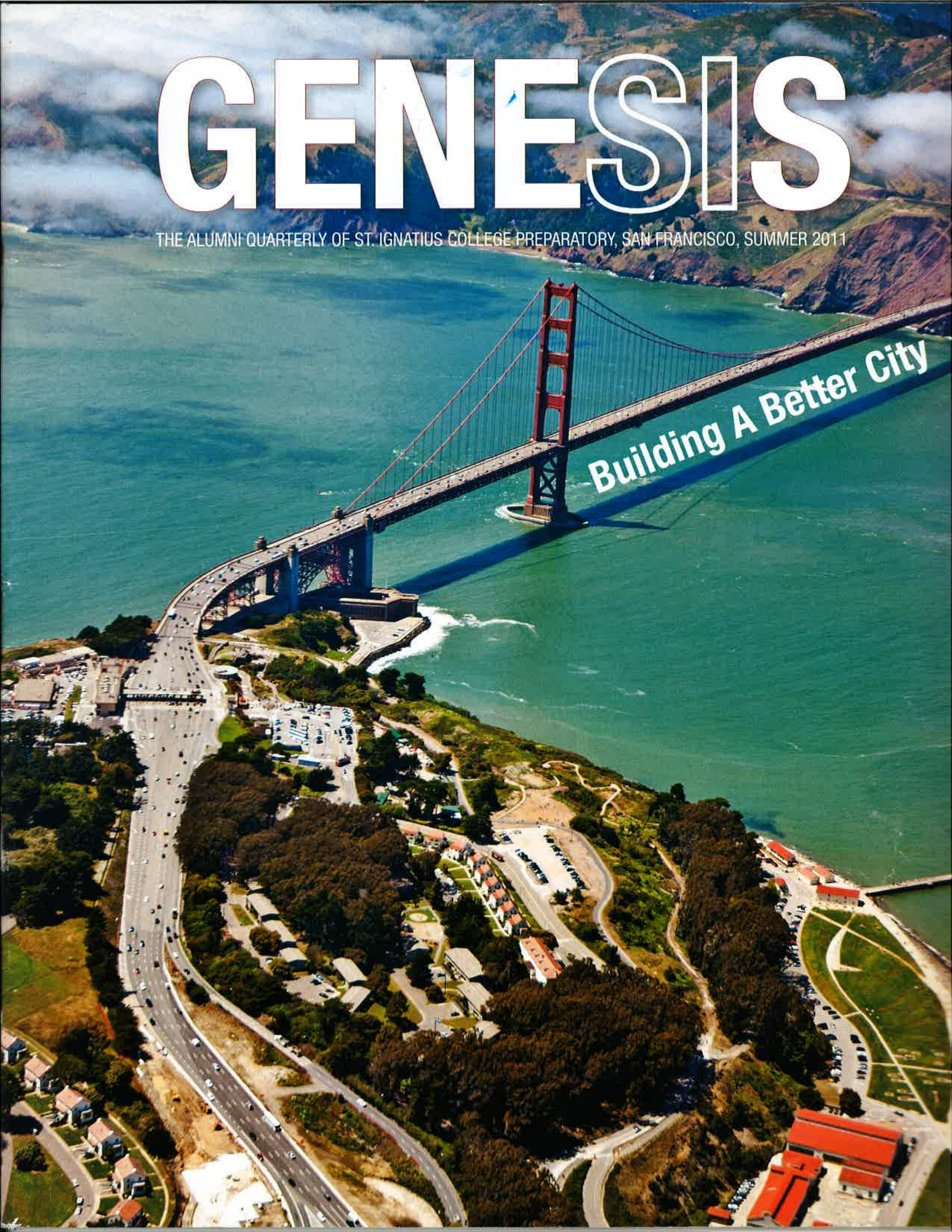


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The Spring Jazz and Chamber Music Concert in May, under the direction of Gillian Clements (left), featured a lineup of talented student musicians, with songs ranging from Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 8 in C Minor to Tower of Power's "What is Hip." Joining the Jazz Band was three-time Grammy nominee Wayne Wallace on trombone. Clements is chaperoning students in Kenya this summer for a musical exchange. Look for more on this in an upcoming issue of *Genesis*.





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FOR MANY REASONS, THE SUMMER ISSUE TENDS TO

be the largest of the four *Genesis* magazines, and this one, at 72 pages, is no exception. We have two feature sections here, one devoted to the importance of depth of thought and the other a focus on cities.

The more I worked with these two sections, the more I saw them merge into one. The three alumni who re-envision cities do so by practicing depth – by staring deeply at what a city is and what it can become.

Claire Beyer '99, for example, looked at a map of San Francisco and saw a green sash bisecting it, forming a highway for animals and humans, stretching from the Presidio to San Bruno Mountain. The deeper she looked, the more she saw the city return to its sand dune and scrub origins, into the unique terrain it once was: a haven for many endangered species and a respite for those worn out by city stress.

Mike Kelly '72, director of New York's and Philadelphia's housing authorities, looks at the people with whom he works – the poorest citizens of America's largest cities – and sees them for who they are: humans who deserve the same respect that he shows to government leaders.

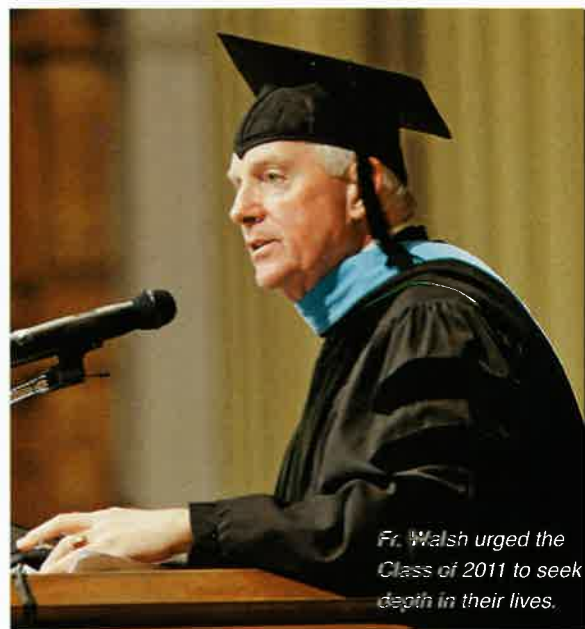
Charles Higuera '74 spends his days looking below San Francisco's surface and sees both the hairline fissures of the San Andreas Fault and the fragile pipes that supply our hydrants with water as he works to prevent another 1906-scale conflagration. He is improving our infrastructure so we don't have to rebuild our city when the next Big One hits.

Then there are the writers in the other feature section, ones who believe that some ideas need more than a brief mention on Facebook or Twitter. They believe in writing at length – in essays, memoirs, journals and letters – to plumb the depths of the human condition.

They know the importance of deep writing and thinking because, from its founding, SI has asked students to pursue depth over breadth. We hope to plumb further depths with our new schedule, one that calls for longer classes and fewer class meetings, so that our students have time to make connections and put into practice the lessons learned.

We are doing this, in part, to heed the words of SI President Robert T. Walsh, S.J. '68, who, at our commencement exercises in June, called upon our graduates to “pursue intellectual depth rather than information gleaned. Ponder the ancient and lasting philosophical and theological questions and avoid shallow answers. The world of electronic media and the abundance of information online, tweeted, texted, blogged or emailed, is not usually the stuff of wisdom and understanding. Their messages are often rapid-fire reactions, superficial propositions and, if ingested often enough, can lead to superficiality.”

He advised our graduates that “wisdom and understanding take work, are laborious and demand your undivided attention. They can only be harnessed by reading the great thinkers and wrestling with the text, over and over and over again.”



Fr. Walsh urged the Class of 2011 to seek depth in their lives.

In April 2010, the Jesuit Superior General Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., advised the same thing in his “Challenges to Jesuit Higher Education Today” at an international conference in Mexico City.

He described the lack of depth he has witnessed in our culture as “the globalization of superficiality... When one can access so much information so quickly and so painlessly; when one can express and publish to the world one's reactions so immediately and so unthinkingly in one's blogs or micro-blogs; when the latest opinion column from the *New York Times* or *El Pais*, or the newest viral video can be spread so quickly to people half a world away, shaping their perceptions and feelings, then the laborious, painstaking work of serious, critical thinking often gets short-circuited.”

He ended by asking this question: “What more do we need to do to ensure that we are not simply populating the world with bright and skilled superficialities?” and he answered it by suggesting “that we need to study the emerging cultural world of our students more deeply and find creative ways of promoting depth of thought and imagination, a depth that is transformative of the person” especially in light of faith, justice and ecology, the issues “that challenge us across countries and continents.”

(To practice what I preach, I encourage you to go beyond my surface skimming of this remarkable speech and read it in full by searching online for “Challenges to Jesuit Higher Education Today.”)

Good editors and writers are trained to keep it short. I hope, with this longish issue, you don't see me as violating these precepts but as one who, along with Frs. Walsh and Nicolas, urges us all to spend a little more time reading about, staring at and pondering a world more complicated, more bizarre and more wondrous than we know. If we do this, our solutions, our relationships and the works of our hands will go far to heal a world desperately in need of our help.

— Paul Torah '77



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Photo by Paul Totah with Bill Isham in the pilot's seat.



Father Harry V. Carlin, S.J., Heritage Society

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

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Legorreta Legacy Helps SI With Record Aid Requests

SI RECEIVED ONE OF THE LARGEST GIFTS IN SCHOOL history thanks to the generosity of Raphael (Ray) Legorreta '57, who passed away April 20, 2010.

The \$1.8 million gift, which represents his entire estate, will go towards existing scholarship funds in honor of his father, Gonzolo, Sr., and brother, Gonzolo, Jr., an SI grad who died in WWII.

After graduating from SI, Mr. Legorreta attended SCU before working for PG&E for 30 years. He also served in the U.S. Army between 1963 and 1965.

A member of the Father Harry Carlin Heritage Society, Mr. Legorreta was a prudent investor who bought stock in Harley Davidson the day it went public in 1985 and saw the stock split eight times.

He was also an avid reader, a fan of the Oakland Raiders and a skilled amateur photographer.

Mr. Legorreta's \$1.8 million gift will perpetually endow 18 scholarships.

"Some people might like to see the money go to increased raises for teachers or to subsidized tuition for all students," said Vice President for Development Joe Vollert '84.

"Those would offer short-term relief at the expense of future generations. Instead, this gift, along with all net proceeds each year, is invested in our endowment to provide scholarship assistance to students with demonstrated need. We reinvest the other portion in order to keep pace with inflation and increased tuition costs, thus sustaining our ability year after year to provide assistance."

Mr. Legorreta's gift comes at a crucial time in the history of the school. For the first time, demand next year will exceed supply, with nearly one in four students receiving financial aid. The total aid allocated for the 2011–2012 school year is \$2.1 million, \$40,000 more than what SI will draw down from the scholarship fund.

The \$2.1 million figure represents a 61 percent increase over scholarships given in 2007, when one in five students received aid totaling \$1.3 million.

Demand is higher, according to Terry Dillon, SI's CFO, because of the one-two punch of housing and jobs. "Many of our parents are still either unemployed or underemployed," she noted. "In the past, families could borrow against their homes to pay for education, but with the housing market still down, they don't have that base to fall back on. There hasn't been an economic recovery for many of our families."

That need will increase, warns Vollert. "Next year's tuition is \$16,990, and we know that in the not-too-distant future it will be more than \$20,000. When that happens, the number of students requiring aid will increase, even perhaps double. We need to grow our scholarship fund by \$50 million to support the greater demand as we offer a fair and reasonable tuition. Ray's

generosity moves us closer toward that goal. He was a smart, personable and witty man who decided he wanted to leave a legacy that will transform lives for generations to come. It's truly quite remarkable when you think about it."

SI's commitment to the Jesuit ideal of a preferential option for the poor "is central to our mission," added Vollert. "We need to ensure that an SI education is accessible to all, not just to those who can afford it."

If you are interested in establishing a memorial scholarship or joining the Carlin Society, call Vollert at (415) 731-7500, ext. 319, to join a long list of those who have invested in future generations of Ignatians. ∞



Ray Legorreta, as a child, between his brothers.

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Heritage Luncheon:

At the May Heritage Society gathering at the St. Francis Yacht Club, Angela Han '11 (left) played piano and violin and Nate Nunez '11 and Grace Buckingham '11 spoke about their experiences at St. Pictured with them are Jack Leutza '52 and his wife, Victoria.



gnatian Guild President Gerry Sangiacomo (second from right) and her officers were installed in May at a Mass and . Below, Fathers' Club President Patrick Goudy (center) and his officers were installed at a June lunch at Alioto's.



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A CASE FOR DEPTH: THE ESSAY, JOURNAL, MEMOIR AND LETTERS

The new social networking tools may have their place, but all too often, the power of Facebook is only skin deep. One can only write so much in the 140 characters Twitter allows you. Sometimes that's all you need. Sometimes, you need more, especially when the subject and ideas are vast.

The writers in this section remind us that we need depth of thought, of feeling and of expression. You'll find here an essay (decrying the New Atheism), a journal (recounting the year and a day following the death of a beloved wife), the memoir (of a time spent teaching at SI in the 1950s), and letters exchanged by two brothers, one of whom was among the last two Jesuits to be freed by Communist China. These long-form pieces require a certain discipline from their readers, but that's a discipline we know you possess, having survived and thrived upon these forms in your classes at SI. These writers all touch upon faith, one that sustains and one with which they struggle from time to time.

We also recognize that we can also deepen as a school. As a result, our schedule is changing for the first time in decades because we recognize the need to stress depth over breadth. Our students, we believe, should not imbibe vast quantities of data in thin sips over a semester. They need to drink deeply from the wellspring of great books and great thinkers to quench their thirst for wisdom.

Perhaps, after reading these stories, you will reach for your computer not to post a casual comment online but to reflect on your own life and record the meaning, beauty, pain and joy that is your unique signature of being human on this planet, a mark that, one hopes, will take more than 140 characters to communicate.

FEB. 2, 1948:
FROM CHARLES TO VERY REV. PAUL
O'BRIEN, S.J., IN NANKING

If the North should fall, Nanking is going to be a dangerous place and Yangchow even more so. However disappointing it may be to our hopes, I think that we must honestly face these risks and enter a phase of watchful waiting as far as new investments of men or money in the mission are concerned. Above all, we must all pray earnestly, and with self-denial, that God may bring to an end soon the reign of cruelty, hatred and terror that is crushing the poor people of North China and threatening the rest!

DEC. 10, 1948:
FROM CHARLES TO HIS JESUIT
SUPERIORS

The Chinese Civil War [is] really a battle for life and death, or anyhow for the human dignity and spiritual values that make life preferable to death. And the heaviest losers are good, simple people, who, in ordinary times, live right on the margin between very frugal comfort and painful hunger. They have had hardly anything but bad news all year. They dread the Communists, and yet they see their own government too feeble and graft-ridden to fight them effectively.

MAY 18, 1949:
FROM CHARLES TO WALTER

Just about every time I sit down to get off a letter, I take on all the solemnity of a man writing his last will and testament. And the reason is that the next letter may be a lifetime off. It's the effect of those cannons that are drumming day and night in the suburbs. At night, people can see fires out in the country, buildings set ablaze by demolition squads backing towards town.... The commies have won; now it's up to us to make the best of a bad job and to begin work of converting them and helping the people oppressed by them.



Fr. McCarthy with his brother Walt at the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Los Gatos.

APRIL 14, 1950:
FROM CHARLES TO WALTER

There's a feeling that almost any letter may be the last one out for a long time ... from our perch the international situation seems to be deteriorating constantly. The Chinese-language press here ... is filled every day with venomous denunciations of American imperialism, apparently calculated to arouse the public with burning hatred of Uncle Sam.

SEPT. 29, 1950:
FROM CHARLES TO WALTER

This is a long aside, Walt; but it began with my saying that we never know when a letter will be the last for years. There is a shadow over us, and while it's there, there's a sense of urgency about writing: "Better write while there's time," and a sense of tenderness: "I want you to know the affection I have for you all, the interest and prayers with which I follow each of you; I wish I knew words strong and dexterous enough to carry the sentiments of my heart to yours without spoiling the shape, the taste and the fragrance of the message."

Pray hard for me and our community. Take good care of all the family, and be sure that I pray for you and remember you at Mass.

LETTERS CONNECT THE MCCARTHY BROTHERS, CHARLES AND WALTER, DESPITE WAR, JAIL AND REVOLUTION

The year Paul McCarthy '75 was born, his uncle, Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, S.J. '29, sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge on his return to the City as one of the last two Jesuits released from prison in Communist China, a confinement he endured for four years following an earlier house arrest by the Japanese during WWII.

Waiting for him were his brothers, Walter '33, Alex '27, Robert '27 and their families, including Walter's 10-year-old daughter, Mary Jo, who would later chronicle the dramatic story that linked her father and uncle, a story documented in hundreds of letters written by the two men over more than 50 years.

Those letters illustrate the history of China, from the Japanese occupation in World War II to the Communist takeover; they also reveal the devotion of brothers, a connection that endured despite distance and deprivation.

The letters tell the story of Fr. McCarthy's decision to return to Asia in 1959 to minister once again to Chinese Catholics, this time in the Philippines, where he helped the Chinese minority in their fight for equal rights. In the process, he even became a citizen of the Philippines and received the highest honor from Manila's De La Salle University. He died in 1991 after a dozen years bedridden following a major operation that left him paralyzed from the ribs down.

Fr. McCarthy's story is also documented in a new Harvard Press book – *Church Militant: Bishop Kung and Catholic Resistance in Communist Shanghai* – by Santa Clara University professor Paul Mariani, S.J., who drew heavily on the letters written by Fr. McCarthy.

"Fr. McCarthy seemed to have nine lives," said Fr. Mariani. "Four years after his release from the Japanese, he found himself in the middle of the Communist takeover of Shanghai. From 1949 to 1953, he both witnessed and documented the slow-motion persecution of the Communists who oppressed Catholics by overtaxing schools, taking over churches and imprisoning priests. In June 1953, he was again imprisoned, this time by the Chinese Communists."

The letters that Fr. McCarthy wrote every two weeks to his family and brother Jesuits, added Fr. Mariani, provide "us with an in-depth understanding of what was happening inside the Church. Sometimes his letters are almost poetic."

Charles, the third of four children of Frank and Johanna McCarthy, grew up on San Francisco's Fell Street. He was in the last class to graduate from SI's fourth campus, the Shirt Factory, on Hayes and Schrader. Walter began at the fifth campus on Stanyan Street just as Charles joined the Society of Jesus.

"My parents were overjoyed, but I was saddened, as he looked out for me," said Walter, who, along with his parents, visited Charles once a month at the Jesuit seminary in Los Gatos. "It seemed natural that he would be a priest. It was clear in his whole demeanor and the way he lived his life."

In 1941, Charles sailed for Peking, where he studied Chinese for two years before the Japanese placed him and 29 colleagues under house arrest in Shanghai until the end of World War II. "He was able to send me letters via the Red Cross," said Walter.

Upon his release, Charles taught theology in Shanghai until July 1946, when he returned to the U.S. to study journalism at Marquette

University. In August 1947, he returned to Peking to work as the editor of the *Catholic Review* and for the Hua Ming News Service and the Catholic Radio Hour program. He also began writing a weekly "Mission Family Letter" to all Jesuit missionaries in China.

He moved back to Shanghai in 1949, where he was appointed the superior of the Jesuit School of Theology in Shanghai, making him the highest-ranking American Jesuit in the Shanghai Jesuit Mission. He worked with Jesuit scholastics until his arrest by the Communists in 1953, when he was led away from his room at gunpoint, accused of "ideological sabotage" for giving harmful guidance to his students.

He spent the next four years being moved from one prison to the next – five in all. He shared one of those cells with 15 prisoners, all of whom had to take turns lying down to sleep. His third cell, which he shared with five others, was five and a half feet by eight feet. "We couldn't stretch out full length at night, but were jammed head to toe, so that if one man moved, we all woke up," Charles wrote in 1960 about his ordeal.

"Bitter cold weather usually hits Shanghai after the first week of November, and cells in prison there are not heated. We would have 30 to 40 days of sub-freezing weather in a Shanghai winter. We had to crack our chopsticks apart on the floor before we could use them for the morning rice. If there was any moisture on them, they froze together during the night."

He was given so little to eat, including one ounce of meat once a week, that the six-foot-tall priest weighed only 107 pounds by the time he was released.

He was never tortured physically, but he did write about being "practically buried alive. I couldn't contact anyone. I was in a room below the street level and didn't see the sun or the stars except for 20 minutes once a week."

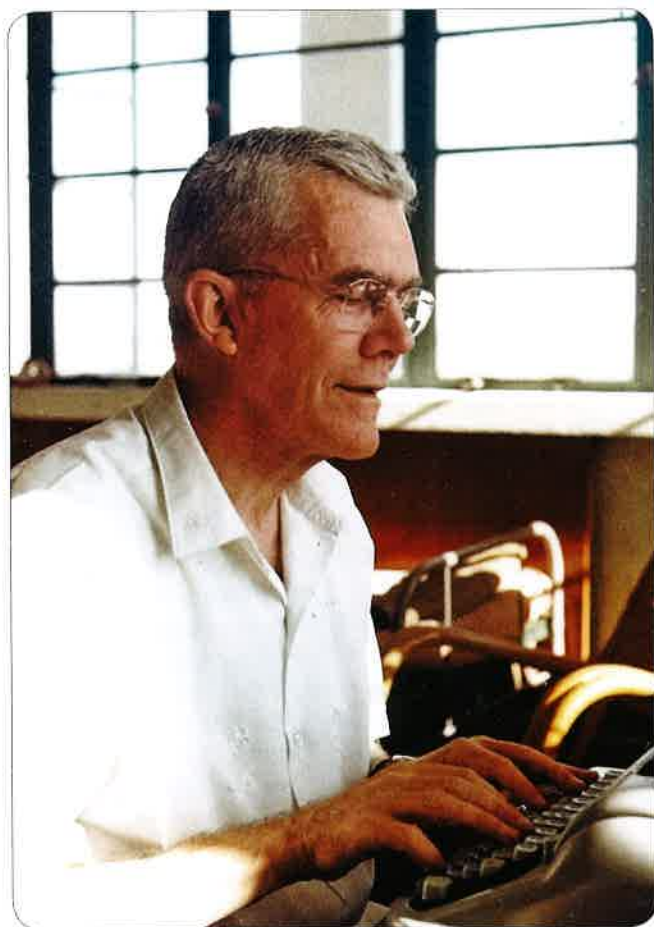
He endured lengthy interrogations, sometimes seven hours at a stretch. "The real anguish was how they tried to use you to destroy your own worth, to accuse yourself of crimes you had not done."

Fr. McCarthy wasn't allowed to write letters for the first half of his imprisonment, but then the Chinese would allow him an occasional letter to Walter or to the Jesuit Provincial in California.

"We worried terribly about him," said his niece, Mary Jo, "My grammar school class prayed for his release every day."

During his years in prison, the State Department and the Society of Jesus worked to earn release for him and his brother Jesuits. In 1955, they struck a deal with the Communist Party, but it wasn't until June 15, 1957, that Charles finally left prison. "They said my attitude wasn't positive," he noted in a 1979 interview.

He returned to the U.S. by ship to give him time to recuperate. When he arrived in the Bay Area, he was greeted by all the McCarthy families and by reporters ready to tell his story to a public eager for news from the heart of the Cold War. He spent the next two years at the Los Gatos seminary as spiritual director, regaining his health and working with Jesuit novices, including a young Jerry Brown '55. He even accompanied Brown to his father's gubernatorial inauguration in Sacramento.



Fr. McCarthy at his typewriter in 1969 in Manila.



Fr. McCarthy assisting Bishop Ignatius Kung Pin-Mei of Shanghai during an ordination ceremony in 1951.

Despite his more than six years as a captive of both the Japanese and the Communists in China, he chose in 1959 to return to Asia, this time to the Philippines, where he worked with Jesuit seminarians at various stages of their training. He earned so much respect among his brother Jesuits, that they selected him in 1965 as a delegate for the Order's 31st General Congregation in Rome and again in 1974 for the 32nd General Congregation.

He worked in the Philippines in a variety of jobs, including serving as coordinator for the Jesuit Apostolate for Chinese and for a research center committed to the assimilation of the Filipino-Chinese. He edited the *Asian Report* for the Bureau of Asian Affairs.

He also worked to help Chinese immigrants to the Philippines have equal rights, including Jenny Go, now a special assistant for the Xiamen Projects in China for the Chinese Provincial, who once served as the principal of the Jesuits' Xavier School in Manila.

"In those days, all the Chinese suffered," said Mrs. Go. "We were barred from owning property and from taking certain professional courses. Fr. McCarthy wanted to continue the work he had started in China, and he pushed the notion of naturalization. Even though I was born in the Philippines, I could not become a citizen. Thanks to his efforts, that changed. He was a wonderful man whose heart was always in China."

In January, 1979, Fr. McCarthy came to San Francisco to celebrate his Golden Jubilee with his family and fellow Jesuits. Upon his return to Manila in July, he experienced weakness in his legs as he left the airport. Soon after, an operation to remove a tumor near his spinal cord left him

paralyzed from the ribs down and bedridden at the infirmary at Xavier School. He spent his time translating books, writing articles and offering spiritual direction. In March, 1981, he suffered a minor stroke; one month later, his brother Walter visited him for the last time.

Walter and his wife, Peggy, traveled to the Philippines to see Charles receive De La Salle University's Signum Meriti Medal for his work as a scholar, journalist and missionary; for his service to the Chinese in the Philippines; for authoring three books on Chinese integration in Southeast Asia; and for his proposal that the Philippine Islands Constitutional Convention include a provision to provide all Filipino-Chinese with full citizenship, which finally happened in 1974, a year before he, himself, became a citizen of the Philippines. Charles suffered a second stroke in 1988 and died in 1991 in Manila. Upon his death, his family members established the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, S.J., Scholarship Fund at SI.

Then, two years ago, Walter shared with Mary Jo his collection of letters that the two brothers had exchanged between 1936 and 1991, inspiring her to tell the story of her uncle. They contacted Br. Dan Peterson, S.J., the archivist for the California Province, who shared with the family copies of 300 additional letters between Charles and the Province office. Walter and Mary Jo also shared their collection with Fr. Mariani, which helped him complete his book, and Mary Jo hopes to turn all the collected letters into a book of her own one day.

In the meantime, you can pre-order a copy of Fr. Mariani's book, *Church Militant* through online on local booksellers when it is released by Harvard University Press this September, ∞



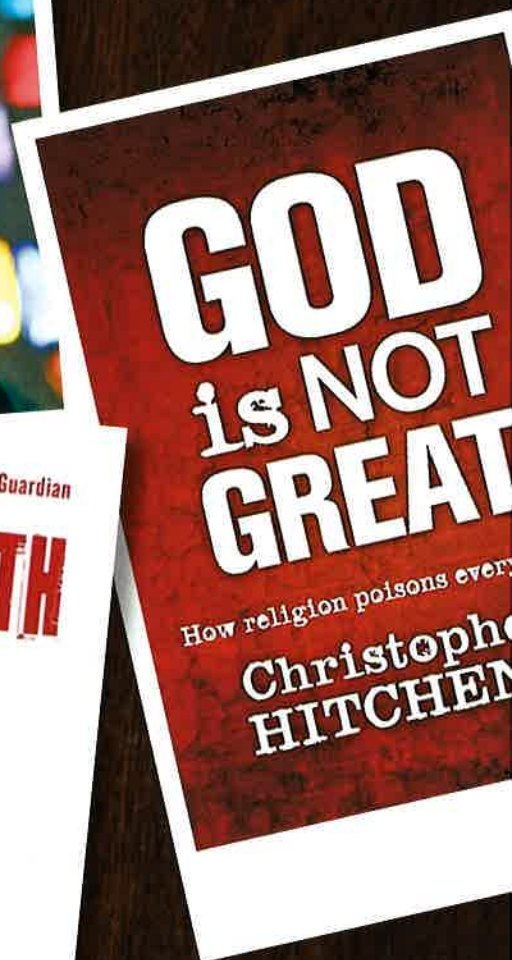
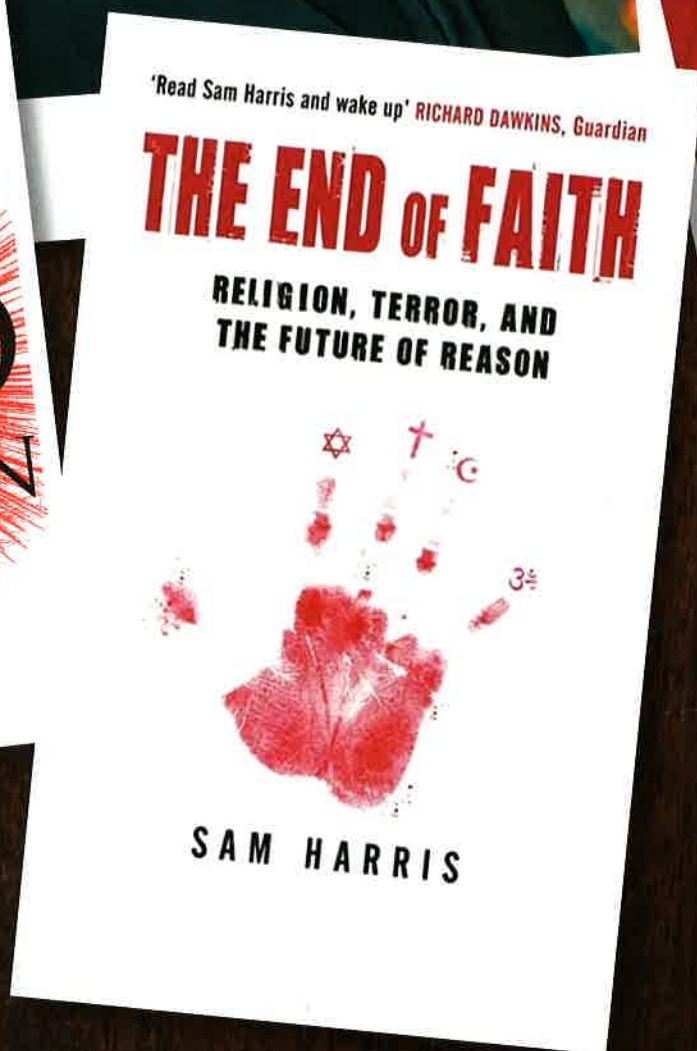
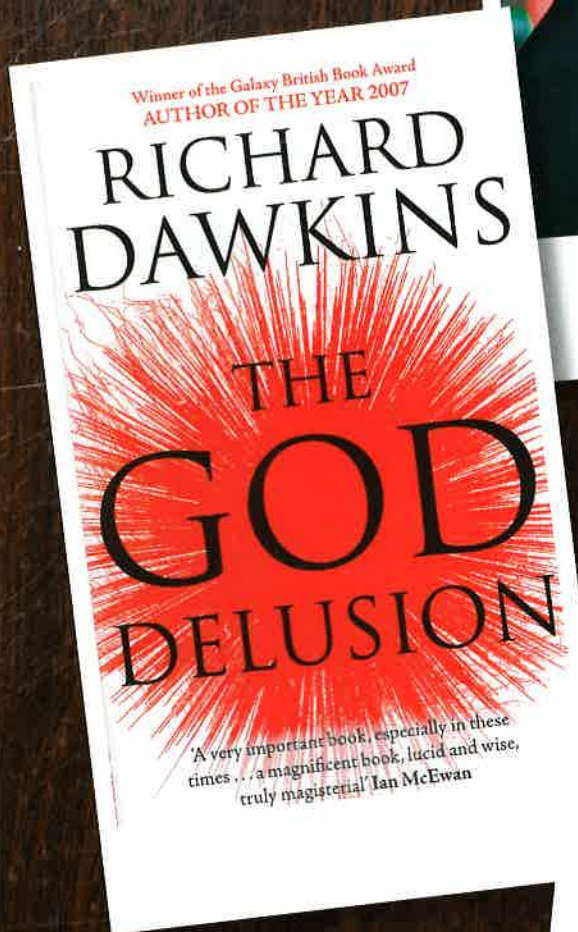
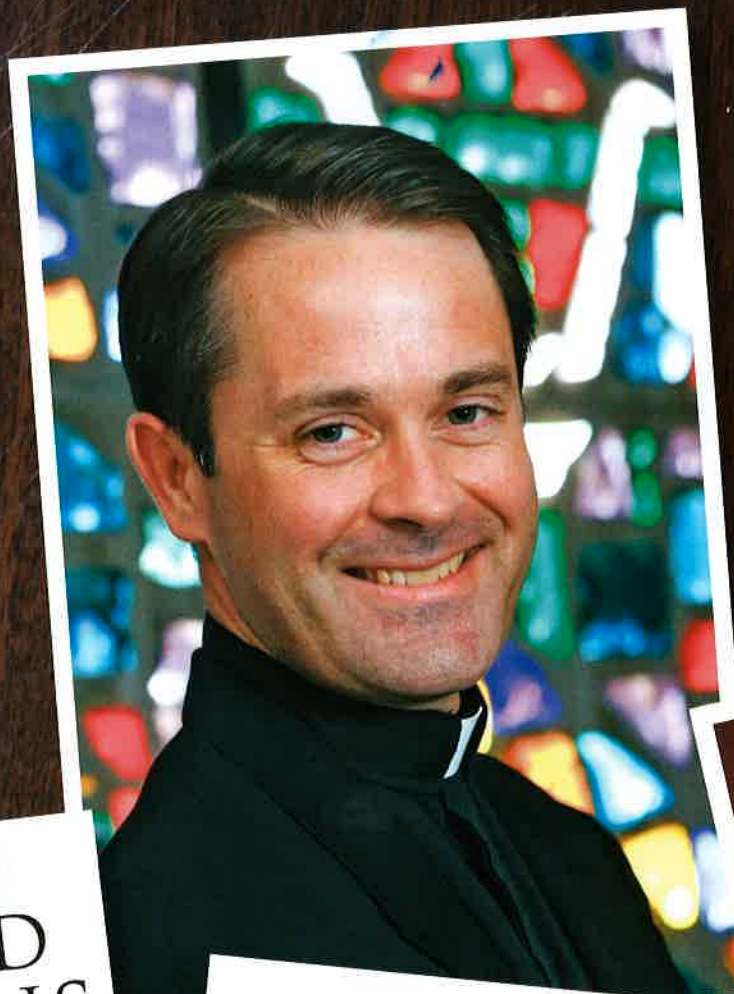
Frs. McCarthy and Olier after landing in China in 1947.

