In this issue, we have much to celebrate, perhaps more than at any time in our 150-year history. First and foremost, SI hosted its biggest and best party ever with the Day on the Boulevard, a sold-out extravaganza for 6,500 students, parents, alumni and friends. Thanks to Fred Tocchini ’66 and the Sesquicentennial Committee, along with alumni restaurateurs and bands and hundreds of volunteers, the party provided something for everyone — from a Titanic slide to a multimedia history show. A gathering of dignitaries came to dedicate and bless this unforgettable day. Read more, inside, to find out just how well this event celebrated the school’s storied past and its current success.

In this issue, we also celebrate the sesquicentennial class of 2005, whose members distinguished themselves in all areas, continuing a proud Ignatian legacy. We were reminded of that legacy early in May when Rosie Dominguez, mother of senior Patrick Dominguez, donated to the school a remarkable document — an awards card dated Feb. 8, 1856 (pictured above). Signed by SI’s founder, Fr. Anthony Maraschi, SJ, it is the earliest record we have of our school. This award for “Excellence in Recitation,” was given to James Carson, a member of SI’s very first class, who attended a school so new that it was called the “school near St. Ignatius Church.” Mrs. Dominguez’s generous gift is a rare find and helps us recall that the SI Jesuits have trained their students to achieve excellence from the very beginning.

We also celebrate the completion of the Spiritus Magis mural, dedicated by Bishop John Wester at the June 4 event. The mural (the final third of which graces the cover of this magazine) was painted by Boris Koodrin ’67. It is a masterful lesson in the school’s history, and it is replete with symbols from religion, science, philosophy and the arts — subjects that have been taught at SI since its inception. Please come and see it for yourself, and try to answer the various riddles it poses or simply enjoy its beauty.

The June 4 celebration also marked the publication of SI’s official history, Spiritus ‘Magis.’ The third and final installment of the history is included in this issue. In all, a little more than half of the book has been serialized in Genesis IV. If you like what you have read, we invite you to read far more in the 488-page hard cover book. You can purchase it by coming to the Development Office or going to the school’s web site at www.siprep.org.

Finally we celebrate the boys’ varsity crew, which one week after SI’s giant block party, finished first in the nation at the U.S. Rowing National Youth Invitational in Cincinnati. What a way to mark — but not to end — SI’s sesquicentennial celebration, which formally concludes at the December President’s Cabinet Dinner where we will continue to party like it’s 1855!

— Paul Totah ’75
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The folks putting on SI’s “Day on the Boulevard” sesquicentennial celebration knew they had a hit on their hands when, two days before the party started, ads starting popping up on Craigslist offering $200 for a pair of $10 tickets to the sold-out event.

The Sesquicentennial Committee, led by Chairman Fred Tocchini ’66, had hoped to draw 5,000 to the giant block party. The school reached that number two weeks before the big day and stopped selling tickets when the numbers hit 6,500. That only increased the demand, as calls for tickets came flooding in right up to the day of the event.

Those who came witnessed the greatest party ever staged by SI in its 150-year history. Children enjoyed Playland at the Beach — fun activities set up on the practice field — and alumni had a chance to walk through an archive exhibit, witness a multimedia performance recounting the history of the school, listen to SI’s orchestra and choral groups perform, see the sesquicentennial mural (and meet artist Boris Koodrin ’67) and buy the SI history Spiritus ‘Magis’ (and have it signed by author Paul Totah ’75).

On the street they saw pirates, a Dixieland jazz band, alumni rock bands (The Four-Inch Studs, Keeping Their Day Jobs, Johnny B. and the Speedshifters and Una Mas), people on stilts and in cable car costumes and a host of games and treats. If they looked up, they saw a helicopter taking pictures of the street fair and a plane towing a banner that read “Congratulations SI — 150 Years.”

They ate 3,500 lunches in the Ignatian Guild’s “Streets of San Francisco” tent and devoured 3,500 hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by the Fathers’ Club. They were served 5,400 It’s-It ice cream sandwiches and 4,000 salami sandwiches prepared by Columbus Salami. Later, in the Red and Blue Room (set up in the Carlin Commons), MoMo’s, Alioto’s #8, Bi-Rite Market, Boudin Bakery, Farallon, Hayes Street Grill, Park Chow, Pellegrini Winery and Steve & Mike’s Shellfish wined and dined those who stayed until the party closed at 7 p.m.

In between the fun and food, Mayors Gavin Newsom and Jerry Brown ’55, along with Supervisor Sean Elsbernd ’93 read proclamations declaring June 4 SI Day and praised the school for its service to the youth of the Bay Area.

A host of Jesuits were on hand, including the entire SI Jesuit community, Jesuits from USF (Fr. Tom O’Neil, SJ ’74, chairman of SI’s Board of Trustees; Fr. Steve Privett, SJ, USF president; and Fr. John Lo Schiavo ’42, USF Chancellor and former president), from the California Province (Provincial Tom Smolich, SJ, and Assistant
to the Provincial Bill Muller, SJ) and from SI's sister schools.

Featured speakers included master of ceremonies Robert Drucker ’58, Board of Regents Chairman Mark Cleary ’64 and SI President Anthony P. Sauer, SJ, who spoke of SI’s illustrious history (see sidebar). He also honored Fr. Harry Carlin, SJ ’35, who retired as executive vice president and would soon move to the Jesuit community at Los Gatos. The official dedication ceremony ended with Bishop John Wester dedicating the mural and blessing the school and those assembled.

Everyone had high praise for the event. Winifred Downing, whose son went to SI and whose grandchildren are current students, noted that the party “was the most wonderful celebration I have ever enjoyed. In fact, I’ve never heard
We especially thank the following lifetime friends who have made provisions in their estate plans — bequests, charitable trusts, gifts of life insurance or retirement funds — to support SI’s Endowment Fund. Such gifts provide for the long-term welfare of SI and may also provide donors with valuable tax and income benefits during their lifetime. The forethought and generosity of the following is most appreciated:

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of anything like it. The huge slide, the truckload of It’s-its, the climbing wall, the jumping rooms for young children, the tables and colorful tablecloths, the entrance graced by the Golden Gate Bridge, the pirate on stilts with the parrots, the plentitude of food, the people who cleaned up every paper that might drop — every detail had been anticipated and executed perfectly.”

Seven-year-old Matthew Lee also had a great time. A student at St. Anne’s in the Sunset, he noted that the event “was the best birthday party I’ve ever been to…. Your school is the best.”

“Everyone had a smile on his or her face,” said Tocchini, who, along with a 17-member committee, worked for three years to plan the party. “We wanted to put on an event that would engage alumni from the 1940s to the current graduating class, that would have something for everyone and that would remind them of the 150 years of Jesuit history.

Assisted by Steve Leveroni ’69, Tocchini and his committee faced numerous challenges. “We had no blueprint for an event of this size,” Tocchini noted. “We had to write the book from scratch. We scheduled graduation a week earlier than usual, moved the SAT testing off site, commissioned a mural, negotiated for parking with A.P. Giannini, arranged for valet parking and installed banners all over the city at the various sites of the six campuses.”

Fr. Sauer praised Fred Tocchini and his committee for organizing a day in which “everyone had a fantastic time. Everything was perfectly done, and that’s Fred’s doing. He is both a big-picture man as well as attentive to details. He was Eisenhower on D-Day and earned his five stars. He had the vision, the creativity and the practical know-how to pull it off. He is a devoted son of St. Ignatius, and the school community is beholden to him.”

The Day on the Boulevard may be over, but the yearlong sesquicentennial celebration is only
at the halfway mark. The President's Cabinet Dinner, which began festivities last December, will mark the end of the sesquicentennial year this coming December. Until then, feel free to come by the school to see the mural or buy *Spiritus Magis* to learn more about the rich history of St. Ignatius College Preparatory.
Linking the Six SI Campuses Through Many Generations

By Fr. Anthony P. Sauer, SJ

The following is the text of Fr. Sauer’s speech at the Day on the Boulevard celebration.

