, including Ms. Stacie Casella and Dr. & Mrs. Michael McDermott. The new board features an LED display that can showcase athletes as well as scores.





# Living out the Prayer of Generosity

BY ANNE STRICHERZ  
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Imagine how much the typical teenager eats. Now imagine the typical SI cross-country runner who pounds out 3.1 miles at each race.

Over the past decade, Veronica and Omar Urbina, parents of Jacquelyn Urbina '11, have fueled these runners with a table of nutritious treats. That's no mean feat, as the boys' and girls' cross country teams comprise 10 percent of the student body.

Jacquelyn, a four-year varsity cross country and track athlete, started running for SI in the fall of 2004, and her family came out to support her, including her father, Omar, who had run competitively at Capuchino High School in San Bruno and at the University of Arizona. Even though their daughter graduated four years ago, the family still takes on the job of feeding the runners.

Though her husband was a runner, cross country races were new to Veronica. "I never saw Omar compete, as watching him run around in the mud didn't sound that interesting. But once I watched Jacquelyn and the SI team run in the Early Bird Invitational at Toro Park in Salinas, I was hooked. Who wouldn't love a sport where the last runners have as many people cheering for them as the first? Even though the first five runners are the only ones who normally score, this is truly a team sport in which everyone plays a part."

That includes the Urbinas, who responded to a request from former girls' head coach Elizabeth Regalia to help out with the snack table. "I never thought volunteering would lead to what I do now," said Veronica.

Under her care, what started as two plates below a canopy has grown to two large tables covered in food, with the snack area doing double duty as information central for the runners and parents who come looking for course maps, race times, results and ice for injuries.

The Urbinas serve only healthy food and snacks and offer gluten-free options as well. "I have severe food allergies and have always been on a restricted diet," said Veronica. "Healthy cooking was already part of my lifestyle." She also educated herself by researching what runners, including her daughter, need before and after races. "I remembered how superstitious Omar was



**Omar and Veronica Urbina haven't had a child at SI in a few years, but they still come to each cross country meet to coordinate the snack table to fuel the boys' and girls' teams before each race.**

about pre-race and post-race meals, so I wanted to start her off right."

After learning that fat and protein were necessary for muscles to recover after races, Veronica experimented and came up with a recipe for muffin tops, adjusting the ingredients according to the latest research and finding new treats thanks to websites such as Livestrong.org. "Our menu is more extensive than what we started with nine years ago," she noted.

Their efforts never go unnoticed or unappreciated. "Veronica's work to stay up on the latest trends and news with regard to athlete nutrition is indicative of her dedication to the athletes," said Boys' Cross Country Head Coach Nick Alvarado '06. "Simply, she takes care of our athletes as if they were her own children."

The runners agree. At their respective banquets, each team honored the Urbina family. Matthew Cueto '15, a two-year captain for the boys' team, noted that "the Urbinas also take the time to talk to the runners and to acknowledge by email their performances after meets. It's awesome that the Urbinas want to continue helping the school, and it speaks to the strength of the SI community."

Junior captain Lauren Gomez '16 thanked the Urbinas for sending out "those fabulously informative emails without which runners would never remember their water bottles. There is no end to their care and enthusiasm for this sport and our runners."

Gomez praised the Urbinas for "the preparation that goes into feeding nearly 200 runners. They are also the first to care for fallen runners. We are all so grateful for the enthusiasm they have in helping us and for their support of this sport."

Veronica admits that the feeling is mutual. "Sometimes I feel a little guilty, as I think I get more from each race than the team does. This sport has become part of our extended family as we have made so many friends over the years. I still love getting emails from past runners and their families, and Omar loves that he can continue to be around cross country. He was away from it for a long time and had forgotten how much he enjoyed the sport."

I also serve as a cross country coach and saw the reaction of students to the Urbinas' generosity. I was speaking with a freshman girl who, one day at a meet, looked up at me and told me that, for her, the snack table "was, simply, heaven." ∞

## Working for a healthy brain through the One Hit Away Foundation

BY ANNE STRICHERZ  
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While playing inside linebacker as a Trinity College sophomore, Brett Cde Baca '10 was sidelined by a concussion. At the start of his senior season, the team captain suffered a second concussion so severe he had to take time away from school and return home to heal.

This recovery time led to a greater kind of healing, one more powerful than Brett and his father, Darren Cde Baca '78, first envisioned.

That injury led them to launch the One Hit Away Foundation to offer support, education and resources to athletic programs and individuals both to combat the cultural myths surrounding concussions and to showcase effective brain healing and brain health techniques.

For years, Darren and Brett have shared a love of football. Both played at SI, and both received the J.B. Murphy Award, the highest honor offered by SI's football program.

Darren also saw, over the years, the effect of concussions on his son. In fourth grade, Brett hit his head so hard against a concrete garbage can while playing at a park that he suffered a concussion and split his lip.

Both men came to learn the hard way that each sub-concussion and concussion leaves a unique fingerprint on the brain, making subsequent injuries even worse.

Years after that first concussion, Brett celebrated an undefeated season and championship year as a junior at Trinity. He returned to college the summer before his senior year for practice, and, in the first week, he suffered another concussion. "I let the trainers know, and we started the standard concussion protocol," said Brett. "I had to be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before I could return to play."

Eventually, Brett felt well enough to play again. "But after my next practice, I was back to square one. I was in 'full concussion land' as I call it."

After learning about this injury, Darren told his wife, Jill, that he felt Brett would be fine in a week or two. "Parents get involved emotionally and tend to lose perspective," said Darren. "We were excited to have him contribute to another championship football season. We couldn't wait to see him play."

Both men had always thought of concussions the same way they thought about sprained ankles. "Both simply take



**Darren and Brett Cde Baca started a foundation to offer resources to athletic programs and families after Brett sustained concussive injuries while playing for Trinity College.**

time to heal, and then you're well enough to play," said Darren. However, Brett's symptoms worsened.

"I couldn't go to class or focus," said Brett. "I was sensitive to light, I had headaches, and it was hard even to communicate. I felt in a fog or in a dream — disconnected from everything around me."

Darren and Jill brought Brett back home to the Peninsula and began looking for ways to help their son heal. "We were getting information about treatment but no real advice on how to heal his brain," Darren said. "This is when I knew it was time to change gears. My wife and I realized we needed to engage in a brain-healing journey."

The two began researching concussions and read about the brain diseases some athletes develop due to repeated injuries from contact sports.

Both Darren and Brett even appeared on *The Today Show* in November 2013 to highlight the effects of concussions. Later, back in the Bay Area, they learned from SI trainer Marla Bottner about the latest concussion research at UCSF. They also began working with Dr. Daniel Amen, the founder of Amen Clinics, with offices on

the Peninsula and throughout the country. The SPECT (single-photo emission computed tomography) imaging done at that office revealed the effects of damage done to Brett's brain over the years, from playing Pop-Warner football through his days at Trinity College.

"Those images displayed the limited blood flow to the brain due to thousands of injuries," said Darren. "His brain had so much damage that it looked as if he had been playing in the NFL for years."

The Amen Clinics' treatment regiment included a focus on nutrition and hyperbaric oxygen therapy. "We also implemented chiropractic neurology, and it worked," said Brett. "After one week, I told my parents that I hadn't felt this good in two months."

Thanks to the semester he spent healing, Brett was able to return to school last January for the second semester of his senior year to finish his degree in economics. He still suffered from mental fatigue and lack of stamina before fully recovering from his symptoms last April.

The treatments that led to Brett's recovery spurred father, mother and son to start the One Hit Away Foundation, a 501(c)(3)

non-profit that recommends protocols and advocates for brain healing and brain health from sports-related brain injuries, including sub-concussive hits, concussions and traumatic brain injuries. They also launched the [onehitaway.org](http://onehitaway.org) website, partly because of their time on *The Today Show*, said Darren. “People from all over the country called me for more information. That’s when I realized we needed to share our story.”

The family works with athletic trainers and team doctors, and they also speak with parents and students directly. “It’s important to have someone on the other end of the line,” said Darren. “We recently spoke with a college lacrosse player who had suffered five

concussions over her career. She was in tears speaking with my wife as she now has hope.”

Their foundation is raising money to help teams and individual athletes who can’t afford treatment. Currently, 25 donors have contributed a total of \$50,000, and the Cde Bacas hope that figure grows considerably as more athletes and families learn about the effects of these injuries.

Their efforts also led to SI’s first Brain Summit, held Sept. 17 in the Carlin Commons. Dr. Amen and Dr. Ken Stoller of the Amen Clinics spoke to parents and student athletes about brain-healing techniques, and Darren shared his story and the genesis of the One Hit Away Foundation.

The Cde Bacas don’t side with those who argue that contact sports are to blame and should be banned. “I would allow my son to play contact sports again,” said Darren. “Sports have been so meaningful to both of us. Inactivity is far worse. The key is to understand the importance of brain-healing and brain-health protocols before and following any brain injury. Most high school and college training rooms focus on the athlete from the chin down. You can find \$10,000 machines that help you recover from sprained ankles, but few athletic trainers know how to help brains heal from concussions.” ∞

## SI’s high-tech helmets make national news

The first practice of the SI varsity football team drew the attention of national press not because of its recent success but as a result of the school’s cutting-edge commitment to player safety.

The school purchased 180 InSite Impact Response System units from Riddell, the makers of the Speed helmets worn by the athletes, to measure impact and alert sideline staff to hits that may put the players at risk.

Though other Bay Area high schools have purchased a handful of these sensor units for some members of their first-string varsity teams, SI is by far the largest user of this new device in Northern California and has outfitted each member of the freshman, JV and varsity squads with sensors.

SI’s commitment to safety drew the attention of CNBC, which brought a film crew to the school Aug. 16 for the first team practice. The show aired four days later on *Street Signs* in a segment dedicated to wearable high-tech.

Neither the helmets nor the five-point sensors prevent concussions, but by measuring impact, they alert trainers to the possibility of injury. “The new technology fits into what we value in our program,” said head coach John Regalia ’93. “We teach safe ways to allow our athletes to compete at the highest level, and these sensors allow our staff to evaluate players and their status in what is a physical game. We are excited to continue to take steps to be safe in a highly competitive program while also providing the very best experience for our athletes and families.”

InSite was developed based on Riddell’s Head Impact Telemetry System and Sideline Response System, a technology that has analyzed more than 2 million impacts since 2003. This new technology fits into the liner of a Riddell helmet and

sends signals wirelessly to handheld devices on the field, where trainers can see if athletes have suffered significant or atypical head impacts during games or practices.

Thanks to advances in design and less expensive components, Riddell was able to develop a more affordable version of the sensor than the ones used years ago by college athletes, and the company recently introduced the new product to high school and youth programs.

In the past, trainers Marla Bottner and Rob Assadurian and coaches depended on students to report symptoms that might be the result of concussions. Some students over the years were reluctant to report symptoms, especially before big games, or didn’t think their symptoms warranted reporting.

“With the new InSite sensors, we now have metrics that amount to eyes inside



SI Athletic Director John Mulkerrins with the new sensor.

the helmet,” said Athletic Director John Mulkerrins ’89. “Those sensors measure a significant single impact or multiple impacts during a game or practice.”

Both Bottner and Mulkerrins stressed that the sensors are not a substitute for doctors and trainers nor can they prevent or diagnose concussions. “The sensor is another tool that we are using as we work with our team physician on our concussion assessment protocols,” said Bottner.

Erin Griffin, a senior communications manager with Riddell, praised SI, noting that it “has become a leader among the nation’s high schools first by using the Speed helmet and then by taking things a step further with a significant investment into the InSite sensors. It speaks volumes about how much SI values protecting its players.” ∞

# SPORTS WRAP

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## GIRLS' GOLF

**Coaches:** Julius Yap, assisted by John DeBenedetti.  
**Record:** 9–3, 2nd place in WCAL.  
**Highlights:** At the WCAL tournament at Spring Valley Golf course, SI finished 4th; top individual finishers were Samantha Gong (72), Joy Abad (79) Jamie West (83), Samantha Perez (91), Mary Robbins (93), Alexandra Camacho (97). At the CCS championship at Rancho Canada Golf Course in Carmel, the individual scores included 5th place Samantha Gong (71), Jamie West 25th (79) and Joy Abad 39th (83). At the Girls' State Golf Championship Samantha Gong finished 8th (75).  
**Graduating Seniors:** Joy Abad, Alex Camacho, Monica Cua, Julis De La Cruz, Samantha Perez and Mary Robbins.  
**Awards:** WCAL Player of the Year: Samantha Gong. Team Awards: Medalist Award, Samantha Gong; Wildcat Award, Joy Abad, Samantha Perez.