DEC. 1, 1950: FROM CHARLES TO HIS JESUIT SUPERIORS
Under present circumstances, the laity have a more than usually large part to fulfill in keeping the flame of faith and joy of Catholic life aglow in the hearts of Catholic families. Sometimes the Blessed Sacrament is brought from the mission centers to families in the countryside by devout lay people. The religious instruction of children has to be done in small groups, often by parents or zealous lay folk. The practice of gathering together for night prayers and the rosary is encouraged in the many places where priests cannot visit. In the cities, more intense study and exercise of the faith is necessary to counteract the torrent of atheistic propaganda, which official outlets pour out on us.

OCT. 1, 1951: FROM CHARLES TO WALTER
You'll probably have a jailbird brother soon, but nothing to be ashamed of, I hope.

AUG. 2, 1952: FROM CHARLES TO WALTER
Today is my 23rd anniversary as a Jesuit... doesn't seem that long since the family was all together. We certainly had some good times and lots of fun around the table. Dad was especially encouraging when I raised the vocation question with him, and he talked Mom out of the idea I was too young. The trip to Los Gatos was a step light-hearted enough for me, but I'm sure Mom and Dad felt deeply the first splintering of the family. Fortunately, though, there's never been any real separation of our hearts.

APRIL 10, 1991: FROM WALTER TO CHARLES
That's all the news and update on family and friends. Please know that I think of you constantly and pray for you. I wish the Philippines were closer so I would visit you and talk with you and tell you how much you mean to me. You were always a big brother and real friend. I'll always be praying for you. Peg never missed a day saying a prayer for you.



THE ESSAY: PRAYER AND THE NEW ATHEISM

BY REV. MICHAEL C. MCCARTHY, S.J. '82

Shortly after I came to Santa Clara, I had a religious experience. It was spring break, and I had planned to spend a few days with a good friend. We would meet halfway down the California coast in a town called Cayucos. Leaving campus after dinner, I drove south on Hwy. 101 and at 10 p.m. found myself somewhere between King City and Paso Robles. I had been on that stretch hundreds of times in my life, and it is unremarkable terrain. Usually that leg of the journey is the part I wish could pass faster. But on that night the moon was full, the car's sunroof was open, and the dry, flat landscape was utterly luminous. On that ordinary road (of all places!) for about 10 or 15 minutes I felt I was traveling within the heart of beauty itself. And I felt this powerful, unexpected joy. Nor did I feel alone in any way. Spontaneously, I found myself saying words that I use infrequently, but in that moment they seemed right. In fact, I cannot think of a more natural way for me to respond to such experience than the expression that came unbidden from my heart: "Praise you, God! Thank you, God!"

Today, however, ancient practices of prayer face unique challenges posed by recent proponents of what has been called the "New Atheism." Writers such as the British biologist Richard Dawkins (*The God Delusion*), journalist Christopher Hitchens (*god is not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything*), and neuroscientist Sam Harris (*The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason*) have introduced to the reading public best-selling critiques of religion, faith and belief in God. In a campaign that has even more direct public exposure, groups such as the Freedom from Religion Foundation have posted billboards in several cities with the messages "Millions are good without God," "Religion is about myth and superstition that hardens hearts and enslaves minds," or (in December) "Reasons Greetings."

Why do we pray in light of such messages?

TWO OBJECTIONS TO RELIGION AND A RESPONSE

Although these thinkers reflect a variety of attitudes and arguments, throughout their writings two themes reappear that ground their opposition to religion and their resistance to the idea of what others call, under various names, "God."

First, the New Atheists note just how much violence, misery and sheer brutality have attended religion throughout the history of the world. Christopher Hitchens' chapter entitled "Religion Kills" catalogues only a few examples of stupidity and cruelty inflicted by adherents of multiple traditions, from Christian anti-Semites to Taliban thugs. Sadly, our species has provided too much raw material for these authors to use in their florid accounts of atrocities committed out of devotional zeal. Their conclusion is that religion is inherently flawed. We would do better to free ourselves from anything that would valorize madness by calling it holy. On the balance, a humanism that makes no reference to God provides a better way for the world. Thus, Richard Dawkins concludes in another chapter by observing: "Religious wars really are fought in the name of religion, and they have been horribly frequent in history. I cannot think of any war that has been fought in the name of atheism."

Second, the New Atheists find religious people incapable of offering a sufficient justification for their core beliefs. Whereas scientists prize evidence and hold themselves to standards of verification based on open observation, religionists rarely attempt to offer sufficient proof for what they believe; instead, they resort to a kind of dogmatism. Religious authority, it is alleged, whether derived from a sacred text or holy persons, gives rise to beliefs that are intrinsically dangerous because they cannot be questioned. Dawkins holds that, whether in Christianity or Islam, "what is really pernicious is the practice of teaching children that faith itself is a virtue. Faith is an evil precisely because it requires no justification and brooks no argument." The alleged irrationality of faith not only seems disreputable in an age that can explain so many things scientifically, but it generates the kind of intolerance that stonewalls against reasonable inquiry and challenge. At its worst, this closed-mindedness leads to the violence and repressive ideologies that have marked history. In our own time, moreover, it has also legitimated ignorant resistance to the theory of evolution, for which there is strong evidence and scientific consensus.

As someone who has often struggled with my own faith, I feel considerable sympathy and agreement with many of the complaints of the New Atheists. Yet these same struggles have led me to a different place. What I understand by "faith" and "God" always feels more complex than the atheists seem to concede. "If that's what is meant by 'God,'" I frequently think, "then I too am an atheist. If that's all religion does, then neither do I want any part in it." At their best, atheists stretch me to reconsider parts of my intellectual and spiritual landscape, and the challenge is a serious one. Sometimes, however, I feel as if I am listening to a critique of Mozart by someone who has never heard a good orchestra. For one thing, it seems as if faith in God connotes to them a wager on a big, invisible creature with lots of power rather than a committed disposition of trust, even love, in a holy mystery revealed in the apprehension of good, beauty, truth¹. I do not deny that many believers have immature or even dangerous ideas about God. But one of the principal functions of a religious tradition is to help people correct false images and to grow in spiritual maturity and responsibility.

Nor can I deny the immense violence that human beings have exacted on one another out of religious motivations and claims. Yet if, hypothetically, we did away with religion or belief in God, we would still have other massive human institutions that are just as prone to violence: nationhood, for instance, or property or economy or family. I doubt that we would wish to dissolve them. Even science itself (as we saw when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima) must be applied by people capable of extraordinary generosity as well as massive destruction. As the essayist Richard Rodriguez soberly observed in "Atheism is Wasted on the Nonbeliever," the real problem with religion or science is the human race. If we could learn to pray authentically for forgiveness and teach our children to pray (as Jesus taught us) to "deliver us from evil," we would be leaving the world a more hopeful legacy than if we were simply to abolish religion or the idea of God.

IS FAITH UNREASONABLE?

Of the New Atheists' objections, the less credible to me is the claim that faith requires no justification nor brooks no argument or that somehow it is the opposite of reason. My whole life and training as a Jesuit runs so counter to that idea that it strikes me as a gross caricature. Surely there are religious people who feel threatened by questions they cannot answer and criticisms they cannot rebut. There may even be many such people. My experience as a priest, however, has led me to believe that people's faith is most robust and trustworthy precisely when it attempts to address hard questions and applies reason honestly. That will include the acknowledgement that we do not know many things and that we feel conflicted about many things. As a professor who teaches at a Jesuit university, I feel it is part of my mission to help students to discover what these important questions are so that they can answer them with ever greater sensitivity and intelligence. But I do not promise certainty.

It is to be expected that religious claims about God will fail to satisfy the norms of scientific proof because science and religion operate out of different conceptual schemes. But human beings operate out of different conceptual schemes all the time, with a fair degree of success². Moreover, the most credible justification for faith of any kind lies in the quality of its adherents' lives. The reason I am a Catholic, finally, is because of the deep holiness I have encountered in other Catholics. That does not make religion irrational or unreasonable or lacking justification for its ideas. It just presumes (quite reasonably) that, in the end, reason itself does not exhaust what is most important to us as human beings. Commitment to values such as truth, justice, goodness, peace-making and love are not reducible to scientific propositions.

The claim that I love you nearly always has reasons leading to the assertion. The reasons themselves can be articulated in a variety of ways: in language, for instance, that is clinical ("When you enter my visual field my hormones act up") or practical ("You bring in my dry cleaning"). The expression may be ethical ("You care for me when I am sick"), poetic ("The smell of your hair is the freshest wind") or romantic ("Every time I kiss you, I remember the first time we kissed"). All those sentences can be true, and yet the expression, "I love you," surpasses the reasons that can be given as explanations. It is a communication in which speakers reveal and give themselves freely to others, even when the "I" who gives and the "you" who receives remain deep mysteries to each other. That exchange creates a new reality and a deepened commitment that had not existed before. Furthermore, even though the sentence "I love you" is not scientifically verifiable, one can test whether it is said "in good faith" from a variety of other indicators, such as fulfilling duties and expectations and promises associated with that relationship. It would be a great loss if we lived in a world where we did not risk loving and believing because we cannot offer a scientific account for it. It would be a less beautiful world if we did not offer prayers of thanksgiving for wonders we cannot explain. The future of our planet and the world's communities would be significantly more hopeful if we taught our children how to pray with authentic gratitude and an attitude of intense care.

LOVE, GRATUITY AND GRATITUDE

One of my favorite writers, Wendell Berry, frequently speaks of his love for his family, his community and the farm he cultivates. His later writing especially refers to his own sense of the gratuity of what has been given. At the end of one poem about his experience of aging, for example, he turns to address his wife:

... And you, who are as old
almost as I am, I love as I loved you
young, except that, old, I am astonished
at such a possibility, and am duly grateful.

The years he spent with her gave him plenty of reasons to love her, but in retrospect what strikes him is that what he loved most in life did not have to happen. What he loved in life happened, not as if by necessity or sheer luck but as if by gift, for which the natural response is gratitude.

At the end of Berry's novel, *Hannah Coulter*, we find a similar idea. The protagonist, Hannah, has led a life filled with deep joys as well as tragedies. Her first husband, Virgil, was killed in the Second World War, and her second husband, Nathan, who survived the Battle of Okinawa, experiences post-traumatic stress throughout his life, even as he tries to settle to a farmer's ordinary life. By the last chapter, Hannah is a widow and remembers what it was like when Nathan held her at the end of the day. I know, she says, "the entire touch of him. He looked at me with a look I know. The shiver of the altogether given passes over me from head to foot."

Hannah's experience reflects what I have frequently felt to be at the heart of religious consciousness – an awareness that there is something where there could have been nothing. That awareness is the soul of prayer, and if cultivated, it can yield a habit – even a discipline – of gratitude. That awareness grounds mystical experience, which is far more ordinary than we think.

A student of mine who is a surfer once related to me why he must go out to the waves at least once a week. He did not go just because he liked surfing a great deal; rather, his regular practice on the waves put him into a deep encounter with "the altogether given." I have heard similar movements in the stories students have told me about time in a rainforest or under the wisteria in the Mission Gardens or in a village in El Salvador or reflecting in gratitude for their time here. I have seen it in the faces of parents walking their child down the aisle to be married. For a moment the aisle represents the whole history of "the altogether given," from the birth of that child, through the deep pains they suffered together, to this occasion of supreme fulfillment in their lives as parents. If we could put such moments into words, we might say something like this: "This is what I live for. Right now, this is where I want to be and nowhere else. At this moment, everything connects. To this moment, I give myself wholly, freely and without reservation."

As Berry says: "I am astonished / at such a possibility, and am duly grateful."

Such moments no more constitute proof for the existence of God than they negate the pains, the tragedies, the evils that we also endure. Nor can they be detached from other explicable causes. Undoubtedly, my experience of joy driving down Hwy. 101 was triggered by my anticipation of a few days of vacation with a friend as well as whatever physiological thrill comes with going fast in a car, feeling the warm wind through the sunroof and sensing the effects of a full moon. I would love to have a neurologist explain to me what was happening to my brain at that moment. Religious experience is every bit as compatible with natural causes as the Christian doctrine of creation is compatible with the theory of evolution. But the spontaneous shift to praising and thanking God for what is good (or conversely, lamenting and complaining to God for what is rotten) does not happen automatically from the antecedent conditions. It includes a choice and/or a habit of shifting to a different way of imagining things.

At a very deep level, I want to thank someone when I experience goodness; I want to lament to someone when I face terrible things; I want to ask someone for help when I am in trouble or when someone I love is in serious need. Although my desires have been cultivated through my own upbringing and may very well reflect what Freud described as an impulse toward wish-fulfillment, it still seems very credible to me to think that humans are constituted in such a way that some, if not most of us, want to look for what lies beyond what we can account for in terms of hard data alone. To me, the words of St. Augustine to God express it so well. Toward the very start of his *Confessions*, he prays: "You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in thee."

HUMAN BEINGS, GOD AND PRAYER

Very recently I was teaching a class on the Council of Chalcedon. This pivotal event in the history of Christianity took place in 451, and it produced a famous definition held by most churches that Jesus Christ is "truly God and truly human." As we struggled together with that formulation, one very perceptive student (I'll call him Andy) noted that when we use terms like "God" and "human," we frequently don't know what we mean by them. People usually grant that "God" refers to a reality we cannot fully describe, but (as Andy pointed out) what we mean by "human" is not always easy to determine either. An evolutionary biologist may offer very good indicators of what constitutes a human, but even in this case the reality is ever emerging.

Although a science major himself, Andy noted there are sometimes good reasons to shift our frameworks and talk about ourselves in non-scientific ways. So he offered the following: "Being a human, ultimately, is being a very deep mystery; humans, while finite, also possesses a radical capacity for openness. Somehow that radical openness corresponds to another, even deeper mystery, which transcends the sum of finite objects. We may or may not call that mystery 'God,' and we may or may be able to talk about it or even be conscious of it. At a profound level, however, I feel that reaching out for that 'God' is at the core of who I am as a person."

Andy's insight echoes the thoughts of many theologians throughout the ages, and it also (frankly) explains quite eloquently why I pray. I cannot *not* pray. Like Andy, I feel that reaching out for "God" is central to who I am. The great Jesuit theologian of the twentieth century, Karl Rahner, understood God to be a holy mystery who communicated to us not abstract propositions about divinity but indeed God's very *self*. For example, when you tell your children you love them, you're not articulating an idea but offering your *self* to them, making a commitment to share your life with them. To be human, for Rahner, is to be someone to whom that divine self-offering is constantly being made in countless, ordinary ways. We only have to notice. To pray is nothing else than intentionally being open to that offer in whatever form it may take at any moment of our lives³.

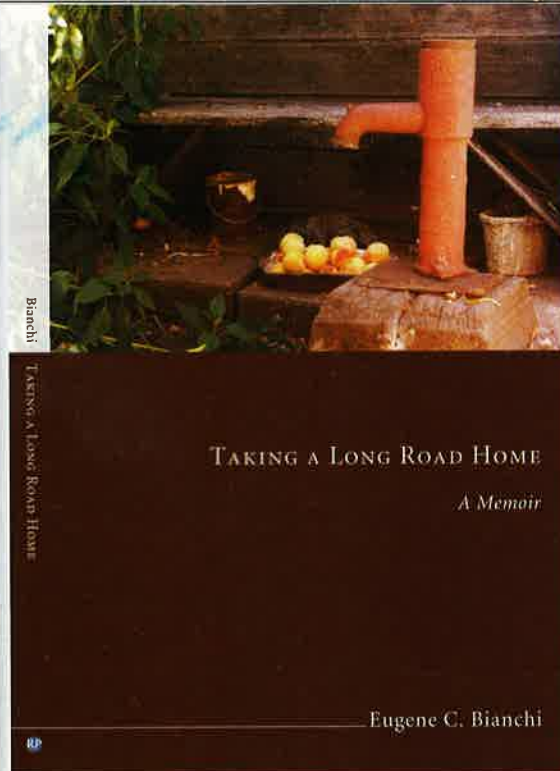
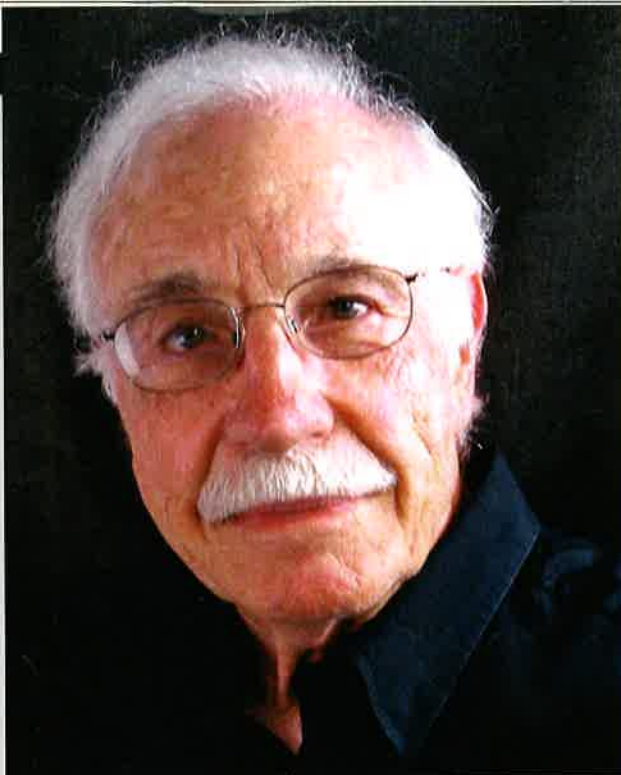
As I say, I cannot *not* pray, because at times I am simply so grateful at the offer that everything in me leans forward in thanks and praise. As grateful as I am, however, I am also profoundly aware of the vast difference between the way I want my life to be and the way it is, between the way the world should be and the way it is. I feel deep dissatisfaction at multiple levels, so at times I lean forward in anger, fear, sadness, need or in preparation for decision. Prayer of lamentation, petition and discernment also constitute key elements in the repertoire of those who pray. Even the experiences of dissatisfaction that prompt us to these kinds of prayer, however, stem from an awareness that nothing finite can satisfy us. Again and again, we reach out for the self-offering of God, who alone can fill our longings. That is who we are.

As challenging as the New Atheists can be, I am less and less sure that they really address what I (and many others whom I trust) hope to convey with words such as "faith," "God" and "prayer." Surely, whenever we use such words, our speech is an instance of stammering rather than eloquence. Anyone who prays does well to confess in humility what great mystics have called a "learned ignorance" or "ways of unknowing." Even in the 21st Century, however, it makes immense good sense to me – and amazingly to many of the young people I teach as well! – to utter haltingly with Augustine, "You have made us for yourself; and our hearts are restless until they rest in thee." ∞

¹On this and various theological presumptions implicit in the New Atheists' writings, see Terry Eagleton, *Reason, Faith and Revolution: Reflections on the God Debate* (Yale University Press, 2009).

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TAKING A LONG ROAD HOME: A MEMOIR

BY EUGENE C. BIANCHI

Eugene C. Bianchi '48 – an emeritus professor of religion at Emory University, the author of 10 books, a former Jesuit priest and member of the SI faculty from 1955 to 1958 – has a new book out called *Taking A Long Road Home: A Memoir*, that invites readers to explore stages of their own spiritual journey. Below is an excerpt from that work.

In the book, Bianchi describes his path living with his Italian immigrant family on the West Coast to his career as a Jesuit and professor. He also shares his struggles with Church teachings and reveals how he came to a humbler grasp of meeting the transcendent through the problems he encounters every day and his movement away from religious certitude toward a discovery of spirit in nature and humanity.

A well-known writer on spiritual aging, Bianchi challenges Baby Boomers to craft a contemplative life that works for them today. He now lives with his wife and two cats along the banks of the Oconee River in Athens, Georgia.

FROM CHAPTER 3: NEW ENTHUSIASM AND LINGERING DOUBTS

Assigned to teach for three years at SI in 1955, I hardly realized the impact of clerical culture on my life. I was too close to it, like a fish swimming in an unexamined pond. The new experience was exciting. For the first time in seven years, I was leaving the monastic isolation of hilltops in Los Gatos and Spokane for the hurly burly of San Francisco. I would be teaching English and social studies to teenage boys only a few years my junior at the school from which I entered the Jesuits. I would also be close to family across the bay. We were thrown into teaching without much preparation. It was sink or swim as best we could. Other scholastics had done it and survived. But in many ways, we were not up to the changes in American Catholic culture of the '50s.

The turbulent '60s make us think of the Eisenhower era as a world of normalcy where ex-GIs sired large families and traditional church attendance increased. But under the cloak of business as usual, some were already questioning authority. The Korean War with its loss of life and unclear

outcome dulled the full-throated patriotism of World War II. The McCarthy hearings made many less willing to accept inquisitional techniques imposed by authorities. Yet Joe McCarthy's demonizing of Communism was not removed from Catholic anti-Communist hysteria. Communism gave the Church a clear enemy against which to define itself. Catholics didn't talk about Church reform when the Red threat was at the gates. Even the Virgin Mary whispered secretly about Communism at Fatima.

Yet lock-step anti-Communism was beginning to fade. The GI Bill allowed young Catholics in great numbers to go to college, a breeding ground for independent thinking. Such people made up their own minds about using contraceptives. They questioned the Catholic ways of their less educated elders. I got to know John Tracy Ellis in San Francisco just after he published a landmark critique of Catholic higher education in 1955. He decried the lack of serious research in Catholic schools. Intellectual journals like *Commonweal* excoriated McCarthy's techniques. And lay ventures like the Christian Family Movement were developing a self-directed laity. The seeds of Catholic feminism sprouted with women like Patty Crowley in the Christian Family Movement. Four decades later I interviewed her on elder wisdom and her work in pastoral ministry for women.

Then there was Elvis whose voice and swaying hips challenged old sexual mores. Catholic ecumenists had already been observers at major Protestant conferences. And Cardinal Angelo Roncalli, soon to be Pope John XXIII, had experienced the sclerosis of fortress Catholicism from his travels in Turkey and France. When he threw open the windows of *aggiornamento* in 1959, he unleashed an insurgency against the mindset of Pius X who had condemned modernist Catholic thinkers for embracing new knowledge about Bible and dogma. Already in the '50s, some were envisioning change in the Church, and the New Theology was rising in France.

I saw only snatches of this cultural change as I trudged up and down the hills around St. Ignatius High, adjacent to the University of San Francisco campus, during long days of teaching and extra-curricular activities.

at 5 a.m. and ended late with a glass of wine in the common room "barracks." Military barracks on the USF playing fields were leftovers from officer training days of World War II. These lodgings at the bottom of the hill signified a generational struggle between scholastics and the "Old Sweets" who lived in Welsh Hall at the top of the hill. C. M. Buckley, a Jesuit scholastic, coined the ironic "Old Sweets" phrase to denote Jesuits who lived by semi-monastic rules and insisted that we do the same. In the lowly barracks, we were the groundlings grumbling about annoying scholastics like participating in Litanies after dinner. (This was a communal recitation of the Litany of the Saints and other oral prayers.) We were sleep-deprived teachers with class preparation, student papers and football practice to do the next day. Yet the Old Sweets controlled the high ground of decisions that would determine whether we were fit to go on to theology and the priesthood. A number of scholastics received an extra year or two of grace for their escapades challenging the world of clerical obedience. For me, by temperament or by what I learned as a child, I managed to outwit the controllers, working under the conviction that it was better to ask for permission than permission.

Our hectic schedules as high school teachers usually kept our minds from asking bigger personal questions about long-term choices. Such issues loomed rarely in the summer when some companions left the order. Jesuit scholastics referred to these leave-takings as "defections," a word that implied a choice rather than a positive choice for a different life. Since Catholicism at that time defined the professional religious life as the highest state available, departures inevitably meant that some defects were at work in those who left. These deficiencies were usually attributed to lack of personal relations with God. Those who left ceased being men of prayer, it was said. From such a loss, a spiritual domino pattern of collapse ensued. The defectors were no longer obedient, and they would fall into the sensual styles of the secular world. Rarely did we hear that perhaps religious life itself was poorly adapted to the needs of the times. That degree of open criticism was unlikely in the 1950s when the structures of American Catholicism seemed very solid, and young men in large numbers continued to enter religious orders. The rumblings of the earthquake to hit the clergy in another decade were muted. I was energized by contact with students in class and in my role as moderator of the debate team. We scholastics often became role models for some of the better students as our Jesuit teachers had been for us. These close contacts with boys were gratifying and sustaining. I am still in touch with students from that time. And our own scholastic comrades were plentiful enough in those days to instill a mutual camaraderie that in some cases has lasted a lifetime. Half a century later, I regularly contact former Jesuits on an Internet list called "Companions." Little did I realize, however, that the earthquake of 1977 in the Bay Area would symbolize the seismic shift in the Church a few years hence.

Near noon I was leaning against the windowsill of my 4D classroom. It was my first year of teaching, so I had my hands full trying to get a few minutes across while maintaining discipline. Unlike my academically successful classmates at the start of the morning, the 4D-ers saw school as prison time. I wanted to bolt from the wardens at noon and have a smoke. Then it happened. The room and the chandeliers began swaying, and I felt myself pressed back against the open windows. Student faces turned ashen as their primary swagger ebbed away. Minutes later Fr. Dave Walsh, S.J., the prefect of discipline, came on the loudspeaker: "Everyone is to stay in his classroom. There shall be no more earthquakes." Later I thought how consistently his command characterized the obedience system of the Society and the Church. Orders from the top, from those who represented God, would save us. But the fears of some were not stilled. In the classroom next door, rotund Fr. Marine, S.J., leaped under his desk, covered his head and shouted to the class: "Repeat after me the Act of Contrition: 'O my God, I am heartily

sorry for all my sins....'" Humor at every turn saved our sanity. Fr. Marine was a standup comic without knowing it, a Chaplin who didn't know he was Chaplin. Classmate Bob Maloney and I almost destroyed the Easter vigil at the St. Elizabeth Home for Unwed Mothers near USF when we got into terrible suppressed laughing fits while serving his Mass.

Now I see how much the American Catholic culture of the late 1950s sustained my choice of a Jesuit career. On a personal level, bolstered by my own youthful energy, I enjoyed the demanding regimen, the special friendships with students and companionship with other scholastics. I was also drawn on by prospects of a lifetime of writing and involvement in the order's universities. The priesthood, too, seemed to be a noble profession, despite the shipwrecked older Jesuits I saw at USF. They seemed sad, lonely and resentful old men, sometimes given to alcoholism.

Yet for me, the mid-century Church bolstered personal optimism. Catholics still held the Church in high regard despite its narrow-mindedness and dead traditions. The supporting Catholic culture was a kind of communion of saints, however tarnished their halos. The generation of our parents and grandparents still placed the clergy on pedestals. They might have known about problems of sex and liquor, but a spirit of loyalty kept both clergy and laity quiet. A culture that suppressed scandal overcame public exposure of problems. Compare the seeming solidity of priesthood in the '50s to today's milieu of sex abuse and deep turmoil. Moreover, the large cohorts of those entering the order after World War II further supported our sense of self-esteem and new potential. Such large classes made us feel part of a new adventure.

But the spiritual training we received in those days was inadequate for moving toward the Jesuit ideal of becoming a contemplative in action. Retreat givers would talk about developing a personal relationship with Christ, but only a gossamer thread of rules and rites upheld us. Few had developed serious contemplative ways. Half asleep, we scrambled up the hill at dawn each morning to serve Mass for an equally sleepy priest who mumbled quickly through the Latin ritual in a side chapel of St. Ignatius Church. It was still the era of the private Mass, daily communion and a theology of *ex opere operato*. (As long as the priest generally intended to do what the Church mandated at Mass, the sacrament worked.) And the old nostrum of "keep the rules and the rules will keep you," led to the cat and mouse games of getting around superiors.

In quiet moments on the orange Key System trains that took me across the bridge to Oakland for a family visit, I was bothered by somber questions about the path I had chosen. Was the semi-monastic struggle worth the stress? Why did such a life please God more than living in the world? If God privileged such a lifestyle, what did that say about the image of such a divinity? Why would the great deity of the universe care about celibacy or masturbation? I didn't yet have the intellectual tools to grapple well with such queries, but they were simmering below the surface. What was I going to do about my own sexuality? I felt a kind of sadness as the train rumbled along carrying me on pre-determined tracks high up on the Bay Bridge. More than any intellectualizing about the *contra naturam* aspect of my life, a mood of sadness weighed me down. Now we saw more women than in earlier isolated settings, but there was little direct contact. High school girls, too young for serious interest, were only fleeting appearances at football games and debates. After a good home-cooked meal, my heavier sentiments about sex would pass. Moreover, lack of marital bliss at home would put a damper on my dreams of romance. But the sad feelings just went below deck waiting to rise again. ∞

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A YEAR AND A DAY: JOURNAL OF GRIEF

BY MICHAEL CORRIGAN '60

Michael Corrigan '60, the author of *Confessions of a Shanty Irishman* and *These Precious Hours*, recently saw the publication of his memoir *A Year and a Day*, which recounts the death of his wife, Karen, who died Sept. 12, 2005, of a brain aneurysm. The two had been married since July 1990.

Corrigan teaches at Idaho State University; he attended SFSU and the American Film Institute and has acted and written screenplays.

The excerpt, below, of *A Year and a Day* recalls Corrigan's raw grief, one that he writes, "never ends. It just loses some of its focus. Writing the grief journal is a way of salvation."

NOVEMBER, 2005

I lost my wife of 15 years (we lived together 17) on 12 September, and now – in therapy – the counselor suggests I write each day to produce an "outward flow of emotions." The day after the tragedy, I scribbled a few notes in my travel journal:

"Yesterday was a terrible day. My beloved wife, Karen, had a brain hemorrhage and collapsed at work. She died at the Idaho Falls hospital. I feel like I'm in a void. She was my companion, wife, lover, for 17 years. I cannot imagine a life without her. How could such a lovely person die so quickly? I wish lightning would strike me. 'In my life/I loved you more.'"

The lyrics, in the past tense, are from The Beatles' song I played for Karen in a Cedar City, Utah, motel when we met halfway between Los Angeles and Pocatello during the first month of our love. It was never a song I played regularly, but it became special to us, and I played it at our wedding in July 1990. The Beatles' recording finished the memorial service in 2005.

Some years before, a colleague in the English Department had lost his young wife to brain cancer. I had seen her shortly before her death, and she seemed her witty vibrant self, and weren't they a striking, handsome couple? How could this tragic death happen? When I saw him some months later, I delicately asked him how he had endured her death. He could only say that he had finally donated her clothes and that it was a long, difficult process. For me, the thought of losing Karen was paralyzing. I couldn't imagine myself in a similar situation.

To quote Cyrano De Bergerac, "How fate loves a jest."

When people quietly say to me, particularly men, "I can't imagine what you are going through," they are right. They can't – until it happens to them.

This detailed personal account of grief is indeed a difficult, even brutal process. In Christopher Marlowe's *Doctor Faustus*, Faust demands to know why Mephistopheles is out of Hell, and the Devil's messenger replies that he is always in Hell, even when out of it, because he has seen and lost the vision of God. Is that not a hell he carries with him? In a sense, grief over the death of a beloved spouse is like that. C.S. Lewis called it a "fear," but of what, he wasn't sure. It's a fear, panic, shock, an all-pervasive terror at the sudden change in one's life, but it is eventually a dread that infects and informs everything. Every lovely meadow looks sinister like the "slant of light" in Emily Dickinson's poem that provokes terror, not awe. It's a cliché when spoken aloud, but everything one once thought secure shatters, the love of one's life disappears, the light suddenly grown dark. Even a statement like, "It was the call that changed my life," sounds so banal and familiar, but, as the therapist pointed out, it's not a cliché if it happens to you.

On 11 September, a day that marked a tragic national anniversary, Karen and I began a quiet Sunday with a bath we shared. It was our special time together. She would emerge first and stand before the mirror doing her makeup, the light from the window touching her back and the curving buttocks. Watching her, it was easy to imagine why artists often painted female nudes. Then we had a California styled champagne brunch at the local Holiday Inn. Normally I don't drink, but Sunday brunch was an exception. I had seen Karen's face across the table through so many dinners and lunches, and Karen loved to visit with the waiters and waitresses; we talked about her two children by Tom Stroschein. Her daughter, Sherrill, had taken a good job at a

London university. Her son, Steven, nicknamed Gus, was doing well in Washington, D.C. We talked a bit about the life we had left behind in LA when I was hungry to conquer the screenwriting trade.