Thank you Supervisor Elsbernd, Mayors Brown and Newsom! Thank you, Bob Drucker — and thank all of you who have joined us today in celebrating our sesquicentennial year of Jesuit education in San Francisco. Welcome! A special welcome to my Jesuit brothers and to our Bishop from whom we shall hear shortly.

In Mr. Paul Totah’s wonderful history of SI, one reads that the groundbreaking for St. Ignatius Church took place on Dec. 8, 1910, 61 years to the day after the arrival of Fathers Accolti and Nobili to the shores of San Francisco. Fr. Joseph Sasia was president at the time. Mr. Totah cites original sources when he writes that “Sasia, infamous for his long sermons, gave a surprisingly brief address during the dedication after a sudden gust of wind swept away his manuscript to the four corners of the property … Someone handed Fr. Sasia a decorated shovel, and he commenced to break ground for the new church … The audience smiled.”

Well keep smiling, folks! Like President Lincoln at Gettysburg, we indeed do intend to dedicate, to consecrate, to bless this joyous celebration, and after 150 years, we ought not be in a hurry. Still as St. Ignatius taught: Love shows itself in deeds. The deeds of love not be in a hurry. Still as St. Ignatius taught: Love shows itself in deeds. The deeds of love not be in a hurry. Still as St. Ignatius taught: Love shows itself in deeds. The deeds of love not be in a hurry. Still as St. Ignatius taught: Love shows itself in deeds. The deeds of love not be in a hurry.

In less than a year, a school was opened! The rest is the 150-year history we celebrate today at the sixth home of St. Ignatius in San Francisco. This contemporary campus has descended from two Market Street schools, from the Hayes and Van Ness site where Davies Symphony Hall now stands, from the Shirt Factory on Hayes and Shrader, from Stanyan Street to this Sunset site. To thank God for his watchful providence over school and students these many years, we gather this sesquicentennial day!

All of the founding fathers of each successive campus have gone to their rewards, save one, whom we honor especially today. In 1969, Father President Harry V. Carlin had the courage and foresight to move SI from 222 Stanyan to 2001 37th Avenue, to this school we enjoy today. Fr. Harry ’35, will be leaving St. Ignatius, of which he has been president and vice president since 1964, this sesquicentennial summer. Fr. Carlin, we are grateful for your dedicated labors and for that of all of your predecessors whose work and wisdom, like yours, advanced SI to its present state.

Paul Totah’s splendid Spiritus ‘Magis’ superbly chronicles SI’s full history. Repeatedly, Paul talks of cura personalis, care of the person, as the abiding principle of the Jesuit education that Fr. Maraschi and companions brought to San Francisco. In the 1906 fire and earthquake, the Van Ness campus was completely destroyed and with it our archives to that date. But, curiously, almost miraculously, one artifact remained. In my hand, I hold an award given by Fr. Maraschi to one of SI’s first students, James Carson, dated February 8, 1856, just months after the first school opened. It is signed by Fr. Maraschi himself. This authenticated document was discovered by SI mom Roseanne Dominguez in her family home built in the 1880’s, a home that survived the devastation that took St. Ignatius.

The citation reads: “School near St. Ignatius church.” (Apparently SI didn’t even have a name that first year!) And it was given to James Carson for “excellence in recitation.” Perhaps no surprise that Mr. Carson ultimately became an attorney.

The award speaks volumes of the personal touch, the cura personalis, which pervaded the little schoolhouse on Market Street and which continues today in every facet of that jewel that is Jesuit formation which Ignatius Loyola himself termed schola affectus — the school of love. And it is to the person — the hundreds of teachers and thousands of students — who form our history that we show the greatest honor at this celebration.

Six individuals who represent all Ignatians living and dead will serve as living links to our six campuses and to our 150-year history. They are with us today. As I introduce them, I will present each a copy of Fr. Maraschi’s award for excellence, a commendation straight from SI’s founding father to each personification of our past and present.

First, the two Market street campuses: Mr. Jack Gibbons ’36 is our tie to our Founding Father. Although Jack is a graduate, it is his mother whom we honor today. Charlotte McFarland Gibbons was orphaned in infancy and reared by an aunt opposed to formal education for women. Charlotte somehow contacted Fr. Maraschi, who taught her to read and who tutored her — SI’s first coed whose
son joins us today 150 years later. To think that the son of a woman taught by the founder of the school is with us is mind-boggling and well deserves this presentation of the copy of an award signed by his mother’s teacher! As quoted in Mr. Totah’s history, Mr. Gibbons tells us: “My mother was an extremely bright woman who, later in life, would read the Wall Street Journal and the Racing Form every day.” Fr. Maraschi’s teaching certainly took!

Representing the Van Ness campus is Mark Cleary ’64, chairman of the Board of Regents. We honor his grandfather, Alfred J. Cleary, SJ class of 1900, who was a student at SI’s third site. Barely six years prior to the destruction of the Van Ness campus, Alfred Cleary graduated and went on to become San Francisco’s first chief administrative officer. We are pleased to present this award in memory of this noted graduate of our Van Ness School to his grandson.

Incidentally, Mark Cleary is the great-grandnephew of John Montgomery, SJ class of 1878, who, 20 years before the Wright brothers, piloted the first lighter-than-air craft ever and whose dramatic story is told by Mr. Totah in Spiritus ‘Magis.’

Representing the Shirt Factory and Stanyan Street campuses is Fr. Gerald McCourt, SJ ‘58. Just as our own Fr. Carlin ’35 graduated from the Stanyan Street campus, so did our present rector, the Superior of the Jesuit community, Fr. Jerry McCourt, who has returned this year to serve SI once again. I happily give you this award, Jerry, in honor of all of our religious superiors for so many years, including our most recent rector, Fr. Greg Goethals, happily here with us today from his well-merited sabbatical.

Representing SI’s sixth site here in the sunset is Jamie Reyes ’06 who is beginning her term as student body president. This young woman is a gifted leader and a wonderful example of the proud women and men for others — Ignatians of the new millennium.

Finally, just as Jack Gibbons and his mother are our vibrant 150-year links to our founding, as we look to SI’s future, we honor – Ryan Nevin Levine, class of 2022, and Mia Aniyah Delaney, class of 2023, here with their mothers, to complete this sesquicentennial circle.

Men and women of St. Ignatius High School and College Preparatory, women and men for others all, we salute you, past, present and future! Go SI! Go ‘Cats! Go Red and Blue!

It is my privilege now to introduce the Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, the most Rev. John Wester, representing Archbishop William Levada, who will offer some remarks and then bless the model of the sesquicentennial mural.

Our Day on the Boulevard would not be complete without the Jesuit community offering its thanks and a final blessing of gratitude to our students, parents, recent and not so recent alumni and alumnae, faculty and staff, benefactors and friends assembled this afternoon. I ask my brother Jesuits from St. Ignatius, USF, former Jesuit faculty representing the other schools of the California Province and Jesuit graduates of SI, to join me. Let us bow our heads and pray for God’s blessing.

We pray in thanksgiving for all here present and all who have gone before us who have advanced and aided the educational apostolate of St. Ignatius. We thank God this wonderful day for the goodness, charity and munificence of so many — living and dead — for so many, many years. On this day — celebrating 150 years of ministry and service from Maraschi to Carlin – we are reminded of the parable of the mustard seed and the need for that faith, hope and love described by the martyred Archbishop Oscar Romero: “This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing they hold future promise.” In thanksgiving for those past years, and those seeds planted, and in anticipation of the hundredfold St. Ignatius harvest yet to come, we thank You, Lord, for the great generosity which has carried SI through 150 years to this very day. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit upon this St. Ignatius community of students, families, graduates, teachers, staff, benefactors and Jesuits that your kingdom might come here and hereafter. Lord, continue to bless the commitment, the loyalty, the dedication and devotion of this St. Ignatius community of friends in the Lord now and always. Amen.