## BOYS' FOOTBALL

**Coaches:** John Regalia, assisted by Chris Saunders, Curt Hagfeldt, Reggie Redmond, Marcel Thompson and Rob Unruh.  
**Records:** 2–5 in league, 7–6 overall.  
**Highlights:** The Wildcats won the unofficial WCAL City Championship with victories over Archbishop Riordan (45–28) and Sacred Heart Cathedral (20–7) in the Bruce Mahoney Game; in their fourth consecutive appearance in the CCS tournament, the Wildcats were seeded 5th in Division 3 and defeated Monterey High School (28–21) and Pioneer High school (35–17) before losing a close decision to Aptos in the final 10 seconds 11–8 in the championship game.  
**Graduating Seniors:** Peter Aliman, Dominic Burke, Aaron Casella, Danny Conte, Ryan Dutton, Dylan Elder, Andrew Ferrero, Freddie Gaines, Alex Griffin, Julian Gunter, Eddie Hagan, Ryan Hagfeldt, Justin Hein, Frank Jefferson, Chad Johnstone, Matt Klein, Kevin Kohmann, Luke Lotti, Timmy Lynch, Kevin Mannix, Thomas McGovern, Rob Meagher, Dominic Orsi, Tarik Siniora, Jackson



Smith, Brian Vollert and Grant Wilson.  
**Awards:** League: All League Most Valuable Quarterback: Ryan Hagfeldt; All League Most Valuable Defensive Back: Dom Burke; Most Valuable Kicker: Andrew Ferrero; 1st Team, All League: Ryan Hagfeldt, Dominic Burke, Rob Meagher, Alex Griffin; 2nd Team, All League: Julian Gunther, Andrew Ferrero, Brian Vollert; Honorable Mention: Freddie Gaines, Danny Conte, Frank Jefferson, Matt Klein. Team Awards: J.B. Murphy Award: Robert Meagher; Outstanding Backs: Dominic Burke, Ryan Hagfeldt; Outstanding Linemen: Alex Griffin, Frank Jefferson; Journeyman of the Year: Andrew Quill. Coach Regalia was recognized as Cal-Hi Sports Bay Area Coach of the Week and was honored at the final 49er home game. SI received a \$1,000 grant from the 49ers on his behalf.

## GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

**Coach:** Ki Choi.  
**Records:** 1–5 in league; 23–13 overall.  
**Highlights:** In the CCS Tournament, the Wildcats were seeded 5th and defeated Aptos 25–15, 26–24, 25–15 before losing to top-seed Sacred Heart Cathedral.  
**Graduating Seniors:** Kelly Hori, Audrey Arnold, Isabella Sangiacomo, Clarisse Chan, Brianna Ottoboni, Deanna Anderson and Katrina Samonte.



**Awards:** 2nd Team, All League: Katrina Samonte; All League Honorable Mention: Kelly Hori. Team Awards: Fighting Spirit Award: Isabella Sangiacomo; Coaches' Awards: Caitlin Colbert; Competitor Award: Anne Crouch.



## BOYS' WATER POLO

**Coaches:** John Bruno, assisted by Dan McDonnell.  
**Records:** 4–2 league, 15–9 overall.  
**Highlights:** In the WCAL playoffs, the Wildcats lost to Serra in the quarterfinals 16–13 and then lost the 5th-place game to Valley Christian 14–10. In the CCS championships, the 4th-seeded Wildcats defeated Carmel 10–5 and then lost to the eventual CCS Champions Sacred Heart Preparatory 10–6.  
**Graduating Seniors:** Bobby Singer, Ben Tomei, Will Fitzgerald, Peter Koros.  
**Awards:** 1st Team, All League: Sheldon Boboff, Charles May; 2nd Team, All League: Michael Spence, Robert Singer. Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Robert Singer; Coaches' Award: Peter Koros; Most Improved Award: Kyle Leung.

## GIRLS' WATER POLO

**Coach:** Carter Bick.  
**Records:** 2–4 league, 12–10 overall.  
**Highlights:** In the WCAL playoffs, the Wildcats lost to Presentation in the quarterfinals 5–3 and then won the 5th place game over Valley Christian 6–4. In the CCS Championships, the 8th seeded Wildcats lost to Saratoga 5–3.  
**Graduating Seniors:** Jasmine Barnard, Katie French, Raquel Gueits, Andrea Huey, Sam Lim, Justine Pelton.



**Awards:** 1st Team, All League: Katie French; 2nd Team, All League: Catherine Bick, Allison Schaum. Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Katie French; Coach's Award: Justine Pelton; Most Inspirational: Jasmine Barnard.



## BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

**Coaches:** Nick Alvarado, assisted by Chad Evans, Tom Mannion and Andrew Laguna, S.J.

**Highlights:** League Meet I at Baylands Park, Sunnyvale: Team finish: SI second place; top five SI finishers: 1st Kevin Lehr 16:04, 4th Ben Osipow 16:18, 17th Raymond Breault 17:00, 23rd Kyle Reidy 17:02, 19th Krey Hacker 17:16; League Meet II at Golden Gate Park Polo Fields: Team Finish: SI second place; Top five SI finishers: 1st Kevin Lehr 15:25, 2nd Ben Osipow 15:40, 8th Kyle Reidy 16:01, 9th Michael Dunne 16:01, 17th Raymond Breault 16:27. League Meet III at Crystal Springs; Team Finish: SI second place; top five SI finishers: 1st Kevin Lehr 15:38, 6th Ben Osipow 15:57, 13th Kyle Reidy 16:18, 14th Michael Dunne 16:23 17th Raymond Breault, 16:27. CCS Championship Meet at Crystal Springs; Team Finish: SI first place; CCS Champions; Individual Finishers: 2nd Ben Osipow 16:06, 3rd Kevin Lehr 16:06, 8th Kyle Reidy 16:26, 9th Krey Hacker 16:28, 10th Michael Dunne 16:38. CIF State Championship Meet, DIII: Team Finish 6th place. Individual Times: 22nd Ben Osipow 15:47, 28th place Kevin Lehr 15:53, 58th Kyle Reidy 16:18, 67th Michael Dunne 16:23, 71st Krey Hacker 16:24.

**Graduating Seniors:** Edwin Choi, Matthew Cueto, Ryan DeGraw, Walter Dutra, Giacinto Jondonovan, Justin Lee, Blair Meehan, Ben Osipow, Pedro Sandoval Segura and Marc Tran.

**Awards:** 1st Team, All League: Kevin Lehr, Ben Osipow. Riley Sutthoff Award: Ben Osipow. Team Awards: Most Outstanding Runner: Kevin Lehr; Wildcat Award: Matthew Cueto; Most Improved Runner: Kyle Reidy.

## GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

**Coaches:** Jeri Kenny, assisted by Tricia Kennedy, Katy Daly, Anne Stricherz and Elizabeth Alexander.

**Highlights:** League Meet I at Baylands Park,



Sunnyvale. Team finish: SI third place; 3rd Brianna Bilter 14:47, 10th Andrea Vlahos 15:46, 14th Erin Smith 15:59, 19th Veronica Alberts 16:08, 23rd Katie Spence 16:21; League Meet II at Golden Gate Park Polo Fields, Team Finish: SI third place, 1st Briana Bilter 18:46, 8th Emilia Janiczek 18:54, 18th Katie O'Dea 20:23, 19th Francesca Ledesma 20:38, 27th Katrina Keating 21:09, League Meet III at Crystal Springs. Team Finish: SI fourth place; Individual Results Top Five Finishers: 3rd Emilia Janiczek. 18:57, 9th Brianna Bilter 19:46, 17th Katie O'Dea 20:33, 21st Orla Lynagh Shannon 20:47, 27th Francesca Ledesma 21:19. CCS DII Meet at Crystal Springs. Team Finish: Fifth place. Top finishers: 12th Emilia Janiczek 19:26, 24th Katie O'Dea 20:14, 29th Brianna Bilter 20:26 30th Orla Lynagh Shannon 20:27, 46th Whitney Lundgren 21:11.

**Graduating Seniors:** Barbara Alberts, Priscille Alden, Sophia Balistreri, Laura Caracciolo, Marissa Corry, Caitlin Cournale, Georgia Davey, Morgan Feeney, Alexa Fotinos and Francesca Ledesma.

**Awards:** 1st Team, All League: Emilia Janaczek Brianna Bilter. Team Awards: Julius Yap Award: Sophia Balistreri; Most Outstanding Varsity Athlete: Emilia Janaczek; Coaches' Award: Katie O'Dea; Wildcat Award: Francesca Ledesma.

## GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

**Coaches:** Haley Sanchez, assisted by Caitlin Rhodes and Jaclyn Zamudio.

**Records:** 13–8 overall, 7–5 BVAL.

**Highlights:** The Wildcats in their first year in the top division qualified for the CCS tournament and hosted a home game against undefeated North Salinas High School, which ended the Wildcats season.

**Graduating seniors:** Sydney Sobrepena, Annie Mattimore, Hailey Palala, Michelle Espiritu, Kate Harris, Rita Larson, Madeleine Maxwell, Camille Rich and Jackie Ocana.

**Awards:** BVAL Awards: Goal Keeper of the Year: Jackie Ocana; Junior of the Year: Meg Crowley; 1st Team, All League: Sydney Sobrepena, Annie Mattimore; 2nd Team, All League: Clare Casey; All League Honorable Mention: Rita Larson, Maddy



Sirianni. Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Michelle Espiritu; Offensive Player of the Year: Sydney Sobrepena; Defensive Player of the Year: Annie Mattimore. Haley Sanchez was voted BVAL Coach of the Year for the second year in a row and her first year coaching in the top division of the BVAL.

## GIRLS' TENNIS

**Coaches:** Craig Law, assisted by Viviane Marani.

**Records:** 10–2 league, 25–3 overall.

**Highlights:** WCAL Round Robin: League Champions; WCAL Tournament: Singles Champion: Katya Tabachnik; Doubles: 3rd place: Jackie Tsodikova and Lise Swain; CCS Team Tournament: Second-seeded SI defeated St Francis 7–0 and Menlo Atherton 5–2 before losing to St. Francis in the semifinals 3–4.

**Graduating Seniors:** Claire Hartwell, Jena Jadallah, Kaila Lee, Emilia Magid, Julia Roy, Allison Shiu.

**Awards:** Player of the Year: Katya Tabachnik; 1st Team, All League: Jackie Tsodikova; Honorable Mention: Anna Roy, Julia Roy, Lise Swain and Lily Jack-Schimmel. Team Awards: Br. Artie Lee, S.J., Award: Julia Roy; Magis Award: Jena Jadallah; Wildcat Award: Jackie Tsodikova. ☺



## Andrew Munday '04 & DoorDash make restaurant dining as easy as point-and-click



Andrew Munday '04 knows about competition. He played soccer at SI and Regis University in Denver, and he now takes part in Ironman Triathlons, with each race taking the better part of 11 hours to complete.

These days, he cares far more about another kind of race, one from restaurants to customers' homes. As head of operations of the on-demand start-up DoorDash, he expects his drivers to deliver meals precisely when they say they will.

"People don't care as much about speed as reliability," said Munday. "That's the same in life. If a driver says he will be there at 8:05, he needs to be there at 8:05. People who are busy with small kids need to know they can rely on us."

To ensure on-time delivery, DoorDash offers on its website precise estimates based on restaurant prep times and real-life drive times. Drivers use another tool, one created by Jeff Cosgriff '06, who wrote the code for the mobile app they use to search through orders.

Cosgriff played soccer at SI with Munday, who knew his former teammate to be "a great fit for the company. He was one of the first engineers to join."

Munday was drawn to the company thanks to another SI grad — Nick Adler '04. "He

convinced me that the founders were great guys who had a vision to deliver all goods and not just food and that I should meet them."

He met Tony Xu, one of DoorDash's founders, who began the company while still a graduate student at Stanford. The company grew thanks to the startup incubator YCombinator and \$19.4 million in backing from the venture firm Sequoia Capital.

DoorDash now delivers throughout the Peninsula and South Bay as well as in Los Angeles, Boston and Chicago. The company will add San Francisco to this list by the end of January.