Karen had worked for Rockwell writing contracts for the B1 Stealth Bomber. Karen often spent late afternoons having coffee at Hollywood's House of Pies with patrons who reminded me of Steinbeck's lonely lost characters in *Of Mice and Men*. There was Ed, a mentally disabled man who painted houses, and Ed, a painter of pictures who lived in his van. There was Veronica, a Scientologist and unemployed truck driver. Three black men named Eddy, Willie and Uncle George were frequent patrons, smoking, talking and drinking coffee from mid-afternoon into the late night hours. Eddy sold pencils and trinkets for a living and had kicked heroin. Willie was a mechanic and had the most poetic bad grammar I had ever heard: "Them peoples be speaking they French, not your French. In Loosiana, you don't know nothin' about who you be talkin' to." Uncle George was a heavy set man who claimed a college education but remained quiet for long stretches of time. One day Karen came home with tears in her eyes.

"What happened?"

"Eddy called me 'Sister.' They've accepted me as an equal."

Perhaps it was Karen's gift that people were her art form. If I had pitched a film to Robert Redford, Karen would have looked for his cooks, gardeners, the people who "worked for a living," though she admired good filmmakers.

After brunch, we bought the Sunday paper and Karen's cigarettes before she took her weekend nap. That afternoon, we saw no film since nothing playing that summer impressed us except *March of the Penguins*. (Karen had a fascination with penguins and could do a mean imitation of their distinctive walks.) The VCR had broken so we didn't watch a video. I believe I got some hot dogs and soft drinks from the local Arctic Circle, foods high in cholesterol, but who cared that day? For dinner, I fixed some lamb chops on a George Foreman grill Karen had bought to force me into occasional cooking. Sitting together, we ate dinner and watched TV. The cat joined us. Since it was still hot, we slept downstairs. Karen went to bed early, and after tucking her in – our nightly ritual – I watched the late news. Nothing extraordinary had happened in the world. Karen slept in the next morning, rare for her, and as I got ready for school, she came slowly up the stairs, a little surprised.

"I can't believe it's so late," she said.

She looked around the front room. Our eyes met. I did have a premonition that something was unusual, but rushed out the door, not kissing her good-bye in my hurry. I believe I said something to the effect that we'd see each other that night for dinner at a favorite Monday nightspot. Karen moved toward the back porch for coffee and her morning smoke. I would never see her conscious again. The dinner would never happen. At 10:15 that morning, I got a call at the university that would literally "change my life" and mark a terrible family event. Karen had suddenly collapsed at work. Emergency personnel had taken her to the local hospital. With growing fear, I listened to the words not clearly understanding them. How could a vibrant, charming woman like Karen "collapse"?

"What happened, again?"

"She collapsed at work. She came out of her office disoriented with a bad headache, and we asked her to lie down on the office floor and called the ambulance. You better get up there right away."

Karen's colleague repeated the details. Dazed, I walked downstairs to see the secretary who knew something was wrong. "Go and I'll cancel your classes," she said. For just a moment – in denial – I questioned if it was really that serious, but soon I was driving toward the Portneuf Regional Medical Center. I had often wondered what people did in a crisis. Who makes arrangements? Who does one call first? A nightmare I had always dreaded had begun.

At the hospital, they directed me to the emergency area where I saw Karen on a gurney. It was an image I will carry for the rest of my life. She was wearing a pink sweater (one I had bought for her) with black beads and black pants. (The pink sweater still had traces of her favorite perfume.) The harsh lights caught highlights in her blonde hair. Karen's eyes were closed, and she made loud crying sounds, her body fighting for life. The doctor assured me that she wasn't in pain but uttering "automatic respirations." I stood frozen, helpless, watching the woman I loved crashing. Moments later, the doctor asked me to leave. "She's deteriorating – we have to act quickly."

The automatic respirations had stopped. They placed a tube down her throat. Out in the waiting room, another doctor offered me a phone, but I couldn't remember anyone's number. My brief glimpse of Karen terrified me. This wasn't going to end well, and I could do nothing. Then I called her sister, Molly, but got her office that had no answering machine; moments later, the doctor was talking to me, his eyes averted.

"We're doing a scan, but I think it's a brain aneurysm. We may have to life flight her to Idaho Falls where there's a neurosurgeon."

"Aneurysm?"

We talked but I can't remember what was said, except that they knew she had high blood pressure and smoked, and possibly it was hereditary, and the doctor, a tall man, still didn't make eye contact, and then two young men dressed for flight asked for my signature. The brain scan proved Karen had suffered a subarachnoid aneurysm, with blood and spinal fluid mixed. A surgeon 50 miles away in Idaho Falls could relieve the pressure.

"Jesus, will there be brain damage?"

For the first time, the tall doctor met my eyes. "There already has been brain damage. I'm sorry. These aneurysms are very serious. They happen suddenly without warning."

I imagined the unthinkable: This beautiful woman, professional, well dressed, articulate, her hair always carefully colored and cut, suddenly robbed of her mind. Alzheimer's ran in Karen's family, and it had been one of her great fears. Before I left, they gave me her purse with money, identification and a pack of cigarettes. They also handed me Karen's jewelry, watch and clothes in a bag. I didn't ask the obvious question: "What will she wear when she gets out of the hospital?" As I left, a nurse stopped me.

"You shouldn't be driving yourself," she said. But I left and drove alone to Idaho Falls, asking myself how all this could have happened so fast. The hour drive across bleak country was never my favorite, and for a moment, I wished for a bolt of lightning to strike, incinerating me and the car. I drove in silence, not wanting to hear music, and I didn't listen to music or watch television for a month. At the hospital, another doctor took me into a room. His name was Dr. Greenwald; he had a bald scalp with thick hair on the sides. His expression was serious. Another doctor stood by while Dr. Greenwald told me that Karen had sustained massive brain damage and could "possibly die." I heard the words in a trance. "I have relieved the pressure on her brain," Dr. Greenwald said.

"What could cause this? Smoking?"

"It didn't help, but it could be the high blood pressure, or it could be familial. We can't search for this kind of aneurysm or clip it without serious consequences." Then he added: "Is there anyone you need to call?"

"I have numbers at home." I suddenly realized I also needed to put out food for the cat since I would be gone for a while. "Let me see her."

"Sure."

A nurse led me to intensive care and warned me that they had shaved Karen's head on the right side for the operation, and then I saw her on the ventilator, her body breathing, a thick tube coming out of her mouth. The color in her face was normal, but I knew Karen had left without a farewell, a final good-bye. I closed the curtain and started to cry. Then I found a waiting

room and contacted Sandy, an old woman friend and a health professional who came to the hospital. I needed to see a familiar, friendly face.

"Stay with us tonight," Sandy said.

Later that afternoon, I drove back home and found Gus's number; Gus heard the news and muttered, "Jesus Christ," and then he gained control. Like his mother, Gus has a strong sense of management and business. I knew he would call everyone else, including Molly. Karen would have insisted I provide for our cat before driving back to the hospital and the long vigil. Then I called Dr. Greenwald; Karen had not responded to any of his tests.

"I'm going to declare her brain dead in a few minutes," he said bluntly. I felt stunned, a shock that was so real and unreal at the same time. On automatic pilot, I picked up a prescription for my asthma, and the pharmacist mentioned the hospital had called about Karen's prescriptions.

"She had a brain aneurysm," I said.

The pharmacist nodded, his expression neutral. For just a moment, I felt a separation from the human race. That feeling of separation would return. I drove back to the hospital and remembered the nurse's warning as a wave of blinding grief hit me, and I nearly went off the road. James R. Dean, a friend who had lost his daughter, regretted that he was unable to cry and felt himself breaking down years later. I had no macho fear of expressing grief. At the hospital, the doctor took me into a room and said simply, "Your wife passed." I felt remarkably calm. Perhaps it's the calm of the steer after being struck by the hammer. A heavy-set older woman named Gail sat next to me, telling me about her daughter, who had sustained brain injuries in a motorcycle accident.

"But she's alive. Condolences on your loss," she said, hugging me.

In the room where Karen lay, nurses went about their business. I touched her foot, protruding from under the blanket. I saw a tear roll down her cheek and a nurse explained that this was another "automatic reaction. A pleasant man who was head of the donor program suggested we might discuss the "business" of donation. There was a questionnaire. They had to know as much as possible about the donor. He politely withdrew, and I stood by Karen's bed. A life together that had begun in Pocatello with a chance meeting on April Fool's Day had ended. I thought of a line sounding like a bad '50s song: "My Baby's Gone."

The nurse pulled the curtain. She seemed efficient, even cheerful.

"You can talk to her if you like," she said. "She might be able to hear you."

"Dr. Greenwald pronounced her brain dead."

"You never know. Do you need spiritual counseling?"

"No," I told her. For a moment, I envied the people who believed in life after death and even had a map of heaven. I found spirituality in great art, but at this moment, no art could help me.

While I sat in a separate hospital room with the donor official, Molly arrived, in control – masking her grief – ready to face the crisis. The official continued with his questions:

"Did your wife ever have multiple sex partners?"

"No."

"Any partner from prison, say with AIDS or hepatitis?"

"God no."

"Any medical condition we should know?"

"She had one kidney, and that's what caused her high blood pressure."

"I see."

The man was pleasant, gentle, yet there was an urgency in his action. Time was important for the organ harvest. Molly wanted Karen kept on the ventilator until the two children arrived, one coming from England. It was a great suggestion, since they saw her still breathing, though it's standard procedure to keep the deceased on a ventilator; the harvest team was ultimately delayed. Two days later, I saw Karen after the organ harvest and just before cremation; I attempted a final good-bye, kissing cold lips, realizing I was in a small room weeping over a dead body. Grieving people viewing a dead body often insist the deceased is there and not there. For me, Karen was gone. Karen had flown away, and like Chekhov's cynical Chebutikin, I was the old bird – left behind. ♪

To continue reading Michael Corrigan's journal, download the book for the Kindle app or device.



Building a Better City

Experts can't agree on the location of the world's first city – some say Syria, others Turkey – but they do know that somewhere around 6,000 B.C., people decided on the efficacy of living in large numbers in a concentrated area.

Stroll down San Francisco's Chestnut or 24th Street on a sunny day or any North Beach street at night and you'll know why. Cities can be pretty nice places to live.

Many SI grads also know that cities can be better, and they are busy making that happen.

Claire Beyer '99, for example, would love to see a green belt – a green sash, really – extend from the Presidio to Candlestick Point linking existing natural areas. She isn't the first to look long and hard at a map of San Francisco and envision how city streets and parks can coexist, but her plan has inspired several city leaders who are working to bring her vision to life.

Charles Higuera '73 knows how fragile a city can be, especially one built on the cracks and crevices of the San Andreas Fault. He now oversees \$400 million in bond money to help San Francisco prepare for the next Big One.

Mike Kelly '72 sees a city's fragility from a different perspective – from those of its most vulnerable: people who can't afford the high cost of buying a house or renting an apartment. He has spent his life helping people in San Francisco, New Orleans, Washington, D.C., New York and Philadelphia live in dignity in public housing.

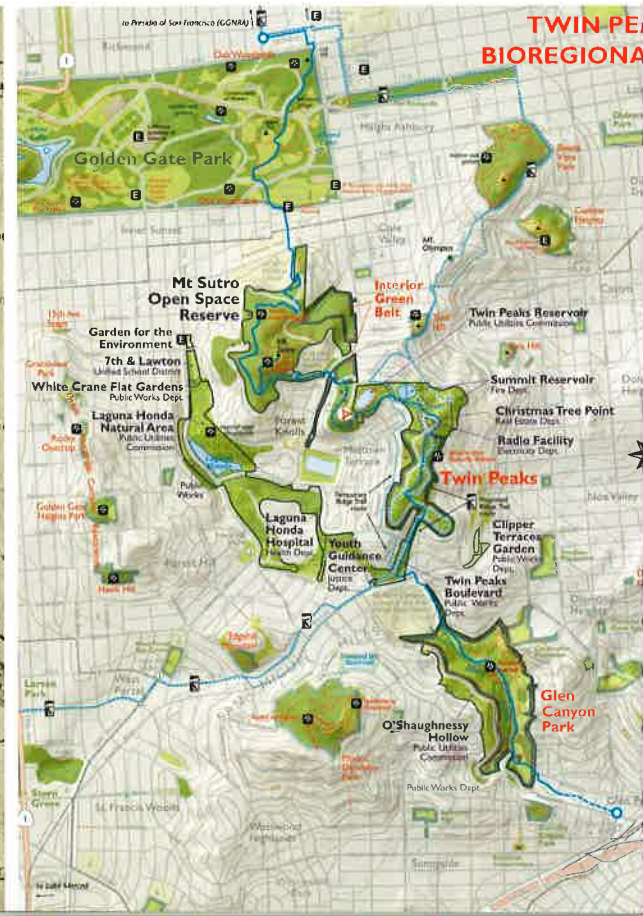
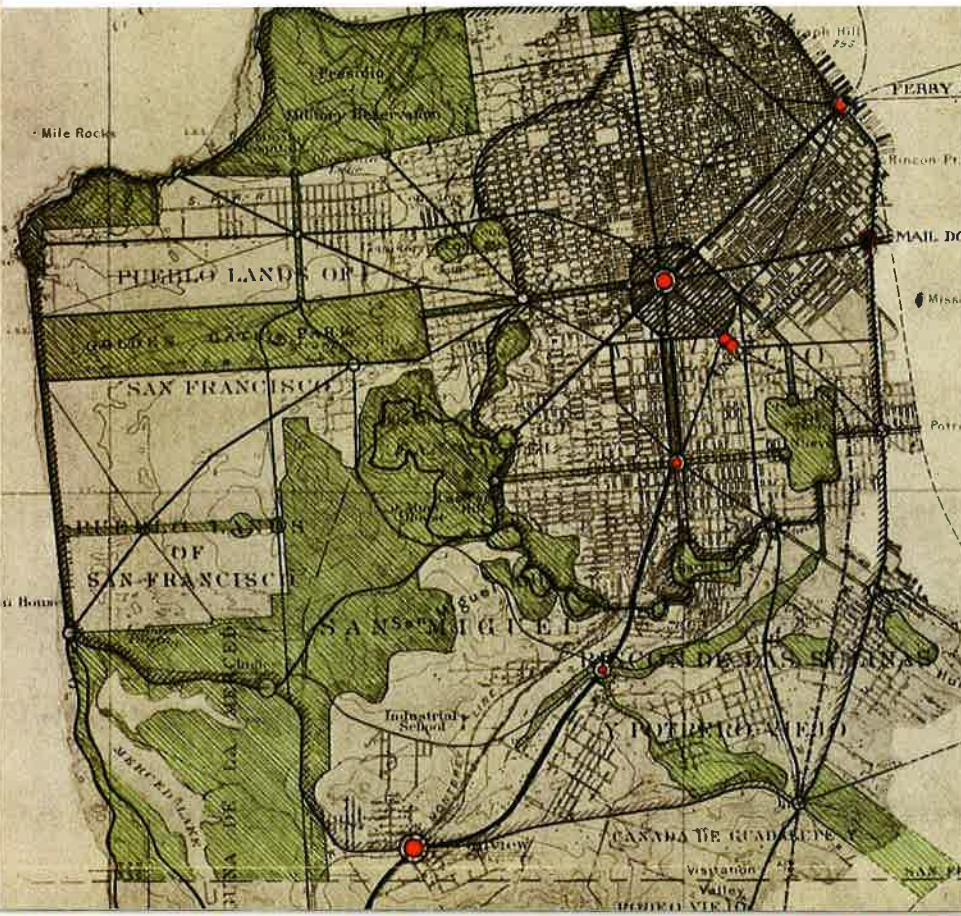
Each of these grads believes in the promises that cities offer us – from the New Jerusalem, the "shining city on a hill" envisioned by St. John, to the island of Utopia sprung from the mind of Thomas More. Looking at the dark reality of some streets, some might despair that cities will never live up to these goals. But not these grads, and others like them, who believe in community and the undying idea that cities can be places where we would all like to live.



Above: Claire Beyer looks out over construction that will divert Redwood Creek near Muir Beach to help threatened steelhead and endangered Coho salmon.

Below Left: Daniel Burnham in 1906 suggested a plan similar to Beyer's. His giant urban park would have included Golden Gate Park, Twin Peaks and Lake Merced. The earthquake derailed his proposal.

Below Right: Beyer has worked with Nature in the City on her plan for a green corridor stretching from north to south, which would include many existing contiguous green zones, including Mt. Sutro, Glen Canyon Park and Twin Peaks, which, together, would form the Twin Peaks Bioregional Park.





Cover Story: Carving a Green Path Through the Center of the City

Claire Beyer '99 has a wild idea for San Francisco, one that could create a green corridor stretching from the Presidio in the north to San Bruno Mountain in the south.

In the meantime, she is working near Marin County's Muir Beach to create another kind of corridor, one that will restore Redwood Creek and the threatened steelhead and endangered Coho salmon that once teemed in its waters.

A project coordinator and resource specialist for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy since July, Beyer works out of a mobile office parked a few hundred feet from the Pelican Inn at Muir Beach. Her work, however, takes her from the top of Mt. Tamalpais to the ocean, where Redwood Creek, for thousands of years, has been a gateway for steelhead and salmon.

Numbers of those fish have suffered a steep decline, said Beyer, due in part to a "pinching" of the creek by the road on one side and a levee on the other. That pinching both speeds the flow of the creek, hurting small fish the most, and increases the chances of flash flooding.

Fish numbers have declined, too, due to erosion that has caused sediment to pour into the creek and fill the tiny gaps in the gravel beds that protect fish eggs.

To repair the damage, Beyer and her team are spending five years working on a massive plan that involves the rerouting of Redwood Creek, thanks to a conservation easement from the nearby Zen Center, and redrawing the area around the creek to increase flood conveyance, sediment transport and the connection between the creek and its floodplain. The new wider alignment will serve to improve water quality and create a more diverse habitat.

The first phase of the project, now completed, expanded the tidal lagoon and floodplain at Muir Beach by removing the invasive Kikuyu grass and a portion of the parking lot. As a result, steelhead and Coho numbers have increased "from a handful to a few hundred," said Beyer. "They're coming back."

This year's work also included rerouting portions of the Coastal Trail, which runs through the many parts of the GGNRA. Some of the trail and old farm roads, noted Beyer, run straight up the hillside, accelerating erosion. "We're also restoring an alluvial fan to recreate the natural hydrology of the site so that water can move through the area and be dissipated as it flows across a hillside over a wide field rather than run through one erosion gully."

This job will take Beyer and her team several more years to finish, but she already has her sights set on a grander target: helping Nature in the City create a green zone stretching from the northwestern corner of the city to the southeastern border with Daly City to allow more open space for residents and native plants and animals – animals that, right now, have to brave city streets to cross from one park to another.

While working towards a master's degree in landscape architecture at the University of Washington, Beyer decided to approach Peter Brastow, the founder of Nature in the City and a former colleague of hers from her time working as a Park Service employee in San Francisco's Presidio.

"I wanted to grow beyond ecology and restoration," said Beyer. "I wanted to think how history, culture, stewardship, education and public access were important. In short, I wanted to think about landscape

management through the lens of culture." She envisions her role as a landscape architect not as someone who comes in with all the answers but as a facilitator working with all community stakeholders.

Beyer told Brastow about this desire, "as I knew he would have a wonderful, bold idea for me to work on for a year, and he did: The Twin Peaks Bioregional Park."

When Brastow received the call from Beyer, "the timing was perfect. She filled the gap in information and analysis in the Twin Peaks Bioregional Park project, and working with her was so easy. She is communicative, humble, helpful and focused, and she provided a great service to San Francisco."

As for the location of the bioregional park, anyone looking at a terrain map of San Francisco would see, right in the middle of the city, 150 green acres comprising Mt. Sutro, Twin Peaks, Glen Canyon Park and the hillside west of Laguna Honda Hospital.

"In addition to these, there are more than 25 other parcels that are smaller and undeveloped that have the potential to be restored to support native habitat," said Beyer. "The beauty is that these are already owned by San Francisco. The trick is that they are held under management of nine different city agencies."

This central region could eventually connect with the Presidio, Golden Gate Park, Bay View Hill, McLaren Park, Candlestick Park and San Bruno Mountain, though this might take another 90 years to become a reality, noted Beyer.

Not long after starting her research, Beyer discovered that she wasn't the first person to arrive at this idea. Famed urban planner Daniel Burnham, at the turn of the century, devised a plan for San Francisco that would also have created a similar green corridor and huge urban park out of Golden Gate Park, Twin Peaks and Lake Merced. "He delivered his plan to City Hall the day before the 1906 Earthquake and Fire," said Beyer. "Even though the city had the opportunity to rebuild according to his plan, city fathers decided to ignore it in order to rebuild quickly."

Then, in the 1950s, a grad student at Cal, David Arbogast, came up with a similar plan that would allow for some breathing room amid all the construction following World War II. Like Burnham's plan, Arbogast's ideas gained praise but little action.

To make the corridor a reality, Beyer recommends that all 25 undeveloped parcels be brought under the control of one agency to fast-track protection of natural resources and ensure public access. "That's what the Sutro Stewards and Urban Riders are trying to do on Mt. Sutro," said Beyer. This group of mountain bikers has worked for years to restore trails on Mt. Sutro and elsewhere. "Mountain bikers receive criticism for being destructive, but they have restored and built sustainable trails that allow for biking, hiking and stewarding natural resources."

To help city residents envision their plan, both Beyer and Brastow have created a brochure showing existing hiking trails in the central four green areas. (Go to natureinthecity.org for more on this.)

"We're thinking that far ahead for a reason," said Beyer. "This needs to come from the community, and it will take some time for that to happen. Luckily, not a single home would have to be torn down or any more land acquired. We simply need to recognize that what remains is important to preserve and deserves our attention." ❧



Charles Higuera, in his office on Van Ness Avenue, is helping San Francisco spend \$412 million on a variety of projects that will help city dwellers cope with a catastrophic earthquake. Opposite: On April 18, 1906, the bell that rang in St. Ignatius Church on Van Ness Avenue came crashing to the ground but survived intact. It now rings in the current St. Ignatius Church.

Charles Higuera Helps San Francisco Prepare for the Next Big Quake

Charles Higuera '74 always wanted to create architecture that served the community, from buildings for the elderly to libraries and schools.

Now he's working on several projects that will serve all San Franciscans when they need help the most — after a catastrophic earthquake.

Higuera is in charge of spending \$412.3 million in general obligation bond funds authorized by the voters in June 2010 to ensure that after the Big One, city hydrants will still provide water and police headquarters and fire stations will have withstood the shockwaves to remain operational.

"The other day I was talking to a guy on MUNI about what would happen if a 1906-level earthquake were to hit today," said Higuera. "There's a 68 percent probability of a major earthquake in the next 30 years. It could happen now or in 15 years, but let's not sit around without preparing and wait for the devastation and casualties."

In New Orleans after Katrina, guards took prisoners out of flooded prisons and put them on highway overpasses with guards on each end to keep them from escaping. "In the event of a major earthquake, the Hall of Justice would no longer be safe for use, and all prisoners would have to be relocated elsewhere, in a makeshift accommodation. A replacement jail is inevitable, and the sooner we get to it the better."

Higuera, who is the program manager for the Justice Facilities Improvement Program for the City of San Francisco's Department of Public Works, is in charge of a complex plan to replace the Hall of Justice, a plan that, down the road, involves tearing down one wing of the seismically vulnerable Hall of Justice on Bryant Street after all occupants of the building — Police Investigations, the jail, the District Attorney and Adult Probation — have been relocated. The other half, housing the Superior Court, is owned by the State of California and isn't covered by the bond money.

Police headquarters and SFPD's Southern Station will move to a Mission Bay site that would also include a new fire station, with construction due to start at the end of 2011.

When a major earthquake hits, City Hall, which was retrofitted to roll 28 inches in any direction, and the new police and fire complex, would remain intact and ready to respond.

Most of the millions would be used to build the new police headquarters in Mission Bay. Another \$100 million would go to upgrades to the auxiliary water supply system, one that partly failed firefighters in 1989 after the Loma Prieta Earthquake. "Our high pressure hydrant system is more than a century old and has never received comprehensive strengthening," said Higuera.

Higuera is devoted to saving San Francisco, as he is a native son, born and raised in the city, the son of immigrants. His mother came to the U.S. from El Salvador before WWII, and his father emigrated from Peru after the war. The raised him and his two sisters near St. Anne's Church in the Inner Sunset.

At SI, he competed in track and field, participated in Art and Publicity and began saving money for college by working at grocery stores. "I earned \$14 an hour at the Park 'n' Shop, which is now the Andronico's near my old home," said Higuera. "That was great money in those days."

He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees at Cal in architecture, where classmates included Burl Toler Jr. '74, Doug Look '74 and Mike Shannon '74. He was in on the ground floor of sustainable design, and worked as a teaching assistant and at the grocery store to pay his tuition.

"I've always been interested in architecture as a social art. My thesis focused on housing for the aging and explored environments that are supportive and adaptable to all phases of the aging process."

He worked for three years designing clean rooms for companies such as Intel and TRW and then designed schools between 1985 and 2008 for three different firms, working on, among others, Woodside Elementary School and City College of San Francisco, where his company, Oakland-based VBN Architects, designed a LEED gold-certified building that rose over the old reservoir across from the main campus.



Tired of the commute to Oakland each day, he signed on with the city in 2008 at his current position. He preaches the gospel of earthquake safety both at work and at his home, which he has made earthquake resistant by bolting it to its foundation, installing shear walls, securing the roof to the walls and reinforcing his garage door framing to support the soft story above it.

"You can never make a house earthquake-proof," he noted. "That's a myth. All you can do is make it resistant to the effects of the seismic waves."

As dangerous as earthquakes are, he chooses to remain with his family in San Francisco's Miraloma Park because he feels the city is exceptional. And it's his home. "Why would I choose to live somewhere else when everyone wants to come here to live?"

He advises residents to stock up on water and food. He has five 5-gallon jugs of tap water that he purifies from time to time with a teaspoon of chlorine. He replaces the water every 6 to 12 months and has plenty of dry food for his family to survive for four days. "People would be wise to prepare beyond that to be on the extra safe side," he added. "My wife and I are considering buying a gas-powered generator to power our home through the existing outlets so that our refrigerator and lights would still work in a power outage. We wouldn't have to keep gasoline in containers for it. We already store it safely in our cars' gas tanks."

He advises everyone living in earthquake country to bolt water heaters and furniture to walls, making sure that nails or screws bite into the framing behind the sheetrock. "I was part of the recovery team for the Northridge Earthquake, and the major reason why schools weren't habitable for two weeks following the quake had to do with all the large furniture that had spilled their contents."

He also recommends that people look for cover next to or between large pieces of furniture to avoid being crushed under them. "People who had gotten out of their cars before the Cypress Structure fell in 1989 generally survived the earthquake. Don't get under a car or stay inside it, as it will be

crushed." For those driving during a quake, he recommends pulling over, waiting for the shockwaves to end, and then getting out, being mindful of any fallen power lines or other dangers.

Those indoors should stay indoors during a quake because of the risk of falling electrical wires and glass from shattered windows. "When buildings flex and contract in an earthquake, windows can explode inwards, so stay away from them."

The key, he stressed, is not to panic. "Turn off your gas lines as soon as it is safe. It might be a hassle to relight pilot lights, but that's nothing compared to losing your home in a fire or explosion."

Even though the new Mission Bay complex he is building will make it easier for SFPD and SFFD to respond to earthquake emergencies, he recommends that everyone join a Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) and receive training through SFFD to be able to deal with a variety of situations without help from the city. "SFFD created this program after the 1989 earthquake, as firefighters will be busy putting out major fires and doing rescue work. If properly trained, average citizens can respond to most situations on their own."

Higuera believes every San Franciscan should participate in civic life. "I was proud to serve on the Library Commission for 12 years. I now serve on the St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation. My work as a Library Commissioner led to the improvement of 25 branch libraries, making them seismically safe and more accommodating to the disabled. They will offer better computer services and community rooms, as they are now becoming centers for neighbors to gather."

His commitment to the city extends to the world of SI alumni. He is active in his Class of 1974, helping to organize the yearly class Christmas luncheon.

"And whenever I get together with the police brass, I feel as if I'm back at SI. At my first meeting with the SFPD, four of the five high command officers were from SI. It was like old home week." ∞



Mike Kelly, the Authority on Public Housing, rescues DC, NOLA & Philly

Michael P. Kelly '72 runs a city nearly as large as San Francisco, one located inside another city – New York – where 600,000 people live in public housing or with the help of Section 8 vouchers.

Since 2009, Kelly has served as general manager of New York City's Housing Authority, a post he earned after rescuing housing authorities in New Orleans and Washington, D.C.

The go-to guy to fix troubled housing agencies in cities, he is now on loan from New York to the Philadelphia Housing Authority, where he serves as an administrative receiver.

Everywhere he goes, he shares with his employees the same advice he received from fellow San Franciscan Eloise Westbrook, an activist in Bayview/Hunter's Point: "Treat public housing residents with the same respect and courtesy you would show a supervisor or mayor." That advice has served him well over the years, he holds.

Two experiences in high school also helped set Kelly's career path: working to restore old Victorian homes and serving as an administrative aide at the NAACP's Fillmore Street headquarters.

The construction job gave him a love of architecture and led him to major in that field at Princeton, where he received his bachelor's degree, and to earn a master's in architecture at Cal, where he taught before receiving his license in 1985.

His current status as a certified urban planner sprung from his work with the NAACP, which taught him about urban renewal, gentrification and the painful history of redevelopment that had leveled the vital African-American community in the Fillmore.

Kelly, who has lived all over the U.S., still considers San Francisco his home. He loved his time growing up in the Richmond District and attending Star of the Sea and SI. He played football and track, setting a record in the quarter mile that held until a few years ago when it was broken by Tom Mezzera (son of the Class of '72 president Bob Mezzera),

and he was also involved in the founding of the Black Student Union with his friends Gerald Simon '72 and Tim Simon '73.

In addition to studying architecture, he also took education classes at Princeton and at SFSU, where he earned a master's in education. He worked with autistic children for two years at the Burt Children's Center, but was drawn back to architecture, first with the Community Design Center, a community-based architectural firm, and then with the San Francisco Housing Authority for 11 years in a variety of jobs, including interim executive director.

In that role, he worked on the Yerba Buena Plaza East and West, as well as major revitalization projects in Hayes Valley and North Beach, near the cable car turnaround. Along the way, he developed strong relationships with members of the San Francisco Tenants Association and with low-income residents, helping them organize to promote self-sufficiency programs.

He also served as president of the board of the Central City Hospital House, a homeless advocacy agency in the Tenderloin that cares for the needs of immigrants from Southeast Asia. While there, he helped to create an arts program for homeless people to learn about painting and sculpture.

In 1994, he moved to a new job, also in San Francisco, to work for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development as a Troubled Housing Recovery Specialist. His superiors gave him the hardest job they had – to assist in the rescue of the New Orleans Housing Authority, one so violent that it helped give the town the reputation of being the murder capital of the U.S.

Kelly helped the NOLA Housing Authority create a transformational plan that included a recommendation for the residents at several sites to turn their community around through the establishment of residential management corporations. His initial efforts proved so successful that New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial offered him the job directing the Authority.



Opposite Page: Michael Kelly (center) at his swearing in 2010 as executive director of New York City's Housing Authority, with Mayor Bloomberg. Above left: Kelly attended the Grant Hill Boogie event, sponsored by the Classical Theatre of Harlem and the New York City Housing Authority on April 9, 2010. Above right: Kelly and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. All photos courtesy of the New York City Housing Authority.

He demolished distressed buildings in the Desire neighborhood and replaced them with new mixed-income housing. In five years, his work succeeded in taking New Orleans off HUD's list of troubled housing authorities and earned him a national reputation.

In 2000, with the housing authority of Washington, D.C., in receivership, Kelly stepped in first as CEO and then as executive director. He spent nearly a decade in the nation's capital, proving once again to be a fixer. The HOPE VI conversion of the Capper-Carrollsborg development, the basis for the revitalization of the Anacostia Waterfront, proved a remarkable \$10 billion renewal that brought mixed-income residents and mixed-use buildings to an area comprising Nationals Park stadium and a 20-mile network of riverside trails. He also transformed public housing there into "smart buildings," with computerized sensors controlling heating and cooling, lighting, energy use and elevators.

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials honored him in 2010 with its most prestigious recognition: The M. Justin Herman Memorial Award. He was also named president of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities, an advocacy organization made up of 60 large metropolitan areas, and he became the founding board member of the National Organization of African Americans in Housing. He also serves as a trustee of the National Housing Conference. He is currently a professor at New York University's Wagner School of Public Policy and has taught at Howard and Tulane Universities.

In 2010, he left D.C. for New York City's Housing Authority (the largest in the country), which manages 180,000 apartments and 100,000 Section 8 vouchers. At the swearing-in ceremony, Mayor Michael Bloomberg sang Kelly's praises. Then he turned to Kelly and whispered, "Don't screw this up," recalled Kelly. "Only he didn't use the 'screw' word."

In his year on the job, Kelly was part of the team that converted 21,000 apartments to a tax credit syndication with Citibank and set in motion

the largest HUD mixed finance housing deal in history, providing \$500 million in capital improvements and opening up an annual \$70 million subsidy source.