Page 8: Fr. Carlin is honored for his years at SI by rector Jerry McCourt, SJ. Page 8 top: Ryan Nevin Levine and Mia Aniyah Delaney, pictured with their mothers, represented future generations of Ignatians. This page: Jesuits from the California Province gathered with the SI community to mark the occasion. Above: Jack Gibbons ’36. Above right: Board of Regents Chairman Mark Cleary presented California Provincial Tom Smolich, SJ, with a letter from Senator Dianne Feinstein honoring SI.
Celebrating Members of the Heritage Society

Over the years, SI supporters have used imagination, their estates and the law to make a rich variety of gifts to the school. Some contributors have gained immediate tax and income benefits. Others have memorialized loved ones. All are honored members of SI's Heritage Society.

The late Frances Thylstrup, mother of Father Ed Thylstrup, SJ ’52, contributed $100,000 of appreciated stock to a charitable annuity trust. The contribution protected the stock from capital gains tax and distributed fixed payment to her which helped pay for her live-in caretaker. At her death, the remaining trust principal went to the school.

SI regent Tom Bertelsen and his wife, Sandy, transferred appreciated stock to a charitable remainder trust for SI’s benefit, and the trust sold the stock tax-free. Tom has generously served as the head of the SI investment committee and as a member of the Board of Regents.

Shou Mei Hu, grandmother of Eric Cowan ’95, established a charitable lead unitrust that, at Eric’s request, is now paying SI income to support its music program. Eric and his brother, Evan ‘99, were SI band members. At the end of the 15 payment years, what remains in the trust will pass to Eric tax-free.

Tom Bertken ’50 and Sheila McManus established the Mary Katherine (“Kate”) Bertken and James Thomas Bertken Scholarship Fund at SI. The Fund memorializes Kate, who died from complications of diabetes at age 35 during surgery to repair a broken ankle, and Jim ‘76, who in 1995 was lost at sea at age 36.

Jack Gibbons ’37 established the Charlotte McFarland Gibbons Scholarship Fund in honor of his mother who was saved from a life of illiteracy near the turn of the last century by SI founder Fr. Anthony Maraschi, SJ.

Josephine Bueler of Sacramento left a bequest to SI in honor of her brother, the late Br. Louis (“Louie”) Bueler, SJ, who predeceased her by five years. Br. Louie spent the last 27 years of his 46 years in the Jesuit Order as head of the mail room at SI.

Jim De Martini ’27, who owed his college education to those who trusted he would pay his tuition after graduation, provided scholarships to financially strapped students during his life and left a large bequest to SI upon his death for that same purpose.

Walter McCarthy ’33 and Bill Scannell ’48 used named funds at SI to honor admired family members. The Father Charles J. McCarthy, SJ, Scholarship Fund honors Walt’s brother, an educator, scholar and twice-imprisoned Jesuit missionary.

The Florence Joseph Scannell and Priscilla Mary Scannell Scholarship Fund memorializes Bill’s parents, a San Francisco fireman who died fighting a New Year’s Eve blaze at St. Ignatius Church in 1931, and his widow who raised and educated their four children after his death.

If you have included SI in your estate plan or would like information on SI’s Heritage Society or the tax and income benefits of charitable trusts and other gift plans, call SI Vice President Steve Lovette at (415) 731-7500 ext. 214.
Thank You!

SI Parents Keep Their Pledge

The following parents of the class of 2005 have completed their pledges to SI, helping us provide the quality education that has been the hallmark of this school. On behalf of the entire community, we thank you!

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VALEDICTORIAN
Chosen from among those seniors who, throughout their prep school career, distinguished themselves by genuine academic achievements, as well as by participation in the extracurricular activities of both school and community.

Lourdes Long

SALUTATORIAN
Selected as one who embodies the spirit and values of the graduating class. As one who manifests the Christian values of the school and a marked concern for fellow students, the Salutatorian is chosen to address the S.I. Student Body at the Awards Convocation.

Christopher Tow

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

Paul Nedeau

Hannah Brosnan

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARD
A special award conferred on a senior who is distinguished by scholarship, excellence in conduct, and outstanding devotion to the school through participation in both curricular and extracurricular student affairs.

Annie Lee

Recipient of the President’s Award
“...The President’s Award shall be conferred upon non-alumni who have distinguished themselves in the service of the greater community.”

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Grad Photos by Pedro Cafasso
Senior Lourdes Long Speaks for the 2005 Sesquicentennial Class

Four years ago, I stood before this class, quaking behind the gym podium, very eager to be your freshman class president. In my excitement, I may have used the word “sesquicentennial” one too many times. I recall, with mortification, actually chirping, “Well, that’s a mouthful! I had to spend all weekend practicing.” It was a social blunder it seems I shall never live down. But please, now that the word flows with ease off all our tongues and is plastered up and down Sunset Boulevard, bear with me. My message merits reiteration.

To quote this infamous speech: “We are the Sesquicentennial class of Saint Ignatius College Preparatory.” Accompanying the honor of being a part of such a historic class is the obligation to perform. And perform we did. Much was required of us when we entered SI four years ago, and even more is required as we exit.

Several years ago, I listened to a speech, this one far more defining than my own. I heard Mahatma Gandhi’s grandson speak. I was enraptured by this man and the celebrity of his grandfather, awestruck by their adherence to non-violence. In response to a question, Ghandi’s grandson ventured into current events, and the spell was broken. I perceived a contradiction between his non-violent ideals and a practical application. I disagreed. I disagreed with a world-renown lecturer. I didn’t know then that that’s all right.

Sitting in that dark gymnasium, uncomfortable in my itchy acrylic uniform sweater, I unknowingly discovered what I like to call “the significance of an analytical mind.” An analytical mind questions and accepts no fact at face value. An analytical mind uses critical thinking and grapples with seemingly incongruous statements. And an analytical mind is open to all ideas, lest it exclude something of value.

I thought it an “adolescent epiphany.” But we’ve all discovered that this is simply an academic exercise encouraged by St. Ignatius for 150 years. SI teaches us to be open to the exchange of ideas, familiar and otherwise. Closing our ears and minds to the voices of others leaves us at an intellectual stalemate, an unacceptable disadvantage. SI alumni are cognizant of the significance of an analytical mind. We’ll listen, we’ll pause and we’ll synthesize. Then we’ll agree or disagree.

In a large duffle bag crammed into the backseat or checked at the ticket counter, we smuggle the knowledge and discoveries of the past four years. And for the next four, we will be nothing but bombarded with information from diverse sources. Off we rush to college, a market-place of ideas. Opinions flow freely among students, world-renown lecturers, tenured and published professors. We will listen, absorb, and reflect as students educated in Jesuit tradition. I hope that we will use our analytical minds to strain the presented data, to welcome the best of what we hear — that which we will hold as truth in our lives — and to reject the rest. The question then is how will we use that information? What will be the significance of our analytical minds?

A great mind is only great when paired with a greater soul. The world into which we stride is in desperate need of our talents. We face war, genocide, terrorism, infectious diseases: a culture of death. No longer is our hardest decision which college to choose, whom to take to prom, or, during these last couple of months, whether or not to do our homework. With the maturity of graduates who are armed with convictions that higher education and analytical thinking is so well, we will confront the most enigmatic uncertainties of our time.

What should we cram into this oversized duffle bag? What Ignatian qualities will we need to tackle the conflicts of our time?

Openness. On retreat we met our class and learned to speak about our beliefs and ourselves, learned that, despite our differences, we share common experiences. These realizations established a level of comfort among our class that went beyond pre-conceived stereotypes.