Munday takes pride in his company as it helps him live out the mission of SI — to be a person for and with others. "We love to help local economies. Restaurants earn incremental revenue thanks to our services. Drivers can make between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a month while maintaining flexible hours, and customers can save time." Drivers can also take classes in computer skills at DoorDash at no cost thanks to donations by company personnel.

The customers benefit from personalized services. Munday worked as a driver in the company's early days, and the core staff of 51 is expected, still, to drive each month to understand the challenges drivers face.

One day, DoorDash got an order from a woman who had just delivered her first child. "She had craved sushi throughout her pregnancy. I picked up her order from Fuki Sushi in Palo Alto and then swung by Safeway to buy balloons and a card. When I walked into the hospital, I was shocked to see babies carted around. The mom was thrilled to have sushi delivered to her hospital bed. That night I realized I had found a meaningful job."

Munday went through his share of jobs that didn't offer the same satisfaction. He worked for an advertising firm for three years and won three promotions and a host of awards. "Nothing we did really mattered, though. I was just generating revenue. After eight years of Jesuit education, that didn't sit well with me."

He left that company to work for a start-up that taught him the importance of networking and then found a job with deliv, a company that delivers goods to customers' homes from stores such as Best Buy. Despite his success with the company, DoorDash seemed a better fit for him.

Munday was never afraid to fight for the right fit. As an eighth grader at Our Lady of

Angels, he knew his grades wouldn't help him get into SI. He applied and landed on the wait list. "I didn't want to go anywhere else, though. I knew SI was the best place for me. I asked my mother to take me to meet Kevin Grady, the admissions director at the time, and I convinced him that I belonged at the school."

He still got into trouble at the Sunset District campus and became well acquainted with Br. Douglas Draper, S.J., SI's dean of discipline. "He would tell me that he wouldn't always be around to solve my problems and advised me what I needed to do to change. What mattered most was that he and my counselor, Cally Salzman, believed in me."

His soccer coach at Regis also helped Munday mature. "That's where I really grew up and learned how to be responsible. My coach told me that the best leaders on a team are never late."

Munday still takes that to heart at DoorDash, where he rewards drivers with \$100 bills for doing exemplary work. He even refunded \$14,000 to Stanford when a large order to that school arrived very late.

That personalized attention pays off. "Kids run up to their DoorDash drivers to hug them, and parents appreciate the time saved through our service."

Munday's primary job is to form business strategy, contract with and retain drivers and maintain a high level of service in each market. "You can't teach them empathy, but we can teach them delivery skills. I'm a pretty good judge of character, and it takes me five minutes over the phone to see if they are right for us."

The challenge to success, Munday notes, "is that we are a young company. The average age of our staff is younger than 30. Some may think we lack experience, but I think we lack biases. This allows us to apply a fresh approach."

His success, he added, is the result both of his own willingness to work hard, the connections he has with his SI classmates who led him to DoorDash, and the values taught at SI. "Learners becoming leaders was hammered home. Now I'm a leader who wants to make sure that others learn as much as possible and have the same opportunities I have. SI ingrained that work ethic in me and taught me that if I work hard, I'll always be in a good spot. That's one constant I can always control in my life. I can work harder than anyone else." ∞

**Above: Andrew Munday hopes DoorDash will help busy parents as well as provide extra revenue to drivers and restaurants.**



Left: The Tommy Bahama / Dan Linehan Golf Tournament drew a crowd to the Gleneagles Golf Course at McLaren Park to benefit the Class of 1983 Daniel J. Linehan Scholarships. Above: Former SI and NFL coach **Gil Haskell '61** (center) was honored at Mission Rock in October. From left are Kevin Shea '75, Dan Tracy '77, Gil, Bill Isham and Ray Calcagno '64. Photo by Claire Reardon '16.



## Alumni Games

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving saw men and women return to SI for the annual Alumni Basketball Games. The following Saturday, alumni returned for the soccer game against the boys' varsity squad. Then, on Dec. 26, SI's alumnae soccer players returned to face the girls' varsity team.

## The Class of '75 honors Columbus and Italian Americans with historic parade



The Italian Heritage Parade is a procession of several ironies as well as a celebration of culture and history.

Tens of thousands come out each year for the massive parade, one that typically features colorful floats, blue skies filled with theatrics of the Blue Angels and food to feed the tens of thousands who come for a taste of the old country.

Few people realize, though, that this huge event is the result of the work of just 30 people, six of whom are SI grads. The team includes John Parente '67 and Steve Leveroni '69, who serve on the board of directors of the Columbus Day Celebration, Inc., and the San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade committee.

For the Oct. 12 parade, those two Wildcats worked alongside four members of the Class of 1975 — President Tony Passanisi, Vice President Frank Billante and Parade Co-Chairs Jim Fanucchi and John Warda.

"We hope to pass down our Italian heritage to the younger generation," said Passanisi. "Even though I'm half Irish, my in-laws say I'm the most Italian guy they know. The same could be said of John Warda, who, while he is Assyrian, is married to an Italian and whose daughter, Anne, serves as secretary to our group."

The organizers meet regularly above Club Fugazi, the home of Beach Blanket Babylon, to plan the annual event, one that began in 1868, making it the city's oldest civic event and the nation's oldest Italian-American parade.

The parade winds its way from Fisherman's Wharf to North Beach and includes dozens of hand-made floats, marching bands and appearances by dignitaries dressed as Christopher Columbus and Queen Isabella, along with her Court of Honor.

Along the route, onlookers can feast at hundreds of outdoor tables at dozens of restaurants as well as look at the collection of Ferraris parked in Washington Square Park or gaze overhead at the Blue Angels, who bring their show to the city for Fleet Week.

The parade has changed over the years. It used to include a dignitary dressed as Columbus landing at Aquatic Park, though protests from Native American groups led to a name change in 1994, with a focus away from Columbus and onto the accomplishments of Italian Americans.

The committee has discontinued other events, such as the bocce ball tournament, the bicycle race and the laying of a wreath at the statue of Columbus at the foot of Coit Tower. They still do the Oct. 4 Madonna del Lume Celebration, throwing wreaths at the fishing fleet to honor those who have died at sea. They then celebrate Mass in the Fishermen's and Seamen's Memorial Chapel, in which you will find the name of Billante's father, Sebastiano, on a plaque honoring his 50 years as a commercial fisherman.

The parade has also included celebrities who serve as grand marshal, including the late Dennis Farina, Cindy Williams, Frankie Valli and chef Lidia Bastianich.

"One year, we almost had Tommy Lasorda," said Passanisi. "But Michela Alioto Pier, a supervisor at the time, made such a fuss that we were honoring the manager of the Dodgers, that he bowed out, fearing that it would lead to massive protests. We replaced him with the man who owns Marin Sanitation." This year, Bellarmine grad and philanthropist John Sobrato, chairman of the Sobrato Organization, served as grand marshal.

Each year, the parade also honors the centennial of certain businesses, with Ghilotti Construction and Victoria Pastry Company receiving recognition this year.

The SI grads who plan the parade do so, they say, because they were raised in the Jesuit tradition of being persons for and with others. "As much as we believe in this mission, it's hard these days to get younger people to step up to the plate," said Passanisi. "We are recycling the same people."

To keep interest alive, many of the men have had their daughters serve in the parade, including Warda, whose daughter Anne (Mercy '06) has served as Queen Isabella along with Elisa Fanucchi '08 and Molly Leveroni '02. Jennifer Passanisi '01 and Alessandra Billante '02 each rode on various parades as part of the Court of Honor.

The organizers know that the city would be poorer without the parade. "It's one of the last things that gathers the Italians of San Francisco together," said Billante. "The parade is like a big *passeggiata* for the city, and it keeps our culture and heritage alive."

One year, that *passeggiata* ran into a snag, when a vintage fire truck broke down minutes before the parade began. From then on, the fire and police chiefs have walked together rather than drive.

Though the parade only lasts several hours, the planning takes all year to arrange for permits, staging and sound and to figure out who will march. The group also holds fund-raisers for the event at Sunset Scavenger and AT&T Park, where they celebrate Italian Heritage Night.

The organizers hope that as city demographics change and as subsequent generations marry non-Italians, the parade will continue. "We never want our children to forget where they came from," said Passanisi. ∞

**Above: From left, John Parente '67, Tony Passanisi '75, Steve Leveroni '69, John Warda '75, Jim Fanucchi '75 and Frank Bilante '75.**



## Ryan Irwin '09 lands his dream job at NBC Sports

Ryan Irwin '09 doesn't have a hard time any longer convincing his bosses at NBC Sports that his job matters.

As a social media coordinator for the NBC Sports Group, Irwin manages the day-to-day postings and editorial content for more than a dozen social media accounts for NBC Sports. He uploads content to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to drive traffic to articles on NBCSports.com as well as to televised and online sporting events.

"One day, there was a mix-up on who would promote a game on our social accounts. The next day, we saw the expected digital traffic for that game was well below what had been predicted. That's when the light bulbs went off, and everyone realized how important digital is to promoting games."

Though Ryan competed in sports in grammar school and at SI, he realized he would never become a champion athlete. Still, he had a passion for all sports thanks to his mother, who was the big sports fan in his house. "When I was 5, I walked into my living room to see her watching Wake Forest during the NCAA Tournament. I liked the name Wake Forest and started rooting for them. Later, my grandparents would sometimes pull me out of school to see Giants' games, and I remember lying on my bed crying when the Giants blew it in Anaheim during the seventh game of the World Series. I grew to love the drama and passion of sports."

At Villanova University, Irwin majored in communications and joined a pep band that went to all the NCAA tournament games. He also began writing for VUHoops.com, Villanova's chapter of SB Nation, a sports blog portal with millions of hits a month.

As he approached graduation, he applied to 25 companies across the country with no luck. Soon after he decided to throw in the towel and return to the Bay Area, his luck changed. Five hours before his plane was scheduled to depart, NBC called him with a job offer. He started two weeks later at the company's office in Stamford, Conn.

His job gives him more readers than most successful novelists have, as Sunday Night Football's social media site has 2.5 million followers, NBC's Olympics Facebook Page has more than a million followers, and the other sites, each dedicated to a separate sport, have several hundred thousand readers apiece.

"Each year the number of clicks and the number of people using our digital space grows rapidly," said Irwin. "Social media is a



way to connect businesses and brands directly to consumers."

One model of that was Wendy's Rapid Reaction, an advertising partnership that gave an opportunity for fans, commentators and coaches to reply to questions about key plays in a game "and giving NBC ad dollars driven by social media," said Irwin. "This is only one way social makes money for the company."

Irwin also applies the writing skills he learned at SI even to Twitter with its 140-character limit. "SI taught me to write concisely and to obey the old KISS rule — to keep it simple, stupid. I try to tweet in 120 characters or less while making sure a missing comma doesn't change my message. It's difficult, but I have found room for humor. Sometimes one word says it all, especially if it accompanies a photo or illustration."

The wrong way to do social, said Irwin, is to "send out one-way messages all the time. Establishing a dialogue with fans is more effective. In some ways, all you need to do is provide a platform where fans can discuss issues on their own, but that has its dark side. You know how folks say, 'Don't read the comments?' My job is to read the comments. I see a lot of profanity, and that sometimes gets depressing. Posters don't always realize they are more likely to catch flies with honey than with vinegar."

Irwin loves the access he has to NBC's studios both at Stamford and in New York. "I'm surrounded by a world of sports TV and even got to cover the Olympics, though I had to work on Russian time, waking up at 3 a.m. for 18 straight days."

He also worked with his sports writing idol Joe Posnanski, a former senior columnist for *Sports Illustrated* and a national columnist for NBC Sports. "He's a great writer who can crank out 10,000 words a night. In my second month on the job, he asked my boss for tips on doing social media. My boss knew I was star struck, so he arranged a meeting between the two of us. I was mortified being introduced as a fan who had read all of his blogs. I didn't want Joe to think I was a crazy stalker, but it meant a lot to me to meet my writing idol."

Despite Irwin's youth — he just turned 24 — he has impressed his bosses. They used to proofread each of his postings, but they now trust him to post on his own and to come up with his own artwork for Twitter. They recently assigned him to work each week in the Sunday Night Football studio for a full day of NFL coverage.