"I spend my time in New York working to preserve the existing public housing stock," said Kelly. "It's not like New Orleans or Washington where we focused on replacing distressed public housing with new mixed income communities. In New York, I'm trying to help implement major infrastructure work, including technology upgrades for the department."

Last December, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter asked Kelly to help the city rescue its Housing Authority after the sudden departure of that agency's executive director, who had lost his job after personal indiscretions.

In Philadelphia, Kelly is now responsible for a massive recovery plan and for reestablishing public trust in the agency. He hopes to do that by fostering cultural respect for people who live in public housing and by making the authority's efforts more transparent and accountable.

Kelly doesn't buy arguments that taxpayers spend too much on public housing. "The cost to taxpayers would skyrocket without public housing," said Kelly. "This is a cost effective way to care for the needs of low-income people without exacerbating the needs on the other end through increased social, medical and public safety costs."

At 57, he's not quite ready to retire, especially with one son soon to start college at Brown, but he is at a point where he can look back at the hundreds of thousands of people he has served in five cities in his long career of public service.

"What gives me the greatest joy is knowing that my efforts go beyond the families who currently live in public housing. If I do my job well, I am providing a solid foundation for future generations to break out of the cycle of poverty." ∞

THE NEW SCHEDULE: THE BELLS, BELLS, BELLS, BELLS, BELLS, BELLS, BELLS*

STUDENTS STARTING SCHOOL IN AUGUST 2012 WILL EMBARK ON A new journey, one almost as radical as SI's move to coeducation, according to veteran English teacher Robert Gavin, the chairman of a committee that devised a new bell schedule. (For more on Gavin, see page 32.)

This may not sound like a drastic change, but for students over the past three decades, the pattern of bells that determined the length of their classes and school days has not changed all that much.

The new schedule, according to Principal Patrick Ruff, "reflects current educational research that allows us to accommodate the needs of the 21st century classroom."

The school week will include three class meetings instead of four, with two 60-minute periods and one 80-minute period. Each student will also have a preparation period three days each week and a longer recess (now called an activity period) designed to accommodate co-curricular meetings. Every Tuesday morning will include an "X period" from 8:15 to 9:05 a.m. that can be used in a number of ways, from all-school assemblies to counselor presentations.

The school day, which now runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., will stretch from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. However, two aspects will remain the same: 200

minutes of class time per week for each course and the Friday Morning Liturgy.

Students will have a chance to practice parts of this new regimen starting in August, when SI adopts a modified schedule. (See chart for details.) "We spent 16 months studying new schedules, and we want to take a year to prepare students and faculty," added Ruff. "This change is so important, and we want to be sure to do it right."

Gavin's 10-person committee met weekly since October 2009 after Ruff invited Gavin to take on this task. Gavin accepted the challenge as the work seemed "both creative and organic for me on a personal and professional level."

A veteran English teacher and spirited AP teacher, Gavin knows firsthand the strengths and limitations of the current schedule.

"Fifty minutes isn't an optimal length of time for a class," he noted. "Think about how much time it takes to introduce a concept and to allow students to work with that concept in groups. They need to walk around and interact with other groups, and then sit back down to synthesize what they learned. Everyone on the committee was convinced we needed at least one extended period in order to be more creative and student-centered in what we do."

In addition to meeting weekly, the committee pored over research regarding school schedules and met with experts, such as Pete Imperial '77, principal of

* Headline courtesy of Edgar Allan Poe

2011-12 TRANSITION SCHEDULE

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
8:30 AM-9:20 AM	1	7	6
9:20 AM-9:25 AM	Passing	Passing	Passing
9:25 AM-9:35 AM	Announcements	Announcements	Announcements
9:35 AM-10:25 AM	2	1	7
10:25 AM-10:45 AM	Recess	Recess	Recess
10:45 AM-11:35 AM	3	2	1
11:35 AM-11:40 AM	Passing	Passing	Passing
11:40 AM-12:30 PM	4	4	4
12:20 PM-12:35 PM	Passing	Passing	Passing
12:35 PM-1:25 PM	5	5	5
1:25 PM-1:30 PM	Passing	Passing	Passing
1:30 PM-2:20 PM	6	3	2

	DAY 4
8:30 AM-9:15 AM	X
9:15 AM-9:20 AM	Passing
9:20 AM-10:10 AM	3
10:10 AM-10:15 AM	Passing
10:15 AM-10:20 AM	Announcements
10:20 AM-11:10 AM	6
11:10 AM-11:15 AM	Passing
11:15 AM-11:50 AM	7
11:50 AM-12:05 PM	Lunch 1
12:05 PM-12:40 PM	Lunch 2
12:40 PM-12:45 PM	Passing
12:45 PM-1:35 PM	2
1:35 PM-1:40 PM	Passing
1:40 PM-2:30 PM	1

	DAY 5
8:30 AM-9:20 AM	Liturgy
9:20 AM-9:25 AM	Passing
9:25 AM-9:35 AM	Announcements
9:35 AM-10:25 AM	3
10:25 AM-10:45 AM	Recess
10:45 AM-11:35 AM	6
11:35 AM-11:40 AM	Passing
11:40 AM-12:30 PM	4
12:20 PM-12:35 PM	Passing
12:35 PM-1:25 PM	5
1:25 PM-1:30 PM	Passing & Examen
1:30 PM-2:20 PM	7

St. Mary's in Berkeley, who supervised several schedule revisions in schools where he has worked.

The committee also visited other schools and studied their schedules; ultimately, they chose one closest to Archbishop Mitty's schedule in San Jose, but one that is different enough to reflect SI's unique demands.

Gavin was pleased with the generosity and care shown by his committee, which included Steve Bluford '84, Grace Curcio, Shannon Vanderpol, Katie Kohmann, Carlos Gazulla, Mike Silvestri '67, Katie Dumas, Joan Canzone and Adrian O'Keefe. "Some of the members of the committee are both teachers and coaches," said Gavin. "They know that a schedule that extended the academic day might hurt practices, so they brought those conflicting values to the table in a search for the greater good."

Gavin appreciated the written reflections offered by many teachers in the early planning stages, and he singled out science teacher Adrian O'Keefe for his affinity for and acuity with Excel. He was able to manipulate the spreadsheet in a way where we could play with time and see how one small change affected the entire week. He has an exceptional mind for that kind of detail."

Gavin and his committee voted unanimously for the proposed schedule as they realized it would help both students and teachers in fundamental ways.

"We always hear about the 'stressed-out student,'" said Gavin. "Now students will have a slower pace thanks to prep periods and longer classes. They can use those free periods to work on group assignments or to seek help from teachers who aren't teaching."

The faculty will also benefit by having more opportunity to collaborate, as they will share free periods with teachers with similar courses.

For the next several years, SI will evaluate the success of this schedule change with the help of Dr. Kevin Quattrin '78, who will develop surveys and studies to chart how well students learn.

"If we do our job properly," Gavin added, "students will have a more fulfilling learning experience than they are now having. They will achieve the same quantitative success and have depth to their learning. The new schedule will also challenge our students to manage their free time, preparing them for life in college."

Ruff believes the new schedule "will breathe life into our values. I'm thrilled with both the process and the results. This decision was made by people closest to the action, working with a great leader, to improve the most important relationship at a school — the one between a student and teacher." ∞

2012–13 SCHEDULE open to modification

7 Periods meet 3 days per week (80, 60, 60) | Students take 6 classes and have 1 prep period

DAY 1	
8:15 AM–9:35 AM	1
9:35 AM–9:40 AM	Passing
9:40 AM–9:45 AM	Announcements
9:45 AM–11:05 AM	2
11:05 AM–11:10 AM	Passing
11:10 AM–11:45 AM	Lunch 1
11:45 AM–12:30 PM	3
12:30 PM–1:05 PM	Lunch 2
1:05 PM–1:10 PM	Passing
1:10 PM–2:30 PM	4

DAY 2	
8:15 AM–9:05 AM	X
9:05 AM–9:10 AM	Passing
9:10 AM–9:15 AM	Announcements
9:15 AM–10:35 AM	5
10:35 AM–11:05 AM	Activity
11:00 AM–11:40 AM	Lunch 1
11:40 AM–12:25 PM	6
12:25 PM–1:00 PM	Lunch 2
1:00 PM–1:05 PM	Passing
1:05 PM–1:10 PM	Examen
1:10 PM–2:30 PM	7

DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
8:10 AM–9:15 AM	2	7
9:15 AM–9:20 AM	Passing	Passing
9:20 AM–9:25 AM	Announcements	Announcements
9:25 AM–10:25 AM	5	6
10:25 AM–10:30 AM	Passing	Passing
10:30 AM–11:30 AM	4	3
11:30 AM–11:35 AM	Passing	Passing
11:35 AM–12:25 PM	Lunch 1	Lunch 1
12:25 PM–12:35 PM	1	1
12:35 PM–1:25 PM	Lunch 2	Lunch 2
1:25 PM–1:30 PM	Passing	Passing
1:30 PM–2:30 PM	3	2

Bobby Gavin, a veteran teacher, coach and moderator, will serve as one of three assistant principals at SI along with Carole Nickolai (academics) and Patrick Lynch (campus ministry).



Bobby Gavin Steps in as New Assistant Principal

DONNA MURPHY, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENT affairs for the past five years, will return to the counseling office in the fall, a job where she will enjoy the work she does so well – helping students navigate their way through SI and what can sometimes be trying teen years.

Longtime AP English teacher and former department chair Robert Gavin, who recently led a committee to determine SI's new schedule (see page 30), will step into that office to oversee all the clubs and after-school activities at SI.

A graduate of St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, the University of Michigan (BA), SFSU (MA in English literature) and USF (credential), Gavin came to SI in 1995. In addition to teaching freshmen and AP English, he has served as assistant principal of academics for SI's summer school, as chair of the faculty development board and as head coach for the freshman and JV baseball teams.

He has also moderated the Rally Committee and the Cycling Club and has worked as stage manager for the performing arts program.

One of his more arduous tasks was working with the salutorian on four occasions to edit speeches to help preserve humor while maintaining good taste.

In the English department, he developed materials for a mythology elective and helped redesign the curriculum for the Writing for College class.

He has helped his Advanced Placement students achieve on average a 90 percent pass rate on the AP Literature exam, and, in both 2006 and 2007, his students achieved a 100 percent pass rate.

"It's a real privilege to teach and then work in administration," said Gavin. "I think I was born to be an

English teacher, and I plan to return to the classroom. But by changing jobs, I'm able to keep fresh. I look to both Jim Dekker '68 and Mike Silvestri '67 as models for me in this regard."

Gavin also feels honored and privileged to have been selected years ago for training to lead a Jesuit high school. From the late 1990s, SI has sent Gavin to a number of programs sponsored by the Jesuit Secondary Education Association, including leadership conference colloquia on Ignatian education, cooperative learning workshops, department chair leadership conferences, Skillful Teacher seminars, a JSEA symposium retreat and various conferences devoted to teaching methodology and curriculum.

He has also attended 15 retreats since his start at SI and completed a 19th Annotation retreat (a yearlong version of the Spiritual Exercises).

"Bobby has a passion for education and student formation and a clear vision for the role that co-curricular activities play in developing leaders," said SI Principal Patrick Ruff. "He has substantial and concrete plans of action to ensure excellence at SI beyond the classroom."

Assistant Principal for Academics Carole Nickolai added that "I have worked with Bobby for 16 years, and I know that he will bring creativity and a strong understanding of students to this role. His work on the schedule committee reflects his keen understanding of how an Ignatian education can create a positive learning experience for students." ❧

New Service Director

Windi Wahlert will join SI in August as the new director of SI's Office of Community Service and Social Justice. She has worked in community service, religious studies and campus ministry for the past four years at the Jesuit Cristo Rey School in Manhattan and had previously worked at the Jesuit Nativity Mission School in Brooklyn. She also served at the Saramen Chuuk Academy in Micronesia as a member of the International Jesuit Volunteer Corps. She has a master's degree in pastoral ministry and Hispanic ministry from Boston College and a bachelor's degree in religious studies from the Virginia Commonwealth University, where she had played varsity field hockey.





Class of 2011 Braves the Rain, Celebrates Graduation at St Church

The Ignatian Award: Theresa Martin

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

This year's recipient is a humble leader and genuine role model for classmates and teammates. An honors student who consistently strives to do her personal best to develop intellectually, physically and spiritually, this student has been a member of the student council, a varsity athlete, a retreat leader, and an actor in several theater productions. She has earned an unweighted GPA of 3.9 while taking 12 honors and AP courses during her tenure at SI. Her success in athletics rivals her academic prowess as she has earned one varsity block and participated in two other sports. This young woman's talents are many and varied because of her insatiable quest to discover and master new opportunities. She has worked tirelessly as a member of the Wildcat Welcoming Club, served generously through InSignis, particularly at our Friday Morning Liturgies and is a member of the 200-Hour Service Club. In her immersion experience in Nogales, she was praised for extraordinary kindness and care, not only toward the people she served, but also to all she encountered.

She is a young woman blessed with many gifts: She is intelligent, athletic, morally upright and full of integrity. Her good-natured, outgoing and winning personality, positive approach to life and learning and genuine concern for those around her have earned her the respect, trust and admiration of both her teachers and peers.

National Merit Scholarship Program Winners

Annelise Dillion
Gretchen Krupp

National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists

Tristan Lee
Anna Sheu

Commended Students in the 2011 Merit Program

Mira Bollman
Grace Buckingham
Norman Chak
Renuka Fernandes
Angela Han
Kaitlin Johnson
Gabriel Lopez Low
Steven Mah
John Moran
Nathaniel Nuñez
Jihoon Park
Steven Reich
Sophia Sepp
Robert Setrakian
Nicole Trierweiler
Anne Watts
Madeleine Wette
Joseph White
Nathaniel Woo

National Achievement Program Finalist

Everett Watson

California Scholarship Federation Life Members The seniors listed below have earned Life Membership in CSF

Chapter 211cc, as of January 2011.

Amaris Applin
Catherine Arano
Harriet Arnold
Kelsey Bertiglia
Alexander Blickenstaff
Mira Bollman
Erika Bruning
Megan Byrne
Carolyn Capitulo
Norman Chak
Paul Champeau
Cheri Chan
Kevin Chavez
Erica Ching
Kathleen Christian
Natalie Claghorn
Brian Clausen
Andrew Coxon
Annelise Dillon
Katharine Dobberstein
Karim Dudum
Victoria Eng
Renuka Fernandes
Jonathan Freise
John Gibbons
Claire Kelly
Natalie Kolchak
Gretchen Krupp
Tristan Lee
Max Lelu
Gabriel Lopez Low
Samuel Magennis-Molke
Steven Mah
Cherokee McAnelly
Allyson McKenzie
Kendal Mitchell
Derek Monte
David Monticelli
Nathaniel Nuñez

Nicholas Ong
Joseph Palazzolo, Jr.
Stephanie Pang
Gina Pasquali
Steven Reich
Anastasia Reyes
Elisabeth Rosen
Douglas Safrano
Samantha Schuetz
Xavier Sendaydiego
Sophia Sepp
Robert Setrakian
Natalie Seward
Liam Shorrock
Siobhan Smith
Madeleine Student
Aaron Tam
Analise Thornley
Everett Watson
Madeleine Wette
Cheyenne Westerman
Elaine Yan
Monica Yap
Brian Yee
Erica Yeo
Christine Zhang

200 Christian Service Hours

Catherine Arano
Christina Arce
Rebecca Bedford
Julianne Bell
Christine Benavente
Mira Bollman
William Boosalis
Shannon Cahill
Nicole Calvello
Sofia Capretta
Emma Carberry
Maria Cesari

Dominique Chagniot
Cheri Chan
Kathleen Christian
Melissa Clendenny
Anthony Clifford
Michael Cosman
Kasey Cullinan
Annelise Dillon
Mark Dimas
Samuel Diserens
Katherine Dobberstein
Karim Dudum
Brian Duhn
Monica Linda Dy
Victoria Eng
Aileen Falvey
Naomi Fierro
Jonathan Freise
Brian Fung
Katherine Girlich
Emiko Goldstone
Katarina Habell
Kaitlyn Hameister
Carter Hultman
Ryan Jude Innumerable
Gerard Kelliher
Claire Kelly
Natalie Kolchak
Gretchen Krupp
Jackson Lindauer
Andrew Lobre
Phillip Loeffler
Gabriel Lopez Low
James MacSweeney
Allison Maxwell
Cherokee McAnelly
Colleen McFarland
Erin McNulty
Kelsey Merrigan
Benjamin Miller
David Monticelli

Fiona Murphy
Aram Nahabedian
Jordan Newell
Caitlin Ng
Nathaniel Nuñez
Erin O'Connor
Shane O'Neill
Angelo Ocampo
Nicholas Ong
Joseph Palazzolo
Stephanie Pang
Luke Pappas
Ann Parden
Gina Pasquali
Shannon Pidgeon
Sean Prior
Samantha Quesada
Alicia Quilici
Konstantin Rehbein
Anastasia Reyes
Madison Roche
Elisabeth Rosen
Jessica Ryan
Alexander Sadeghi
Katherine Santillan
Ricca Sarmiento
Samantha Schuetz
Sophia Sepp
Natalie Seward
Siobhan Smith
Eliana Stefani
Sarah Stinn
Sarah Stricker
Madeleine Student
Jeffrey Thomson
Analise Thornley
Jacquelyn Urbina
Tessa van Bergen
John Vincelette
Campbell von Eschen
Everett Watson

Lauren Weber
Deirdre Woods
Elaine Yan
Alexander Yee
Erica Yeo
Giancarlo Zevallos
Christine Zhang

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

Jackson Lindauer

NORMAN A. BOUDEWIJN AWARD

Nathaniel Nuñez

JOHN E. BROPHY, '43 AWARD OUTSTANDING SENIOR ATHLETES

Rachel Hinds
Edward Silvia, Jr.

CAMPUS MINISTRY AWARD

Brian Fung
Allyson McKenzie

FR. HARRY CARLIN, S.J. AWARD

Grace Buckingham
James Callinan
Annelise Dillon
Hannah Farr
Naomi Fierro
Gerard Kelliher
Sophia Sepp

CHORUS AWARD

Nathaniel Nuñez

CLASSICAL & MODERN LANGUAGES AWARDS

French: Natalie Claghorn
Japanese: Anna Sheu
Latin: Elaine Yan
Spanish: Diana Ramirez

DANCE AWARD

Olivia Raggio

ENGLISH GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Gretchen Krupp

ENGLISH WRITING AWARD

Nicolas Simon

FINE ARTS AWARD

Renuka Fernandes

FOX MEMORIAL RELIGION AWARD

Class of 2011:
Nathaniel Nuñez
Class of 2012:
Michele McCaffrey
Class of 2013: Carlo Izzo
and Daniel O'Malley
Class of 2014:
Sarah Armstrong
and Reiley May

FRESHMAN ELOCUTION AWARD

Sarah Armstrong

INSIGNIS AWARD

Jessica Ryan



The General Excellence Award: Luke Pappas

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

An articulate, reflective and conscientious young man, this year's recipient has been recognized by faculty and student alike for his scholarship, leadership and service. He is a person who uses his time and talents well as he pursues a wide range of commitments and interests.

A humble leader and genuine role model for classmates and teammates, he is an exceptionally gifted student who consistently strives to do his personal best to develop intellectually, physically and spiritually. He has taken a most demanding schedule with an amazing 17 AP and Honors courses and received only one semester grade lower than A. Moreover, he is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a member of the Block Club and an editor of the *Quill*. However, his success is not limited to the classroom as he has excelled on the field court and the diamond.

He served as senior class president and was a member of the Wildcat Welcoming Club and a writer for *Inside St. Ignace*. In addition, he has completed more than 200 hours of community service, was our delegate to the Boys State Program last summer and sings at Friday Morning Liturgies.

He gives his all to every activity and makes it look easy. He is a young man who personifies virtue and excellence in mind, body and heart.

JOURNALISM AWARD

The Ignatian and Inside St
Kathleen Christian
Katherine Dobberstein
Katherine Girlich
Erin O'Connor

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Erin O'Connor

MATHEMATICS AWARD

Douglas Safreno

FR. EDWARD

McFADDEN, S.J. AWARD

Dwane Camp
Katherine Dobberstein
Audrey Gibson
Katherine Girlich
Liam Shorrock
Sarah Stinn
Tessa van Bergen
Cody Warner

TOM MURPHY JESUIT SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AWARD

Amelia Rudnicki

ORCHESTRA AWARD

Christina Vernali
Madeleine Wette

THOMAS A. REED, S.J. CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD

Shane O'Neill
Analise Thornley

SALUTATORIAN

Max Lelu

SCIENCE AWARD

Life Science: Annelise
Dillon
Physical Science:
Douglas Safreno

SERVICE AWARD

Renuka Fernandes
Gretchen Krupp

CHUCK SIMON AWARD FOR THEATRE ARTS

Robert Setrakian

PETER SMITH, '80 THEATRE ARTS AWARD

Norman Chak

SOCIAL SCIENCE AWARD

Audrey Gibson

SOPHOMORE ORATORICAL AWARD

Megan Lau

SPEECH & DEBATE AWARD

Douglas Safreno

SPIRIT AWARD

Jihoon Park

VISUAL ARTS AWARD

John Moran
Nicole Trierweiler

Scholarships & Awards Received by Members of the Class of 2011

American Musical &
Dramatic Academy
Scholarship
Arizona State University
Academic Achievement
Award
Arizona State University
Barrett's Honor College
Arizona State University
New American
University Scholarship
Arizona State University
Western Undergraduate
Exchange Program
Scholarship
Bentley University
President's Scholarship
Boston College Merit
Scholarship
Boston College Honors
Program
Boston University Deans'

Scholarship
Brown University Merit
Scholarship
Bryn Mawr College 125th
Anniversary Scholarship
Bucknell University Deans
Scholarship
Bucknell University
Honors Program
California-Hawaii Elks
Association Most
Valuable Student
Scholarship
California Polytechnic
State University San
Luis Obispo Elizabeth E.
Chrones Scholarship
California Polytechnic
State University San
Luis Obispo Green Light
Business Program
California State University
Chico Honors Program
California State University
Fresno Athletic
Scholarship - Volleyball
California State University
Fullerton Honors
Program
Chapman University
Chancellor's Scholarship
Chapman University
Dean's Scholarship
Colgate University Games
Scholarship - Track
& Field

College of St. Benedict
St. John's Scholarship
College of The Holy Cross
Honors Program
Colorado College Trustee
Scholarship
Columbia College
Chicago Achievement
Award
Creighton University
Academic Scholarship
Creighton University
Founders Scholarship
Creighton University
Ignatian Scholarship
Denison University
Academic Award
Depaul University
Presidential Scholarship
Depaul University
Saint Vincent De Paul
Scholarship
Dickinson College
John Montgomery
Scholarship
Dominican University
of California Honors
Program
Dominican University of
California Presidential
Scholarship
Dominican University
of California Trustee
Scholarship
Drexel University Merit
Scholarship

Drexel University Trustee
Award
Elon University
Presidential Scholarship
Emerson College Dean's
Scholarship
Emmanuel College
Trustee Award
Fairfield University
Ignatian Scholarship
Fairfield University Magis
Scholarship
Fordham University
Dean's Scholarship
Fordham University
Honors Program
Fordham University
Jogues Scholarship
Fordham University
Loyola Scholarship
Fordham University Merit
Scholarship
Fordham University
Tuition Exchange
Scholarship
Georgetown University
Bellarmine Scholarship
Georgetown University
Ignatian Scholarship
Georgetown University
Merit Scholarship
Gonzaga University
Achievement
Scholarship
Gonzaga University
Aloysius Scholarship

Gonzaga University
Athletic Scholarship
Women's Crew
Gonzaga University
Community School
Award
Gonzaga University
Dean's Scholarship
Gonzaga University
Dussault Scholarship
Gonzaga University
Hogan Entrepreneur
Leadership Program
Gonzaga University
Honors Program
Gonzaga University
Regent Scholarship
Gonzaga University
Trustee Scholarship
Hartwick College
Program
Hartwick College
Judge William O.
Scholarship
Hobart And William
Colleges President
Service Award
Hofstra University
Achievement
Scholarship
Intel Science Talent
Search Semifinal
Award
Iona College Iona
Scholarship
Irish Cultural Cent

The 2011 Loyalty Award: Cecilia Vollert

The Loyalty Award is presented to a member of the senior class who demonstrates character, dedication and enthusiasm, and one who sincerely strives for the betterment of the school community.

Our recipient this year is a young woman with a variety of gifts, talents and interests. She reflects the ideals of Jesuit education and is an impressive example of our aspiration and hope for the future. She has a positive approach to all things and is recognized by teachers and peers alike for her leadership, enthusiasm, and energy. She has shared her passion and commitment to justice for all and has served our school as a member of Signs, the Cancer Awareness Club, and Invisible Children. She is a regular at FML and a Kairos Retreat leader, and she went on Immersion. She rowed crew and played field hockey, served on the Student Council and was the Block Club Sergeant-at-Arms this past year.

She is generous in sharing her gifts and talents with others and lives each day with remarkable optimism, openness to new experiences, belief in the goodness of others and faith in God. In every activity, she enlivens all with dedication, hard work and a spirit of good will. As a young woman, an athlete and a Catholic, no better role model can be found. SI is truly a better place because of her.



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| <p>California Leo T. Walsh
Scholarship</p> <p>Italian Catholic Federation
Academic Scholarship</p> <p>thaca College Alana
Scholarship</p> <p>thaca College John B.
Harcourt Scholarship</p> <p>King George University
Academic Scholarship</p> <p>Kings College Merit
Scholarship</p> <p>Lafayette College Marquis
Scholarship</p> <p>Lewis & Clark College
Leadership & Service
Award</p> <p>Loyola College Claver
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola College
Presidential Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola Marymount
University LMU
Achievement Award</p> <p>Loyola Marymount
University Arrupe
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola Marymount
University Chancellor's
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola Marymount
University
Communications Honors
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola Marymount
University Dean's</p> | <p>Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola Marymount
University Honors
Program</p> <p>Loyola Marymount
University International
Games Technology
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola Marymount
University Jesuit
Community Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola Marymount
University Jesuit High
School Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola University New
Orleans Honors Program</p> <p>Loyola University New
Orleans Jesuit Identity
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola University New
Orleans Ignatian
Academic Excellence
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola University New
Orleans Loyola Scholar
Award</p> <p>Loyola University New
Orleans Recognition
Award</p> <p>Loyola University New
Orleans Social Justice
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola University of
Chicago Business/
Communication Award</p> <p>Loyola University of</p> | <p>Chicago Damien
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola University of
Chicago Dean's
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola University of
Chicago Honors
Program</p> <p>Loyola University of
Chicago Jesuit, B.V.M.
Sisters of Christian
Charity Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola University of
Chicago Jesuit Heritage
Award</p> <p>Loyola University
of Chicago Loyola
Scholarship</p> <p>Loyola University of
Chicago Trustee
Scholarship</p> <p>Marin General Hospital
Volunteer Scholarship</p> <p>Marquette University
Bellarmino Scholarship</p> <p>Marquette University
Honors Program</p> <p>Marquette University
Ignatius Scholarship</p> <p>Marquette University
Jesuit Scholarship</p> <p>Marquette University
Magis Leadership Award</p> <p>Miami University Redhawk
Excellence Scholarship</p> <p>Montana State University</p> | <p>Western Undergraduate
Exchange Scholarship</p> <p>National Foundation For
Advancement in The
Arts: Young Arts 2011
Merit Award</p> <p>New York Institute of
Technology T.K. Steele
Scholarship</p> <p>New York University
Liberal Studies Program
Scholarship</p> <p>New York University Tisch
Scholarship</p> <p>Northeastern University
Dean's Scholarship</p> <p>Northeastern University
Engineering Legacy
Scholarship</p> <p>Northeastern University
Excellence Scholarship</p> <p>Northwestern University
The Northwestern
Scholarship</p> <p>Notre Dame De Namur
University Provost
Scholarship</p> <p>Occidental College
Achievement
Scholarship</p> <p>Ohio Wesleyan Schubert
Scholarship</p> <p>Providence College Friar
Scholarship</p> <p>Providence College
Honors Program</p> | <p>Providence College
President's Scholarship</p> <p>Providence College St.
Dominic Scholarship</p> <p>Purdue University Fred J.
Babel Scholarship</p> <p>Regis University Honors
Program</p> <p>Regis University Regis
Achievement Award</p> <p>Regis University St. John
Francis Regis Award</p> <p>Regis University Trustees
Scholarship</p> <p>Ronald McDonald House
Children's Charities
Scholarship</p> <p>Saint Michael's College
Edmundite Catholic High
School Scholarship</p> <p>San Diego State
University Athletic
Scholarship - Crew</p> <p>San Diego State
University Honors
Program</p> <p>San Mateo Elks Lodge
Family Scholarship</p> <p>Santa Clara University
Alumni Family
Scholarship</p> <p>Santa Clara University
Dean's Scholarship</p> <p>Santa Clara University
Dean's Leadership
Program</p> | <p>Santa Clara University
Honors Program</p> <p>Santa Clara University
Jesuit Ignatian Award</p> <p>Santa Clara University
Provost Scholarship</p> <p>Seattle Pacific University
Dean's Scholars Award</p> <p>Seattle University Arrupe
Scholarship</p> <p>Seattle University
Bellarmino Scholarship</p> <p>Seattle University
Campion Scholarship</p> <p>Seattle University
Trustees Scholarship</p> <p>Sierra Nevada College
Provost Scholarship</p> <p>Sonoma State University
Honors Program</p> <p>Sonoma State University
Presidential Scholar
Award</p> <p>Sons of Italy Western
Foundation Scholarship</p> <p>Southern Methodist
University Distinguished
Scholar Award</p> <p>Southern Methodist
University Honors
Program</p> <p>Southern Methodist
University Mustang
Scholarship</p> <p>Southern Methodist
University New Century</p> | <p>Scholars Program</p> <p>Southern Methodist
University Provost
Scholarship</p> <p>Southern Methodist
University Sewell Merit
Scholarship</p> <p>Southwestern University
University Scholarship</p> <p>St. John's University
Academic Achievement
Award</p> <p>St. John's University
Scholastic Excellence
Scholarship</p> <p>St. Joseph's University
Achievement Award</p> <p>St. Joseph's University
Jesuit Preparatory
Scholarship</p> <p>St. Joseph's University
United Scholars Award</p> <p>St. Joseph's University
Scholars Award</p> <p>St. Louis University
Honors Program</p> <p>St. Louis University
Ignatian Scholarship</p> <p>St. Louis University Jesuit
High School Award</p> <p>St. Louis University
Presidential Scholarship</p> <p>St. Louis University Vice
Presidents Scholarship</p> |
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St. Mary's College of California Bertrand Award
 St. Mary's College of California Gael Scholars Award
 St. Mary's College of California Honors Program
 St. Mary's College of California St. Mary's Scholarship
 Stanford University Athletic Scholarship - Lacrosse
 Stanford University Stanford Scholarship
 Sutter Health Sutter Van Johnson Scholarship
 Syracuse University Dean's Scholarship
 The George Washington University Alumni Award
 The George Washington University Athletic Scholarship - Golf
 The George Washington University Trustee's Scholarship
 The King's College Presidential Scholarship
 The University of Arizona Arizona Excellence Award
 The University of Arizona Honors Program
 The University of Arizona Karl Eller College Honors Program
 The University of Arizona Provost Scholarship
 The Walter H. Shorestein* & Stanley L. Berger Memorial Scholarship
 Trinity College Honors Program
 Trinity University Dean's Scholarship
 Trinity University President's Scholarship
 United States Air Force ROTC Scholarship
 United States Navy ROTC Scholarship
 United States Navy Instant Reservation Northern California Scholarship
 University of California Berkeley Alumni Scholarship For Academic Excellence
 University of California Berkeley Chancellor's Scholarship
 University of California Berkeley Honors Program
 University of California Berkeley Leadership Award
 University of California Berkeley Regents' Scholarship



University of California Berkeley Undergraduate Scholarship
 University of California Davis Alumni Scholarship
 University of California Davis Athletic Scholarship - Baseball
 University of California Davis Entering Undergraduate Scholarship
 University of California Davis Honors Program
 University of California Davis Hubert H. Wakeham Scholarship
 University of California Davis James N. & Leta H. Fulmor Scholarship
 University of California Davis Jastro Scholarship
 University of California Davis Regents' Scholarship
 University of California Irvine Honors Program
 University of California Los Angeles Alumni Scholarship

University of California Los Angeles Athletic Scholarship - Rowing
 University of California Los Angeles Honors Program
 University of California Los Angeles Scholarship Recognition Award
 University of California Merced Bobcat Scholarship
 University of California Riverside Chancellor's Scholarship
 University of California Riverside Highlander Excellence Scholarship
 University of California Riverside Honors Program
 University of California Riverside Merit Scholarship
 University of California San Diego Athletic Scholarship - Track & Field
 University of California San Diego Honors Program

University of California San Diego Jacob's School of Engineering Scholarship
 University of California San Diego Regents' Scholarship
 University of California Santa Barbara Honors Program
 University of California Santa Barbara New Freshman Scholarship
 University of California Santa Barbara Regents Scholarship
 University of Colorado at Boulder Chancellor's Achievement Scholarship
 University of Colorado at Boulder Honors Program
 University of Dallas Trustee Scholarship
 University of Dayton Dean's Scholarship
 University of Delaware Community Service Scholar Award
 University of Denver Chancellor Scholarship

University of Denver Crimson & Gold Scholarship
 University of Denver Honors Program
 University of Denver Pioneer Scholarship
 University of Massachusetts Amherst Chancellor's Award
 University of Massachusetts Amherst Food Science Department Scholarship
 University of Michigan Honors Program
 University of Mississippi Academic Excellence Scholarship
 University of Missouri Honors College
 University of Missouri Walter Williams Scholarship
 University of Nevada Reno Alumni Scholarship
 University of Notre Dame Glynn Family Honors Program
 University of Notre Dame Provosts Scholarship

University of Notre Dame Summer Enrichment Scholarship
 University of Notre Dame University Scholarship
 University of Oregon General University Scholarship
 University of Oregon Honors Program
 University of Oregon Merit Scholarship
 University of Oregon Non-Resident's Dean's Scholarship
 University of Portland Holy Cross Scholarship
 University of Portland Howard C. Vollum Scholarship
 University of Portland Merit Scholarship
 University of Portland Pilots Award
 University of Portland Presidential Scholarship
 University of Puget Sound Dean's Scholarship
 University of Puget Sound Trustee Scholarship
 University of Redlands Achievement Award
 University of Redlands Highlander Excellence Scholarship
 University of Redlands Presidential Scholarship
 University of St. Andrews Honors Program
 University of San Diego Honors Program
 University of San Diego Merit Scholarship
 University of San Diego Presidential Scholarship
 University of San Diego Torero Pride Scholarship
 University of San Diego Trustee Scholarship
 University of San Francisco Dean's Scholarship
 University of San Francisco Honors Program
 University of San Francisco President's Merit Award
 University of San Francisco Provost's Merit Award
 University of San Francisco University Scholarship
 University of Scranton Loyola Scholarship
 University of South Carolina Sims Scholar Award
 University of Southern California Dean's Scholarship

University of Southern California Honors Program
 University of Southern California Trustee Scholarship
 University of Southern California W.V.T. Rusch Undergrad Engineering Honors Program
 University of The Pacific Honors at Entrance
 University of The Pacific President's Scholarship
 University of The Pacific Regents Scholarship
 University of The Sciences In Philadelphia Athletic Scholarship - Tennis
 University of Vermont Henderson Scholarship
 University of Vermont Trustees Scholarship
 University of Wisconsin-Madison Honors Program
 University of Wyoming Ambassador of San Francisco Scholarship
 University of Wyoming Scholars Award
 Ursinus College Achievement Award
 Villanova University Honors Program
 Villanova University Villanova Scholarship
 Washington State University Athletic Scholarship - Crew
 Wentworth Institute of Technology Wentworth Merit Scholarship
 Westminster College Founders Scholarship
 Willamette University Academic Leadership Award
 Willamette University Jason Lee Award
 Xavier University Buschmann Award
 Xavier University Dean's Award
 Xavier University Jesuit Heritage Award
 Xavier University Leadership Award
 Xavier University Trustee Scholarship

Correction: Senior John Gibbons, in the Graduation Program, was listed with one asterisk, indicating that he graduated with honors; in fact, he graduated with high honors. We regret the error.