Creativity. We went on art and nature retreats, vetoed bills as United States Senators and Congressmen and dazzled sell-out crowds at the Winter One-Act Festivals, trying alternative ways of expression. We will be the influential leaders that direct our country’s future. We’ll blend the best interests of diverse cultures and traditions to build bridges, not burn them. We’ll think outside of the box. Terrorism is our fear to quash.

Empathy. Experiences of solidarity extend from St. Anthony’s, Friday morning, to the 16th Street Mall in Denver, to the St. Anthony’s Morning Show. The currents at Martin de Porre’s and immersion trips, coursing through new channels we direct ourselves.

Determination. We were asked to raise money for Tsunami victims and AIDS orphans in Africa. We were told, “They need help, Wildcats,” so we staged a myriad of creative fundraisers to get the job done. We will remain resolute, our Wildcat passion roaring over daunting obstacles. We will be the humble Christian servants that combat injustice down the block and around the world.

Inquisitiveness. How does one make ice cream in a Zip-Lock bag? Just what is a Poetry Slam or a Pow-Wow? We are the driving force for change, excited to challenge nature with latex hands, excited to pursue lifelong learning. We will be the scientists and doctors on the edge of rapidly evolving fields, lingering at the intersection of technology and ethics.

Loyalty. We swore fierce allegiance to our friends, our teammates, Old Red and Blue, and the spiritual traditions established by Ignatius of Loyola. We’ll remain loyal to our scruples and ourselves; we will make wise decisions.

Pack openness, creativity, empathy, determination, inquisitiveness, loyalty and a warm winter coat. We’ll be just fine.

Four years ago, I didn’t win that election. No one seemed as concerned or as enthusiastic about our class’s sesquicentennial status. Insignificant, for what this class has achieved has more than earned us our title, “The Nifty One-Fifty.” The honor of being a part of such a historic class is the obligation to perform. And perform we will. Our mothers and fathers have packed our bags well. We know we are prepared. We know we are supported. We know we are loved. We will march back up that aisle, knowing we do not walk alone.
MacArthur Fellowships are more commonly known as “Genius Grants.” John Kamm, a recipient of this award, and the father of senior Jack Kamm, is gifted with a unique genius. For the past 15 years, he has married western business practices with human rights to free political prisoners in China. No one else has ever done anything quite like this; in fact, Kamm is the first businessman ever to receive this prestigious award.

His methods have borne much fruit. As the New York Times Magazine proclaimed in 2002, “No other person or organization in the world, including the U.S. State Department, has helped more Chinese prisoners,” than John Kamm. Lorne Craner, former Undersecretary of State for Human Rights, goes further. “No one has helped more political prisoners anywhere than Mr. Kamm. I wish we had a person like him for every dictatorship in the world.”

To date, more than 400 political prisoners in China have been helped by this remarkable man and his San Francisco-based Dui Hua Foundation.

Both Presidents Clinton and Bush have praised Kamm for his courage and innovation. Kamm received the Department of Commerce’s first Best Global Practices Award in 1997 and the 2001 Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights. His friend, Senator Orrin Hatch, praised Kamm for “using his lifetime of experience with China, the great virtue of patience, and his profound conscience, to lustrate the Chinese prison system. Because of John’s work, there are many innocent and unknown sufferers of injustice who shall not remain unknown.” In short, Kamm’s work has also put him in the international spotlight and earned him respect from all quarters.

Kamm’s story begins in New Jersey, where he grew up in the 1950s and ‘60s. Kamm’s interests steered him into politics early on, as he fought racism locally, organizing a sit-in that closed his high school for four days. He worked on Bobby Kennedy’s campaign in 1968. Later, as an anthropology major at Princeton, he was active in protesting the Vietnam War.

He made a fateful decision in his first year at college to study Chinese. “My mother told me that if I could speak an exotic language, I would always be able to find a job,” Kamm recalls. He loved the language so much that he moved to Macau upon graduation in 1972 and then to Hong Kong.

There he met Irene Chan, and the two were soon married, their romance only slightly interrupted by John spending a year at Harvard where he earned a Master’s in East Asia studies. They now have two sons, Jack and Rene.

In Hong Kong, after Nixon’s fateful trip to China, John worked for a governmental trade organization representing U.S. interests. He later started his own chemical business and sold it to a large conglomerate. He rose in the ranks of Americans doing business in Hong Kong, and, in 1990, became president of the American Chamber of Commerce there, just one year after the massacre at Tiananmen Square. With Congress set to revoke China’s Most Favored Nation status, Kamm readied himself for a trip to Washington, D.C., to argue for China on behalf of American corporations.

But something didn’t sit quite right with him. At a banquet with China’s most senior official in Hong Kong, Kamm found himself interrupting a toast honoring him for his friendship to China. Kamm thanked the official for his praise and then asked for the release of a political prisoner he had just read about that morning. The official was furious, but a month later, the student was free.

Emboldened by this success, Kamm left his job in 1991 and began working to free more political prisoners. In 1999 he launched the Dui Hua Foundation (the name means “dialogue” in Chinese), and since then, he and his staff have conducted meticulous research in remote parts of China and have catalogued the names of more than 9,000 political prisoners, most unknown to the outside world. Kamm has intervened on behalf of 1,000 of these men and women, often with good results.
Sometimes he is able to free prisoners, as in the case of two brothers who, upon their release, still bore marks of torture. At other times, his efforts lead to a sentence reduction, movement to a less dangerous cell or lighter workloads.

Most recently, he has helped secure the early release of Rebiya Kadeer, an Uighur businesswoman and political activist who fought for women’s rights in China. Authorities arrested her in 1999 and sentenced her to eight years in prison for allegedly selling state secrets. Thanks to John Kamm, she was released three years early. “It wouldn’t have happened without his help,” says Rebiya’s daughter Akida Rouzi. “I can’t describe how grateful I am. He reunited my family.”

In a 2002 cover story for The New York Times Magazine, Pulitzer Prize winner Tina Rosenberg wrote that Kamm’s success “has been surreal. Why would a totalitarian government let political prisoners out of jail simply because an American private citizen inquires about them? One reason is that the Chinese respond to Kamm’s detailed knowledge about prisoners — he often knows more about a case than the officials he is seeing. The other reason is that Kamm, through tactical obsequiousness, has come to seem like a friend.” One high-ranking Chinese official noted that “I’d rather release prisoners as a gift for a friend who comes to talk to me,” than to be seen as caving in to foreign pressure.

Kamm encourages businessmen to follow his lead, wedding commerce with human rights. He still sees himself as a salesman, because, according to Rosenberg, Kamm manufactures “and sells prisoner lists. I know a sale is made when I hear about a release.”

Kamm credits his success to the practice of the four P’s: patience, persistence, persuasion and preparation. “The Chinese like to wear you down,” he says. “I try to wear them down by never giving up. If I adopt a case, I’ll work on it forever.”

Kamm’s dream is for all Chinese to enjoy freedoms promised by China’s constitution. When that day comes, John Kamm will be remembered for his contributions and for bringing to life the wisdom of the Talmud: that to save one life is to save the entire world.

Retiring SI Counselor Phyllis Molinelli Receives President’s Award at Graduation

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I counselor Michelle Levine says simply this: “In the next 150 years, we would be lucky to find another Phyllis Molinelli. She is more than just a conscientious colleague. She is a mentor and a friend. The entire school community will miss her great humor, integrity and grace. Her office has been a safe haven for faculty and students alike. I truly can’t imagine SI without her.”

Donna Murphy, head of the counseling department echoes this: “I am a much better person for knowing Phyllis Molinelli. I have learned from the best and will have to redefine what my life at SI will be without her. We have shared times of sadness, hopefulness, helplessness and love for our students, our families and each other. I will miss her more than she will ever know.”