His world, he admits, is one of under-30s. "My supervisor just turned 31, though, and the management folks are older." He also knows that he is lucky to be where he is right out of college. "I have friends who didn't land their job right after graduation. I'm hoping that with luck and hard work, I'll be here for a while working on what I love." ☺

**Above: Ryan Irwin became a sports fan as a small boy and honed his skills at Villanova before NBC hired him to do social media to drive viewers to games, both online and on TV. His job gives him access to special events, such as the Super Bowl.**



## Former Alumni President Michael Stecher '62 honored at SI's Christ the King Mass

BY TIM REARDON '86  
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*The following citation was presented to Christ the King honoree Michael Stecher '62 at the November ceremony in SI's Orradre Chapel.*

Located diagonally opposite Union Square, The City of Paris Dry Goods Company (later known simply as The City of Paris) was one of San Francisco's most important department stores from 1850 to 1976. Fred Stecher, father of Fred Jr. '56 and Michael '62, worked at The City of Paris for 64 years. Upon retirement, the company rewarded Mr. Stecher's loyalty by presenting him with a pen and pencil set. When his grown son Mike asked him, "Dad, how can they treat you like that?" Fred replied, "What do you mean? They employed me for 64 years and never missed a paycheck. I owe everything to that company."

Today we honor Fred's son Michael Joseph Stecher as the recipient of the SI Alumni Association's highest honor, the Christ the King Award. Fred's influence on Mike's life is clear. Like his father, Mike is recognized by everyone who has met him for his work ethic, compassion, service and optimism.

It is no surprise that Mike's group of friends in high school was known as the

"Happiness Boys." One reason for this moniker might have something to do with their elected club president — Adolph Coors — but probably more accurately they earned this title because of their attitude: a simple and sometimes stubborn perspective that life is precious and good and should be respected.

For Mike, his priorities are elemental, and, simply put, they define him. He is a man who knows what is important and who isn't reserved about articulating his principles. But perhaps Rev. Michael Mahoney, member of the Capuchin order and pastor of Our Lady of Angels Parish, explains it best when he says, "Michael Stecher is truly a man rich in faith, family and friends."

Mike was born to Mary and Fred Stecher in San Francisco in 1944. He grew up in Holy Name Parish and went to Holy Name School. He then attended St. Ignatius High School and graduated in 1962 before matriculating to the University of San Francisco, from which he graduated in 1966 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. He next attended the Golden Gate College of Law, where he received his Juris Doctorate Degree. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1970.

While Mike was studying at USF, he was also dating a gal from Dominican College named Pat Tuchler. They had met in high

school, when Pat was attending St. Rose Academy and Mike was at SI, but their relationship blossomed after college, and the two married while Mike was still studying law. In a strange but lovely coincidence, the two were married on Nov. 23, 1968. Today is their 46th wedding anniversary. To this day, Mike says of his bride: "She is absolutely the most important thing in my life."

By the time Mike had finished law school, the couple already had two children, and they were on their way to building one of the strongest families associated with the SI community. When all was said and done, Mike and Pat had five children: Stacy, Carole, Chris, Matt and Jennifer. Their children's success is a testament to the kinds of parents Mike and Pat have been to their brood. Get a load of this all-star team of scholars: Stacy—Boston College; Carole—UCLA; Christopher '92—Stanford; Matthew '93—Notre Dame, and Jennifer '95—Georgetown.

Regarding his children's academic success, Mike has said, "If you had the opportunity to see my grades at SI, you'd know that this has nothing to do with me. I give complete credit to my dear bride. Pat is a teacher, and she taught them how to study and how to respect education."

Although Mike refuses to take any credit regarding the academic success of his kids,

there is no denying the tremendous influence he has had in all other aspects of their development. Matt Stecher, the outstanding chemistry teacher and championship baseball coach, said of his parents' tutelage: "They were demanding without being strict. They set very specific guidelines for us growing up and held us accountable for our actions. My dad was always consistent with us. He was always fair but never allowed us to do less than our best."

Perhaps the greatest gift that Mike has given to his children is time. For more than a decade, Mike arrived at work at 6 a.m. so that he'd be able to get back to San Mateo in time to coach his kids — all five of them — until they had all finished at OLA. In fact, with his son-in-law Roy Nickolai, he even coached his grandson, Nate '15, who will graduate from SI this spring.

Mike's penchant for service has never been reserved for his family. He has been a member of the Board of Directors at the Olympic Club as well as the Olympic Club Foundation Legacy Circle. He has been on the board of the Capuchin Franciscan Mission Foundation. He has served in the St. Thomas More Society and the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Mateo's Restorative Justice Ministry, in which he continues to visit inmates every week at the county jail. He and Pat are ambassadors for the Father Carlin Heritage Society, through which Mike has used his expertise to advise friends of the SI community with their estate planning. He served as president of the SI Alumni

Association for 13 years, during which he led SI alums on service trips to St. Anthony's Dining Room and even into gang territory.

His service, of course, is rooted in faith. He has attended Mass at Our Lady of Angels Church every day for the past 40 years. Every day. He never misses. He does this to "spend time with my wife and God and take a break from all the other B.S. going on out there." Fr. Mike Mahoney calls Mike Stecher one of the pillars of the church ... "a great example of how families should worship and participate in the life of a parish."

Mike Stecher gives a lot of credit to the teachers and priests who influenced him while he was at SI and beyond. Fr. Spohn, Fr. Leonard, Fr. Reed, Fr. Enright and Brother Sullivan helped set the groundwork for Mike. And when he came back as a member of the Alumni Board and as a parent, he developed life-long friendships with Fr. Sauer, Fr. Prietto, Fr. Toohey, Fr. Stiegler, Brother Lee and Brother Draper. Regarding his experiences at SI, Mike says, "What I learned at this school is the foundation of my whole life."

This foundation includes the friends that Mike made through SI, the "Happiness Boys" and others. They have stuck together all these years. They started their regular lunches at Capp's Corner right out of college more than 40 years ago. The get-togethers later moved to The Double Play and have ultimately landed at Original Joe's. Mike gives most of the credit to buddies Tony Delucchi and Brian Kearney,

who have been instrumental in keeping the class together. Brian's explanation for the long-standing friendships: "Faith, common values, marrying well, always celebrating the good times and being there for each other during the difficult times."

The group of pals includes great friends such as Maury Gowney '62, Bert Keane '68, Ed Kenny '62, and Rev. Ray Allender, S.J. '62. Mike says the friends stick together because they never talk about business or politics, and they never take each other too seriously, which is clearly revealed in the nicknames Ed Rhein has assigned to his comrades. Mike Stecher's handle: "General Crotch."

Perhaps the best way to understand this great man, the General, is through his and Pat's love and devotion to each other and to their parents. From 1987 to 2005, either Pat's dad or Mike's mom lived in the Stecher house. Mike's mom lived to be 100. Mike claims that he and Pat did this so that his children would get the message that they'd be doing the same thing for him, but we know better.

Mike, you are a kind and generous and prayerful man. You are a model father to your five kids and an impeccable grandfather to your 17 grandkids. We are proud to honor you today for all your accomplishments.

On behalf of the school, the SI Alumni Association, the Regents and Trustees, thank you for being a loyal and humble friend of SI and a role model for future Ignatians. ∞



## Bishop Bennett Honored

Bishop Gordon Bennett, S.J., former SI campus minister, celebrated his jubilee Mass at SI. The classes of 1976 through 1979 came to honor him and to celebrate his legacy of service to SI and to his former dioceses. He is pictured here with members of the Class of 1977.

## Marty Bastiani '51 retires after 55 years, 5 months as a cop

Marty Bastiani '51, who retired in 2012 after 55 years and 5 months as one of SFPD's finest, says the highest compliment he can offer a colleague is to call him or her "a good cop."

Not surprisingly, those are the very words others have used to describe Inspector Bastiani, who joined the force Sept. 1, 1956, way back when Eisenhower was president and Elvis had just released his debut studio album.

"Marty was a great cop who literally gave his life to the City of San Francisco and to the police department in his lifelong commitment to helping people," said SFPD Chief Greg Suhr '76. "There are many of us who learned how to be police officers by observing the legend and the gentleman who is Inspector Marty Bastiani."

Bastiani spent most of his time investigating sex crimes, what most people now refer to as the Special Victims Unit, tracking down rapists and other offenders.

It was one of his first assignments, though, that taught him just how mean the mean streets of San Francisco can be.

A month on the force, Bastiani and his partner responded to a domestic violence call in the Potrero District. "The wife opened the door, let us in and went to the kitchen to wash dishes. We asked her what the problem was, and she told us her husband had beat her up."

She then pointed to a back room. "We called to him, but he wouldn't answer. My partner told me to go in high while he went in low. We burst through the door, and he lifted a shotgun at us. I grabbed the barrel and took the gun away from him. I told my partner it was loaded. He said, 'So is this one,' and lifted up a spare that he had ready for us."

Bastiani received no medal of valor for that act of heroism, though he did receive four medals in all his years with the SFPD — two bronze and two silver medals for doing more than his duty.

As a child, Bastiani attended St. Brigid's and St. Vincent de Paul Schools and spent time at his father's drugstore on Chestnut Street drinking 25-cent root beer floats. At SI, he played JV football and enjoyed his classes as well as his classmates. Like other students, he got into trouble on occasion and had to write 500-word essays as punishment.

"We had to write one word on one line and then write the next word sideways and then the next word upside down. Fr. Solon would then take my essay and, without even looking at me or reading it, tear it up. To this day, I remember and learned from that exercise."

Bastiani attended Marin Junior College and later applied to the SFPD. (He later went on to USF and graduated in 1957 with his degree in political science.) On his first day at the Potrero Station (now called the Bayview Station), he heard the names of all the officers during roll call. "I heard Sullivan, O'Brien, O'Leary and Shelby," said Bastiani. "Then as my name was called, everyone turned around to see who the Italian guy was. I got a lot of ribbing that I was working with the Irish mafia."

He later worked on several high profile cases that he still can't talk about for fear of violating the privacy of the victims and the relatives of the accused. He also learned the importance of enjoying his work. "One of my commanding officers told me that if you enjoy what you're doing, you can't call it work. Despite the violence of the crimes, I felt good knowing that I was helping people. I also learned to treat everyone as part of my family, even the prostitutes who had been raped. Their past doesn't matter. They were still victims."

Over the years and on the occasion of his retirement, he received letters from the victims he helped, and that made him feel appreciated. Working with computers, however, made him feel a little old. He stuck with his typewriter throughout his career, "though I do have a cell phone now," he admitted.

Bastiani also took on other jobs during his time on the force. He spent eight years in the Naval Reserve, and he later met his wife, Marcella Vargas, while she was skating with Shipstads and Johnson Ice Follies and he was working back stage. Later, he worked security at Temple Emmanuel and with the National



Hockey League. He and his wife had a daughter, Annalisa (a St. Rose graduate), who is an actor and does voice-over work. She appeared in many SI drama productions directed by Peter Devine '66 and Ted Curry '82. For the past 35 years, Marcella has worked at the box office for the San Francisco Opera, where she is now the Medallion Concierge manager.

As a cop, Bastiani worked first with classmates from SI and the other Catholic schools. "Then I started seeing their sons and daughters in uniform. Eventually, some of their grandsons and granddaughters joined the force. That's when I knew it was time to retire. I didn't want to be around to share a desk with the great-grandchildren."

Bastiani is also a loyal member of the Class of 1951, which gathers every first Friday at the Balboa Café. "Being a part of the class of 1951 has been an honor. I hope we continue to meet every first Friday at the Pearly Gates." ☞



### Law Society Lunch

On Nov. 9, the SI Law Society hosted its annual lunch at the City Club. The sold-out event was emceed by Tom Brandi '63 (right) and featured keynote speaker Joe Russoniello (center). Judge Bob Dossee '52 (left) received the 3rd Annual Law Society Award.



## Grads gather to celebrate reunions & golf touney

Clockwise from top, the Class of 1951, the Class of 1985, the Class of 1954 and the Class of 1969 at a golf tournament preceding its reunion.



## Tim Reardon to succeed John Ring as SI's new alumni director



Tim Reardon '86, veteran English teacher and coach at SI, began serving as the school's new alumni director in October, replacing John Ring '86, who is now working as senior director of development for Menlo College.

The son of the Hon. Timothy Reardon '59 and a graduate of St. Cecilia School, SI and the University of Notre Dame, Reardon has served SI as an English teacher and basketball coach in both the boys' and girls' programs. "He has connections to the school from his father's days at the old campus in the late 1950s, from his time here in the mid-1980s and from his years as a teacher and coach," said Vice President for Development Joe Vollert '84. "He brings a sharp wit, a practiced pen and a deep love for the school and for our mission."