Valedictorian Asks Fellow Grads to Go Beyond *Cura Personalis*

BY KATHLEEN "KATE" CHRISTIAN '11

IN 1848, HENRY DAVID THOREAU PENNED these timeless words: "Aim above morality. Be not simply good, be good for something."

Good morning Father President, Principal Ruff, trustees, regents, faculty, families, honored guests and my fellow classmates of the Class of 2011. Thank you for being with us this morning. You have inspired us to achieve more than we ever dreamed. As the Latin etymology of "inspire" reveals, you have breathed into us the life and vitality that we so desperately seek. The juxtaposition of Latin and our contemporary lifestyles forces us to merge the ancient and modern. Just as "inspire" quite literally means "to breathe life into," the word "valedictory" stems from two Latin words – "vale" and "dicere" – meaning "to say goodbye." And yet, here we are at the commencement ceremonies, literally, a new beginning together. We say farewell to the SI campus and begin our mission of propelling our Jesuit legacy forward into society.

This end and beginning comprise the classic oxymoron, a pair of contradictory elements, which ultimately highlights the crossroads where we find ourselves this morning. Derived from Greek, "oxymoron" means both sharp and dull. Similarly, we are wedged between an end and a beginning. Yes, today does mark an end: Class of 2011, it has been a glorious four years, filled with sheer joy, selfless dedication and relentless ardor for whatever our passions may be: academics, athletics, service, fine arts, clubs or campus ministry. As freshmen, we witnessed the end of the historic reign of Brother Draper; as seniors, we have finished our last year alongside Father Capitolo (our beloved Cappy) and completed the double-digit Kairos retreats.

However, we are also a beginning. We embraced the change in San Francisco law and SI lifestyle with the implementation of a strong recycling and composting program. We also have explored our potential for global change through the Operation Smile club, started by members of our class, which helps provide medical care worldwide for children with cleft palates, demonstrating how this class of graduates is a collection of champions who seek to conquer social injustice. Ultimately, we are becoming catalysts of change in our world.

More than anything, this class has enriched the SI community. We have been tested, and each time we have emerged with stronger bonds and healthier relationships.

The class of 2011 succeeded every time, no matter what the demand.

Four years ago, as part of training for the Wildcat Welcoming Club, Mrs. Yap presented us with a challenge: to know the name of and something about every classmate at our graduation ceremonies. Initially I thought of it simply as a task to complete before today. However, I have come to realize that this challenge extends beyond memorizing names and facts by a deadline. It becomes a call as it reminds us that we must not ignore others, that we must not let any relationship go to waste. My classmates, we have succeeded. We have acted with loving compassion and heartfelt empathy, and there should be no doubt that we will continue to live this way. This commitment to others is our investment of compassion into the entire SI family that will only grow with time.

But there is much more that we can do. We can step outside the nurturing walls of the Prep and into the ideals of St. Ignatius of Loyola himself. St. Ignatius has taught us – for more than 400 years – that the gift of spirituality and the ability to find God in all things can be inherently part of us for our lifetime. These teachings bind us to anyone who has ever studied Ignatius, attended a Jesuit school, or graduated from our SI. But this kind of tradition – a hallmark of SI – is not just about Bruce-Mahoney games, morning prayer, pre-performance rituals, the fight song or alumni returning as teachers. It is infinitely stronger than what we see on 37th Avenue in the Sunset. Tradition, in the global sense, really means taking our educational values out into the world, just as Ignatius did centuries ago. As SI graduates, we have the responsibility to continue to act justly, to exhibit strong morals and to love compassionately – all learned during our four years as students; it is that tradition, one capable of transforming the world, that is perhaps more bold than any SI conquest.

Ultimately, between the bookends of our beloved SI and the terrifying "real world," we exist in a transitional phase. We are entering that intermediate divide that bridges the planned and the unknown, the experienced and the unforeseen. It is within this vital transition period that we, as citizens of SI and of humanity, must discern our roles in this changing world. SI and the Jesuits have instructed us in the ideals of *cura personalis*, deep compassion, attention and respect for others in our circles of friends and beyond.

While this strengthens our bonds with other individuals and improves all of our relationships, there is yet a greater challenge in the ever-evolving global society. *Cura communis* – care for the community as a whole – presses beyond the need to nurture individuals and expands into the social responsibility of fostering communities, not simply the individuals within them.

Graduates, here lies our next challenge. To leap outside the zone of *cura personalis* and delve into the twisted jungle of *cura communis* is no easy task for the mind, body or spirit. However, as Ignatians, we can handle it. We are called to serve the world with generosity that we may arrive at a greater understanding of others. But this vital understanding will not arrive at our doorsteps in packages, strewn seamlessly to flat screen televisions, or popped instantaneously on a Google search. Rather, the only means of developing this social knowledge and understanding is to go after it.

Let us make it our passion to understand the world through the lens of truth and reality. Again Henry David Thoreau instructs us, "What you love. Know your own bone; gnaw at it, bury it, unearth it and gnaw it still." Thoreau tells us that the world will not always welcome, appreciate or want our passion. We encounter instances when, frankly, our passion will become a hindrance and we will ignore it and bury it. But this is precisely when we must rely on our Jesuit education. Trying to forget about what makes us passionate Ignatians may well ignite us more and drive us to unearth who we are and how we should live. It is in this beautiful collision of passion and social responsibility where we understand that we are called to live with the dignity, respect to advance the world and thrive as men and women with and for others.

I have seen this class light up when faced with the opportunity to help others in every season. Beginning in the fall, every Thursday morning, students drove to the Tenderloin to pass out sandwiches; each Thursday afternoon, they wanted to go back and do it all over again. During the winter, every student contributed to the Christmas Food Drive and donated money for holiday gifts to the underprivileged here in San Francisco. In the spring, we donated our "locks" to make wigs for cancer patients, giving a part of our physical selves to enhance the self-esteem of women who have lost so much. And last summer, as rising seniors, we participated in one of the most exhausting and exhilarating

programs this school offers: Immersion. Through trips to the boulevards of South Central LA and the back alleys of Tacoma, we learned how to live lives of conscience and, as Archbishop Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." We live with the audacity and the conviction to love one another, even when it is neither popular nor easy. We can become more compassionate by serving the world with our hearts as well as with our minds. This is at once our privilege and our obligation as St. Ignatius graduates.

As the Dominican philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas said, "If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever." Yet we understand that we have a higher aim than mere existence in a harbor; we can be good for the world only by hoisting our sails and leaving our home port. Parents, relatives, teachers, Jesuits, administrators, all who have touched our lives including complete strangers, you have all helped form us into independent young women and men who are ready to sail from the harbor and into the uncharted waters that lie ahead. We're now prepared and equipped with the proper navigation, provisions and skills to tackle our futures. You will still accompany us on our voyage as our life jackets and foul-weather gear for times when the world becomes particularly stormy. You've provided us with an abundance of love, even when we might not appreciate it. We, the three hundred and forty-eight graduates, cannot repay this debt of love except to use our gifts and talents to their fullest. Only by living out the virtues of kindness, compassion and trust that you have instilled in us may we come close to returning your unconditional love.

Every person – and every community – has a story. So what's the story of 2011? If you really knew us, you'd know that we're unsure about our futures, absolutely terrified about transitioning to college and excited beyond belief when it comes to our potential and

The Valedictory address was given by Kathleen Christian, a student who distinguished herself in many ways. She has achieved a weighted grade point average of 4.3 while taking seven AP and six honors courses during her tenure at SI. A true renaissance woman, she was a force on our track team, scoring in the conference meet in the discus, was the Editor-in-Chief for Inside SI and found time to serve as an accompanist on the piano at our Friday Morning Liturgies. She is a member of our 200-Hour Club and participated in the Tacoma immersion in the summer prior to her senior year. She was a member of the Service Club, JCL, Cancer Awareness Group, InSignis and the Wildcat Welcoming Club; she managed to serve meals regularly at St. Vincent de Paul in Oakland and twice donated more than 10 inches of her hair to cancer patients through Locks of Love. Whatever she sets out to accomplish, she does so with a passion, perseverance and humility, and she takes those gifts with her to the University of Notre Dame where she will study next year.



our possibilities. But this is who we are – our enthusiasm and our apprehension blend together to mold us into who we will be. If you really knew us, you'd know we're ready. We must share our stories and discover new ones. Only with personal knowledge and understanding of others can we truly make an impact upon our world. Thus, *cura personalis* and *cura communis* work in both directions: Just as we must take the plunge into the dark and frigid waters of uncertainty to discover a wider community, we will resurface again with compassion for others that will drown out the harsh indifferences of this world.

As we live our lives in transition, we remember the oxymoron of commencement

– simultaneous a beginning and an end. But this is who we are as a class: We are sums of oxymorons – compilations of contradictions that actually make sense. The class of 2011 is a group of dedicated scholars driven by creativity, committed students open to growth, competitive athletes filled with compassion and dreamers grounded in reality. Ultimately, the class of 2011 is a collection of classmates that not only will "be good but also be good for something" as we change the world, one community at a time.

In the words of Swedish diplomat Dag Hammarskjöld, "For all that has been, thanks; for all that will be, yes!" ∞

Salutatorian: Max Lelu

The salutatorian is selected as one who embodies the spirit of the graduating class. As one who manifests the Ignatian values of the school and marked by love and respect for the entire class, this student is chosen to address the community to remember and celebrate the last four years.

This year's salutatorian has demonstrated true versatility in what it is to be an Ignatian. He rowed crew, was a Kairos retreat leader, made us laugh through performances in Wiegand and Bannan, is a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation, made a mark through InSignis, has been a strong supporter of the Social Justice Club and served as a Big Cat.

This is a prodigious list of activities, but this is an impressive young man, one who truly embodies the soul of the class of 2011.



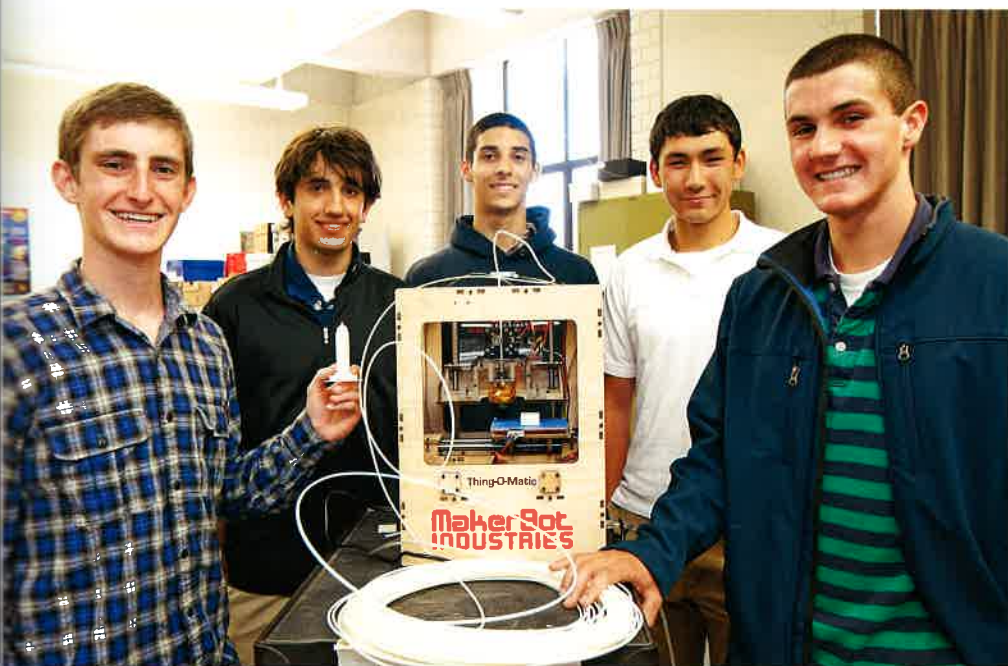
SENIORS LEARN GOVERNMENT FROM THE PROFESSIONALS



Seniors taking government classes at SI were treated to a host of prominent speakers in May, including, clockwise from right, Facebook Deputy General Counsel Colin Stretch '87 and Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Stretch '82; Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA); Deputy Public Defender Sajid Khan and former Assistant District Attorney Anand Upadhye; Supervisors Sean Elsbernd '93; and newly appointed SFPD Chief Greg Suhr '76 (left). Also taking part were Supervisor Mark Farrell '92; CBS5 Executive Producer Mike Weir; Career Judicial Clerk and Law Professor Julie Yap '99; Outreach Manager and Special Assistant to the Leader Stina Skewes-Cox; Civil Rights Attorney Greg Fox; and SFPD Lt. Mary Petrie (ret.). The speaker series was coordinated by social science faculty members Justin Christensen, Shel Zatzkin and Danielle Devencenzi Cronin '97.



Seniors Take Printing to a New Dimension With Thing-o-Matic



TODAY, YOU CAN DOWNLOAD A PDF FROM A server in London over the Internet and make a copy of it on a state-of-the-art inkjet printer right at home.

For five SI seniors, that's no big whoop.

They envision a time in the not too distant future when every home will have a 3D printer that can create new cell phones, new toasters or the latest pair of sneakers right at your desk.

They are pretty confident especially after building a 3D printer in the SI physics room, the MakerBot Thing-o-Matic, a \$1,200 kit printer that melts plastic to form a variety of structures.

Because one of the five, Doug Safreno, will be attending Stanford in the fall, the five students created a 4-inch model of the Hoover Tower out of melted ABS plastic.

Physics teacher and science department chair Byron Philhour purchased the 3D printer in part because he recalled the Apple II computer that sat in the back of his fourth grade classroom in Weaverville, Calif.

"It was difficult, at the time, to predict all the possible uses for that computer," said Philhour. "Similarly, it's difficult to predict what we'll use 3D printers for. Perhaps architects will use them to help designs come to life or manufacturers for rapid prototyping. Owners of these printers can even use them to print upgrades for the device itself."

Philhour admits that the first Hoover Tower model isn't all that awe-inspiring. "You will get fancier results from a \$30,000 printer, but I think just having one here has opened many minds. It was cool to see the small crowds that formed during some of the fabrication and printing."

Senior Tom Altmann led classmates Peter Lynch, Paul Champeau, Nathan Kapjian-Pitt and Safreno in building the Thing-o-Matic. All but Safreno rowed on the varsity 8 crew, so they had to work in January before their season began in earnest.

Altmann and his crew met every lunch period and after school for three weeks to assemble the frame, wiring, circuit board, melting components and drive axes. They followed a set of instructions that would make most people pull out their hair.

"We're just relieved we didn't break a \$1,200 piece of equipment and that it worked well," said Altmann. "The instructions were very beta, very Web 2.0. The online instructional manual was Wikipedia-ish, with people who had built their own machines submitting revised directions. We had to guess along the way and check it out as we went along."

At one point, one of the students had to rush to unplug the machine after it started making a grinding sound. "We had to rewire the whole machine at that point and discovered a circuit that wasn't working."

In addition to learning how to build a 3D printer, the group also learned important team-building skills, said Lynch. "We had to brainstorm solutions. The melted plastic flowed through a steel nozzle, one that had to be lined with a Teflon tube to keep from setting the contraption on fire. But it wouldn't fit. We tried heating up the steel nozzle with a Bunsen burner. When that failed, we tried using pencil lead as a lubricant. Finally, we used a knife to shave it down, and that worked."

When the machine was completed, they loaded up that design that Safreno had on his computer and watched as the machine spent an hour layering melted plastic to form the Hoover Tower.

The advantage of a 3D printer, added Altmann, is that it creates items using an additive, rather than a subtractive, process.

"If you wanted to form a model of a Hoover Tower today, you would start with a block of some material and shave away sections with a lathe. The additive process of a 3D printer can save up to 90 percent of the materials used in manufacturing. In the future, everyone will have a 3D printer on his or her desk. Instead of buying an iPod, you'll just print one out."

Each of the five plans to study science or engineering in college. Kapjian-Pitt will major in engineering at UC San Diego; Champeau will study mechanical engineering at Dartmouth; Safreno (who was an Intel Science Talent Search semifinalist) will study computer science or engineering at Stanford; Lynch will major in petroleum or mechanical engineering at the University of Kansas, where he hopes to develop smarter drilling practices; and Altmann will study biomedical engineering at MIT, where he hopes to develop stem cell technologies that don't involve human embryos.

"Think of an organ bank where you can grow your own replacement organs based on your own cells," said Altmann. "I've learned at SI about the ethical problems involved in using embryonic stem cells. The new frontier is finding alternative ways to acquire stem cells, ones that, because they are your own, offer no chance of rejection." ∞



Above, from left: Seniors Peter Lynch, Doug Safreno, Nathan Kapjian-Pitt, Paul Champeau and Tom Altmann built the MakerBot Thing-o-Matic from a kit to produce this 3D model of Stanford's Hoover Tower.

SI Honors Careers of Five Retiring Teachers and Counselors

FIVE VETERAN TEACHERS AND STAFF ARE retiring from SI this year, marking a combined 165 years of service to the school. These individuals were lauded throughout May and June at a host of alumni, faculty and student events, on SI's Facebook and Twitter pages, and in a video tribute posted on SI's Vimeo site. (Go to www.siprep.org/networks to see it.)

REV. PAUL CAPITOLO, S.J. '53

KNOWN AS CAPPY THE BEAR TO JUST about everyone, Paul Capitolo, was born Feb. 6, 1935, the youngest of four, in Price, Utah, a small coal mining town, to parents who immigrated from Italy. He moved with his family several times, eventually to San Francisco, and he entered SI in November 1949 after the principal, Rev. Joseph King, S.J., demanded that his mother, whose son Mario was a Jesuit, move Paul from Sacred Heart High School to SI.

In his first year, Paul was taken under the wing of fellow freshman Leo La Rocca '53, who went on to become SI's fourth athletic director and a lifelong friend of the Capitolo family. At SI, Paul served in the Sanctuary Society and watched as SI's first soccer team began kicking the ball around. "I thought it was a kooky game," he recalls. "Everyone was hitting the ball with his head."

He graduated from SI in 1953 and attended USF, where he also was a member of the Sanctuary Society. He switched from chemistry to English, and he had so many science credits that he was the only English major to receive a bachelor of science degree in English instead of a bachelor of arts degree. He put himself through college by working at Sears Roebuck, at the Bohemian Club as a busboy and at the Bohemian Grove as a valet.

At SI and USF, he was surrounded by Jesuit scholastics, men who impressed him with the joy that they brought to their community and to their work, and that led him to join the Society of Jesus shortly after graduating from USF.

He studied philosophy at Mt. Saint Michael in Spokane and received a master's degree in that subject in 1964. Shortly after, he returned to SI, this time as a scholastic, to teach frosh and sophomore English. Among his students were Robert Walsh '68, who later went on to join the order and become president of SI, and Curtis Mallegni '67, former chairman of the Board of Regents and the new chairman of the Board of Trustees.

In 1966, he continued his studies at Alma College in Los Gatos and was ordained a



Cappy "The Bear" sporting his panda hat at a soccer game.

priest on June 7, 1969. Rev. Harry Carlin, S.J. '35, SI's president at the time, wanted Fr. Capitolo to hurry back to SI to help with the transition to the school's new Sunset District campus, and in January 1970, he did just that; he served as minister of a sizeable Jesuit community, which housed more than 40 priests, scholastics and brothers.

He left briefly to serve as a hospital chaplain in Phoenix, where he worked with young people undergoing treatment for leukemia, and returned to SI in 1972 to teach freshman religion. The following year, he began his long career as a counselor, a job he had from 1973 until 2000.

That same year, he also took on the role of moderator of the SI Alumni Association, a post he held until his departure from SI in 2011. In that role, he met with SI's alumni leadership and advised them on the selection of the Christ the King Award, the school's highest honor bestowed upon a graduate.

In 1973, he also began his long connection with SI's soccer program when two Jesuit scholastics, Mr. Fran Stiegeler, S.J. '61, and Steve Nejasmich '65, asked him to serve as moderator of the freshman boys' soccer team. He knew nothing about the sport, but picked up tips from Dennis Sweeney '74 and from famed coach Luis Sagastume. Fr. Capitolo even went on to serve as head soccer coach, relying on students and young grads to do the actual strategizing. A dozen years ago, the team honored Fr. Capitolo by naming their top award for him.

The year 1973 also marked his start as Boys' State moderator. For 38 years, Fr. Capitolo would handpick the best and brightest juniors to attend a summer mock government camp where they learned leadership skills. "In all the years of sending kids to Boys' State, I never had a kid come back not loving the experience," he noted.

Throughout his years at SI, he was also a regular on student retreats. "He showed long-standing generosity to that program," said former campus minister Michael Shaughnessy '67.

SI Principal, Patrick Ruff, added that Fr. Capitolo served SI well in his role as priest. "Our students will miss his pastoral presence on our campus, one that he demonstrated day after day for all these years."

In 1989, when SI enrolled girls for the first time, his counselees included close to 40 young women. "I found them more open than the boys when it came to talking about their feelings," he noted. "The girls weren't intimidated at all to speak up in a room filled with boys."

Never content to rest on his laurels, he took classes in counseling at USF, and he retired from counseling in 2000 at the age of 65. He continued at SI until June 2011, helping in the bookstore and continuing his work with Boys' State and as moderator of the soccer team and Alumni Association.

His greatest work, he said, is his ministry as a priest, which for him means "being another Christ." He is a familiar face at local parishes, where he lends a hand each Sunday to celebrate Mass.

His greatest joy is to be around students. "There's joy in youth," he notes. "Just listen to them talk, and you see their lives are filled with so much energy. At 76, I still feel that I have the energy to keep up with them."

Over the years, he earned a reputation for being a packrat. Colleagues would call him whenever they needed a file cabinet or a lamp for their office, and within an hour, one would appear at their door. He was known for taking "a nini" during overlong retreat talks, and the sonorous sounds of his snoring would tell speakers it was time to wrap it up. Others remembered him for his "Capalets," sermons that would seem to end and then start up again on new tangents, one after the other. But he is most known for his fierce loyalty to the soccer program. Through rain or hail, you'd find him out on the team bench serving as spiritual inspiration to the players, a model of steadfastness.

When he moves over the summer to the Jesuit's Sacred Heart Center in Los Gatos, he will be joining his brother, Rev. Mario Capitolo, S.J., who will be 86 in October.

"We'll spend our time kibitzing and saying Mass together, and I'll see all my old friends, Fr. Jack Dullea and Fr. Warren Wright."

He plans to return to SI often for special events and to watch his beloved soccer team play their WCAL rivals.

On May 13, he was treated to a surprise party at the Irish Cultural Center, where hundreds of friends and family, former students and athletes and colleagues throughout the years came to pay tribute to this remarkable priest and pedagogue, one who truly is "another Christ."

Then, at the All Class Reunion, San Francisco Supervisors Sean Elsbernd '93 and Mark Farrell '92 surprised him with a declaration signed by Mayor Ed Lee proclaiming June 10 as Cappy Day in the city. After his impromptu speech, he received a standing ovation from more than 400 graduates, all grateful for the gift of his ministry at SI.

MICHAEL SILVESTRI '67

THE SI COMMUNITY, AT THE MAY AWARDS

Assembly, gave Mike Silvestri a standing ovation when he went up to receive a plaque commemorating his 40th year at the Prep.

They gave him a second ovation when he was called back up to the stage moments later by Principal Patrick Ruff, who presented him with the school's second ever Ignatian Educator Award in honor of his tremendous contribution to the school. (His commute partner and math department colleague Chuck Murphy '61 was the first recipient of that award last year.)

"Mike exemplifies the Jesuit ideal of being open to growth," said Assistant Principal for Academics Carole Nickolai. "He has implemented the latest technology, kept up-to-date on the most effective assessment strategies and mentored younger teachers. Although he will be physically gone, he leaves a lasting impression on our community signifying all the hallmarks of excellent teaching."

He has done all of this, added Principal Ruff, "while being faithful to the values of SI, values that he demonstrated in the classroom and in the business office."

Silvestri graduated from SI in 1967 as a stellar athlete on the basketball team, earning the Dennis Carter Award for his dedication. "He always put his teammates first," said Murphy.

Silvestri attended USF and returned to SI in 1971 as a math teacher and baseball coach.

From 1985 until 2005, he also served as the school's business manager before returning full time to the classroom.

Before taking on the business manager's job in 1985, Silvestri taught nearly every course in the math department, served as department chairman from 1977 to 1985 and coached JV and varsity baseball and frosh basketball.

His entry into the business side of SI started in 1979 when he and four other veteran teachers formed the first salary committee. "The pay was so low then," he said. "We needed to put together a competitive salary and benefits package or risk losing good teachers. Fortunately, the board of regents and Fr. Sauer were both supportive, and within three years, we were on par with many of the local districts."



Mike and Gloria Silvestri and their children, Allison and Stephen.

Then, in 1984, Silvestri joined the search committee to replace outgoing business manager Rev. Bill Keenan, S.J. "I looked at the job description and realized that I had the background for the job," said Silvestri. He left the search committee, applied for the job and started in his new role on July 1, 1985.

In his 20 years on the job, he brought the business office into the computer age, ensured that salary and benefits stayed competitive, saw that teachers and staff received the same salary percentage increases and similar benefits, helped teachers plan for their retirement and oversaw the management of an endowment fund.

He also supervised the financial aid program, which, by the time he left office, had \$1.5 million going to nearly 20 percent of the student body. Through the maintenance

budget, he helped put tiles on the roof of many of the buildings on the north end of campus and covered two fields in synthetic turf.

In 1995, 10 years into the job, he began teaching one class. "I thought all administrators ought to teach," Silvestri said. He decided to teach full time "because I felt that I had done everything I could do in the business office. I've also felt a tremendous satisfaction teaching, and that's how I want to end my time at SI. It's wonderful that the school has allowed me to have two great careers in the same place. How lucky can I be?"

Upon his departure from the business office, the SI Board of Regents honored him at their end-of-the-year dinner, praising him for his professionalism, expertise and dedication. Since then, he has taught full time for six years.

"I am grateful to SI and to my wife, Gloria, and our children Allison '96 and Stephen '99 for their loving support of me."

Looking back over the past 40 years, he noted several changes, including how the school "has taken seriously the notion that teaching is a ministry. My workplace is my faith-place, one that has given me far more than I've given to it. SI has provided for my family and for me spiritually, financially and communally."

The school is better today than ever before, he added, "because we give life to the phrase '*cura personae* – care for the whole person.' We try to be sensitive to the needs of everyone in the community, faculty and students alike. The teachers, too, are far superior today than 40 years ago thanks to tremendous support from the

Board of Regents, and we have succeeded at articulating our mission. We couldn't have done any of this without the Jesuits."

His advice to younger teachers is simple: "As important as knowing your subject and managing your classroom, go outside the four walls and get to know the kids where they are at – in the theatre or on the playing field. And never be afraid to admit you made a mistake."

He and Gloria plan to travel and do volunteer work, and, as a class representative, he will continue planning class luncheons and reunions. Don't be surprised to see him return, from time to time, to serve as a substitute teacher if the need arises.

ANDY DWORAK

A 35-YEAR VETERAN OF SI, ANDY DWORAK has served as a counselor since coming to SI in 1976. For many years, he has administered one of the most successful Advanced Placement programs in any high school in the U.S. Among college counselors in the U.S., few have the experience and professional connections as SI's Andy Dworak.

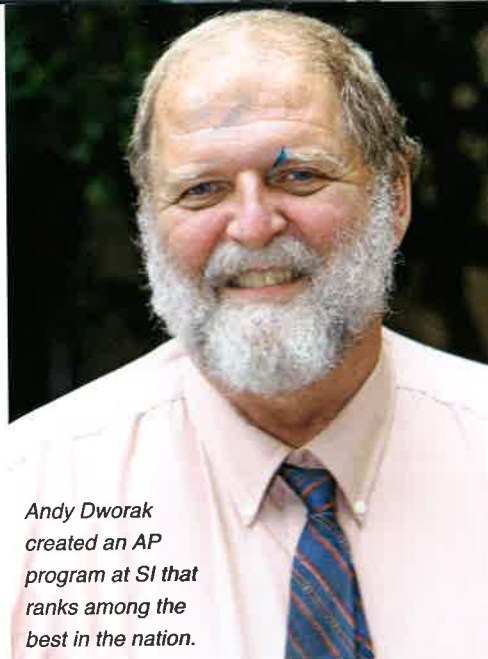
In 2005, for example, Dworak served as president of the Jesuit High School College Counselors Association (JHSCCA); he led AP workshops and served on the steering committee for the College Boards' annual Advanced Placement Conference; and he toured colleges in England and Scotland as a guest of the British Council.

For the past 20 years, Dworak has worked with the JHSCCA. Six years ago, as president of the group, he hosted 60 counselors at SI from Jesuit high schools and arranged tours of USF and SCU for them.

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

In 2004, he presented workshops in Orange County and Houston for dozens of administrators wondering how to manage a program as large as the one at SI, where, in 2010, students took 1,422 tests and passed 1,142 of them, breaking the school record in both regards and ranking SI among the top 150 schools (the top 2/3rds of 1 percent) in the nation. (SI's pass rate of 80.3 percent is 23 points higher than the national average.)

Dworak also served on the College Board Steering Committee and planned a 2005 conference for 2,500 educators from all over the world.



Andy Dworak created an AP program at SI that ranks among the best in the nation.

His reputation as an experienced college counselor caught the attention of the British Council, which is part of the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., and which hopes to encourage more Americans to study in the United Kingdom. In 2005, the council invited Dworak and nine other counselors from Jesuit high schools to tour 19 colleges in the UK.

Last fall, he was asked to write a syndicated education column for college related issues. He was one of the featured experts answering questions posed by high school students and their parents, and the series was featured on ABC News, AOL, Yahoo, McGraw Hill, The Wall Street Journal On Campus, The Huffington Post, and many others websites.

The father of Katie Dworak '99, he was also an active member of SI's Green Team, helping to plan various stewardship events. He walked the talk, driving a grease-fueled car and running his home on solar panels.

"Andy excelled at getting to know students and providing them with the support they needed to ensure their success at SI and beyond," added Ruff. "His ability to counsel students about academics, personal issues and colleges is amazing."

SHEL ZATKIN

FOR A GOVERNMENT TEACHER, FEW HONORS can match the one Shel Zatkín received on May 25, the last day of his teaching career at SI.

Shortly into the period, about 20 of his colleagues walked in along with two of his former government students, Sean Elsbernd '93 and Mark Farrell '92, both supervisors for the city of San Francisco.

They brought with them a citation, signed by San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, naming May 25 as "Shel Zatkín Day" to honor this great pedagogue.