For Br. Draper, Phyllis has been a cherished partner in helping the boys and girls of SI on their long road toward adulthood. “We are all better for having known her,” says Br. Draper.

Phyllis, all your colleagues here, all the students seated in these pews, all the priests and regents adorned in these regal gowns, all of us feel the same way. What will we ever do without you?

Since 1978, when she joined SI as a secretary, Phyllis Molinelli has been a mother and grandmother to thousands of students. When SI was an all-boys school, she helped to make the campus a kinder and gentler place. In her office, boys could cry while sharing stories of a break-up or of strife at home.

Phyllis grew up in Redding, the daughter of a counselor and a kindergarten teacher. (It should be no surprise that she turned out the way she did!) She moved to San Francisco after graduating from high school because her mother warned her, “If you stay, you will be married within six months and stuck here forever.” She got out of town fast.

After moving to San Francisco in 1955, she landed a job with the American Red Cross and then with the State of California, quitting her job only after her son, Paul ’78, was born. Two daughters would follow: Cathy (Mercy 1979) and Lisa (Mercy 1983). When her children were older, she worked as a bookkeeper before Bishop Gordon Bennett, SJ, then SI’s campus minister, offered her a job. Phyllis said this at her job interview: “I don’t type, I won’t work full time, and I won’t come in to work if my kids are sick.” She got the job anyway.

The counselors she worked for knew they hit the jackpot in Phyllis. Katie Robinson and Bill Ryan saw that she was a natural at counseling — the students would tell her secrets they never dared tell the counselors — and they encouraged her to go back to school. In 1983 she finished
her degree at USF and began working as a counselor. She earned a Master’s in 1986, and two years later she received her license as a marriage and family therapist.

In her long career at SI, she has served as head of the counseling department, and she has taught study skills, sex education, prom etiquette, career aptitude and ways to avoid drug and alcohol abuse. She and Barbara Crudo created the College and Career Counseling Center, and she led the first parent level meetings. She served on dozens of committees and boards, helping SI make the transition to coeducation. She ran Awareness Days and Career Days, served on the school’s Board of Regents, and was instrumental in creating the Community of Concern among 40 Northern California schools. These are just a few of her accomplishments.

In all of this, she has succeeded because she is naturally gifted at being a mother. Her colleague Bob Drucker jokes that she is a Mother for Others and Mike Shaughnessy likens her to Mother Earth. “I love nurturing others,” says Phyllis. “I was a mother before I was a counselor, and I’ve always loved my students, especially because they are adolescents. Some women love the baby-stage best, but I love to interact with teenagers.”

Phyllis has helped so many boys and girls in her 27 years at SI that it’s hard to know where to begin. Students would walk into her office weighed down by all their troubles and an hour later emerge looking relieved, knowing that someone was on their side.

That’s Phyllis’ secret. She listens and cares. She joins students on their hard journeys if just to tell them that they don’t have to walk alone. She recalls one young man who was sent to her after losing his temper in class. “He was so angry that he hit the pillow on my sofa over and over. I didn’t know what to do, so I began hitting the pillow too. He then turned to me and said, ‘It will be OK Mrs. Mole.’ He realized then that everything would be fine.”

Phyllis also cherishes her role as an advocate for students. “Sometimes I have to speak for them because they don’t know the words to express how they feel. Once we name a problem, students can deal with it.”

Phyllis has also helped teachers by keeping their sense of humor intact. One day she and Katie Robinson rearranged the furniture in the faculty lounge to resemble the cabin of an airplane. As faculty walked in at recess, she seated the two most senior teachers — J.B. Murphy and Frank Corwin — in the pilots’ chairs and everyone else behind for a quick flight away from grading papers and preparing for classes.

Of all of her achievements, she is proudest of the fact that she has the trust of students, parents, teachers and administrators. “People tell me the most intimate things about their lives, and this is a gift both given and received,” she says. “I am humbled by this trust, and I thank SI for giving me the privilege and freedom to give all that I have.”

Phyllis, you have given us your greatest gift: your loving heart. And while our hearts are heavy knowing that you will be leaving us, they are also uplifted because you have walked beside us these 27 years and taught us, through your mothering heart, how to name what we feel: love, gratitude and the deep desire to care for one another as you cared for us.
Two Students Survive Terror in Guatemala Thanks to SI Ties

by John Paul Sekulich '97

A bus filled with 15 Bay Area students, including a soon-to-be SI freshman and junior, rumbled down the main highway between Quetzaltenango and Guatemala City, en route to a school in El Salvador during a hot July day last summer.

The group, escorted by two adults, brought with them money and supplies to build a roof for a school in El Salvador as part of a program sponsored by the Sonoma-based Seeds of Learning.

Out of the blue, a pickup truck side-swiped the bus and men brandishing guns ordered the driver to pull over. Five armed men then boarded the bus, and one of the bandits struck the driver in the head with the butt of his rifle, knocking him to the floor.

The men then ordered the passengers to kneel and to keep their eyes closed. "Open your eyes," they said in Spanish, "and we'll kill you." Nancy Culhane, one of the adult leaders on the bus and mother of group-member Leena Karjalainen '08, received further instructions that the gunmen would kill anyone who tried to hide anything. Culhane translated the commands and tried to reassure the kids with her calm voice.

With tears in her eyes, Clare Toney '06 slipped her rings off her fingers and dropped them down her shirt as she crouched between the seats.

The ordeal lasted roughly 30 minutes and stripped the group of laptops, cell phones and jewelry. The bandits took Culhane's gold wedding ring and $11,200 in cash that would have been used to repair the school. Fortunately, aside from the bus-driver, no one was hurt, and he recovered quickly from his wounds.

The Seeds of Learning crew, with no money to complete their work, returned to Guatemala where officials at the U.S. Embassy arranged for security escorts. Culhane and the other leader notified parents of the robbery and withdrew money from their personal accounts to feed the teens.

The group went to Antigua to decide on the next step. Toney recalls feeling "a little lost" as she didn't know the other students well. Soon after their arrival in Antigua, she strolled down a street in an SI volleyball t-shirt and heard someone yell out, "Did you go to SI?" She turned around and saw Ben Matranga '01, who was vacationing there.

Meeting Matranga lifted her spirits, and he invited her to breakfast. Later, while searching for a pay phone, she ran into classmate Chris Mitchell '06, who was also on vacation, and he invited Toney over for dinner.

Suddenly, she had friends and a sense of community in a remote part of the world. Even her mother could sense a difference in the tone of her email messages and felt relieved that she had met SI contacts.

Despite the ordeal, all but two of the students chose to stay. Back in the States, word of the robbery hit the media, and Seeds of Learning was able to raise $2,000 in two days to send to the group. "The acts of a couple of bad people brought out humanitarian generosity," noted the group's executive director, Katherine Hewitt.

The teens still needed more money to fix the roof. Fortunately, long-time SI supporter Joe Betz, the owner of the House of Prime Rib, heard that two SI students were victims of the robbery and promptly wrote a check to help the group reach its $11,000 goal. Seeds of Learning now had the money, security escorts and a soaring morale. The work would be no problem.

(After the group returned to the States, Betz treated all the students to a dinner at his restaurant.)

The students did not stay idle while they waited for the check to arrive. They spent several days in Guatemala learning the language and culture before making their way, once again, to El Salvador.

Culhane may have lost her wedding ring, but she remains optimistic. "Possibly the ring will end up helping to pay for something beneficial for some family," she noted. "There is a big plan, and the ring was needed elsewhere."