Reardon is also the author of *Shadow Lessons* and *Part of the Game*, which both received high praise from critics.

Vollert thanked those who applied for the alumni job as well as the interview committee, made up of Alumni Board President Jeff Columbini '79; Alumni Board Member Rob Uhrich '83; former teacher, coach and counselor Bob Drucker '58; and Director of Development Marielle Murphy '93.

Assisting Reardon in his new position are Steve Laveroni '69 and Brian McGovern '82.

Assistant Alumni Director Genny Poggetti Veach '97 has been promoted to director of Annual Giving and Alumni Stewardship and will run the annual giving programs for SI's alumni, current and past parents and friends.

Reardon has stepped into one of the oldest and most distinguished high school alumni programs in the country, one created by Jim Dekker '68, SI's first alumni director. In his eight years at SI, Ring continued Dekker's good work and added alumni chapters in New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., Seattle, Marin County and the Peninsula, while expanding the office's outreach to young alumni, including graduates of SI's BSU, AAAS, ASC, ALAS and performing arts programs.

Ring's list of Business Lunch speakers includes Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, political commentators Tim Russert and Chris Matthews, *Frasier* creator Peter Casey '68, SFPD Chief Greg Suhr '76, Rear Admiral James Shannon '77, NBC's Tom Brokaw and former Intel CEO Paul Otellini '68.

New programs created by Ring include the Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan Society to promote SI's core value of service and to recognize graduates who have dedicated their lives to their country's armed forces. He also started the Alumni Wine Event and the Alumni Law Society to broaden the school's outreach to alumni while overseeing and attending more than 110 reunions and dozens of other alumni events.

He has done all this by expanding and supporting an excellent group of dedicated, engaged and committed alumni on the SI Alumni Board, headed by Columbini. That board annually bestows the Christ the King Award to a graduate who embodies SI's values in service to our community.

Along with Veach, he has overseen the Annual Fund. Together, they have increased participation by more than 25 percent and doubled annual contributions to \$1.6 million, raising more than \$9 million in their tenure. The alumni team shared the responsibility of countless nights and weekends at reunions and other gatherings, coordinating all the details necessary for successful events.

Ring also supported the scholarship program, central to SI's mission of not turning away students for financial reasons, by helping donors start dozens of new scholarships, by matching students to the appropriate scholarship and by stewarding the school's donors at the annual Scholarship Dinner.

SI President Edwin Harris, S.J. '63, praised Ring, noting that "he has been a tremendous advocate for the school by sitting on boards at the Pomeroy Center, the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center and the Hibernian Newman Club, of which he is president this year. He often puts in 80 hours a week to serve the alma mater he loves. He has broadcast our mission to alumni far and wide while raising millions of dollars to support our objectives, particularly for our Scholarship Fund. Please join me in thanking John for such remarkable service and work. He leaves at the top of his game."

Ring decided to step down as alumni director to dedicate more time to his wife and their children as well as to return to his law practice. "As much as I enjoyed the hundreds of events with our alumni, especially the generous and dedicated members of the Alumni Board, I thought the time was right for a change. The job was as satisfying as it was all encompassing, but now it's time for someone else to serve our alumni. I have every confidence in Tim, as I have known him nearly all my life. The relationships he has built with students since he came to SI in 1990 will serve him well. No one is smarter, funnier or more passionate about SI's mission than Tim." ∞



John Ring with former SI president Robert Walsh, S.J. '68, and Business Lunch speakers Tim Russert (above) and Tom Brokaw (below) along with Jeff Columbini.





## Christmas lunches & more reunions

Clockwise from top, the Classes of 1945 and 1946; the Class of 1994's young professional's lunch; the Class of 1979; the Class of 1982; the Class of 1989; the Class of 1975; the Class of 1981.



## John Ring '86 reflects on eight years of service to SI

On Aug. 20, the day the Class of 2018 came to register for the new year, Alumni Director John Ring '86 sat down with *Genesis* editor Paul Totah to review his accomplishments at SI and explain his reasons for moving on. He now serves as senior director of development at Menlo College.

### Q. John, why leave now after eight great years on the job?

A. I promised my wife and kids two years ago that I would adopt a more family-friendly schedule, as my alumni and fundraising work was taking up too many nights and weekends. It was difficult for me to find the right time to step down, however, as I did not necessarily want to leave the school during a time of such significant transition and change. Now that the dust has settled, I feel that the time is right to move out of the Alumni Office.

### Q. Who are the people you want to thank who served you in your work?

A. This is tough, because I am sure that I will leave somebody out. Genny Poggetti Veach '97 truly made it all happen. I definitely get too much of the credit because Genny ran the show as the assistant alumni director. I'd also definitely like to thank Joe Vollert '84 and Steve Lovette '63 for hiring me, Fr. Robert Walsh, S.J. '68, for all the great years, Steve Laveroni '69 for his tireless work and the entire Development Team and Alumni Board for making it so enjoyable. Finally, Jeff Columbini '79 deserves particular mention. He is one of the most loyal and principled people you will ever meet. I look forward to one day attending Jeff Columbini's Christ the King ceremony. He is that good.

### Q. What did you enjoy the most about your job?

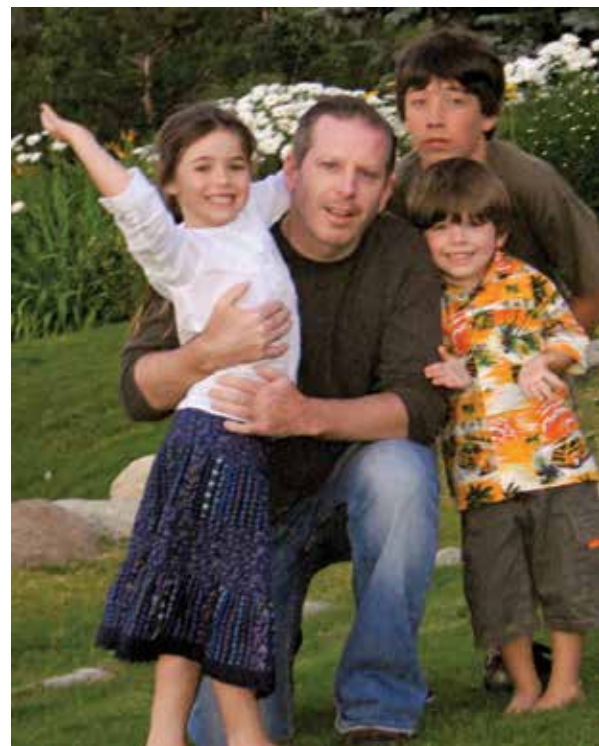
A. I most enjoyed and valued working with Genny, Steve and Jeff in developing real relationships with thousands of alumni and parents and friends of the school. For us, we leave an Alumni Association that is not an exclusive club; it is open to all. The wine event, for example, is an equal mix of alumni, parents and friends of the school. What they all have in common is they care about the mission of the Society of Jesus. That is what counts, regardless of whether they went to the school or not.

### Q. What are some of the important accomplishments that you leave behind?

A. I think we (me, Genny and Jeff) leave a department that is in very good shape, and there are some things we put in place that are permanent. The naming of the Alumni Office after my predecessor Jim Dekker '68 was something that was important to us. Many people don't realize that Jim created an alumni department that was a prototype for alumni departments throughout Jesuit schools in the U. S. Jim has also been a valuable sounding board to me throughout my eight years, and I'm glad that we were able to honor him for his remarkable work. We also established the Dan Linehan and Bill Callanan Alumni of the Year Award, allowing us to honor an alumna and alumnus who provided extraordinary service during the year. This will forever stand alongside the Christ the King Award, which honors lifetime achievement. The first recipients, Tom Hsieh '83 and Catherine Carr '00, really embody the Ignatian ideals and spirit of Dan Linehan '83 and Bill Callanan '81, who left us far too soon. We certainly focus on Dan and Bill quite a bit; they were the heart and soul of our board. When I initially discussed the idea of naming an award after them, we all agreed we could talk about these guys forever, and it would be impossible to make them any larger in death than they were in life. They will always be a very special and important part of the SI Alumni Association.

### Q. What matters most to you about the new programs you created?

A. What matters most are the volunteers who helped build those programs and run those events. Tom Brandi '63 and Dan Burke '86 were instrumental in launching the SI Law Society. Dick Wall '52, Dennis Murphy '77 and Ben Harrison '83 have done a terrific job with the Admiral Callaghan Society. Though it pains me to admit it, Dean Levitt '76 has made the Wine Classic one of the best alumni events in the country. Don Tarantino '80 and Tim Leonoudakis '72 came up with the idea of the Tour di Sant Ignazio, one of the most dangerous alumni events in history. In all seriousness, the bike tour helped raise more than \$100,000 for scholarships, promoted health, supported the fight against lung cancer and significantly raised the profile of the SI Alumni Association.



John Ring and his children, from left, Elizabeth, Kieran '12 and Aidan.

### Q. Do you have any regrets?

A. None at all. I feel honored that I can say that I was a colleague of so many of the greats in the history of Jesuit education, including Bob Drucker '58, Chuck Murphy '61, Brother Douglas Draper, S.J., Mike Silvestri '67, Jim Dekker '68 and Fr. Tony Sauer, S.J., just to name a few. The only tough part of the whole experience has been losing so many great people. In addition to Dan and Bill, other class representatives who passed away during our time include Bob Watson '39, Tom Carroll '43, Jack Campbell '45, Renzo Fioretti '45, Bob Begley '46, Laurie McCaffrey '49, Mark McGuinness '55 and, more recently, Peter Finnegan '56 and John Strain '57. In short, there have been lots of highs and lows.

### Q. What do you think of the new alumni director?

A. Tim will be terrific in this job. I have known him since I was 7 years old, and I have been his mentor for almost 40 years. All kidding aside, Tim is bright, articulate, witty and hard working. SI is very lucky to have someone so talented in this role. ∞



## Jeff Columbini '79 celebrates nine years of alumni leadership

In his senior year at SI, Jeff Columbini '79 served as president of the Spirit Club and wore the white sweater of a cheerleader to rally students behind all the teams, including a varsity basketball squad that had won only one game that season.

For the past nine years, he has rallied all grads as president of the SI Alumni Association, getting former Wildcats to come to tried-and-true events, such as the All Class Reunion and Downtown Business Lunch, and to new ventures, such as the Alumni Wine Classic and the Law Society Lunch.

He did this while working full time as a firefighter and rising to the rank of Captain of In-Service Training for the SFFD.

In fact, he credits his career in firefighting to his leadership role in the Alumni Association, one that he has turned over to Rob Uhrich '83, who took the reins this past fall.

After graduating from SI, Columbini studied fire sciences at San Francisco City College but landed a job at UPS, which paid more than the SFFD. After 10 years with that company, he worried about being transferred to Europe or Japan and quit to become a firefighter.

"My father didn't speak to me for six weeks," said Columbini. "He was upset that I had left for less money. But I did what I wanted to do, and that was the best decision I ever made."

The flexible hours allowed him to return to SI to see football games and to take on a second job working with John Christen '61 at Sapunar Realty while Christen was head of SI's Board of Regents.

"Within no time, John had me helping with the golf tournament, and that led me to join the Alumni Board."

Beginning in 1993, Columbini worked closely with Alumni Association President Michael Stecher '62. "I learned so much from him, and we became great friends." Two years into his post, Alumni Director Jim Dekker '68 asked Columbini to serve as vice president.

"Jim taught me the importance of creating relationships. That's what this whole thing is about. Nobody is better at working a room than Jim, and he is one of the best representatives the school has ever had. I tried to learn from him as much as I could."

In 2005, after Stecher stepped down, SI President Anthony Sauer, S.J., asked Columbini to lead the Alumni Association. One year later, he landed on the search

committee that tapped John Ring '86 as the person to replace Dekker, who decided to return full time to the classroom.

"We knew we wanted to model the Alumni Office after successful college programs," said Columbini. "But John Ring brought his own vision, and he did the impossible. He managed to get Tom Brokaw, Chris Matthews, Tim Russert and Sandra Day O'Connor to speak at our Downtown Business Lunch. Those were names I never thought were achievable. John thought differently and came through on every one of them."

Columbini and Ring turned into one of the greatest teams in SI history. Ring brought his background in law and his connections from all the civic organizations to which he belonged, while Columbini brought his blue-collar firefighting pedigree.