"We will miss Shel, who continually shared his passion about politics and government with his students," said Nickolai. "He inspired many young persons to realize their civic responsibilities."

Zatkin began his career at SI in 1978 as a basketball coach and in 1979 as a social science teacher. He has served as a history and government teacher, social science department chairman, immersion leader, faculty development board chairman and school representative to the Jesuit Secondary Education Association.

He also worked on the school's Green Team planning stewardship activities. He led Kairos senior retreats and coached a number of sports, most recently serving as the assistant basketball coach for the boys' varsity team. He also taught public administration and recreation education at SFSU, served as dean of students at St. Francis High School in Mountain View and worked for the city of Larkspur as director of Parks and Recreation. He has also helped lead SI as a member of its Board of Regents.

A native of Oakland, he attended Fremont High School and SFSU where he earned both bachelor's and master's degrees. Before coming to SI, he worked as a CYO coach at St. Brendan and St. Emydius Schools and served as chair of the San Francisco CYO Athletic Board. In addition to his many years coaching basketball at SI, he coached football between 1979 and 1986 and between 1989 and 1992. After SI went coed, he led one of the first girls' basketball teams between 1990 and 1994.

He is married to Patricia Zatkín, who is also retiring. (See more on her on the next page.) Their children are Daniel '04 and Jane '05.

"Teaching, coaching and being part of the SI community has been the highlight of my professional and spiritual life," said Zatkín. "I have had the opportunity to work with many caring, talented and gifted young people in my 30 years teaching and coaching at SI. For this I am humbly grateful. My belief in Jesus and his call for all of us to be persons for others has guided me in my life. I just hope I have made in some small way a difference in the lives of the young people I have come in contact with. My wife, Patty, has been the main reason why I have grown professionally and spiritually. I give her all the credit for my successes."

Zatkin believes in the power of the classroom and the athletic arena to teach students important lessons. "My classes helped students understand that success is not always built on

academic achievements but on inner growth and maturity. It doesn't matter whether we teach these lessons through sports or government class. These are means to an end."

Principal Ruff praised Zatkín for that philosophy. "Shel loves his students and lives out the love in the classroom, on the court, in service experiences and through the retreat program. If students ever want to see what a 'man for others' is, they need look no further than Shel Zatkín."

The Zatkíns will keep two homes, one in Tucson and one in Redwood City, and spend their time golfing, playing tennis, traveling, and volunteering with the Newman Center at the University of Arizona and at the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Mexico. They also hope to start an organization through the Jesuit Secondary Education Association for retired teachers of Jesuit high schools. "I think there are many ways veteran teachers can give back to our schools," said Zatkín.

His advice for younger teachers is simple: "To be a successful teacher at SI, you don't have to be the smartest guy in the world. You have to be dedicated to the SI community and actively participate in the spiritual, co-curricular and academic aspects of the school. That means going to games, retreats, plays and musicals and faculty get-togethers. Then you earn respect of colleagues and students."

At the Transition Liturgy, he spoke about his parents' deaths and offered these words to the SI community following the gospel: "My resurrection, from sorrow to happiness, helped me understand what being faithful and living a faith-filled life is all about. This encounter led me to realize where God was in my life. It answered many questions for me about where the rest of my life's journey should go.... What was it that allowed me to see the path and move forward?... It was something my parents taught me at a young age: Be open to changing life experiences, for God is always with you. When we are open to new experiences, we are carried by God on life's journey."

At the all class reunion in June, Zatkín was named an honorary alumnus by the SI Alumni Association, in honor of his great service to SI.

PATTY ZATKIN

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students in her class understood the importance of prayer, from liturgical worship to Ignatian contemplation. She also made sure that they knew the importance of translating that prayer into volunteer work in order to emulate Christ.



Shel and Patty Zatkín
and their children,
Jane and Dan.

Mrs. Zatkín entered the order of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur after graduating from Notre Dame High School in San Jose and earned a bachelor of arts degree in music and a master's degree in education at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont. She taught at Notre Dame in Belmont and left religious life in 1974.

She worked at St. Francis High School between 1977 and 1983 both as a religious studies teacher and dean of women and at Sacred Heart Prep in similar roles. She married Shel in 1984, took a break from teaching after their children were born and then returned to the classroom in 1996 when she came to SI.

In her career here, she taught in all four years in the Religious Studies Department including a class in worship and liturgy. She also worked for the Campus Ministry Department coordinating sophomore and junior retreats and directing senior retreats. She supervised students on five immersion trips and moderated the ProLife Club and the Habitat for Humanity Club and worked on the Food Committee to ensure healthy choices for faculty and students.

She has driven students to St. Anthony's to deliver sandwiches in the morning and to Martin de Porres to work in the soup kitchen there. She also is one of the main coordinators of the Christmas Food and Toy Drive. Each Christmas season, she and her team would spend \$7,000 in donations on gifts for 2,000 children, which she helped to distribute at the Christmas Store at St. Dominic's Church.

Over the years, she asked her students to attend at least one Friday Morning Liturgy.

"They need that to be part of their SI experience because FMLs are at the heart of the school," said Mrs. Zatkín. "They see that liturgies don't have to be boring. Then they are intrigued enough to want to participate."

She also asks her students to take turns leading each class with a prayer that comes from the Bible. "We learn to dig for meaning to see how scripture applies to our daily lives. Out of that comes a desire to help other teachers and students in their causes. We work to help Mary Ahlback's Tanzi Project and to donate socks for people at St. Anthony's. My students also help out at the Christmas Store, and many say that it's the best thing they do all year."

Pairing prayer and action works, said Mrs. Zatkín. "Many students realize the importance of prayer in their lives and respond by bringing in donations without my asking. That's my reward, to see them think outside themselves and know that they are bound to share when there are kids in the world who don't have what they have."

Prayer, she added, "has made a difference to me as I see my life constantly in God's presence. I hope that's what I've conveyed to students and peers – that prayer sustains us, gives us peace and helps us see the world through different lenses. Prayer works. Kids and I pray in classroom about friends and family because I want them to believe in the power of prayer."

After she retires, she hopes to learn Spanish to help her with volunteer work at the Kino Border Initiative and in her work with her parish church in Tucson. "I'm also going to join a book club and read many books!"



APRIL AT SI

The Fathers' Club held its Father-Son Dinner in April featuring Jed York (left), the owner of the San Francisco 49ers. Later that month the Ignatian Guild held the International Food Faire (below), under the leadership of president Alice Seher Ho (below left, second from right) and event chairs Monique Perez Jones, Cristina Visus and Susana Yee.



Analise Thornley Celebrates the Breakthrough Moments

ANALISE THORNLEY ADMITS TO BEING HOOKED ON service work, so much so that she chose to major in nursing this fall when she begins her college career at Gonzaga University in Spokane.

With 400 hours of volunteer work – four times the amount required by SI – she has had her share of rewards and challenges.

It's the challenges she remembers most, including one young man with whom she worked at Breakthrough San Francisco, a program run by San Francisco Day School that offers year-round academic enrichment for fifth and sixth graders who attend public school in the city.

"The boy would never open up to me or to anyone, and he would run into an office and cry every day as he dealt with the pain that followed his father's death," said Thornley.

"I shared with my boss how frustrating it was working with him, as he never spoke to me. But somehow he remembered an off-hand remark I made about my birthday coming up, and he made me a card that was so sweet. It moved me so much."

Jenee Woo Scott, the director of student support at Breakthrough San Francisco, praised Thornley as an exemplary volunteer who "developed deep and genuine connection with all of her students." Thornley's generosity also earned the attention of SI, which presented her with the Thomas A. Reed, S.J., Christian Service Award, which

she shared with fellow senior Shane O'Neill at the May Awards Assembly.

Thornley's lineup of volunteer work would impress Mother Teresa. She has worked with Today's Youth Matter, serving as a counselor with students in foster care, and she served as a CYO summer camp director for eighth graders.

She volunteered at an orphanage in Mexico through the Servants of the 11th Hour, and she worked with disabled children through the San Diego Parks and Recreation Summer Camp.

Those experiences, she noted "have made me a better listener and more open to the stories of children. Sometimes it's the kids with the worst behavior who have the most interesting stories to tell once they choose to open up."

Some of those stories, she admits, can be heart-breaking. "One girl shared with me her fear that her foster family would beat her little brother."

Despite how difficult service work can be, she adds, "It's also very rewarding in that it has given me perspective and shaped my goals. I want to continue working with people as a nurse because it is a career that allows me to live out the Jesuit values I have learned at SI: working 'with and for others.' I am very fortunate to have spent the last few years at a school that stands for social justice and being contemplatives in action." ❧



Analise Thornley tutored Isaiah at Breakthrough, San Francisco last year. "He really changed his attitude about school and tutoring in the semester that I was with him," said Thornley.

SPORTS WRAP

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BASEBALL

Coaches: Matt Stecher, assisted by Forrest Higgins and Chris Delaney.

Records: League: 5-9; overall: 13-17.

Highlights: Defeated SHC (4-0) on St. Patrick's Day; defeated Bellarmine twice in league play (5-3, 6-5); defeated Serra High School in WCAL playoffs (3-2). Qualified for the CCS tournament, losing to Willow Glen in opening round (3-2).

Graduating Seniors: Lennox Donlon, Nate Murphy, Anthony Clifford, Johnny Mrlik, Connor Clausen, Adam Goldstein, Luke Pappas and Kevin Barker.

League Awards: All WCAL Second Team: Kevin Barker; Honorable Mention: Collin Monsour, Johnny Mrlik, Jack Klein, Nico Giarratano, Matt Krook.

Team Awards: James Keating Award: Luke Pappas; Coach's Award: Kevin Barker.

SOFTBALL

Coaches: Karen Cota and John Vincent, assisted by Greg Hulbert.

Records: League: 5-9; overall: 10-15.

Highlights: Defeated SHC twice in league play (13-5, 15-6); defeated Presentation twice in WCAL league play, (6-5, 5-4).

Graduating Seniors: Helen Buse, Frankie Buonocore, Sawyer Hulburt, Emi Goldstone, Tori



Eng and Jordan Newell.

League Awards: All WCAL First Team: Jordan Newell; Second Team Helen Buse, Rachael Garrison; Honorable Mention: Sawyer Hulburt.

Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Jordan Newell; Coaches' Awards: Tori Eng, Sawyer Hulbert; Helen Buse & Jordan Newell were also named to the 2011 Cal-Hi ESPN Rise All-State Softball Team for the CCS.



GIRLS' SWIMMING

Coaches: Matt Roberto, assisted by Tim Reid, Sonia Tye and Ben Rodney (diving).

Record: 5-3.

Highlights: Defeated SHC (121-41), Presentation (101-85) and Valley Christian (96-89) in WCAL meets; CCS meet featured Tess Brown (9th place 100 yard freestyle, 52.79, and 13th place 100 yard backstroke, 1:00.60) and the 200 yard freestyle relay team of Tess Brown, Meredith Murphy, Carla Tocchini and Emmy Leitzell (12th place, 1:43.10).

Graduating Seniors: Megan Byrne, Carolyn Capitolo, Erica Ching, Rebecca Cullinan, Christie Leitzell, Frankie Puerzer, Kristin Stiles and Analise Thornley.

Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Meredith Murphy; Most Inspirational Swimmer: Christie Leitzell; Coach's Award: Deanne Arimoto; Wildcat Diving Award: Christen Bertain.

BOYS' SWIMMING

Coaches: Matt Roberto, assisted by John Dahlz, Mario Gini, Derek Buda and Ben Rodney (diving).

Record: 1-7.

Highlights: defeated SHC 117-38.

Graduating Seniors: Brian Duhn, Ian Moore and Liam Shorroch.

Team Awards: Bill Schuppel Award: Brian Duhn; Coaches' Award: Alex Nguyen; Wildcat Award: Jeremy Szeto; Diving Award: Ian Moore.



BOYS' GOLF

Coaches: Julius Yap, assisted by Bill Olinger.

Record: 9-3-2.

Highlights: SI defeated Serra High School twice in league play (196-210, 181-207) and Bellarmine (190-209); in the CCS regional tournament at Rancho Canada West in Carmel, the Wildcats finished second; Nicolas Noya finished 2nd with 71, Jack Persons shot 72 and Nick Satterfield and Max Plank each shot 76; the Wildcats finished 3rd in the CCS finals with Noya and Persons shooting 75s and Satterfield and Plank 76s; in the CIF Northern California High School Championship, Noya and Satterfield both shot one over par 73s at Butte Creek to tie for eighth place. SI's team placed sixth.

League Awards: All-league First Team: Nicolas Noya.

Team Awards: Fr. Roland Dodd, S.J. Awards: Jack Persons, Nick Satterfield; Medalist Award: Nicolas Noya.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Coaches: Amy Harms, assisted by Catie



O'Mahoney and Julie St. Clair.

Record: 17-1.

Highlights: In two exciting double overtime games, the Wildcats defeated Poway of San Diego 15-14, and Menlo, 17-16.

Graduating Seniors: (numbers in parentheses represent years on varsity) Hanah Farr (4), Rachel Hinds (4), Kaly Leonoudakis (3), Caitlin Ng (2), Heidi Halsted (3), Alex Love (2), Christina Cohan (2), Grace Buckingham (2), Katarina Habelt (3) and Molly O'Mahoney (3).

Team Awards: Baggetaway Award: Rachel Hinds; Leadership Award: Molly O'Mahoney; Sportsmanship Award: Heidi Halsted.

BOYS' TRACK



Coaches: Rob Hickox and Peter DeMartini, assisted by David Alexis, Nick Alvarado, Al Berrin, Jack Cremen, David Longacre, Morris Lozovatskiy, Chris Puppione, Helmut Schmidt and Kelsey Wiegmann.

Record: 4-3.

Highlights: The Wildcats defeated Valley Christian 83-43, SHC 89-42, Riordan 88-44 and Serra 76-60.

Highlights: League Finals: 100 meter dash: Zac Schuller 2nd (11.04); 400 meter dash: Joe McIntyre 6th 52.81; 800 meter run: Ciaran Murphy 5th 2:00.68; 1600 meter run: Ciaran Murphy 2nd (4:26.87); pole vault: Kyle Capuli 3rd (12-06), Alex Sadeghi 6th (11-06); discuss: Kevin Blohm 2nd (160-03). CCS: 100 meter dash: Zac Schuller 8th (11.13); discuss: Kevin Blohm 5th (148-01).

Team Awards: Riley Sutthoff Award: Joe Palazzolo; Outstanding Track Athlete: Ciaran Murphy; Outstanding Field Performance: Kevin Blohm; Most Improved Athlete: Jack Cannice, Justin Eggleston; Coaches' Award: Mark Dimas, Justin Jayme, Jeff Thomson.

GIRLS' TRACK

Coaches: Rob Hickox and Peter DeMartini, assisted by David Alexis, Al Berrin, Jerilynn Caskey, Jack Cremen, Talia DeMartini, Kerry Hansell, David Longacre, Morris Lozovatskiy, Yakov Lozovatskiy, Helmut Schmidt, Tom



Lagamarsino (coordinator).

Record: 4-2.

Highlights: The Wildcats defeated Valley Christian 77-27, SHC 110-27, Presentation 70-66 and Notre Dame Belmont 101-14; WCAL Finals: Team Finish 3rd place; 100 meter dash: Shannon Pidgeon 7th (13:32); 200 meter dash: Aine McGovern 6th (26.79); 400 meter dash: Candy Janachowski 3rd (59.54); 800 meter run: Siobahn Smith 7th (2:33.79); 1600 meters: Jacqueline Urbina 8th (5:35.38); 3000 meters: Amana Schallert 6th (12:53.61); 100 meter hurdles: Shannon Pidgeon 4th (17.52); Yana Yasevich 5th (17.73), Kelly Mendoza 6th (18.04); 300 meter hurdles: Kelly Mendoza 7th (53.82); high jump: Michellie McDonald O'Brien, 1st place, new league meet record of 5-06; Tessie McInerney 3rd 4-10; pole vault: Courtney O'Brien 4th (8-00), Michelle Christofferson 4th (8-00); Long jump: Cheri Chan 3rd (17-02.75); shot put: Francesca Puccinelli 5th (33-00); discuss: Francesca Puccinelli 2nd (104-10); Sophia Aguilar 6th (85-01) CCS Results: Michellie McDonald O'Brien 1st (5-05). CIF State Meet: Michellie McDonald O'Brien 8th (5-02).

Team Awards: Julius Yap Award: Mina Alexis; Outstanding Track Athlete: Aine McGovern; Outstanding Field Athlete: Michellie McDonald O'Brien, Francesca Puccinelli; Most Improved Athlete: Ana Duffy, Kelly Mendoza; Coaches' Award: Sofia Aguilar, Candy Janachowski, Katie Spence and Jacquelyn Urbina.

BOYS' CREW

Coaches: Tom O'Connell, assisted by Joe Leveroni, Jon Albin, Dan McDonnell, Alex Simon and Michael Snyder.

Highlights: The varsity 8 finished 3rd in the Pacific Invitational and the Battle of the Bay; they also defeated Serra at the Southwest Scholastic Invitational and the Kahle Cup. On a trip to Seattle's Husky Invite, the varsity 8 finished first by defeating Lakeside, Sammamish Rowing Association and Pocock.

Graduating Senior Rowers: Chris Abela, Tom



Altmann, Paul Champeau, Michael Cosman, Nathan Kapjian-Pitt, Andrew Lobre, Peter Lynch, Ben Miller, Jack Singer, Jack Vincelette and Everett Watson.

Team Awards: Fr. Tony Sauer, S.J. Award: Thomas Altmann; Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Award: Nathan Kapjian-Pitt; Most Improved Rower: Thomas Bogott; Andy Liotta Academic Award: Thomas Altmann; Drop the Hammer Award: Greg Davis.

GIRLS' CREW



Coaches: Ashton Richards, assisted by Samantha Silvia, Anabel Agloro, Katie Waller and Megan Cotter.

Highlights: The varsity 8 posted victories over Berkeley and Xavier, (Scholastic Invitational) and over Winter Park and Pacific in the Pac 10 Challenge; in the Southwest Region Championships, the varsity 8 won their heat and finished 4th in the finals; the varsity 3 won their heat and finished 3rd in the finals.

Graduating Seniors: Erika Bruning, Kaitlin Johnson, Alicia Kapjian-Pitt, Emily Mauer, Amanda McEvoy, Kendal Mitchell, Eliana Stefani, Bridget Sullivan and Cheyenne Westerman.

Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Erika Bruning; Spiritus Magis Award: Kendal Mitchell; Ignatius Award: Madelyn Ryan; Dedication Award: Alicia Kapjian-Pitt, Bridget Sullivan.

BOYS' TENNIS

Coaches: Craig Law, assisted by Paul Ferro.

Records: League: 9-5; overall: 14-6.

Highlights: League victories included Serra 4-3 and 5-2, SHC 7-0 and 6-1, St. Francis 6-1.

Graduating Seniors: Will Boosalis, Francis Cuenca, Steven Galerkin, Carter Hultman, Elias Ishibashi, Christopher Lai, Tristan Lee, Gabriel Lopez-Low, Zach Monetta, and Taylor Tarantino.

League Awards: Player of the Year: Anthony Tsidoikov; Doubles Team of the Year: Francis Cuenca, Zach Monetta; all-league second team: Carter Hultman, Steve Galerkin; honorable mention: Zack Monetta.

Team Awards: Arthur Lee, S.J. Award: Zack Monetta; Wildcat Award: Carter Hultman; Magis Award: Anthony Tsidoikov.



SI Boys' Volleyball Wins First Ever League, CCS Titles

BY ANNE STRICHERZ
Genesis Sports Writer

SI's boys' volleyball team, which finished 8-9 last year in fourth place, flipped those numbers around this year with a 13-3 season, a historic CCS victory and the team's first ever league championship. After losing the round-robin title to Bellarmine, the 'Cats came back strong in the league tournament, beating Valley Christian and SHC in three games each.

Bellarmino was a different story. In an epic first game, the Wildcats battled it out to win 31-29. After dropping the next two, they came close to losing the fourth game several times but rallied to win 26-24. SI sealed the deal in the fifth game 15-13 for the league crown.

SI carried that momentum into the CCS playoffs, beating Harker Academy and SHC in three games each before facing Mt. Madonna. Once again, it took the 'Cats five games to win the match, and when they did, they joined the SI girls' varsity volleyball team as first-ever CCS champions.

As a testament to the team effort behind this championship season, the coaches gave the Wildcat Award not to one star but to the entire team — a first for SI athletics. (The Coaches' Award went to Joel Schow and Evan Cotter earned Most Improved Player honors.)

Credit goes to the amazing play of the team and to the second-year coaching of Steve Dunne and Brad Walsh, close friends who played volleyball at Loyola High School in Los Angeles while Rev. Robert Walsh, S.J. '68, served there as president.

The men kept their team focused on one goal: taking the league title away from Bellarmine, a school of 1,500 boys ranked fourth in the state.

To prepare for the season, the team worked out in the fall and winter in the strength and conditioning program under Tony Calvello and his staff. When other teams grew tired during a fourth or fifth match, the discipline and training of this conditioning paid dividends.

The team also participated in a number of tournaments to gain experience and to build cohesion. They finished in fourth out of 24 teams at Bellarmine's tournament and traveled to

San Diego for the Best of the West

Tournament.

"A lot of people were questioning why we were even invited," said Dunne.

In addition to all the opposing teams, the coaches had to compete against SI's other spring sports to attract top athletes in a region that, unlike Southern California, doesn't take boys' volleyball as seriously.

Six seniors proved key to the team's success, including Mat Collins, SanFranPreps.com's all-city volleyball player of the year. Collins also earned all-league, first-team honors along with Teddy

Niemira. Other standouts included Nate Woo and Joel Schow, named to the all-league, second team, and Ian

Colbert, an all-league honorable mention.

Schow, the senior captain and a powerful middle blocker, didn't come out for volleyball until his sophomore year when his cousin, a student at SHC, told him that, at 6 foot, 6 inches, that he "was a waste of height."

Woo, a senior co-captain, grew to love the sport when he found out "just how family oriented and welcoming volleyball is, despite a player's skill level. We didn't judge each other but tried to keep improving. Because we had so many types of athletes on the team, we recognized that everyone brought something different to the table."

He added that "volleyball is the ultimate team sport. You are only as strong as your weakest link."

Both Woo and Schow enjoyed watching their team improve. "Last year, we finished fourth in our league and made our first CCS appearance," said Woo. "Because so many players returned, we were essentially the same team, which put us at an advantage. After we beat St. Francis, which we had never beaten before, we never looked back."

The boys' and girls' varsity volleyball teams both celebrated CCS victories this year, with the girls' victory coming last fall. See the fall Genesis for more on the girls' amazing season, and go to sanfranpreps.com to read about Maria Kemiji-McDonald '12 (#11 above), the website's female athlete of the year.



John Mulkerrins: SI's New AD Celebrates High School Sports

John Mulkerrins '89 is SI's sixth athletic director, following a successful career by Bob Vergara '76, who returns to the classroom this fall.



JUST WATCH THE WINNING COACH OF A high school or college game moments before the end of a championship season. The coach, most likely, will be doused in Gatorade and then carried aloft on shoulders in a triumphant march to the locker room.

No one notices or celebrates the athletic director, the person who does all the behind-the-scenes work to make sure the field or court is ready by game time.

That humble, self-effacing role fit Bob Vergara '76 well. The man who has served since 1999 as SI's fifth athletic director could be seen pacing the sidelines making sure that the announcer's microphone was working, the trainers were ready with icepacks and the buses were on hand to take the players back home.

After a dozen years as AD and nearly 30 years at SI, Vergara will return to the classroom this fall to teach history full time.

Taking his place will be former Associate Athletic Director John Mulkerrins '89, who has the same philosophy as Vergara about the job. "We're called to put the philosophy of the school into action on the field and court, at the lake, in the pool or on the track," said Mulkerrins.

Principal Patrick Ruff praised Mulkerrins for his "dedication to the mission of Jesuit education and for possessing a comprehensive knowledge of our athletic program's strengths, challenges, resources and personalities. He has extensive experience, from coaching to working with the summer school sports program. He knows our coaching staff, league and section and has the vision and leadership to ensure athletic excellence at SI. He is authentic, possesses solid instincts and is not afraid to hold people accountable, giving him the credentials for developing and supervising our coaching staff."

Mulkerrins' main job, he notes, "is to train the coaches to be educated as to the Jesuit way of proceeding. The field is an extension of the classroom, and both prepare our students for life."

Like Vergara, Mulkerrins plans to be a visible presence at games and "to have an ear to listen to student athletes, coaches and parents."

He also hopes to work with SI's Alumni Office to invite former athletes back to games, both to honor their legacy and to hold them up as exemplars for current students.

He acknowledges that most of the job "will involve putting out small fires, answering phone calls and emails and making sure the lights are out when I lock up the gym at night."

He added that "the support of my wife, Joan, our kids (Megan, 9, and Michael, 7) through the years has been a great testament to their support of SI. They are probably the biggest Wildcat fans out there."

Mulkerrins comes well equipped for the AD job, having worked at SI as a coach since 1992 and as associate AD since 1999. He served as head freshman and JV boys' soccer coach and started the JV softball program in the spring of 1995. Two years later, he became the assistant varsity softball coach and, later, the head coach, a post he held for five years.

He ended all coaching duties in 2003, as it became increasingly difficult to meet the demands of all the spring teams while running a team of his own. "I miss those days as a coach, not just the day-to-day operations but

also the great relationships that one builds with student-athletes."

His athletic career goes back to his grammar school days at St. Cecilia's, where he was a triple threat, playing baseball, basketball and soccer. He was raised in a family of athletes, and his brother Mike Mulkerrins '91 currently serves as the head coach for SI's varsity girls' basketball team. (His brother Rich '83 is the president of ABLE Maintenance Company and sister Marian is a sixth grade teacher and assistant principal at St. Cecilia's.)

At SI, his freshman boys' baseball coach cut him before the roster was set, "so I know what that's like," said Mulkerrins. "It helps me relate to our students who go through the same agony. It's not fun."

He excelled as a soccer player, earning the team's top award in his senior year. Then, while studying at SFSU, he was hired at St. Cecilia's to serve as girls' athletic director, PE teacher and coach.

Six years later, he left for Holy Name, where he taught junior high math and served as the school's AD.

All of this, he noted, "gave me a passion for athletics. It's how so many people grow as leaders. Some find this through academics, others through student government. For my teammates and me, we learned to lead through healthy competition and by observing some great role models in our coaches."

As AD, Mulkerrins will continue Vergara's efforts to help students navigate the highly charged world of student athletics, one where teens and their families often look to club programs rather than high school sports to help them earn college scholarships.

He believes high school programs offer "more school pride and spirit" than club teams can offer. "They are more like a business. Kids play on a club team with one eye towards college. They play a high school sport because it's enjoyable."

Fortunately, SI players can still have the advantages of club sports, "as the WCAL is among the best leagues in the state," said Mulkerrins. "There are plenty of opportunities to advance to the next level through high school competition, and students get to compete with the support of teachers, coaches, family and friends. There is no replacement for the experience of playing for your school."

To help parents grow in their appreciation of SI's approach to athletics, Mulkerrins will ensure that each sport holds one open practice so parents can watch. "Most working parents can't come to see their kids from 3 to 5 p.m.



This will give the coaches and me a chance to speak about the philosophy of the program so we all have a common starting point for the rest of the season. Senior athletes will also share how playing the sport has changed their lives."

Assisting Mulkerrins will be Anne Seppi, a basketball coach and former tennis coach at SI who moves from her role as assistant AD to associate AD. She will take over scheduling games and practices, managing game operations, purchasing uniforms and equipment and coordinating all team travel.

Joining the athletics staff will be Rob Marcaletti '96, who has coached basketball at SI since 2001. A real estate agent, Marcaletti has also coached with the Olympic Club's Super Skills program and spent a year as director of basketball operations for the Burlingame Sports Center. At SI, he will manage Marchbank Park, Fairmont Field and other off-campus sites. He will also supervise equipment for the football program, run the Leo La Rocca Sand Dune Classic and the Jerry Langkammerer Lacrosse Invitational and, along with Mulkerrins and Seppi, supervise all the coaches for the school's 66 teams.

"We need to support our coaches by giving them feedback and helping them develop," said Mulkerrins. "Bob Drucker '58 and Mike

Silvestri '67, who have been doing this for us, will continue training young coaches to weave Ignatian values into all they do."

Mulkerrins also praised some of the new coaching hires, including varsity football head coach John Regalia '93, who last year served in that role on an interim basis, replacing coach Steve Bluford '84, who took SI to league and CCS championships in 2006.

"It's always ideal to have an SI athlete come back to the school to teach and coach," said Mulkerrins. "John has great attention to detail, and in a sport like football, with so many moving parts, you need a person able to organize a large coaching staff and many athletes on all three levels – frosh, JV and varsity. John has gone up the ranks and served as an excellent defensive coordinator for nine years. He is a great husband, father, teacher and role model for our students. He is selfless in his service to the school and has a work ethic second to none."

Regalia, who played football at SI under Joe Vollert '84, went on to play at Oregon State University, from which he graduated in 1997. He has coached in SI's football program since 1998 with two years as head JV coach and a dozen years on the varsity level. He has also taught in the math department since 2002.

Succeeding Sean-Michael Callahan as head coach for the boys' soccer team will be John Prior, whose son Sean graduated from SI in June. "He is a man embedded in the San Francisco soccer community," said Mulkerrins, citing Prior's experience with the San Francisco Celtics and Glens youth and adult soccer programs and his experience coaching JV and frosh soccer at SI for the

past four years. "He is excited to take over a successful program that has won back-to-back league titles. He's a calm coach who prepares his athletes by teaching them technique, fitness and sportsmanship."

Succeeding John DeBenedetti '83 is Tim Reardon '86, who returns to serve as head coach for the boys' varsity basketball team, a job he held between 2003 and 2008 when he stepped down to spend more time with his family. Reardon, a University of Notre Dame grad, has coached for the past 20 years in SI's basketball program, helping his teams win 11 championships in that time.

"Tim has taught his players to embrace the values on which our athletic program is based: generosity, fighting spirit, a solid work ethic, selflessness and sportsmanship," said Vergara, when he announced Reardon's appointment in May.

"Tim lives all those values, and I know that, with him at the helm, our boys' basketball program will continue to be in good hands." ∞

Above: Rob Marcaletti. Below Anne Seppi and her assistant JV coach, Joe Moriarty.



Photo by Paul Ghigliari



The 2011 *Ignatian* yearbook omitted photos of the **GIRLS' GOLF TEAMS**. The editorial staff regrets the error and asked that the photos be printed in *Genesis*. JVs: Pictured at left are, top row, Gigi Ruane, Alyssa Aliotti, Rikki Ulmer, Elisa Cimento, Daniela Davidoff, Coach Olinger, Fiona Murphy-Thomas, Stephanie Donahue, Lizzy Detert, Kristina Hillhouse; bottom

row: Amanda Lim, Caitlyn Espiritu, Katrina Alcantara, Brittany Tam, Clara Murphy, Isabella (Beya) Alcaraz and Mackenzie Dowling. Varsity (right): Top row, Claire Kelly, Alexandra Wong, Haley Friesch, Karly Knipp, Angela Tolentino, Andrea Wong, Madeleine Student, Coach Yap; bottom row, Heidi Ng, and Pascal Schoshinski.



BOYS' LACROSSE

Coaches: Chris Packard, assisted by Michael Abou Jaoude and Scott Brittain. **Record:** 20-2.

Highlights: The Wildcats (ranked 18th nationally by Max Preps) hosted and won the Jerry Langkammerer Tournament, defeating Jesuit High (Sacramento) 15-2, Menlo School 16-2

and Brophy 13-2; in the Strake Jesuit Classic in Houston, the 'Cats defeated Strake 15-2, lost to Gonzaga Prep (Spokane) 7-11 and defeated St. Louis University High School 13-3; in the second season of WCAL lacrosse, the Wildcats went 8-0 in round robin play and defeated Bellarmine in the WCAL championship game 14-7.

League Awards: All League First Team: Jack Bodine, Bobby Gray, Harrison Mallen, JW McGovern; All League Second Team: Nick Fotsch, Matt Higgins, Chase Wittingham; Honorable Mention: Peter Doyle, Matt Emery
Team Awards: John M. Senyard Award: Bobby Gray; Coaches' Award: Matt Higgins, Harrison Mallen.

SI and Lacrosse for LIFE Team Up to Help Inner-City Kids

BY ANNE STRICHERZ
Genesis Sports Writer

LACROSSE AT SI, DESPITE ITS TREMENDOUS success, sometimes gets a bad rap. Some see the sport as part of an elite old boys' network, confined to exclusive prep schools.

The last place you might expect the sport to take root and grow in popularity is San Francisco's Bayview District. That's happening thanks to Lacrosse for LIFE and its partnership with SI's lacrosse program.

Lacrosse for LIFE has, since 2001, provided a year-round youth program in under-served urban communities in San Francisco. "It aims to do what SI does by focusing on the whole person," said Chris Packard, head coach for the SI boys' varsity lacrosse team.

"Kids are given the opportunity to play a sport they might not otherwise learn. But in doing so, they learn about the program's LIFE values – Leadership, Integrity, Friendship and Education."

Brian Yee '11, a varsity defenseman who learned to play the sport through Lacrosse for LIFE, noted that the program encouraged him "to excel in all aspects of my life. The tenets are important. My teammates and I know and value them. After practice, we would recognize our teammates for accomplishments related to one of the tenets. I once shared with my team how my friend won an award at his middle

school science fair and received a star for education." Players who earned enough stars could earn sponsorship to attend a lacrosse camp or compete on a traveling team.