The two girls also saw that they were needed elsewhere. This summer, Toney and Karjalainen traveled to Los Andes, Chile, with 12 other students to build a house as part of Habitat for Humanity's Global Village Program. "They refuse to be daunted by last year's incident," said Clare's mother, Kathleen. "Both girls have named their trip the 'victory lap.'"
Five Veteran Teachers & Administrators Say Goodbye to SI

Several veteran teachers and administrators are leaving SI this summer after years of dedicated service. They include Executive Vice Principal Harry Carlin, SJ ’35, assistant to the principal Steve Phelps, counselor Phyllis Molinelli, math teacher Rod Arriaga and head librarian Dick Raiter.

Most of these individuals are featured in the history supplement in this issue. There you can read of the great accomplishments of these men and women, including how Fr. Carlin moved SI to its sixth and current site and of how Mrs. Molinelli helped the school with its transition to coeducation. (Mrs. Molinelli, who received the President’s Award at the commencement exercises, is also featured in our graduation section in this issue.)

You will learn how Steve Phelps, who was hired this year to be Bishop O’Dowd High School’s first president, helped the first ethnic clubs to form and how, as SI’s first director of professional development, he instituted programs to help teachers excel. Our loss is Bishop O’Dowd’s gain, with this remarkable administrator at its helm.

Here’s a little more on Rod Arriaga and Dick Raiter:

Rod Arriaga

Rod Arriaga began his career at SI in 1979 and distinguished himself over the years as a superb math teacher, and as remarkable moderator of both the California Scholarship Federation and the Arr Gang CLC. He also worked with CSF on the state level, as a member and chairman of the Seymour Memorial Awards Committee and as CSF state president, historian and archivist.

“Some of my fondest memories are CLC related, and I value the CSF experience greatly as they helped me to get closer to a small group of people.” He is gratified that some of his former students have become teachers and have returned to SI to tell him how much they appreciated his class.

Born in Richmond, Arriaga attended St. Mary’s High School in Berkeley and worked for a dozen years in education before coming to SI.

Fr. Sauer praised Arriaga for inaugurating the CSF banquet “where our scholars were honored and their high achievements celebrated,” and for being a “spiritual man who is very edifying to faculty and students in his pursuit of prayer in the Adult Spirituality Program.”

Dick Raiter

Born in Minneapolis, Dick Raiter attended Carleton College and, upon graduating with his Bachelor’s degree, served in the U.S. Navy for nearly four years. He later received his Master’s degree in education and history.

He taught for many years in high schools on the Peninsula and in Paris before obtaining his Master’s of Library Science degree.

In 1988 he started working at the SI library and helped in its modernization and expansion of the online databases as chairman of the Department of Learning Resources.

His passion has always been helping students find information they need for projects and reports, and he is known to visit public libraries if he can’t find the information at SI. “One young lady was looking for information on tree houses,” recalled Raiter. “I finally found an article in Sunset Magazine at a public library and brought it to her the next day. She was quite gratified.”

Fr. Sauer praised Raiter for “always being gracious and kind and ever solicitous of students in the library. He sought to serve them with enthusiasm and eagerness. He loved books and passed that love along. Like Rod Arriaga, he will be greatly missed.”

Father-Son Dinner Features Bill Walsh

Former ‘49er coach Bill Walsh spoke at the Father-Son Dinner April 26 at the Carlin Commons, recounting stories of his days with the Super Bowl champs.
Spiritus ‘Magis’
150 Years of St. Ignatius College Preparatory
by Paul Totah ’75

For SI’s sesquicentennial, the Winter, Spring and Summer issues of Genesis IV, offer excerpts from a new history of SI, now available for sale at www.siprep.org and at the school.

This final installment explores how SI moved from Stanyan Street to its current Sunset District home, how it faced the challenge of going coeducational and how it grew in stature and reputation.

X. Stanyan Street Meets Haight & Ashbury
(1960–1969)

The Move to the Sunset District

In the spring of 1957, 600 boys took the freshmen entrance examination, but because of “limited facilities” the school accepted only 287 students. “The major reason for holding the student body down to this figure is the lack of facilities in the Physics and Chemistry Departments,” noted the Ignatian Bulletin that year. In the early 1960s, Fr. Patrick Carroll, SJ ’31, SI’s first president, conducted a study of the school’s strengths and weaknesses and long-term needs, spurred by the formal separation of SI and USF. He asked architects to draw plans for remodeling the Stanyan Street campus to include larger classrooms and for a new structure, an eight-story Jesuit residence north of the school. That plan never made it off the drawing boards. After reviewing those plans and the findings of the study, he determined the school had to move to more modern quarters.

Fr. Harry V. Carlin, SJ

The task of that move was given to Fr. Carroll’s successor, Fr. Harry V. Carlin, SJ ’35. Harry Carlin, the youngest of six children born to William and Evelyn Carlin, grew up in Berkeley and moved to St. Agnes Parish in San Francisco at the age of 13. His father worked for the Bannan family at Western Gear Corporation, and years later, Harry would ask Bernard Bannan, the son of the company’s founder, to join SI’s first Board of Regents.

In 1931, young Harry entered the brand-new SI campus on Stanyan Street, and by his junior year, he knew that he wanted to become a Jesuit. Harry entered the Society after graduating from SI, and his father told him, “Go. I’ll see you in a week. You’ll miss your movies too much.” He worked hard at his studies and at picking grapes with the other novices at Los Gatos. “From early morning to late afternoon, with only a break for lunch, we’d pick grapes,” he recalled. “After two weeks, our Levis could stand by themselves from all the dried grape juice on them.”

In 1942, Harry returned to SI to teach English and coach basketball, and he led his 110’s team to the city championship. From 1945–1949 he studied theology at Alma College, and in 1948 he was ordained to the priesthood. Although he felt that teaching was his true calling, Harry was asked in 1950 to serve as Loyola High’s vice principal — the school disciplinarian. Strict but always maintaining a sense of humor, Harry spent a combined nine years at Loyola, Brophy and SI, assigning many a rambunctious student JUG. “I used to tell the students that I didn’t want to hear their excuses for being late unless their car blew up and they brought in the parts to prove it. The next day one student walked in late rolling a tire. He said his car blew up. I had to let him go. I just laughed at his ingenuity.”

In 1957, he returned to SI where he proved a strict taskmaster with both students and faculty, Jesuits included. “If a young
In 1965, the San Francisco Unified School District put up for sale the 11.374-acre Sunset District parcel, located on 37th Avenue between Rivera and Pacheco Streets (known as Assessor’s Block No. 2094), and asked $2 million for it. Fr. Carlin bid $2,001,100 “just in case someone bid against us,” he noted in a 1990 Genesis IV interview. “On April 13, 1965, at 7:41 p.m., Commissioner James E. Stratten, Chairman of the Board of Education, rapped his gavel and called the public meeting to order.” After announcing that the district had received one sealed bid, he called for any other bids for the property, but none were forthcoming and the property belonged to SI. With that, SI “made its greatest step forward in 110 years.”

Now that the school had purchased the land, it had to pay for it. To help dramatize the need for funds, SI staged a photo for the May 1965 cover of Genesis, entitled “Exodus!” showing 15 students sitting in chairs in the middle of the sand dunes being taught by a Jesuit (Fr. Bob Mathewson, SJ) wearing his cassock.

Fr. Carlin started raising funds for the new school by launching the Genesis campaign in November 1964 and hiring Duane Press, former director of development at St. Mary’s College, to help with fund raising as assistant to the president. Together, the two men launched the Genesis magazine that year. The first issue included the following by way of explanation of the publication’s name: “Because we realize that no four years will be as full, as rich and as vital as those four years when a boy ‘begins’ his journey to manhood at Saint Ignatius, and because each day we ‘renew’ our total commitment to the growth and development of the young men entrusted to us, we have chosen to call this report ‘Genesis.’”