"John and I were successful because we were as comfortable at a party in a Pacific Heights mansion as we were at the Philosopher's Club on West Portal. In both places, we could achieve our mission of creating relationships and offering a family feel. Grads know that the Alumni Association isn't just about any one person but about all the SI families and the generations of Ignatians who make up this place."

Ring praised Columbini, noting that the two spent thousands of hours working together, "and I enjoyed them all. His honesty and loyalty stand out most for me. Though Jeff is probably recognized most for the fellowship and warmth that marked his tenure, let's not forget that he played a key role in helping the school raise more than \$60 million over an eight-year period. He has been an extraordinary volunteer and remains a good friend."

That someone with a blue-collar background can be successful at SI, Columbini added, "speaks volumes. I truly believe this isn't an elitist school, and SI proved it by letting me be president of the Alumni Association. You don't have to be a CEO of a company to make a difference here."

Before taking on the job with the SI Alumni Association, Columbini had served as president of the men's club at his parish. "I was close with the pastor at my church, but he said 'no' to everything I wanted to do. When I came to SI, there was never a time in my nine years as president that I was told 'no.' Everything John and I proposed was met with a 'go for it.'"

That support allowed for the creation of the new alumni chapters and new events,



such as the BSU and ALAS reunions as well as the Spring Training trip to Arizona.

Columbini learned to appreciate SI in new ways when his daughter, Gianna '14, became a Wildcat. "This school helped her grow, and the success she is having in college now is a direct reflection of what she learned in her four years here. I'll always be grateful for that."

The heart of the school, he added, is the spiritual dimension of SI's Jesuit education. "Even being on the board became a spiritual experience for me. We had a tight-knit relationship with the Jesuits who served as moderators, and the Christ the King Award showcased what we were all about — being men and women for and with others."

That spiritual dimension came to the fore after two Alumni Association vice presidents, Dan Linehan '83 and Jim Callanan '81, died during Columbini's time in office. "These men were both all-stars on the board as well as future leaders. As difficult as it was to move forward without them, we pressed on and created the Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award in their honor. We know their spirit lives on."

Columbini and Ring shared the same philosophy regarding their work. "From the

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## Rob Uhrich '83 new Alumni Association president

Incoming Alumni Association President Rob Uhrich '83 points to several mentors who have guided him over the years and helped him shape the goals he has to move the association forward.

As a four-sport athlete at SI — football, soccer, basketball and track — Uhrich (pronounced yer-ick) learned from Ray Calcagno '64, even when he had to sit out his junior year due to injuries.

“He taught me much about being part of a team, and sitting out taught me to persevere.”

At Santa Clara University, Uhrich studied business and played for Pat Malley '49.

“To this day, I find myself quoting Pat and imitating the way he treated people.”

Uhrich also roomed at SCU with Greg Calcagno, Ray's nephew and the Broncos' quarterback.

Later, the two men would work together along with a third SCU teammate. “That experience taught me that there is nothing better than working with close friends.”

Years passed, and Uhrich married Leanne Lindner, a 1984 graduate of Mercy San Francisco, and they became parents of seven children — Emma '13, Isabelle '16, Eloise, William, Ava, Adeline and Robert. Uhrich also found a successful career in sales with companies such as Vodaone and Mobile Iron, his current employer.

Along the way, he served as a class rep for his 1983 buddies along with the late Dan Linehan. “Dan was the guiding soul of our class and the glue who always kept us together through events such as the supper clubs he organized.”

When Linehan passed away, Uhrich joined the Alumni Board to follow the example of his great friend. On the board, he befriended Bill Callanan '81, who also served as a model for and mentor to Uhrich. As he mourned Linehan's passing, he would mourn Callanan after his death from cancer last year.

Former Alumni Director John Ring '86 asked Uhrich to join the board “because of his kindness, loyalty and strength,” he noted. “He really stepped up when we needed him most. Rob and Tim Reardon '86, the new alumni director, will be a terrific team.”

Uhrich also praised Ring as one of his mentors, along with Uhrich's predecessor, Jeff Columbini '79. “These men proved to be



**Above: Rob Uhrich and his wife, Leanne, and their seven children: Emma '13, Isabelle '16, Eloise, William, Ava, Adeline and Robert.**

inspiring and passionate leaders who acted in lock-step with each other. They were great leaders because they inspired others to serve and step up to the plate, including me.”

Uhrich hopes to have a relationship with Reardon similar to the one Ring had with

Columbini. “Tim and I have to keep up the great traditions set by Jeff and John and move forward with new initiatives to advance the Annual Fund and to involve younger alumni in events and in board leadership.” ∞

## Columbini,

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start, this was never a tedious job for either of us. We believed that if we made it fun, the grads would come, and they did, in large numbers. We also believed that once alumni returned to the school and saw the great things that were happening, they would support the school financially.”

That support never waned, even when the school went through leadership transitions. “I served under three presidents and saw changes to both the Trustees and Regents.

Through all that time, the Alumni Board was the one arm of the school that never altered. We all stayed strong, saw past the changes and believed in SI's mission.”

Columbini also praised his successor, noting that Uhrich “is a great leader. He can command a room and build bridges. I know he will succeed and carry the board into new territories in the years to come.” ∞

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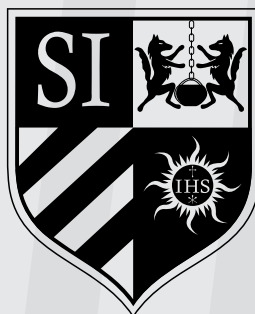
For over 25 years, Academy Award® nominated filmmaker Chris Columbus has written, directed and produced some of the most successful box-office hits, establishing him as a major force in contemporary Hollywood.

Columbus is the masterful filmmaker behind several of the most revered and successful literary adaptations of the Harry Potter series, as the director and producer of the first three blockbuster films. As the director of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, the first film based on J.K. Rowling's monumentally successful book series, Columbus delivered a film that was equally satiating to both readers and fans, while capturing the essence of the beloved characters. He cast newcomers Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint in the leading roles, demonstrating his facility for nurturing and cultivating young talent. The film triumphed at the box office, and Columbus followed the film as director and producer of *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* in 2002 and as producer of the third film of the series, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* in 2005. All three films went on to collectively gross more than \$2.6 billion worldwide.

Columbus produced the highly successful family/adventure comedy *Night at the Museum* and its sequel, *Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian*. Other film credits include: the 2005 screen adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway musical, *RENT*; *Stepmom*, starring Julia Roberts and Susan Sarandon; *Nine Months* with Hugh Grant and Julianne Moore; *Mrs. Doubtfire*, starring Robin Williams and Sally Field; *Only the Lonely*, based on his original screenplay; as well as the hits *Home Alone* and *Home Alone 2: Lost In New York*.

In 2011, Columbus released his latest blockbuster hit, *The Help*, starring Emma Stone, Bryce Dallas Howard, Allison Janney, Sissy Spacek, Jessica Chastain and Viola Davis under his 1492 Pictures banner. The drama takes a look at what happens when a southern town's unspoken code of rules and behavior is shattered by three courageous women who strike up an unlikely friendship. At the 84th Academy Awards®, *The Help* garnered four nominations, including two for Best Supporting Actress and one for Best Picture. Octavia Spencer won the award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for her portrayal of the character "Minny Jackson," one of the three main heroines in the film. To date, the film has grossed more than \$212 million worldwide.

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**1951 Bill Bush\*** was among the USF basketball players to make an historic Alcatraz visit with his former teammates.

**1954** Historians **Jack Tillmany\*** and **John Freeman '59\*** were featured as local legends in a book by Lorri Ungaretti. Tillmany is the former owner of the Gateway Cinema and author of books on the Bay Area's grand movie palaces, and Freeman is an expert on the Richmond District.

**1955 Jerry Brown\*** was re-elected to an historic fourth term as California governor in a landslide victory.

**1959 John U. Fry** received a Doctor of Management degree from George Fox University in Portland, Ore., on Dec. 13. His field of study is enterprise project management with additional studies in change management and innovation. John pursued this degree while working full-time, serving as executive project manager for CDM/Crocker-Fry, Inc. in Watsonville. The firm specializes in commercial development and design with a recent emphasis in natural food grocery stores.

**1964 Paul Baffico**, founder of the Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation, has a new book out, *Last Mission for a Reluctant Patriot*, available on Amazon for the Kindle.

**1968** *The Chronicle* praised *Bridge*, the new novel by celebrated poet **Robert Thomas\***.

**1969** Hall of Fame quarterback **Dan Fouts\*** was named to the CIF All-Century Team. Fouts, who holds numerous records during his time with the San Diego Chargers, is one of 100 Californians celebrated for the 100th anniversary of the California Interscholastic Federation. / Last issue's Keeping in Touch column included a photo of the daughter and great-grandson of **Bob Fairbanks '47**. In his enthusiasm for the newest descendent, he neglected to mention that baby Joshua is the grandson of **Phil McManus** and the great-nephew of **Jim '72**, **Tom '74** and **Paul '77**, all of whom request their props.



**1970 Frank Dunnigan\*** wrote about delivering Christmas food boxes while at SI in an essay published on Outsidelands.org.

**1972 David Urbiztondo** celebrated his wife's 60th surprise party as well as their surprise wedding vow renewal in front of friends and family at the Thirsty Bear Brewing Company Aug. 9. **Rev. Ray Allender, S.J. '62**, performed the ceremony for David and Gail alongside **Steve Urbiztondo '71**,



**Michael Guglielmino '72**, **John Carmazzi '72**, **Ernest A. Bautista '78**, **Steven Ramos '84**, **Martha (Thea) Talens '96**, **Jason Urbiztondo '98**, **Andre Truoccolo '17** and **Sean Doheny '18**.

**1973 John Jack\*** was elected president of the Olympic Club for 2015. He is the fourth member of his class to hold the position. **Al Clifford** (2005), **David Bonelli** (2010) and **Dennis Murphy** (2013) preceded him as Olympic Club presidents. / **Jonathan Ow** attended his class's annual Christmas lunch at MoMo's on Dec. 19 and reminisces that "on a foggy September morning in 1969, the first freshmen class to enter the new SI campus on 37th Avenue heard some prophetic words from a Jesuit priest by



the name of Fr. John Becker, S.J. He told these young men to look around among themselves. The friends they would make over the next four years would most probably become their friends for the rest of their lives. How true were those words! Thanks to our class president, **Al Clifford**, for remembering all of us and organizing this for the last 41 years. We are SI! / **Justice Peter Siggins\***, an SI Trustee, received



the St. Thomas More Award at the Red Mass. The award is the highest honor bestowed upon Catholics in San Francisco's legal community.

**1975 Michael Bowie\*** told his story on ESPN's *Playing for the Mob* of being falsely accused of taking part in a notorious point-shaving gambling scam at Boston College. The piece was also selected for the Boston Film Festival. / Fly-fishing aficionado **Mike Malekos's** adventures appear monthly in *California Fly Fisher Magazine*. Check out his column in the upcoming issue. / **Brian McCaffery\*** released his CD, *Tell Me Why*, on Amazon. Brian, who works for the Fish and Wildlife Service and is a Catholic deacon in Bethel, Alaska, sings about domestic violence and related issues, particularly as they impact the rural people of western Alaska.

**1976** *The Day the World Series Stopped*, a new film by **Jon Leonoudakis\***, tells the story of when the Loma Prieta Earthquake hit during the World Series. The crew for this film also included **Karl Mondon '75** (director of photography), **Roger Revel '75** (Candlestick groundskeeper), **Rob Poquez '99** (editor), **David Morse '06** (grip) and **Tim Leonoudakis '72**, a Giants fan at Game 3. / Jessica Starr and **Michael McEvoy** (right) were married on New Year's Eve in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**1977** SFPD's **Matt Castagnola\***, before his retirement, led the Giants' World Series Parade with the Mounted Unit and posed



with Madison Bumgarner, who sat atop one of the police horses before the parade began. / **F.X. Crowley\*** wrote a blog in which he applied the lessons learned from coaching football to business and beyond.

**1980 Rev. Joseph Everson, MM,** was elected to a 6-year term as Vicar General of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers at the order's 13th General Chapter.

**1981 Capt. Joseph McFadden\*** was named top cop of the Ingleside Police Station.

**1982 Rev. Michael McCarthy\*** wrote in the *New York Times* about the 25-year anniversary of the martyrdom of six Jesuits and two co-workers in El Salvador.