Lacrosse for LIFE players have traveled far and near, including to SI several years ago when they toured the campus and played a scrimmage under the tutelage of varsity players, cementing the relationship between the two teams.

(That relationship even extends to SI parents, with Lisa and Bob Carey running the burger concession for the main Lacrosse for LIFE game at Kezar. The family's company, Brandon Natural Beef, provides all the burgers and chefs for the event, with proceeds going to Lacrosse for LIFE.)

Since then, Lacrosse for LIFE players have come to cheer on the Wildcats, helping the organization live up to its mission "to bring lacrosse to the city and the city to lacrosse."

Both teams benefit from the exchange. "The relationship between SI and Lax for LIFE is more important for us than it is for them," said Packard. "It deepens the appreciation our players have for the great facilities they have. More importantly, our team is excited to help any way they can."

Although one team has a view of the beach and the other of Hwy. 101, both have found common ground on the lacrosse field, which

serves as a place to forget problems and enjoy the thrill of competition.

"In lacrosse, you have to be relentless and tenacious," said Yee. "If the ball drops, you can't be afraid to charge in and pick it up. It's difficult for one player to do this alone. In order to succeed, you have to know that your teammates have your back."

That lesson is important off the field, given the difficult home lives facing many of the Lacrosse for LIFE participants. Even though they may not feel supported at home, they find that support in the brotherhood they experience at every practice and game.

That confidence and support helps them fight stereotypes, added Yee. "Many people mislabel the kids who take part in the program. People think they take and take [from society], but I have seen how much they give back, especially in terms of friendship."

Yee and other Lacrosse for LIFE alumni call themselves Bulldogs for LIFE and serve as role models for disadvantaged youth, just as their coaches were exemplars for them. Those coaches helped Yee earn an appointment to the Air Force Academy, which he will attend next year.

Yee is also proud that this fall another Lacrosse for LIFE alumnus will attend SI's Class of 2015 and perhaps play on J.B. Murphy Field as part of the best high school lacrosse team in the West. ∞

An All-American Legacy of Excellence

THIS HAS BEEN ANOTHER STELLAR YEAR FOR SI lacrosse both on the high school and collegiate levels. SI's boys' varsity lacrosse team celebrated two undefeated league seasons this year and last

and took first place both times, earning a first-place ranking in California and finishing 18th in the nation according to MaxPreps.

The girls' varsity lacrosse team lost only one of its 18 games to finish first in CCS, third in the state and 7th in the West.

Colleges were eager to recruit a host of Wildcats including seniors Hannah Farr

(Stanford), Rachel Hinds (Stanford), Molly O'Mahoney (St. Mary's College), Heidi Halsted (Connecticut College), Chase Whittingham (Trinity College), John Gibbons (Amherst College), Bobby Gray (University of Notre Dame) and Jack Bodine (Haverford College).

In addition, Bodine, Gray and junior J.W. McGovern were named U.S. Lacrosse

SI Athletes and Coaches Inducted into the SF Prep Hall of Fame

BY ANNE STRICHERZ

Genesis Sports Writer

THE SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME

Induction ceremony May 21 at the Patio Español Restaurant honored nine great athletes, four of whom had SI connections. Among them were the late Bernard "Jack" McKay '53, winner of the John E. Brophy Award as the outstanding athlete of his class, and Ray Calcagno '64, all-city quarterback and three-sport athlete for the Wildcats and SI's head football coach from 1979 to 1986 and 1989 to 1991.

Joining them were Zac Lee '05, all-league baseball player and WCAL football player of the year and a star quarterback at the University of Nebraska.

SI coach Chris Delaney, who graduated from Washington High School in 1997, was also among the honorees for his skill on the eagles' football and baseball teams.

JACK MCKAY

At SI, McKay was awarded lineman of the year honors by the Touchdown Club, and *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *Examiner*, *Call-Bulletin* and *News* all named him to the all-league first team.

He also served as president of the Block Club before going to UCLA, where he was captain of the frosh football team and, in 1955, a member of the top-ranked team at the Rose Bowl.

He went on to serve in the U.S. Army and the San Francisco Police Department. When he died in 2003, many family members, friends and fellow teammates attended his funeral in his honor.

ZAC LEE

Lee, the youngest player ever inducted into the Hall of Fame, was a two-sport athlete at SI. He served as quarterback and punter for SI's football team in 2004 and was named as the outstanding WCAL offensive player, a first-ever honor for an SI athlete. When he passed for more than 2,800 yards in a single game, he broke a record held by NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Fouts '69.

He earned Most Valuable Frosh player status on the baseball team and received the Jim Keating Award in his senior year before playing football at City College for George Rush '65, who groomed him for success at the University of Nebraska, where he became the fifth-ranked quarterback for single season passing yardage.

His entry into the Prep Hall of Fame marked the first time for father and son

inductees. His father, Bob, a 1963 Lowell grad, played 14 seasons as quarterback and punter for three NFL teams.

RAY CALCAGNO

When Calcagno led the SI football team as quarterback in the early 1960s to a 19-0 record, he also helped SI to earn its first ever national ranking.

His success earned him the titles of Prep All-American, San Francisco Athlete Back of the Year and first-team All-Northern California Offensive Player of the Year. At SCU, he was named Little All-American and North/South College All Star in 1967.

He returned to SI in 1979 as head football coach, developing the football program into one of the best in the WCAL.

At the awards ceremony, Calcagno recognized and thanked his former teammates — many of whom went on to have successful careers as professional athletes in the NFL — for their camaraderie and friendship. He praised his SI coaches Vince Tringali and Jim Keating as being "good citizens who modeled integrity and pride. They were successful not only on the field but also in their homes as fathers and husbands."

CHRIS DELANEY

At Washington, Delaney made the all-city team in each of his four years there and won the AAA's Most Valuable Player Award in his senior year. In football, he made all-league second team in 1995 and the next year won first team honors as well as the Defensive Player of the Year Award.

At SI, he has served for six years as head freshman baseball coach and two as assistant varsity coach and has also served for four years coaching in the football program.

He has served as Magis Academic Coordinator and Computer Lab Coordinator and in tech support. He completed his master's in counseling and his credential from USF in the summer and will join the counseling department this fall. ∞



Famers: Lee, Delaney, Calcagno (2nd, 3rd and 6th from left) and SI dad and SH baseball star Tom (fourth from left) at the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame Dinner in May.

High School All-Americans and helped the boys take first in the Jerry Langkammerer Tournament.

On the girls' team, both Farr and Hinds were named as All-Americans; they also earned Academic All American honors with Halsted, Caitlin Ng and Erin Geraghty.

On the collegiate level, Cornell's Roy Lang

'08 earned first team all-American status, a first for any West Coast player. His sister, Kelly '09, also plays lacrosse at Cornell.

Lang faced fellow Wildcat Rob Emery '10 in NCAA play; Emery's University of Virginia Cavaliers eventually went on to win the national D1 crown. Emery, a frosh midfielder and the number one recruit from the West

last year, was interviewed after the game on ESPN's Inside Lacrosse. (Go to SI's Vimeo page to see the interview.)

Rence Eligio '07, SCU's 4-year goalkeeper and captain, was named Women's Collegiate Lacrosse Associates First Team All American Goalie, *Lacrosse Magazine's* Preseason Player of the Year and SCU's Club Sport Female Athlete of the Year. ∞



Athletes Recruited by Colleges

Congratulations to all our senior athletes for successful seasons. We also recognize those (most of whom are pictured above) who have been recruited by colleges for their success, and we celebrated them and their families at a breakfast at SI April 29. (Asterisks indicate those who have been signed to D1 universities.)

Baseball

Kevin Barker*, UC Davis

Cross Country

John Moran, Trinity College
Samantha Schuetz*, College of the Holy Cross

Crew

Emily Mauer*, San Diego State University
Ben Miller*, UC San Diego
Kendal Mitchell*, UCLA
Alicia Kapjian-Pitt*, Stanford University
Nathan Kapjian-Pitt, UC San Diego
Bridget Sullivan*, UC Berkeley
Everett Watson*, Stanford University

Football

Xavier Russo, Brown University

Golf

Jack Persons, George Washington University

Lacrosse

John (Jack) Bodine, Haverford College
Hannah Farr*, Stanford University
Johnno Gibbons, Amherst College
Bobby Gray*, University of Notre Dame
Heidi Halsted, Connecticut College
Rachel Hinds*, Stanford University
Molly O'Mahoney*, St. Mary's College
Chase Whittingham, Trinity College

Soccer

Jimmy Callinan*, Stanford University
Hannah Farr*, Stanford University
Audrey Gibson*, Duke University
Cullen Roche*, UC Davis
Deirdre Woods, Emmanuel College

Softball

Helen Buse, Smith College
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Tennis

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Track & Field

Mina Amick-Alexis, Cornell University
John Moran, Trinity College
Deirdre Woods, Emmanuel College

Volleyball

Annie Fleming, Claremont McKenna College
Christina Lee*, Fresno State University
Joel W. Schow, UC San Diego

Water Polo

Liz Rosen, Brown University
Liam Shorrock*, LMU



Xavier Russo was the San Francisco recipient of the **NFL FOUNDATION SCHOLAR/ATHLETE** award for his success on the football field and in the classroom. He will play for Brown this fall.



Fine Arts University Recruits

In addition to our athletes, our performing artists were also recruited: Dwane Camp Jr., will attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy and Samantha Hyland will major in recorded music at NYU.



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Labagh and D'Acquisto Lead City to State Title

WHEN THE SAN FRANCISCO CITY COLLEGE basketball team took its first state title this past winter, beating Citrus College of Ventura 83–81, it marked just one success for head coach Justin Labagh '95 and assistant coach Adam D'Acquisto '95.

As proud as they are of that victory, they are even more proud that in their nine years coaching at City College, only one player failed to graduate with his AA degree.

Everyone else finished his degree, including 10 who had never graduated from high school. Of those 10, half went on to earn their bachelor degrees at a four-year university.

Labagh and D'Acquisto are also proud that they can stand their state championship trophy next to those earned by City's famed football coach George Rush '65.

"He has set the standard for how a program should be run and how hard you need to work to be that successful," said D'Acquisto. "We don't have five state titles like George, but we'll be here quite a few more years doing this. We're especially grateful for the good advice he has given us on how to handle certain players."

D'Acquisto praised Labagh for his ability to inspire excellence and instill discipline in their athletes. "He really knows how to relate to our players to keep them on course. He handles them the way they need to be handled. Sometimes he uses tough love and sometimes compassion, depending on the situation."

More than half of their job, Labagh says, is spent keeping their players on track academically, making sure they attend study sessions and end the semester with high marks.

They point to a number of success stories, including De'End Parker, who will attend UCLA in the fall. "UCLA has taken only three JC transfers in the past 25 years," said D'Acquisto. "De'End attended three high schools but never graduated from any of them. He left here last May with a 3.6 GPA."

Another success story came from the mean streets of Baltimore, from the same housing project used in *The Wire*. "The kid got into trouble selling crack when he was 13," said D'Acquisto. "Even though he was rough around the edges, he had a great heart and was a teddy bear inside. When he first came to City College, we developed a strong bond with him and showed him that there were many ways to be productive in society. He earned a basketball scholarship at SJSU and is now married, living with his wife and two kids in their home in Castro Valley. Every time we see him, it's big hugs and smiles and a lot of funny stories."

Labagh's players also do well in their sport beyond City College. Several have played



Adam D'Acquisto (left) and Justin Labagh, both from the Class of 1995, do more than win state titles; they help kids succeed in academics both at City College and at the university level.

professionally in Europe, and City College alumnus Justin Brownlee, who just finished his career at St. John's University in New York and was a contender for the second round of the NBA draft.

These men succeed in part because of the strong bond between D'Acquisto and Labagh, one formed in their freshman year at SI. The two didn't know each other well, but Labagh was impressed by D'Acquisto's performance at try-outs for freshman basketball. He was also surprised when coaches cut him from the roster.

"Leo La Rocca '53, the athletic director then, knew my father and asked me if anyone got cut in error," said Labagh. "I mentioned Adam's name, and Leo put him on the B team. By his sophomore year, Adam was playing varsity ball. We've been friends ever since."

D'Acquisto praised Labagh's skill as a coach, one that Labagh first learned from his father, Marty '71, who had coached him during his days at St. Brendan's.

"We didn't always have the greatest team, but we would talk about what we could have done differently," said Labagh. "We'd talk about strategy and test out different ideas. He included me in the process, which helped me to start thinking like a coach."

At SI, Labagh played for Don Lippi and assistant coaches Mike Gagnani '78 (who passed away last year) and Harry Pantazopoulos. "Mike and Harry had a kind of 'hard-work, get-dirty' personality that I liked, and Don helped us focus all season on one goal – making it to the state championship. He spoke about it so much that it became part of our blood."

(Labagh also rowed crew at SI under coach John Pescatore for two years, winning the state championship in his junior year on the JV boat and in his senior year on the varsity 8.)

Labagh honed his coaching skills while playing varsity basketball at Cal for three years along with eight teammates who would play in the NBA. Coach Ben Braun asked Labagh

(as well as teammates J.T. Stephens '95 and Cassidy Raher '96) to scout the opposing teams and run their offensive plays against Cal's starting five.

In his senior year at Cal, he chose not to play in order to take an assistant coaching position at CCSF helping Pantazopoulos, who had left SI to serve as head coach at City College.

When Labagh finished his degree in political science at Cal, he continued at City for two more years before serving as an intern coach at Texas Tech under the legendary Bobby Knight. "He gave me access to all film sessions and players' meetings. I learned much from him and from his unbelievable work ethic."

Labagh returned to City and, at 25, became head coach when Athletic Department Chairman Brad Duggan (uncle to John Duggan '92) tapped him for the job.

"That was my big break," said Labagh. "I was fortunate to earn Brad's trust at such a young age."

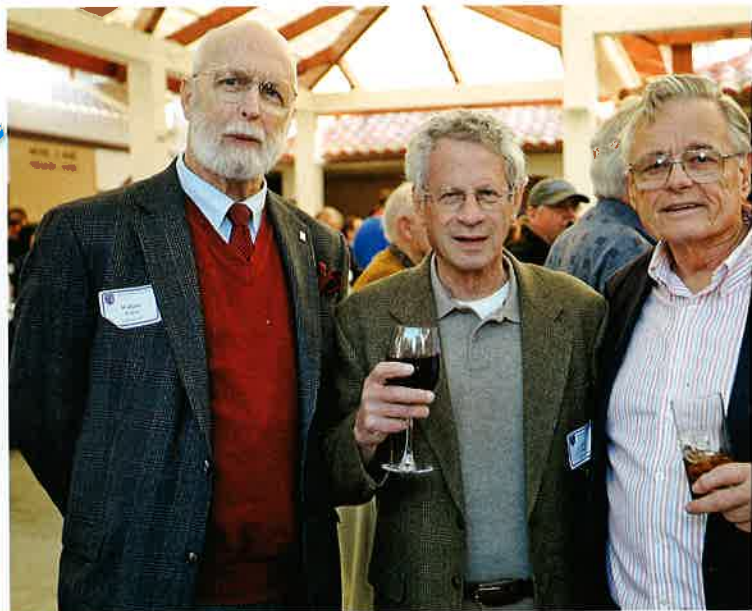
In his eight years, Labagh has developed his program to run with consistent excellence and has turned in a 218–41 record. Last year, he brought his team to the state championship, where it lost to Saddleback College of Orange County 65–60. His teams have won six Coast Conference North titles as well as this year's state title. In his eight years as head coach, he has also earned three California Coach of the Year awards.

All of this has earned Labagh attention from many college programs. He hasn't been tempted by those offers, however. "I have a top job in the state as far as JCs are concerned, and I want to raise my children, Steele (3) and Soheila (2), with my wife, Layla, in San Francisco. The offer would have to be something really good. When you have built something up as we have, it's hard to leave." ∞

All Class Reunion Celebrates Father Paul Capitolo



These 2005 graduates attended their first All Class Reunion.



Members of the Class of 1955 shared stories in the Orradre Courtyard.



Graduates from the Classes of 2000 and 2001.



Graduates of the Class of 1983 had the largest contingent this year.

Shel Zatzkin,
John Grealish
and two of
their former
students,
Bridget
Cannata '95
and Francesca
Crisera '95.



This foursome enjoyed the beautiful day at Harding Golf Course.



The Class of 1953 (plus Mike Rossi '67, standing on right) celebrated their classmate, Rev. Paul Capitolo (seated, center) for his 43 years at St.



Spring Alumni Events

The Class of 1961 (left) gathered for its Golden Diploma mass and reception in April. In May (below left), young alumni gathered at the Taverna Aventine (owned by Gian-Paolo Veronese '94) for an alumni networking dinner hosted by John Glugoski '89. (The catering truck featured chef Marcel Neal '98.) Then, in June, members of the Alumni Association came to SI to welcome the Class of 2011 into its ranks. They asked the class trivia questions about the faculty and awarded them prizes from Monster Cable, provided by Dave Tognotti '87. Bill Callanan '81 (below right) served as emcee of the raffle.



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Left: At the Downtown Business Lunch, Dennis Murphy '77, Adm. Shannon '77 and Fr. Walsh '68 launched the Adm. Callaghan Society, which was the brainchild of Dick Wall '52, above. Adm. Callaghan (1907, opposite page) received the Medal of Honor for his bravery in WWII.

Adm. Callaghan Society Honors Legacy of SI's Medal of Honor Recipient

TWO SI ADMIRALS WERE HONORED AT THE Downtown Business Lunch March 31 at the Marines Memorial Club: Rear Adm. James Shannon '77 and Adm. Daniel Callaghan (1907), who received the Medal of Honor posthumously for his valor at the Battle of Guadalcanal.

The former credited his experiences at SI for helping him throughout his career in the U.S. Navy and touted the peacekeeping role the Navy has played since the birth of the nation. He also pointed to Adm. Callaghan and to his brother, Adm. William Callaghan (1914), as exemplars for him and for all Ignatians.

Adm. Shannon also noted that the day marked the formal launch of the Adm. Daniel J. Callaghan Society, an organization devoted to honoring the legacy of SI alumni who have served in the military and promoting service as a calling, in line with SI's mission of forming men and women for and with others.

Adm. Callaghan lost his life in the waters off Guadalcanal in a nighttime battle between his ships and a stronger Japanese force. Commanding his task force from the *U.S.S. San Francisco*, Adm. Callaghan died when a shell burst into the bridge, killing the entire command staff. (That bridge is now on display at Lands End in San Francisco.)

The U.S. proved victorious in that encounter, but Callaghan's death was a blow to the U.S. Navy and, personally, to President Roosevelt, whom Callaghan had served as a Naval Aide. (For more on Adm. Callaghan, go to www.siprep.org/networks and click on SI's Vimeo link to see a short feature dedicated to this great man and the virtues of service to God and to country.)

The new organization was the brainchild of Richard Wall '52, who first suggested the idea to the Alumni Office last September. A longtime supporter of various politicians and causes, Wall recalled feeling "disappointed by people who were takers rather than givers. Then I realized that SI was doing a great job educating kids who, thanks to their volunteer work, were helping countless institutions that survive only through the generosity of these students."

Wall saw in Adm. Callaghan the clearest example of this kind of generosity. "It doesn't get much better than being awarded a Medal of Honor. As I looked more into his history, I discovered that he was among 96 Ignatians who had served in WWII and who had died for their country. Many of these servicemen were just a little older than SI's seniors."

Wall's hope is that students once again consider giving back to their country either through the military or by serving in ways that make sense to them.

Students at SI had already launched the Semper Fi Club several years ago to support Marines fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. In the past year, the students sent more than \$15,000 directly to wounded Marines and their families. Thanks to Wall's efforts, the students have agreed to rename their group the Callaghan Club and apply their work to all branches of service. They will continue their fundraising efforts but now have the support of the Callaghan Society.

After broaching the idea for the Society, Wall was grateful that so many SI veterans signed on, including Adm. Shannon's

classmate, Capt. Dennis Murphy, USN (Ret.) '77, who now serves as the group's president. He is joined by Raul Artiga '78, Ben Harrison '83, Vic Artiga '87, Luke Swartz '98, Mark Tandoc '94, Pat Faye '94 and other veterans.

Vic Rollandi '68, a fellow Navy veteran, also provided advice to and support for the group as it planned the inaugural ceremony at the Business Lunch.

Murphy, a 24-year Navy veteran who retired as a captain, hopes that every SI student knows the story of Adm. Callaghan. Murphy entered the Navy only after he learned that his friend Shannon had applied to Annapolis. Murphy, who played football at SI along with Shannon, was also recruited to play football for the Naval Academy. "I agreed to talk to the recruiter just so I could miss the first half hour of practice," said Murphy. "I knew nothing about the Naval Academy. When I left for college, I was looking forward to seeing the car races at the Annapolis 500."

Since then, Murphy has seen firsthand how the Navy's role goes beyond military action. "We represent the U.S. in foreign countries. As a captain of a submarine going to a foreign city, my job involved calling on civic leaders. As an aide to the Chief of Naval Operations (the CEO of the Navy), I was always on the road, visiting allies as an extension of our foreign policy. We went into foreign countries to support strategic national objectives in that area. For example, if the U.S. ever decides to thaw relations with Iran, one of the first steps might be to send a ship or delegation to an Iranian port to meet with our Navy counterparts."



As a result, he noted, "We should encourage our best and brightest men and women to consider military duty. Joining the military shouldn't be an act of last resort. Service to one's country takes a special person who is also faithful to his or her religion, just as Dan Callaghan was a devout Catholic who took the teachings of the Jesuits to heart."

Military service also offers leadership training that proves invaluable in civilian life. Murphy is a vice president for Amgen, where he was hired after leaving the Navy. "I had many responsibilities when I first started my job at Amgen, but I had even more at age 22 when I stepped aboard a nuclear submarine and was put in charge of 12 people," he recalled. "The military gives you more responsibility at a young age than you can find almost anywhere else, and that leadership experience translates directly into any endeavor you pursue following military service."

Murphy and the other members of the Callaghan Society are raising money to endow SI's social science department with the Adm. Daniel J. Callaghan Chair of Public Service, a fund that will pay the department chair's salary. Down the road, they also hope to offer scholarships for students who aspire to serve their country and to support student activities "related to this aspiration of service," said Murphy.

To achieve this latter goal, Wall, Murphy and their colleagues will sponsor an annual essay contest for juniors and offer a cash prize. They will also provide direct support to the students of the Callaghan Club by mentoring anyone interested in applying to an academy or for an ROTC scholarship.

To learn more about joining this group, contact Alumni Director John Ring '86 at jring@siprep.org.

Three Seniors to Attend Military Academies

THREE SENIORS WILL BE ATTENDING military academies this fall: Brian Yee, Sam Magennis-Molke and Joe Palazzolo.

Yee and Magennis-Molke had a surprise classroom visit Feb. 19 from Assistant Principal for Academics Carole Nickolai, who told them that they been accepted into the U.S. Air Force Academy thanks to nominations from House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Yee plays on SI's varsity lacrosse team and is a member of InSignis, Semper Fi, ALAS and the Local's Club (for students with connections to Hawaii).

He also takes part in the Doughnuts and Coffee Club to promote alcohol and drug-free living and is the captain of the Mexican National under-19 Lacrosse Team.

He was part of SI's Sacramento immersion program and the SI-China exchange program, hosting a student from China for one week last summer.

Magennis-Molke has made a name for himself as a member of the lacrosse team and as captain of the varsity cross country team. He also earned high honors on the National Latin Exam. He has helped distribute toys and food at St. Dominic's Christmas Store.

Both students have worked at Today's Youth Matters, a summer camp for abused boys, and at Lacrosse For LIFE, to teach lacrosse skills to children from low-income homes. (See story on page 52.)



Top: Joe Palazzolo (pictured with Fr. Walsh) is headed for Annapolis.

Below: Brian Yee and Sam Magennis-Molke will attend the Air Force Academy in the fall.

Palazzolo served as president of the SI chapter of the Junior Classical League, a nationwide organization dedicated to preserving the language and culture of Ancient Rome.

As a track and field team captain, he threw shot put and discus; he also ran cross-country last fall and received the Wildcat Award for the JV team.

He volunteered for more than 200 hours at the San Francisco Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, where he served as a wheelchair escort for disabled veterans.

A member of the Big Cat mentor program and the Service Club, he was also active in stage crew for four years and worked as the soundboard operator for the SI dance concert for three years.

In addition, Daniel Luciani received an ROTC scholarship for USC.

Luciani played varsity water polo for two years. He also competed on SI's swim team and played Colonel Pickering in the school musical *My Fair Lady* this past spring. He led the January Kairos retreat and was an active member of the Service Club, the Block Club and the Semper Fi Club (now christened the Adm. Callaghan Club). He also served as a Big Cat.



SI Grads and Teachers ‘Ruined For Life’ by the Jesuit Volunteer Corps

THERE'S SOME TRUTH TO THE OLD ADAGE about volunteer work: The pay may be awful, but the rewards are great.

For years, SI teachers and alumni have experienced this firsthand through their work with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

A dozen current faculty members spent a year or more with JVC, living with fellow volunteers and doing work ranging from teaching and counseling to nursing and community organizing.

The group had its start in Alaska in 1956, when the bishop there asked for volunteers to help with the Copper Valley School for Alaska native and non-native children.

Following the example set in the Pacific Northwest, JVC organizations sprang up across the country: JVC East and Midwest in 1975, JVC Southwest in 1977, JVC South in 1980, and JV International in 1983. These five organizations merged in 2009, and this year, about 340 young people serve in 36 U.S. cities and six foreign countries – Belize, Tanzania, Nicaragua, Micronesia, Peru and Chile. JVC has no age limit to becoming a Jesuit Volunteer, and about 90 percent are fresh out of college, between 21 and 23 years old.

Jesuit Volunteers work in small communities of fewer than seven people where they practice the group's four tenets:

simple living, community, spirituality and social justice.

“We ask our volunteers to live simply so that they can be in solidarity with the people they serve,” said Alyssa Ross, JVC's communications manager, speaking from the organization's Baltimore headquarters.

“Many work with low-income populations. It's counterintuitive to have them live in the lap of luxury when the people they serve are poor. Through their JV experiences, they understand the day-to-day struggles of the community and encounter the structures and systems that lead to injustice. It provides them with a better understanding of how they can work towards justice.”

Volunteers live in community, she added, “to provide live-in support on emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual levels. The day-to-day work is filled with challenges and successes that are best shared. They learn to live on a modest stipend to cover food and personal items – rice and beans and casserole recipes get really creative. They also form open and honest relationships that last well beyond the end of their time together as community mates.”

SI classmates Jane Zatzkin '05 and Oliva Talavan '05 are among a handful of SI grads who will finish their year-long stints with JVC

this August. Zatzkin, who graduated from LMU in political science in 2009, works in Newark, N.J., on issues surrounding schools and sustainability, while Talavan works in Hartford, Conn., providing food to low-income residents.

Both have loved their time in the JVC despite the small challenges inherent in community living and working with non-profits.

Talavan, who graduated from St. Mary's College in Moraga, thought about joining JVC ever since studying morality at SI and being exposed to the group while on an immersion trip to Tacoma in the summer after her junior year. “I couldn't believe the JVC folks I met had committed a year to helping the poor,” said Talavan. “Here I was, trying to do it for two weeks.”

Talavan speaks fluent Spanish – her mother is SI Spanish teacher Barbara Talavan and her father, Felix, was born in Spain – and she wanted to put her language skills to use on the East Coast. She now works at Hands On Hartford's MANNA A&A Program (Meals, Assistance, Neighbors, Nurturing, Advocacy) where she speaks Spanish with many of the 30 to 50 people who come to the food pantry each day looking for assistance. People receiving food need to have children, be on disability or be senior citizens, and she has

grown close to many of her clients, many of whom wait in line long before the food pantry opens. "They even come beyond their appointments just to say hello to me, and this is what gives me joy about my job."

The tough economy has hurt not only residents in Hartford but also the staff for whom she works. Three of the five executive employees have been laid off, and the remaining two are overwhelmed, making Talavan's presence all the more important. "Sometimes I wonder what I should do once my time is up in August. Should I return to 'regular life' or stay and continue helping?"

Talavan lives with six others in one of the toughest parts of town, a couple of blocks from the base of the Latin Kings gang. "Most of us in the JVC house walk to and from work, but nothing has happened to us." (Jenny Girard, SI's former community service director, had lived in Talavan's house during her stint with JVC.)

When she first heard that she would be placed in Hartford, she pictured Connecticut as filled with wealthy homes. "I didn't realize that Connecticut was also home to the second poorest city in the nation. These two extremes are apparent in Hartford, where you can see blighted buildings on one side of a street and McMansions on the other."

Living there has made Talavan aware of the systemic problems some city dwellers face. Hartford has only two supermarkets, limited transportation and few job opportunities. As a result, many residents "find their way to drugs."

Talavan struggled at first with living simply. "I used to eat out often and spend a lot of money on things I just didn't need. Now I spend \$100 a month and pack my own lunch. I avoid the great deli across the street from my work, as it is a temptation. All of this has helped me realize how much money I had been wasting."

Zatkin came to JVC with some volunteer experience, having interned for Assemblywoman Fiona Ma to create a high school civics program. (Her parents are Shel and Patty Zatkin, veteran religious studies teacher, both of whom are retiring this year. See story on page 42.)

In New Jersey, Zatkin works with READS (Real Estate Advisory and Development Services), which assists charter schools with facilities. Zatkin helps these schools through community organizing, school gardens and the



transition to healthy meals for their students.

She chose that line of work given her interest in urban policy, one of her focuses in college. She and five others live in the Vailsburg section of town, in the oldest JVC house on the East Coast. (Math teacher Elizabeth Regalia lived in that same house when she did her JVC stint after college.)

For Zatkin, living in community with others has its joys and challenges. She expected a dorm culture but soon realized that living in a JVC home was quite different. The group had to vote on all sorts of decisions, even personal ones. "Even though you might not want their input, you still get it," said Zatkin.

For example, busy schedules often make it hard for housemates to attend every community spirituality night together. "If someone has a work event to go to, we need to vote on this. At first, we were less flexible, as we wanted to develop a strong bond quickly. We asked people to stick to their community commitments, but as time went on, we realized we could change arrangements to make things more amenable for everyone."

Living on a tight budget, she noted, "was tricky but doable. I didn't know how to cook anything and never enjoyed my attempts at cooking. Now I know how to cook a number of cheap meals, and I never eat out. It's a healthier lifestyle, and I know what I'm eating."

In addition to working with schools, Zatkin also tutors adults in literacy and basic skills. One of her students, a woman in her 40s, grew frustrated when she couldn't learn a lesson and began shouting at Zatkin. "She wasn't having a good day. In the past, I would have been

offended, but now I see that her anger had less to do with me and more to do with her undiagnosed learning disabilities and with the infrastructure that allowed terrible things to keep happening to her. She later apologized for overreacting, and I apologized for not being able to help her."

Both Talavan and Zatkin have found great truth in the JVC saying of being "ruined for life." "I started my JVC work not thinking too much about this phrase," said Talavan. "But my experience this year has been unique and has presented me with challenges and opportunities I never would have otherwise faced. I have been 'ruined for life' because I will return to 'real life' with new habits and new ways of thinking."

To learn more about the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, go to www.jesuitvolunteers.org or www.jvcnorthwest.org

for JVC Northwest. ∞

SI Faculty & the JVC

PERHAPS ONE REASON WHY SI'S FACULTY

is so good is that they practice what they preach. A dozen have had JVC experience and many others have done similar work through programs such as the Peace Corps and the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education.

SI's former Jesuit Volunteers include principal Patrick Ruff, former Admissions Director Kevin Grady, former Christian Service Director Jenny Girard, Elizabeth Regalia, Brian Rhodes, Chad Evans, Patrick Lannan, Mary Switzer Haardt, Sarah Curran, Brice Campoverdi, Steve Laveroni '69 and Kaitlin Shorrock '03.

These men and women came to SI because they, too, found that their work with JVC "ruined them for life," and made them want to do as Christ did, living simply and in community while spending their time reflecting and doing good work in the Jesuit tradition of being "contemplatives in action."

Opposite Page: Jane Zatkin (center) works in New Jersey with schools promoting healthy food choices and school gardens.

Above: Oliva Talavan at the food pantry in Hartford, Conn.



Kwanza Morton has worked with Judge Kathleen Kelly on an innovative and successful program to keep young offenders out of jail. Photos of the young men and women with whom he has worked are posted above his desk.

Kwanza Morton Looks Out For His Juvenile Hall Grads

KWANZA MORTON '87 HAS A WINDOW TO THE left of his desk in his office at the Youth Guidance Center, but he prefers looking at the wall right in front of him where he has pinned photographs of young men and women who stare right back at him.

Most are wearing graduation gowns. He calls them "my graduates."

Morton works as part of the city's Juvenile Collaborative Reentry Team (JCRT) as a deputy probation officer. His job is simple: to make sure that kids getting out of detention don't end up back inside.

He's good at what he does, says Judge Kathleen Kelly, a Superior Court judge in the Juvenile Delinquency Court, who presides over the model Juvenile Reentry Court, an innovative program that takes a team approach to working with young offenders.

Instead of sitting behind the judge's bench, Judge Kelly (a former regent and parent of two SI grads) meets with young offenders at a conference table where she is joined by Morton, a public defender, a district attorney, a social worker, a case management coordinator and the person charged with a crime along with one or both parents.