(The magazine has changed names with each new fund-raising campaign. It changed to Genesis II in 1980 just as the Genesis Campaign neared completion of its goal of paying for the new school construction. The Genesis II Campaign sought to raise SI’s endowment fund from $1.1 million to $4 million over five years. In December 1990, the school announced the Genesis III campaign to raise $16 million to remodel the campus, and the magazine’s name changed, too. Finally, in December 1996, the school launched the Genesis IV campaign — announced in the newly renamed Genesis IV, published in January 1997 — that ultimately increased the endowment to $50 million by 2005. Over the years, the magazine has grown from a four-page newsletter to a 56-page quarterly featuring articles on students, faculty and alumni.)

In 1965, the San Francisco Unified School District purchased the 37th Avenue property and raised the money to build the Sunset District campus, retired as executive vice president in 2005 after serving SI for more than 40 years. Right: Stagecoach West served as one of SI’s key fund-raisers.

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In July 1965, Fr. Carlin and his consultant, Dr. John Butler (who was given the title of “school planner”), hired Corwin Booth and Associates Architects to design the campus. John Walsh, Jr., served as project architect with Richard Blanchard, and the two designed a campus that combined the old and the new, with “arches, pitched roofs, colonnades... suggested by the mission style, but [with a] contemporary impression.” Blanchard wanted “those elements in the mission style [to be] translated into modern form, using contemporary construction methods and materials.”

He also hoped to keep maintenance costs down on the 192,000-square-foot structure by using bricks and stucco on the exterior and to maximize classroom space through “minimum waste on corridors.” He also gave SI a unique roof design with
Fr. Carlin worried that he didn’t have enough money to build the entire project, and initially planned to construct the library and Commons at a later date. “I thought we could use one or two classrooms as a library. But the board advised me to borrow the money to build it all. ‘It will never be cheaper,’ they told me. I’m glad we did. We saved a lot of money in the long run. Had we built SI today, it would cost $80 million.”

Carlin soon became famous among SI alumni for being an effective fund raiser. “At first I didn’t like doing it, but I got used to it, as I knew we had a good cause.” One of his strategies was to ask certain donors to pay the interest on the debt while the school worked to pay the principal. “People responded well to that idea.”

Generous donors included Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Alioto ($110,000), the estate of Joseph E. Krout ($171,000) and Mr. & Mrs. Michel Orradre, who gave $95,600 towards the construction of the chapel in memory of their son, Stephen, who had died in a car accident in 1964. Even the students raised $28,000 on their own to pay for their new campus. Later, SI sold its Stanyan Street site to USF for $1.8 million to help pay for the Sunset District school.

Bulldozers began work in July 1967 grading the football field and track, under the supervision of Hudson, Brennan and Yee, Inc., the low-bidders for the job at $167,100. The architects decided to build the field first to allow two years for grass to establish. (That grass field was replaced in 2002 in favor of FieldTurf.) Williams & Burrows (low bidders at $5,198,000 with final costs coming in at $6,100,000) began construction on the school building February 13, 1968, after delays caused by financial problems, and on March 21, 1968, the school held a formal ground-breaking ceremony with California Provincial Patrick Donohoe, SJ, blessing the site from a PG&E aerial lift.

While classes opened September 13, 1969, much of the campus still had not been finished, and the 1,185 students left at 1 p.m. to allow workers time to finish the newly-named St. Ignatius College Preparatory. (The Board of Regents approved the name change in May 1969.) The first thing to impress students were the carpets that covered the floors of the halls and classrooms — a far cry from the hard floors of the Stanyan Street campus. John Butler, who helped determine the specifications for the new school, chose carpeting “not only because it is the best acoustical material, but because this keeps down maintenance costs.” Students also discovered the value of rubber-soled shoes after a few static-electric shocks.

Fr. Carlin, who ushered in the modern age of St. Ignatius, stayed on as president until 1970, the end of his six-year term of office. When he returned from summer vacation, he discovered that the school had named the Commons in his honor. “It was a nice gesture,” he said, “But we probably could have raised money by naming it after someone else.”

Even though SI had a new president in Fr. Cornelius M. Buckley, SJ, Fr. Carlin’s days at SI were far from over. “The provincial told me, ‘You built this; now you pay for it,’” as SI still owed $1.7 million for the school and the $550 annual tuition didn’t even cover the real costs of educating each student. Since then, Fr. Carlin has served as executive vice president, working in the development office and raising money through Cadillac Raffles, Stagecoach West fund raisers, auctions and by the time-honored method of shaking hands, looking people in the eyes and asking for donations. Many of those who met this determined man ended up digging deep to help the school.

Tom Carroll ’43 served on the Alumni Board and on the Board of Regents. A San Francisco firefighter, Tom recalls spending many enjoyable off-duty hours driving Fr. Carlin as he visited parents and other potential benefactors while fund-raising for the new SI campus. “For 10 years, from 1965 to 1975, Fr. Carlin and I would leave SI around 9 a.m. and head for downtown to begin a full day of visits. He would generally see three people in the morning and another couple after lunch. Sometimes he would even visit a family in their home in the evening.

“Fr. Carlin had great success in these fund-raising efforts because he was so personable and friendly. It was my great pleasure to spend those days with him. We enjoyed lots of good conversation, and he was like a father and brother to me. I am very fortunate to be able to call him my good friend.”

Thanks to Fr. Carlin’s efforts, SI paid its debt in full in 1981. Fr. Carlin kept the last cancelled check as a memento of all those years of planning, building and paying off the 2001 37th Avenue campus.

“It’s amazing what he did with no experience,” said former SI principal Fr. Edward McFadden, SJ, in a 1990 interview. “Without him, there would be no new SI campus.”

**SI’s Parent Clubs**

The Loyola Guild

The Loyola Guild began in October 1925 for mothers of sons who attended either the high school or the college (though wives of graduates and lay professors could join as well). According to the 1925 *Ignatian*, the group existed to “foster a deeper acquaintance with all in touch with St. Ignatius College, and to cooperate with its officers to the effect that faculty and parents may work in harmony for the best interests of the school and students.” They held a monthly meeting followed by a concert or a lecture and raised money in all sorts of ways to help the Jesuits. During the Depression they held a bake sale to help the school pay its electrical bill. One year, the mothers raised enough money to buy uniforms for the college band. “Back in the 1920s, these mothers had a great love for the Jesuits and their mission, just as we still have today,” said Guild President Connie Mack.

At its peak, the Guild boasted 1,200 members and was one of the elite women’s clubs in San Francisco. “It was a white-glove organization,” added Mrs. Mack. “The Guild’s annual tea at the Palace Hotel drew a thousand women and sold out every year at $5
The Ignatian Guild

In 1959, when SI formally split from USF, Fr. Patrick Carroll created a subcommittee of the Loyola Guild made up of SI mothers who would raise funds only for SI, and he asked Mrs. Dorothy Leonardini to serve as the group’s first president. In 1961, this subcommittee became a separate group, the Mothers’ Advisory Council, and the following year its name changed to the St. Ignatius Mothers’ Club. Three years later, in 1965, Theresa Caldarola — who had a passion for helping educational causes — pioneered the Ignatian Guild and oversaw the creation of the group’s constitution and by-laws. That year the group held a celebrity auction and, at the Fairmont Hotel, its first fashion show, sponsored by Lili of Shanghai. The raffle for the event earned $20,000 to support the school.

The Ignatian Guild continues to hold two successful fashion shows each year — a Saturday dinner and a Sunday luncheon — during the first weekend of November. It also sponsors many other events, including the International Food Faire, which celebrates the diverse cultures that make up the SI community.

The Ignatian Guild also ran Stagecoach West, which started in 1972. The fund-raising dinner featured the Wells Fargo stagecoach, a Western barbeque, gaming tables and dancing. It also sold a cookbook for $3 entitled Food for Thought, assembled by its members and featuring recipes such as Mulligatawny Soup by Mrs. Jerry Cole and Potage Vichysoissoise Josephine, by Mrs. Josephine Araldo (a Cordon Bleu graduate and French cooking instructor). The book received favorable reviews in the press, including one from James Beard of the Examiner. In 1977, the Ignatian Guild put out a second edition of the book with additional recipes.