**1986 Tim Reardon\*** saw the publication of his second novel, *Part of the Game* (2014). His first book, *Shadow Lessons*, was released in 2010. Both are available at Amazon. The *Chronicle's* **Paolo Lucchesi '00** wrote this about the novel: "Some great novels provide a snapshot of a city, but *Part of the Game* does more than that. It is Tim Reardon's vibrant, heartfelt collage of San Francisco, its layers and its denizens. And perhaps

most importantly, *Part of the Game* is simply a fantastic read."



**1987 Alvin Albano** was promoted to 4th degree black belt at Hapkido USA, the headquarters for the International Hapkido Federation. He has been training since 1992.

**1988 Ricardo Ibarra-Rivera\*** appeared on *Z Nation*.

**1990 Didrik Johnck\***, who has had his photographs of climbers in the Himalayas published in *National Geographic*, was nearly killed by swarms of ants off Highway 5 in California in early October. Didrik has lately been busy photographing veterans who seek mountain climbing for their postwar therapy. / **James Tom**, an Associate Professor at USC's Ostrow School of Dentistry in Dental Anesthesiology, welcomed

two SI graduates (**George Jaber '04** and **Ryan Cheung '04**) into his Dental Anesthesiology Selective. Jaber went on to pursue a specialization in anesthesiology at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn, and Cheung is expected to finish the DDS program in 2016.

**1991 Tony Kozuch** and **Dennis Melka** have opened the world's largest integrated cacao and banana plantation on the Amazon River in Peru.



The project has created more than 300 jobs in a poverty stricken area. At completion of plantings in 2016, the 3,250-hectare plantation will be two-thirds the size of Manhattan and will provide permanent employment for more than 800 people. Tony and Dennis are listing the company on the London Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol of CHOC. / **Larry Thuesen** has founded the Coit Law Group of San Francisco — lawyers focused on the needs of individuals and



small businesses. He is married and lives and practices law in the City.

**1992 Mark Farrell\*** was re-elected San Francisco Supervisor for his district.

**1993 Gretchen E. Henderson\*** wrote the libretto for an opera performed at MIT.

**1995 Marcus Clifford** married Jolene Barger Sept. 5 at St. Elizabeth's Church in Guerneville. Best man was brother **Dan '92**. Among the



groomsmen were brother **Peter '00**, **Aaron Molinari** and **Matt Nejmich**. Proud papa **John '68** and his wife, Patty, put on a beautiful outdoor river reception with Cliffords of all ages and many, many friends along to celebrate. Godparents Uncle **Al '73** and Aunt Roseanne did the readings and grandmother Mencha Clifford, wife of the late **Harry F. Clifford '33**, was present. Former SI teacher Dr. Jeanne Marcato Peloso and her husband, Matt, were also in attendance. / **Marcus Dusenbury** and his wife, Erica, recently adopted two children from the Washington state foster care system.



Jasmine Bella is 1½, and her biological half brother, Josiah John, is 2½. They live happily in the Seattle area, but Marcus is trying his best to raise two 49ers fans. / **Tobias Koehler** married Maggie Sporck in her hometown of Suttons Bay, Mich. They met in the Botany Department at the University of Hawaii and currently live in



Honolulu. They are planning a Mt. Kilimanjaro ascent for their honeymoon in 2015.

**1997 Adam Jacobs\*** and **Darren Criss '05\*** both performed on *Backstage with Disney on Broadway: Celebrating 20 Years*. Criss, of *Glee* fame, sang a song from Broadway's *Aladdin*, currently starring Jacobs in the title role. Jacobs also performed on *The View* to showcase the special.

**1998** *Time Magazine* featured Stanford's **Kari Berquist\***, a clinical instructor in psychiatry and behavioral sciences and an autism clinician at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. She wrote about how parents can learn to give effective therapy to their children with autism. Researchers at Stanford University looked at a type of therapy called Pivotal Response Training, which is one of the handful of treatments shown to be effective for kids on the autism spectrum. / **Chris Murphy** wed Kit Van Dusen Sept. 11 at St. Agnes Church and then repeated the ceremony at Old St. Hilary's Church in Tiburon the following day with a reception at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Brother **Brian '94** was best man, and brother **Frank '91** assisted along with uncles **Pat '67, Dennis '73** and **Casey '77**.

**2000** **Josh Harris\*** and his restaurant Trick Dog were up for Food & Wine's top honor for best bar according to a story in the *Chronicle* written by Josh's classmate **Paolo Lucchesi**. / **Ryan Kushner\*** continues climbing to help a friend's 3-year-old son who has leukemia. Ryan raised funds for leukemia research by climbing the Lenin Peak in central Asia, one of the hardest mountains to climb. / **Leah (Taylor) Pimentel** and her son, Lawrence, were invited by Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi to share their paid sick days



story at the San Francisco Women's Equality Day that highlighted the Middle Class Jumpstart Agenda to empower women in the workforce and to ensure access to comprehensive health care and family planning.

**2001** **Ella Rollandi** plighted her troth with Travis Day at Old St. Mary's Church in Nicasio on Sept.



20; she was given away by proud dad **Vic '68** and assisted by sisters **Denise '09** and **Anne Birdseye '05** as maid and matron of honor. **Tory Rollandi '98**, whose son, Joseph, stole the show, completed the clutch of loving siblings, who celebrated along with many family and friends.

**2002** **Lindsay Herling** married Matthew Lynch



(SHC '96) at St. Ignatius Church July 19. Many SI alumni relatives were in attendance. The couple lives in San Francisco, where Lindsay works at Rocket Fuel, an ad technology company.



**2003** **Annie Mai** married Benjamin Zaks of Benicia on Aug. 31 at the General's Residence in Fort Mason, where **Josie Mai '93** was Maid of Honor. The couple met in 2004 during their undergraduate studies at Cal. Since earning his doctorate in physics from UCSB, Ben works as a product engineer for Keysight Technologies while Annie works as a senior account manager for Conversant Media; she is also a certified personal trainer and competitive bodybuilder. They currently reside in Marin. / **Carolyn Thamkul** and Bryce Harenburg married Sept. 27 surrounded by many SI alumni for a pirate-mermaid-themed wedding aboard the historic ship *Balclutha* at Fisherman's Wharf followed by a reception at the San Francisco Maritime Museum. Since they met singing a cappella at



Cal, they had an a cappella ceremony. Sister **Janel Thamkul '98** was mer-matron of honor and **Jules Zaks Dizon** was in their bridal party as one of their groomspirates. Alumni and former faculty who attended included Janet and **Nick Sablinsky '64, Theresa Chapman, Czarina Lee, Melissa Ongpin, Martin Seo, Stephanie Huynh (Ching), Claudia Wong, James Chris Wong, Denise Lum '01, Paulina Barrack (Singhapok) '05, Joe Barrack '04, Christopher Gee '98** and Assistant Principal Bobby Gavin.

**2004** On Sept. 6, **Victoria Go** married Steven Bond at the St. Francis Yacht Club. Other SI grads in attendance were **Semuteh Freeman, Yvonne Kelly, Nichole Rousseau-McAllister, Jessica Li '03, Meghan Callinan '98** and **Andrew Verducci '03** who served as the awesome DJ. / **Courtnee Jordan-Cox** just began a doctoral program in organizational leadership at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Washington, D.C. She received her master's degree from Villanova University in 2010 and her bachelor's degree from Marquette University in 2008. She is employed as a substance abuse counselor, specializing in parents who have open charges of child abuse and neglect. / **Amanda Lawrence** graduated in May with a master's degree in nursing from USF. She recently left her job at UCSF after six years for an oncology nursing position at CPMC. / **Karen (Damon) Teal\*** celebrated the publication of her new book, *The Falling (The Forest Spirit) Vol. 1*, which is available now on Amazon. Karen's first published novel, with Christian-based themes, is part of a young/new adult fantasy series about an upheaval of an enchanted forest.

**2005** **Maria Angelica DeGaetano** graduated this summer from the University of Oxford with an M.Phil in Latin American Studies. She is continuing with a second master's degree in England pursuing an LL.M in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

**2006** **Jennifer Butler\*** performed in Hillbarn Theatre's production of *Funny Girl*. / *Sports Illustrated* named the story on **Jill Costello\*** as one of its top 60 stories



of all time. Jill, who fell victim to cancer, was a champion coxswain both at SI and Cal. / **Matt Jones** recently starred as Cassius Clay in the Los Angeles production of *One Night in Miami...*, written by Kemp Powers. Sullivan Jones (Matt's professional name) will appear in USA Network's upcoming TV pilot *Stanistan*, and he will be reprising his role of Cassius Clay at both The Denver Center and Baltimore Center Stage in early 2015. / **Jamie**



**Ray** has achieved an NCC national credential as a Maternal Newborn Nurse. / **Gianna Toboni\*** hosts *The Real* on VICE TV. The digital series investigates the real stories behind some of the most popular social TV shows and films. New episodes will premiere every two weeks and will include looks at the characters and situations that have inspired *Weeds*, *Eastbound & Down* and other shows. In the first episode of the series, Gianna went to Ponchatoula, La., to meet with the real detectives who investigated allegations of child molestation in the town's Hosanna Church.

**2007 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kevin Graham** of the Army Rangers is currently stationed in Kosovo in Vitna-Letnica. He is deployed with the 2-38 Cav (Battlefield Surveillance).

**2008 Alex DeMenno\*** serves in the National Civilian Community Corps. He began work on the first of four long-term service projects the week of Nov. 9. The group is a residential national service program that supports disaster relief, the environment, infrastructure improvement, energy conservation and urban and rural development. Before joining NCCC, he graduated from Loyola Marymount University in 2012, where he studied psychology. / **Adam Greenberg\*** started a company after inventing a new device to grow food indoors.

**2010 Jacqueline Toboni\***, star of *Grimm*, was a guest on Craig Ferguson's show.

**2011 Jimmy Callinan\*** helped Stanford soccer win the Pac 12 championship. He served the team as senior co-captain and has been a 3-year starter at right back at Stanford. / Stanford's two-sport athlete **Hannah Farr\*** was featured in a video on the Stanford website and written about in the *San Francisco Examiner* for her help lifting Stanford over USC in soccer / **Justin Jayme\*** represented St. Mary's College in the NCAA West Regionals. He ran cross country and track at SI and is now featured on St. Mary's website. / *Wired Magazine* wrote about **Jackson Lindauer\*** and his entrepreneurship.

**2012 Claire Healy** is volunteering at the Open Arms Infant Home in Malawi, Africa. She attends



Bucknell University and is taking a gap year. / **Andrea Wong\*** had a stellar season competing on the UC Davis golf team.

**2013 The Daily Journal** celebrated **Mary Shepherd\*** and her success on SCU's volleyball team.

**2014 Patrick Dunne** is enjoying his freshman year at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. "You get what you put in college," says Patrick. Hence, from day 1 he got involved with *The Daily Pennsylvanian* newspaper in business analytics, as he enjoys working with large data and statistics. He was



honored to lead one of the cohorts of Wharton's freshmen to serve as a liaison between the student body and the administration. He enjoys discussing ideas surrounding stock trades and talking to alumni about their success stories. While he misses NorCal weather, he enjoys the intellectual stimulation and discussions with his classmates. / **Quinci Mann\*** helped her Lehigh's basketball team all season.

**2015 The Examiner** profiled SI quarterback **Ryan Hagfeldt\*** before the CCS title game. / **Johnnae Sanders\*** (right) performed as Maya Angelou at the Muni Heritage Weekend. Event organizer **Nick Figone '01** noted that the event "was a huge success with Johnnae stealing the show performing as Maya Angelou, a former toll taker on San Francisco streetcars. The weekend event had a tremendous turnout among locals and visitors. Some traveled as far as Sweden specifically for this. Johnnae's performance was clear and heartfelt. It was further enhanced with her vintage attire complete with coin changer swinging at her belt." / **Julia Tognotti\*** received the Jefferson Award for her service to migrants at the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Mexico. CBS5 aired a story on her work. She was also selected for an ABC Summer of Service Award, which came with \$1,000 to go towards the Kino Border Initiative. Later, she interned with the 49ers and Levi Strauss for their Field of Jeans clothing

drive to benefit Goodwill Industries and to create jobs in the Bay Area as well as serve those in need. She also received a 49ers Community Quarterback Award along with \$1,000 to go to Kino. She was recognized on the field prior to a game and attended a luncheon given in her honor.