"We take a multidisciplinary team approach," says Morton, who has worked with Judge Kelly for many years. "She has a discussion with the young person, using both a personal approach and her many years experience working with juveniles."

Judge Kelly praised Morton for being "tough when the situation requires, yet no one works harder and goes that extra mile like Kwanza does for 'his' kids. Many of the young people

he works with consider him family. Indeed, he may be the only family that person has. One young woman vowed that when she gets married, Kwanza will be the one to walk her down the aisle. Others call him 'uncle.' Like the father figure that he is, he is always there for these young people. I have seen him, after a full week, working on the weekends to take some young man to an all-day program. He goes to these kids' performances and sporting activities and works tirelessly to help them get into college and find jobs. He is an inspiration to all of us fortunate to work with him."

The results of Judge Kelly's and Morton's efforts have been remarkable, with only two of every 10 offenders committing another crime.

Morton tells the story of one young man who came to him five years ago when he was 16. "He had finished a placement program after committing several burglaries, and then he violated his probation. I had to take him into custody, put the cuffs on him and take him to Juvenile Hall."

He placed him into an out-of-state residential program, "but he didn't want to leave the state," said Morton. "I drove him there in August 2008 and had to drag him out of the back of the car."

Morton followed up with the young man and his mother to keep informed about his progress in the program, one that offered academics, athletics and vocational skills.

"By the time he graduated in May 2009, he had learned to be a great chef and invited me to his graduation. Now he works at the Hyatt Regency while studying at the California

Culinary Academy, and he's grateful for all the help he has been given."

Morton knows what discipline and hard work can do. He practiced both as a grammar school student, becoming valedictorian of his middle school class and earning top marks at SI, where he also competed on the wrestling team and served as president of the Black Students Union.

At Morehouse College, he majored in business administration and minored in Spanish and landed a job back in the Bay Area with PACT – Plan of Action for Challenging Times – a company that helps high school students apply for and receive financial aid for college.

He worked with public school students in the city and then took a job with the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, one of the partners on the city's Juvenile Collaborative Reentry Team.

He works regularly with a number of young offenders, helping them find placement with family members, mentoring them, taking them to counseling appointments and managing crises when they arise. He also serves as a liaison between the teen and the Probation Department.

In some instances, he helps his clients earn enough money to pay restitution, and he lets victims know about the progress of cases.

Many of Morton's kids find that all this attention helps them raise their grades, graduate from high school and go on to CCSF or to SFSU. "They like this accountability and structure, which they often don't find at home," said Morton. "Many don't want to leave probation because of all the support surrounding them. But we assure them that we'll be in touch for the next five years, as that follow-up is an important part of the program."

Morton now supervises 30 teens ranging from 15 to 18 years old. The youngest child he worked with was 11. "In 2000, he got into a fight with another child. We got him off probation at 15, and now he's 22 and doing fine."

The biggest challenge facing young people, he noted, is family instability. "Many people are out of work and on assistance, and this destabilizes families. That leads to theft and robbery."

Thanks to Morton's work and that of his teammates, many young people end up in tears around Judge Kelly's conference table "because they are so overwhelmed with how well they are doing and how much praise they are receiving. They find it very emotional, as they aren't used to doing well at a job or at school. For the first time, life feels good for them." ❧

keeping in touch

★ If you see an asterisk after a name, go to www.siprep.org/news to read even more.

1942 Ken Ross, as unofficial spokesman for his class, reports that **Rev. John LoSchiavo, S.J.**, is still the outstanding class leader, **Dr. Edward Burke** is still the smartest guy in the class, **Dr. Barrett Weber** is still promoting his book club, and Ken is still telling jokes when he can remember them.

1943 Tom O'Neill* was featured by the *South Charlotte News* for his heroism in battle, which earned him a Silver Star during WWII.

1949 Peter Arrigoni* was inducted into the College of Marin's Hall of Fame for his success in football, baseball and track. / **Charlie Brunn's** grandson, Ryan Brunn, just graduated from West Point and will be going to Fort Lee for training in the Transportation Corps. Charlie's son, Jerry, is a colonel in the Army Reserve and is an associate professor of law at West Point. Charlie is still practicing law in Modesto after 54 years.

1950 Merlin Henry Jr. lives in Santa Ana and divides his time among tennis, traveling and volunteering in the community. He tutors fifth graders, feeds the homeless at St. Mary's Kitchen, volunteers at a convalescent home and serves on the North Tustin Advisory Committee. He's also active at Holy Family Cathedral, where he serves on the pastoral council, the lector ministry and the ministry to the sick. He retired 14 years ago after a 30-year career as professor of marketing at Santa Ana College.

1953 The Most Rev. Carlos Sevilla, S.J., has retired as bishop of Yakima Diocese.



1963 Terry Ward and his son Stephen met with President Obama in San Francisco.

1964 Bill Sonneman* was praised in the press for raising money for public schools in his role as president of the Alameda Education Foundation.

1965 Gerald Hover has been a member of Interpol's group on Crimes Against Children for the last nine years representing the U.S. Last year he was elected to chair of the Sex Offender Theme Group. He has written two textbook chapters and countless articles and trainings relative to violence and sexual assault.

1966 Robert Christian, O.P., was named a member of the Anglican-Roman Catholic

International Commission (ARCIC) by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity. The commission is charged by the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion to explore the nature of the Church as a communion and how the Church arrives at decisions concerning ethics on both levels. Bob teaches at the Angelicum University in Rome.

1967 Rev. Craig Forner was appointed pastor of St. Matthias Church in Redwood City.

1970 Michael Puccinelli, CCE, was honored as National Credit Executive of the Year by the National Association of Credit Management in Nashville last May. He has been involved in the credit field for more than 30 years, with the majority of his tenure spent in the information technology and services industry.

1971 James Corum*, a professor of military strategy, has a new book out about the Cold War. / **Brian Matza** was elected as the 2011 national president for the Real Estate Brokerage Managers Council. He will preside over May meetings in Washington, DC, and at the National NAR annual meetings in November. He will also serve as an affiliate board member of the National Association of Realtors. / **Robert Smith** lives in Riverside where he owns his own catering business.

1974 Richard Sweeney is the new head football coach for Archbishop Riordan High School.

1975 Rev. William McCain was reappointed as pastor of Our Lady of Loretto Parish in Novato.

1976 Jon Leonoudakis has produced and directed a new documentary, *Not Exactly Cooperstown*, about the Baseball Reliquary, a grassroots, anti-establishment organization that fosters an appreciation of American history and culture through the lens of baseball. The film features interviews with authors Jim Bouton and Arnold Hano, filmmaker Ron Shelton, major leaguers Greg Goossen and Bill "Spaceman" Lee, the San Diego Chicken and others.

Jon will present a free screening at the San Francisco Main Library on Oct. 4. Assisting in the documentary are videographer **Karl Mondon '75** and cameraman **Peter Padua '76**.

/ **Greg Suhr*** became the first SI grad to be appointed Chief of Police for the SFPD. He came to SI in May to speak with seniors about his career. / **Sgt. Bob Totah*** (right) led a retirement ceremony for two horses in SFPD's Mounted Unit.



1978 Msgr. John Talisfore was reappointed as pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco.

1979 Capt. Mark Mohr has been on active duty with the Navy since graduating from the USNA in 1984. He became a Naval Aviator flying P-3s, first out of Moffett Field in the mid '80s and then had combat command with VPU-1 in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He is now the program manager of the Advanced Sensor Technology program. He has been married for 26 years to the former Chrys Mesora (Convent), and they are parents of Ensign Christopher Mohr (USNA '10) currently serving onboard the *USS Donald Cook*; Maddie (Virginia Tech '12) and Jack, 13.

1980 John Garvey* (featured in the spring *Genesis*) was one of the historians interviewed on the Travel Channel's *Off Limits* about the *USS Iowa*.

1983 John Harrington, former SI history teacher, ran the Boston Marathon in 3:17:20. / **Hon. Christopher Krueger** currently serves as a judge on the Sacramento County Superior Court. / **Joel Swendsen** lives in the Bordeaux and works as a researcher for the French National Center for Scientific Research in psychiatric epidemiology and cognitive neuroscience. He has lived in France for 15 years. He and his wife, Pascale (a native of France) have one son, Eric. Contrary to lore, he neither owns a vineyard nor wears a beret.

1984 Daniel Jue and his family returned to Pasadena after more than three years in Japan, where he was on assignment at Tokyo Disney Resort for Walt Disney Imagineering, the Disney entity that designs and develops the Disney theme parks. Upon his return, he was promoted to vice president of master planning for the Disney resorts globally, as well as the creative director for Tokyo Disney Resort. In Dan's 23 years with WDI, he has helped design attractions such as Indiana Jones in Disneyland, Test Track in EPCOT, Expedition Everest in Disney's Animal Kingdom and Pooh's Hunny Hunt in Tokyo. His wife, Kumiko, and their children, Kazuma (5) and Maya (2), are adapting well to Southern California but always enjoy visiting San Francisco to see family and friends. / **Derek Lam*** was featured in the British *Daily Mail* for his eBay line of clothing.

1989 Al Madrigal* joined *The Daily Show* as its senior Latino correspondent. He will star in the new sitcom *Free Agents* in the fall with Hank Azaria.

1990 Abner Senires released a sci-fi action-adventure novel, *Girls With Guns*, now available in print and ebook editions at www.abnersenires.com/katandmousebook.

1992 John Duggan* and his father, **John Duggan '59**, reopened Original Joe's in North Beach. / **Jonathan Lin*** was featured in *Catholic San Francisco* for his manga Catholic comics.

1993 Jason Miles graduated with the Class of 2011 from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School with an MBA.

1994 Ryan T. Dunn and Constantine "Gus" M. Panagotacos are pleased to announce the opening of their new law firm, Dunn & Panagotacos LLP, a downtown San Francisco litigation boutique.



1995 Vincent Puccinelli (above) married Dominic Cantu in a nuptial mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Boerne, Texas, March 19. **Ryan**

Jackson '95 was best man. **Lisa Puccinelli '97** was a bridesmaid. **Tony Zinardi '95** and **William Gray '95** and his wife were in attendance.

1996 Anno Buich and his brother, **Alex '98**, purchased the Mucky Duck in Monterey and formed the Buich Brothers Restaurant Group. Brother **Greg '94** will also manage the bar operations. Similar to San Francisco (where their family ran the Tadich Grill for years), Monterey has great fresh, local ingredients and is a world renowned tourist destination. They plan to elevate the menu and focus on fresh, local gastropub fare. / **Beth Spotswood***, a blogger for CBS5 and the *Chronicle*, wrote about her return to SI to watch *My Fair Lady*.

1998 Kirsten Hove* is one of the four new proprietors of Paul's Hat Works, a 91-year-old hat making business in the Richmond District. / **Angela Leus** is director of Film Music for Universal Pictures. As one of the creative music executives for the studio, she is responsible for overseeing all music-related issues on various film projects. She is currently working on *The Thing*, a prequel to the 1982 John Carpenter film, as well as *American Reunion*.

1999 In April, **Dave Benchener** married Katie Maher, a doctor at Georgetown who is completing her first year of residency in internal medicine. Dave continues at the State Department; he spent last fall working at the embassy in Tokyo. / **Mario Urquilla** has

completed his first year at the University of Miami School of Business. He was elected the Graduate Business Student Association class president and plans to graduate in May 2012.

2002 Greg Ohanessian received his doctorate in physical therapy from the University of St. Augustine in San Diego this May. He is engaged to **Francesca Mallegni '02**.

2004 Greg Callaghan worked as a production assistant on the workshop and world premiere productions of *Tales of the City* at ACT and taught a drama class at St. Cecilia's School; he also served as assistant director for Mercy's production of *Beauty and the Beast* where he will continue while also serving as the national coordinator for the *Dead Man Walking* School Theatre Project, where he will work to bring the play to more schools over the next few years.

2005 Darren Criss,* now a cast regular on *Glee*, sang on stage in San Jose with his co-stars last spring while on a national tour. He also performed at Marines Memorial and at Yale with Yale Glee Club to benefit anti-bullying campaigns. He was featured on the CD *Glee: The Music Presents the Warblers*, and he will also appear in the *Glee* movie, due out soon.

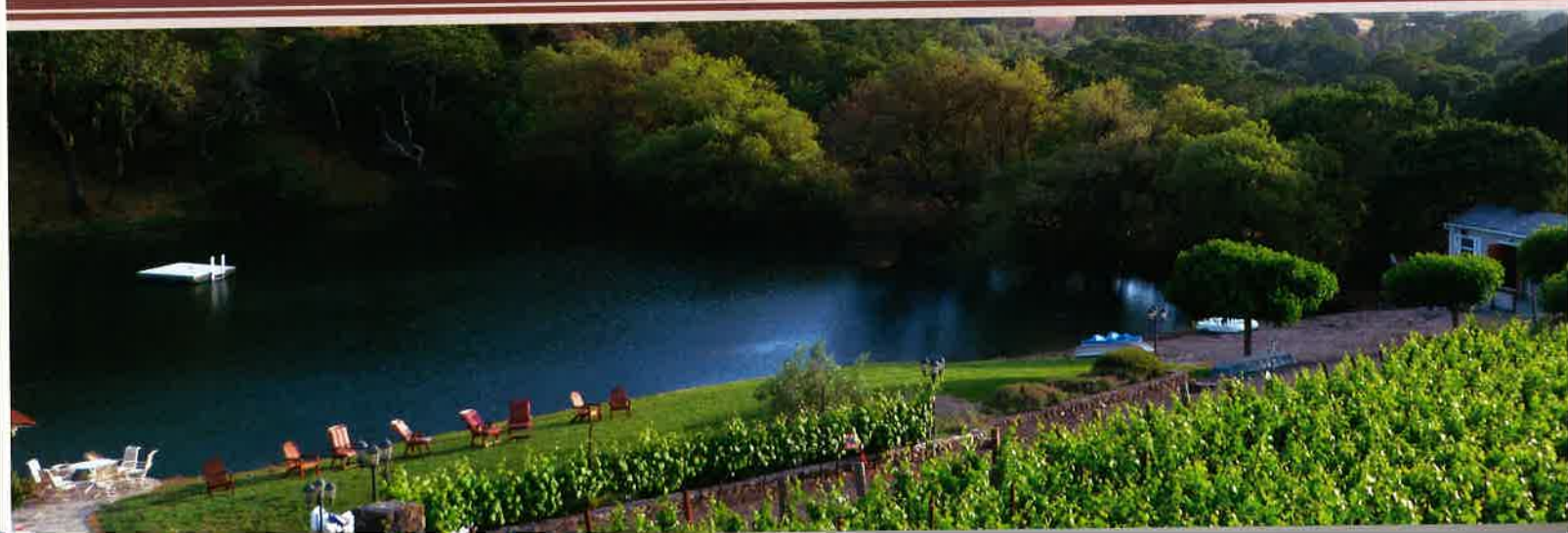
2006 Sean Mulhern graduated from the University of Kansas in May with an American Studies major and a communications minor. While at Kansas, Sean was the head manager for the men's basketball team. He is the proud

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owner of three rings from the Jayhawks' Big XII conference championships. Senior Night was an experience no one in the Mulhern family will forget. Sean, along with three players, was honored at center court before the game. Sean will be returning to San Francisco for the summer and traveling to Europe with his sisters, **Mimi '98** and **Bridget '00**. / **Misha Sundukovskiy*** premiered his movie, *The Sunset*, March 27. / **Gianna Toboni** reported on the Royal Wedding via Twitter and



Facebook for *Good Morning America*, where she works as a producer. She is pictured above with Diane Sawyer.

2007 Mackenzie Campbell* graduated from Boston College, where she earned MVP honors for swimming and set the school record in the 100 fly. She was a four-year varsity letter winner in water polo and swimming at SI and also played club water polo at Boston College. / **Kandis Canonica***, a water polo player at Bucknell, was named to the Eastern Championship All-Tournament Team. / **Renee Eligio** graduated from SCU this June with a degree in biology. She was the starting goalkeeper for the past four years and was captain during her senior year. She was named Women's Collegiate Lacrosse Associates First Team All American Goalie, *Lacrosse Magazine's* 2011 Preseason Player of the Year and SCU Club Sport Female Athlete of the Year. / **Caroline Naughton** returned to Wake Forest in June to serve as a Presidential Fellow in the office of Personal and Career Development for one year. / **Mimi Smith** received a bachelor's degree in Biotechnology and Global Health from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Upon graduating, Mimi was honored with summa cum laude distinction, was inducted into the Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded the major medal for overall academic excellence and outstanding achievement in Science, Technology and International Affairs. After completing her undergraduate studies

in December, Mimi was accepted early into Georgetown University Law Center, but she has elected to defer her admission for two years so that she can continue enjoying her experience as an analyst in Deloitte Consulting's federal practice. / **Lauren Totah** graduated with honors from SCU in June with degrees in English and psychology. She will spend next year teaching in New Orleans as part of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. / **Lindsey Totah** graduated with honors from USF with a degree in nursing in May. She is keeping herself busy applying for jobs at hospitals in the Bay Area and elsewhere and plans to specialize in adult health. / **Cal** and **Alex Trembath** graduated from Cal in May on the very day that they finished their competitive rowing careers by winning their event at the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia. Cal will teach English at the MATCH charter high school in Boston next year, and Alex begins a career in environmental economics by working for Americans for Energy Leadership.

2008 Alex Esparza* was named an Arthur Ashe Jr., Sports Scholar at SJSU. / **Dionne Licudine**, USC women's rowing team captain and first coxswain, led her Varsity 8 to win the third Jessop-Whittier Cup in USC's history by taking First Place in the Women's Collegiate Varsity Invitational Grand Final in San Diego

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April 3. Her boat went 11–0, beating Stanford, Cal, Virginia, Michigan State and UCLA. As of May 11, the Trojans' boasted the No. 1 ranking in the nation. She was among four rowers from USC selected to the 2011 Division 1 All West Region Team. / **Olivia Schreader*** appeared on the *Suze Orman Show*.

2009 Veronica Bauer-Domurat has moved to Seattle for the summer to work as a student engineering intern with Boeing's Commercial Airplanes group. She assists on designs for parts for multiple aircraft, including the new 787 Dreamliner. / **Jeraldine Mendoza***, a graduate of CityBallet and the Bolshoi Academy in Moscow, signed with the Joffrey Ballet Company in Chicago. She won the 2011 Youth America Grand Prix, first place in the senior classical division for Northern California and third place in the Pas de Deux competition. She performed in San Francisco in June at the Palace of Fine Arts in *Don Quixote*.

2010 Keith Berquist* released an EP, available for download on iTunes or through CDBaby. / **Breniel Lemley** is the assistant musical director for ASUSF Voices conducting various songs next year.

2011 Luke Pappas* and **Reunka Fernandes*** were featured on the June cover of the San Francisco edition of *Bay Area Parent*.

2012 Natalie Smyth* received a National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship to study Russian in Russia this summer.

2013 Thomas Hoo* and **Nathan Chow '12*** earned the rank of Eagle Scout. / **Shelby Miguel*** performed the title role in Disney's *Mulan, Jr.*, a Spark of Creation Studios musical directed by **Marilou Ubaldol-Lafon '98** at Skyline College in May. / **Laura Sanders*** was the recipient of The American Prize for the high school division of a national opera competition.

2014 Caroline Doyle* won the tennis Easter Bowl in singles and doubles in one of the nation's most prestigious junior tournaments in the nation. **Anthony Tsodikov '12** also made it to the round of 16 (out of a round of 64), where he lost to the #4 seed. Caroline and her U.S. Junior National team played against Stanford's and Cal's women's teams.

births

1981 William Callanan and his wife, Ruth, a son, William J. Callanan II, born May 19, 2011. William joins big sister Zoë.

1984 Chris Phipps and his wife, Corrine, a daughter, Lucy Kate, born April 14, 2011.

1990 Didrik Johnck and his wife, Cynthia, a son, Oscar, born June 28, 2010. Oscar is the second grandson for **John Johnck '56**.

1992 Mark Gottas and his wife, Stacy, a son, Cody Alexander, born Nov. 27, 2010.

1996 Sean Jacobson and his wife, **Kristy Cahill '98**, a daughter, Kaitlin Elizabeth, born April 5, 2011.

1997 Eileen (Vollert) O'Kane and her husband, Paul, a son James John, born May 8, 2011.



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1998 Theresa (Wolanin) Dillard and her husband, Dru, a son (above), Chase Michael, born Feb. 15, 2011. He was baptized at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in San Francisco on May 22; godparents were **Alex Buich '98** and his wife, Corrine.

2000 Jonathan Kathrein and Ashlee Linehan, a daughter, Madison Ann, born Nov. 1, 2011.

2002 Karen (Tumaneng) Wilmes and her husband, Jordan, a daughter (below), Leighana Kadence, born Feb. 22, 2011.



in memoriam

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1936 Richard J. Finn
1939 Joseph J. Brolan
1942 John M. Sullivan
1944 Victor L. Burner, Jr.
1944 John J. (Joe) McNamee
1947 Charles H. Clifford
1947 Alfred J. O'Connor Jr.
1948 John J. O'Brien
1949 Gerald P. Martin, Jr.
1952 Joseph Giannini
1952 Richard White
1953 Eugene V. "Gene" Borelli
1953 Kevin Mullen
1955 John (Jack) Montserrat
1960 Fred deFuniak
1962 Michael Lee
1962 Michael Soden
1964 Rawley Tandy
1966 Richard Ames
1966 Thomas Connolly
1983 Louie Daluz
1985 Peter Kouroupoulos

Mike Lee '62, Kenwood Vineyards Founder and Stellar Winemaker

Mike Lee '62, whose family founded Kenwood Vineyards, died May 2 after suffering a heart attack while golfing. He was 67.

In 1970, he, his father Martin '28, his brother Marty '56, and Mike's brother-in-law, John

Sheela, bought a small winery in Kenwood, renamed it for the town and, along with friend Neil Knott, grew it into one of the best wineries in the country.

Lee sold the winery in 1996 but stayed on as winemaker through the 2003 vintage. He worked in Mendocino County at Patianna Organic Vineyards and with Patti Fetzer and Gregg Hileman as winemaker.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Kaarin, daughters Britt and Katherine, sister Patricia Vick (Gary), brother Marty (Kristina), sister Margaret Maraschin (Robert), sister Elizabeth Sheela (John), and many other friends and family. ∞

Kevin Mullen '53, Prolific Author and SFPD Deputy Chief

Kevin Mullen '53, former SFPD deputy chief and author of many books, died April 18. He was 76.

His books included *SFPD Homicide Case File: The Body in the Bay*; *Let Justice Be Done: Crime and Politics in Early San Francisco*; *Dangerous Strangers: Minority Newcomers and Criminal Violence in the Urban West, 1850-2000*; *The Toughest Gang in Town: Police Stories From Old San Francisco*; and *Chinatown Squad: Policing the Dragon From the Gold Rush to the 21st Century*.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannie; his children Davitt and Christine Gao (Jeff); his grandchildren Kevin and Kathleen Gao; his sisters Sheila Mullen and Maureen Mondello and numerous nieces and nephews. ∞



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calendar 2011/2012

AUGUST

20 Alumni Wine Classic	3-6pm
21 Frosh Parent/Student Orientation (Commons)	8am-2pm
21 Reception for Frosh Asian Parents Families	2:30pm
21 Reception for Frosh African American & Latino Families	2:30pm
24 Frosh Orientation/Registration (Orradre Chapel)	9am-4pm
25 Senior Registration/Convocation (Wiegand)	8:30am
25 Junior Registration/Convocation (Wiegand)	11am
25 Fashion Show kick off meeting (Commons)	7pm
25 Sophomore Registration/Convocation (Wiegand)	1:30pm
26 Class Begins	8:30am
30 Senior Parent Night / Counseling	7pm

SEPTEMBER

5 Labor Day Holiday	
6 Fathers' Club Welcome BBQ (Commons)	5:30pm
8 Parent Back to School Night	7pm
9 Mass of the Holy Spirit	9:30am
9 Class of 1951 Reunion (AT&T Park)	7:15pm
10 East Bay Chapter Picnic (Lafayette Reservoir)	11am-3pm
10 Class of 1951 Reunion Dinner	5pm
11 Jesuit College Fair (Gym Foyer)	noon-2pm
11 Class of 1951 Reunion Mass	10am
13 Junior Parent Night	7pm
14 Freshman/Transfer Parent Night	7pm
17 Class of 1981 Reunion (Commons)	6pm
17 Class of 1986 Reunion (Alfred's)	7pm
18 Your Next Step is the Cure 5K Walk/Run in honor of Jill Costello	
24 Class of 1956 Reunion (Commons)	6pm
27 Boards of Regents & Trustees Meeting	4pm
28 Freshman Parents: Counseling & Community of Concern	7pm
29 Moms' Night Out (Commons)	
30 Seattle Chapter Event (Paramount Hotel)	

OCTOBER

2 Father/Student Communion Breakfast	9am
5 Sophomore Parent Night (Commons)	7pm
8 President's Cabinet Dinner (Commons)	6pm
10-11 Midterms	
12 Freshman Day of Reflection, Soph-Junior Testing	8:30am
12 Board of Trustees Meeting	3pm
12 Senior Portraits 10-6 / Frosh-Soph Lock In	7-10pm
13 Faculty In-Service, no classes / Senior Portraits	10am-6pm
14 Quarter Break, no classes	
15 Class of 1971 Reunion (Presidio Log Cabin)	
15 Class of 1991 Reunion (Commons)	6pm
18 Community of Concern (Commons)	7pm
21 Bruce-Mahoney Football Game (Kezar)	7pm
27 Young Alumni Social (Golden Gate Yacht Club)	7pm
27-29 Student Arts Showcase (Bannan)	7pm
29 ASC Reunion (Commons)	9am-2pm

NOVEMBER

6 Open House	
7-8 Senior Portrait Make-Up Day	
9 Community of Concern (Commons)	
12 Fashion Show Dinner	
13 Fashion Show Luncheon	
15-16 Fall Play (Wiegand)	
16 Board of Regents Meeting	
18 Class of '45 Christmas Lunch (Basque Cultural Center)	
18-19 Fall Play (Wiegand)	
20 Christ the King Mass (Orradre Chapel)	
23-25 Thanksgiving Break	
26 Alumni Basketball and Soccer Games	
30 Instrumental Concert (Bannan)	

DECEMBER

2 Class of '69 Christmas Lunch (Tarantino's)	noon
2 Class of '75 Christmas Lunch (Capp's Corner)	noon
2 Class of '55 Christmas Lunch	noon
2 Instrumental Concert (Bannan)	3&7pm
3 Fr. Carlin Heritage Society Mass/Reception	4pm
6 Board of Trustees	3pm
6/8 Choral Concert (St. Stephen's Church)	7pm
10 SIPAC Pasko Christmas Party (Commons)	6:30pm
16/19/20 Final Exams	
21 Start of Christmas Break	
27-29 Leo La Rocca Sand Dune Classic	

JANUARY 2012

5-6 Faculty Retreat, no classes	
7 8th Grade Entrance Exam	8:30am-12:30pm
9 Classes Resume	
10 Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs. SHC (USF)	6 & 7:30pm
11 Financial Aid Night #1 (Commons)	
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	
18-20 SI Live (Bannan)	7pm
19 Fathers' Club Crab 'n' Cards	6pm
24 Parent Spiritual Exercises Exploration Evening	7pm
25-28 Dance Concert (Wiegand)	7pm
29 Ignatian Guild Women's Retreat	9am

FEBRUARY

9 Scholarship Dinner	5pm
10 Piano Recital	3pm
12 Mother Student Communion Breakfast	9am
15 Boards of Regents and Trustees	4pm
17 Faculty Inservice (no classes)	
20 President's Day (no classes)	
24 Mother/Daughter Night (Commons)	7pm

MARCH

1-3pm	3 Fathers' Club Auction (McCullough Gym)	6
3pm	9 Father/Daughter Night (Commons)	8:30
7pm	10 Arizona/New Mexico Chapter Event (Scottsdale Stadium)	
6pm	12-13 Midterms	
11am	13 Bruce-Mahoney Baseball 3:30pm	
7pm	13 Bruce Mahoney Alumni Gathering (Pete's Tavern)	post ga
4pm	14 Faculty In-Service (no classes)	
noon	15-16 Quarter Break	
7pm	21 Board of Trustees	4
10am	21 College Night	7
	23 Mother/Son Dance (Commons)	7
	23 Solo & Ensemble Honors Recital (Choral Room)	4:30
7pm	24 Class of 1962 Reunion	
	25 Golden Diploma Mass & Reception	10
	31 Junior Prom	

APRIL

3 Financial Aid Night (Orradre Chapel)	
5 Start of Easter Break	
14 Class of 1967 Reunion (Commons)	5
20 Alumni Night for Spring Musical (Bannan)	
22 Counseling Case Studies Program	2
22 Earth Day: Day of Service Beach Clean-Up	
23-25 Spring Musical (Bannan)	7
24 General Parent Meeting (Commons)	7
27-28 Spring Musical (Bannan)	7
28 International Food Faire	2

MAY

1/2 Spring Musical (Bannan)	
3 Father/Son Night (Commons)	6:30
4-5 Spring Musical (Bannan)	7
9 Board of Regents	4
14-16 Spring Pops Concert	7
15 Transition to College (Orradre Chapel)	7
16 Board of Trustees	5
17 Ignatian Guild Installation Mass & Luncheon	1
17 Spring Pops Concert (Bannan)	3&
18 Faculty In Service (no classes)	
18 Fathers' Club BBQ (Commons)	5:30
19 Senior Prom	
21 Senior Class Holiday	
24 Transition Liturgy	
25 Awards Assembly	9:30
28 Memorial Day Holiday	
29-31 Final Exams	
31 Baccalaureate Mass (St. Mary's)	7:30

JUNE

2 Graduation (St. Ignatius Church)	10:30
4 Fathers' Club Installation Lunch (Alloto's)	11:30
8 All Class Reunion	
10 Chamber Singers Europe Bon Voyage Concert (SI Church)	
11 High School Summer School begins	
18 Middle School Summer School & Summer Camps begin	



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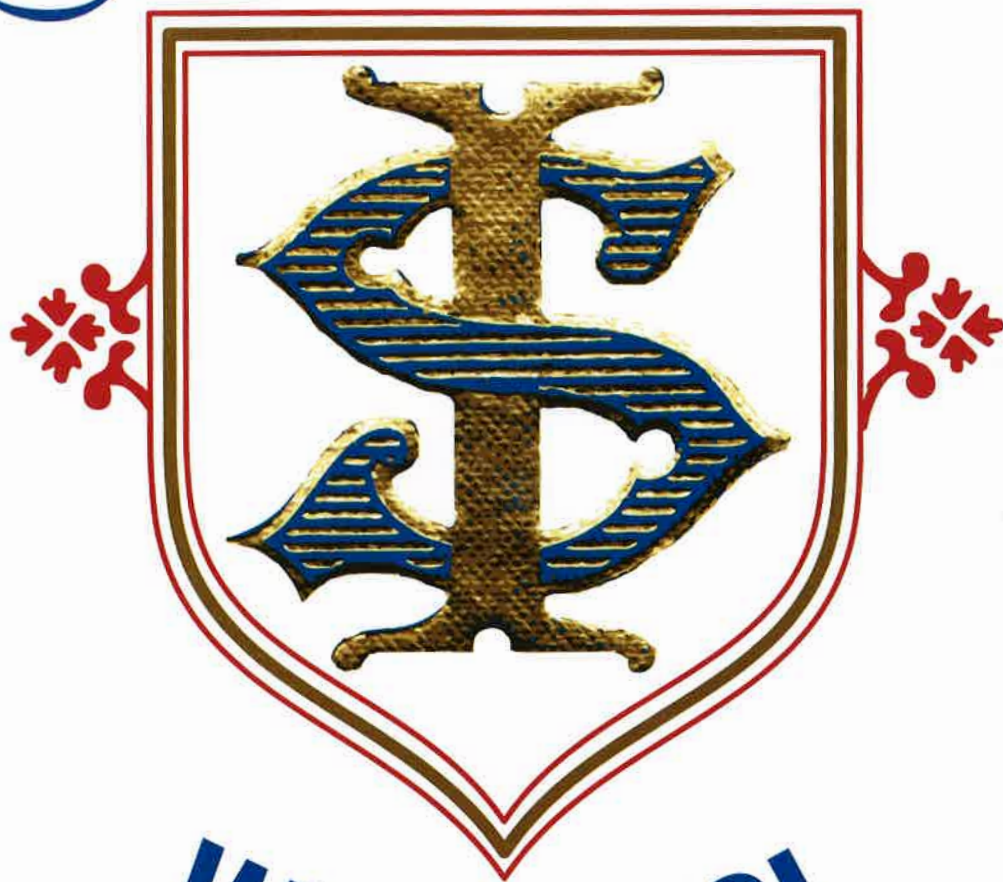
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SI BRINGS BACK '80S CASTS TO SEE MY FAIR LADY

Casts from the 1980 and 1988 productions of *My Fair Lady* (directed by Pete Devine '66 and Nick Sablinsky '64) came to SI April 1 to see this year's production of the show (top photo, directed by Ted Curry '82 with orchestra conducted by Gillian Clements).

SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

SI's talented singers, under the direction of Chad Zullinger, performed in May in Bannan Theatre. SI's singers will travel to Venice, Paris and Spain in the summer of 2012.