**2016 Michael Chichioco\*** will present on Tourette's Syndrome at SHC's TedxYouth Talks on Jan. 17 at SHC. / **Gavin Doyle, Lizzie Ford, Joe Cannice '17 and Kelsey Bauer '17\*** received the InnVision Shelter Network Teen Community Spirit Award. SI has partnered for years with this network, which serves homeless families in the Bay Area, and many students have completed their core project for their community service hours with this group. The keynote speaker was Regis Philbin. The four students were honored for their many volunteer hours as well as leadership, compassion and attention working with children and youth at the agency's shelters. / **Adriel Rodriguez\*** released an EP on iTunes. / *Sayaw*, the full-length documentary featuring **Sabrina Santander\***, premiered in October at the New People Cinema. / **Maria Zelaya Santillan\*** spoke at the Mayor's Annual Interfaith breakfast Nov. 25 at the Hotel Kabuki.

**2017** For the second year in a row, **Mallen Bischoff\*** (varsity) has been named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association's "Phenom List" of volleyball players to watch across the country. **Sasha Fuse '18** (JV) also was named to the list this year. Both players have been invited to the AVCA Combine in Oklahoma City in December, where they will participate in a talent showcase in front of 100-plus college coaches.





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## births



**1994 Vince Mezzera** and his wife, Carmen, a daughter, Francesca Lynne (left), born May 7, 2014. / **Ben Roberts**, and his wife, Treaune, a son, Jude (below), born March 15, 2014.

**1995 Victoria (Fabula) Venturi** and her husband, Brian, a daughter, Francesca Lucia (below), born March 13, 2014.



**1996 Lauren (Harvey) Firebaugh** and her husband, Rick, a daughter, Finley Patricia, born Oct. 8, 2014. / **Michael Miller** and his wife, Deborah, a daughter,



Vivian Jeanne (left), born July 17, 2014. She joins big brother Zachary. Godparents are **Christopher Lorentz '03** and **Madison Kelleher '07**.

**1998 Carolyn Lee Lorber** and her husband, Tony, a daughter, Claire Florence, born July 30, 2014. Claire joins Emily, 4, and Jack 2.

**1999 Chris Frank** and his wife, **Misha (Villa-Popescu) Frank '00**, a daughter, Savannah Elena (right), born Aug. 27, 2014. / **Jennifer Strain Woolsey** and her husband, Kyle, a daughter, Caroline Murray (below), born Sept. 4, 2014.

**2000 Patrick Schmidt** and his wife, Tiffany, a daughter, Eva Caroline (below), born Oct. 3, 2014. / **Kirk**



**Syme Jr.** and his wife, **Ashley (Bangart)**, a son, Nathaniel Thomas (right), born June 23, 2014. He joins siblings Charlie and Olivia.



**2001 Ashley Keating Brunner** and her husband, Adam, a daughter, Madeline Jane, born



July 16, 2014, in Chicago. She joins older sister Allie. The family now lives in West Bloomfield,

Mich. / **Kevin Donohoe** and his wife, Julie, a son, Rory Thomas (below), born July 31, 2014. He joins big brother, Declan.



## in memoriam

Go to [www.siprep.org/memorial](http://www.siprep.org/memorial) for obituary notices for the graduates listed below. Parentheses indicates person attended not for the full four years.

- 1936 Bernard A. Ritter
- 1941 Dr. Richard O'Neill
- 1942 Edward L. Burke
- 1942 Dr. Barrett Henry Weber
- 1943 Paul Giovannoni
- 1945 Donald E. Muldoon
- 1946 Herbert C. Luders
- 1949 Arthur D. Thatcher, Jr.
- 1950 Edward J. Fleming
- 1950 Salvatore P. Tarantino
- 1951 Ralph P. Anderson, Jr.
- 1951 William H. Langbehn
- 1951 Laurens H. Reyburn
- 1951 John N. Tsimis
- 1952 Edward L. Cannon
- 1952 Donald W. Holsten, Pharm D.
- 1954 Michael Descilo
- 1955 Richard "Dick" Fotenos
- 1956 Mario S. Balibrera
- 1957 USA Ret. C Matthew James Buzzell Jr.
- 1957 Albert "Al" Lawrence Thuesen, Jr.
- 1958 Arthur "Jay" Fritz, Jr.
- 1959 Rodney J. Holzkamp
- 1961 George A. Paiva, Jr.
- 1963 Gerald DiFalco
- 1964 Michael P. Lowery
- 1965 Philip J. Murray
- 1965 Kelly M. Randall
- 1969 David R. Salazar
- 1970 Thomas A. Percell
- 1973 William Horsfall
- (1978) Joseph Jeffrey
- 1990 Anwar Totah



## Arthur 'Jay' Fritz, Jr. '58

Arthur Joseph Fritz, Jr. '58, a recipient of SI's highest honor, the Christ the King Award, passed away peacefully Dec. 30 at home with his wife of 46 years, Barbara, at his side. He was 74.



A former regent, Mr. Fritz served SI faithfully over the years, and the Fine Arts Wing of the school is named for him and for his family.

A devoted husband and father, Mr. Fritz and his wife had three children: Arthur (Tri) '89, Clayton '90 and Jenner; who gave them seven grandchildren.

In 1966, not long after passing the California Bar, he joined Fritz Companies, an international transportation service firm started by his father. Heading up the air freight division, he oversaw a tenfold increase in revenue in just three years before selling the division to Del Monte. He also served as president and, in 1986, chairman of the company, the same year he was elected president of the National Association of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders of America

Upon his retirement, he began serving on the boards of numerous firms and to concentrate full-time on Fritz Cellars, a Sonoma County winery he founded in 1979. He built that winery into a thriving, award-winning business selling over 25,000 cases annually.

He was extremely proud to be named a member of the Board of Regents at SI, where he grew the school's endowment and served as a key architect in its transition to coeducation. In 1996, Jay was given the Christ The King Award for his remarkable contributions to the school.

In 1995, he and his wife founded the Barbara and Jay Fritz Charitable Foundation to support numerous worthy organizations with an emphasis on helping children in need. In years past, Jay could also be found working the Christmas tree lot at Fort Mason as a Guardsman.

A man of wisdom and accomplishment, with a deep and abiding love for his family and God, Jay Fritz will be missed by all who knew him. ☺

## Carmel Malley

Carmel Dolores Malley, the wife of the late Pat Malley '49 and the sister of John Mallen '51, died Sept. 1 in Saratoga. She was 82.



Born on Feb. 23, 1932, in San Francisco, she graduated from Lowell High School and attended Lone Mountain College.

In 1953, she married George Patrick Malley (who received the Christ the King Award from SI posthumously) and attended many of the games he coached while at SI, where he led the football team to tremendous success.

In 1959, Pat and Carmel found a home with SCU, where for 33 years she supported Pat and their son, Terry, along with every football team they coached. She loved and knew each player by name and story. Following Pat's death, Carmel began her own career, working in the Alumni Office at SCU, where she continued to win the hearts of all students. ☺



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# calendar 2015

## JANUARY 2015

10 Entrance Examination	8:30am
13 Bruce-Mahoney Basketball (USF Memorial Gym)	6 & 7:30pm
14 Ignatius Guild Board Meeting	7pm
15 Joey Alioto Fathers' Club Crab 'n' Cards	6pm
19 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday & Parade	10am
20 Parent Spiritual Exercises Exploration Evening	8:30am & 7pm
22 SIPAC General Meeting (Library)	6:30pm
24 Cash for College: Financial Aid (Wiley Library)	10am
25 Ignatius Guild Women's Retreat	9am
26 Freshman Parent Night: Community of Concern (Commons)	7pm
27 Parent Spiritual Exercises Exploration Evening	8:30am & 7pm
28-31 Dance Concert (Wiegand)	2pm

## FEBRUARY

3 AAAS Applicant Evening (Commons)	6:30pm
5 SIPAC General Meeting (Library)	6:30pm
8 Mother Student Communion Breakfast	9am
9 Student Leadership Night (Student Activities Center)	6pm
10 ALAS Applicant Evening	6:30pm
10 Ignatius Guild & Fathers' Club Board Meetings	7pm
11 Junior Parent Q&A Coffee/Tea	8am
11 Board of Regents, Regents Emeriti & Trustee meeting	4pm
13 Faculty Inservice (no classes)	
13 Class of 1967 lunch (Alioto's)	noon
16 President's Day (no classes)	
17 Aspire test for Sophomores	8am
17 Frosh Challenge Day	8am-3:30pm
20 Piano Recital (Choral Room)	2:30pm
20 Mother/Daughter Night (Commons)	6pm
21 Latin Certamen	
23 Student Leadership Night (Student Activities Center)	6pm
26-27 Club Showcase (Wiegand)	7pm
27 Grandparents Breakfast (Jesuit Dining Room)	9am
28 SIPAC Chinese New Year's Luncheon	
28 Crew Alumni / Class Day Races (Lake Merced)	10am

## MARCH

2 Student Leadership Night (Student Activities Center)	6pm
2 Summer Programs registration opens	
TBA Registration opens for Summer high school courses	
5 SIPAC General Meeting (Library)	6:30pm
5 Solidarity Dinner (Commons)	6pm
7 Fathers' Club Auction (McCullough Gym)	6pm
9-11 Midterms	
10 Fathers' Club Board Meeting	7pm
11 Ignatius Guild Board Meeting	7pm
12 Faculty In-Service (no classes)	
13 Quarter Break	
13 Class of 1967 lunch (Alioto's)	noon
18 College Night (Counseling)	7pm
20 Mother/Son Dance (Commons)	7pm
25 Fathers' Club Lenten Reflection (Orradre)	6:30pm
25-28 SI Cabaret (Wiegand)	7pm
27 Father/Daughter Night (Commons)	8:30pm

## APRIL

2 Easter Break begins	
4 Alumni baseball game (Marchbanks)	noon
5 Easter Sunday	
10-12 Jerry Langkammerer Lax Tournament (subject to change)	
11 Class of '65 reunion	
12 Class of '65 Golden Diploma Mass & Reception	10am
13 School resumes	
14 Ignatius Guild/Fathers' Club Board Meetings	7pm
14 CSF Awards Night (Commons)	7pm
14 Bruce Mahoney baseball game (tentative)	
16 SIPAC General Meeting (President's Conference Room)	6:30pm
17 Alumni Night at the Theatre	5:30pm
18 Grandparents Day	
19 Case Studies (Counseling)	2pm
20-25 Spring Musical	7pm
21 Parent General Meeting (Commons)	6:30pm
24-25 Latino Summit (Commons)	

25 Class of 1945 Reunion	11:30am
25 Junior Prom	
27-30 Spring Musical	7pm
30 Callaghan Society Dinner (Commons)	6pm

## MAY

1-2 Spring Musical	7pm
2 International Food Faire	4pm
6 Ignatius Guild Board Meeting	7pm
7 Father-Son Night (Commons)	6pm
7-8 Spring Dance Showcase	7pm
8 SIPAC End-of-Year Party	
12 Transition to College (Orradre Chapel)	7pm
13 Fathers' Club Board Meeting	7pm
13 Board of Regents Meeting	4pm
13 Magis Senior Celebration	6:30pm
13,15 Spring Pops Concert	7pm
14 Ignatius Guild Installation Mass & Luncheon	11am
14 Fathers' Club BBQ (Commons)	5:30pm
15 Faculty Inservice (no classes)	
16 Senior Prom	
18 Senior Class Holiday	
21 Transition Liturgy	
22 Awards Assembly	9:30am
25 Memorial Day Holiday	
26-28 Final Exams	
26 Ignatius Guild Board Meeting	7pm
27 Fashion Show Kick-Off Meeting	7pm
28 Baccalaureate Mass (St. Mary's)	7:30pm
30 Graduation (St. Ignatius Church)	10:30am

## JUNE

1 Fathers' Club Installation Lunch (Alioto's)	11:30am
5 All Class Reunion	
8 High School Summer School & camps begin	
15 Middle School Summer School begins	



## Wine Classic Celebrates 4th Year of Vintage Tasting

Members of the Class of 1976 attended the September SI Alumni Wine Classic at the Kenwood estate of Paul Boschetto. From left are Bill Grayson, Claude Perasso (chair of SI's board of regents), John Bruno, Dean Levitt (event chair), Bob Enright and Rocco Papale.



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