Other Ignatian Guild fund raisers over the years have included the Dorothy Leonardini Scholarship Fund, the Salesmen’s Samples Sale, the annual Christmas Celebration in the Carlin Commons and the Rummage Sale at the Hall of Flowers — run jointly by the Ignatian and Loyola Guilds. The Ignatian Guild also sponsors a Day of Recollection each year for its members and celebrates new officers at an installation Mass and luncheon in May. Other Guild events include the mother-student communion breakfast, the mother-son and the mother-daughter night and the mother-senior night.

The Fathers’ Club

The school began a new tradition in 1937 with the institution of Father’s Night, featuring science project displays, elocution contests, Sodality activities, and performances by actors, singers, musicians and members of the ROTC. This was a return of sorts, to the three-day commencement ceremonies that ended the terms for SI students who graduated from the Market Street and Van Ness Avenue campuses. Two years later, the event evolved into the annual Fathers’ Club Talent Show, where students competed for prizes. Fr. Harold E. Ring, SJ, president of SI and USF at the time, hoped that it would become the foundation of an SI Fathers’ Club. The night also featured a sports review and a talk by Fr. William Dunne, SJ, who would succeed Ring as president. The April 1939 Monthly Calendar for St. Ignatius Church reported that “no alumni meeting brings together more of the ‘Old Boys’ than Fathers’ Night at the High School. The fathers are always surprised to find out what their sons are doing and what they can do in a modern high school. Fathers’ Night is only three years old, but each time it has been an overwhelming success.”

The Fathers’ Club formally began in 1948 in part to help SI complete the fund-raising drive to build the gym. (By then, the school only had one-fifth of the money needed.) Edward Turkington, father of Ned Turkington ’49, was one of the founders of the Fathers’ Club, according to Edward’s grandson, Ted Turkington (who joined SI in 2003 as the head varsity baseball coach). The group received help from its first moderator, Fr. Fred Cosgrove, SJ, and organized a Father-Son Communion Breakfast in October 1948, with more than 700 attending the Mass and outdoor feast that followed. Before the November Poly football game, the group organized a rally, held in the St. Dominic’s auditorium. According to the 1949 Ignatian, the group also offered sports clinics, a picnic and an Ignatian Heights Talent Show featuring “vaudeville, music, mimicry and general entertainment.” By the 1950s, with the help of moderator Donald O’Gara, SJ, the Fathers’ Club also sponsored dinner dances, a festival and the Cana Conferences.

The group earned money for the school in the 1950s by using the SI schoolyard to park cars for the ‘49er games at Kezar. Dr. Elmer Bricca, president in 1954–55 (the uncle of Steve Leveroni ’69, who served as president in 2003–2004) had the dads park the cars together as close as they could. “They would then leave until the game ended,” said Leveroni. “Someone invariably would want to leave early, and mass confusion would ensue.”

The group launched the Cadillac Raffle in 1957 when Fathers’
Club President Bernard McCann ’31 and Remo Tocchini (president in 1958) persuaded a local dealer to donate a car to the school. The first winners, who split a ticket, were Ernest Granucci and Dr. Leo Chelini, both relatives of Steve Leveroni. This event continued as the group’s primary fund raiser until the 1980s.

The Fathers’ Club arranged to have Jim Nabors (TV’s Gomer Pyle) come to the 1966 Cadillac Raffle, where Nabors drew the winning ticket; the event raised $20,000 for the school.

In 1970, after the school moved to its new quarters, SI inaugurated an auction, raising $40,000 that year. The first chairman was Joseph R. Bisho with Mrs. Eugene J. Marty, Jr., and Mrs. L. Cal Lalone serving as co-chairs. The Ignatian Guild continued this event for a number of years. Then in 1997, the Fathers’ Club began sponsoring the auction, and it has become one of the most important fund raisers for the school thanks to auction chairman Fred Tocchini ’66, Al Clifford ’73, Scott Erickson ’73, Joe McMonigle, Joe Toboni ’70, Bert Keane ’68, Sal Rizzo and David Pacini. In 2004, the auction helped raise more than a half million dollars to help the Genesis IV endowment campaign. These sold-out auctions have also been successful at bringing diverse members of the SI community together to create a fun-filled evening of food, entertainment and fast-paced bidding.

The Fathers’ Club, moderated by Br. Douglas Draper, SJ, since 1971, holds several major gatherings each year for its members, including two barbecues, a Crab ‘n’ Cards night and a father-son dinner featuring a guest speaker. (In 2004, ’49ers’ quarterback Joe Montana spoke of his relationship with his father and regaled the audience with stories of his days playing at Candlestick Park.)

In 1993 the Fathers’ Club began running the concession stand during the football and basketball games, with proceeds benefiting the school, and it joins with the SHC parents’ club to run concessions during the Bruce-Mahoney football game at Kezar.

Fred Tocchini ’66, who followed in his dad’s footsteps as Fathers’ Club president, thinks that the group has become successful over the years because of the “vast resources that lie within the parent community. Also, the group has camaraderie because members are willing to be a part of this long tradition of service to the school. Not everyone can write a big check, but many are willing and able to work hard to help SI in whatever way they can.”

For Tocchini, who served as chairman of the Sesquicentennial Committee and Regent, being a member and president of the Fathers’ Club “was an important part of my life. My older brothers attended SI in the 1950s, and I felt a part of the SI community even before I attended the school.”

Athletics

SI Football Ranked First in Nation

Despite the plans to move the school in the 1960s, life continued its normal routine, especially in the realm of football. After Pat Malley left SI, the school hired Larry McNerney as head coach and Vince Tringali (a member of USF’s famous “Undefeated, Untied and Uninvited” football team) as his assistant. McNerney’s teams won the round-robin championships in the AAA for two years, in 1959 and 1960, but never won a Turkey Bowl championship game. Then, in 1962, Tringali took over as head coach and hired a remarkable assistant — Robert H. “Doc” Erskine, who left semi-retirement after many years of coaching college ball. Together, they helped SI in 1962 and 1963 win 19 straight games in two undefeated seasons and win consecutive AAA championships. (For each of those 19 games, Coach Tringali wore his trademark red Alpine hat.) On January 4, 1963, The San Francisco Chronicle announced that SI had tied with Miami High School of Florida for first place in the Imperial Sports Syndicate’s 1962 U.S. interscholastic football ratings based on votes from 56 coaches and sportswriters across the country.

The following is an excerpt from “Remembering the glory years of SI football,” first published in the Fall ’88 Genesis II:

By Robert Vergara ’76

The ’Cats opened the 1962 season against Balboa, and with three touchdowns in the second quarter, went on to a 29–6 win. Galileo and Polytechnic were SI’s next victims, with the Lions going down to a 39–0 defeat and the Parrots suffering a 26–0 shutout.

By the time the ’Cats defeated Lincoln in their fourth game of the season, it was clear that they were a major force in the league. In the team’s first four games, SI had scored 107 points to their opponents’ 12. Quarterbacks Lee French and Ray Calcagno and fullback Tom Kennedy sparked the Wildcat offense, aided in no small measure by one of the finest lines in SI football history — Bud Baccitich, Rudy Labradoro and Gene Maher, to name a few of the stalwarts.

The ‘Cats next took on Mission. Although the Bears had been picked by many to win the league, they too were bested by SI 49–0. The following week, the Wildcats faced archrival Sacred Heart in a game televised as KGO-TV’s “Prep Game of the Week.” In those days, Channel 7 taped a high school football game played on a Thursday or Friday and broadcast the game the following Saturday morning with Bud Foster and Bob Fouts (the father of Dan Fouts ’69) doing the play-by-play. The TV audience saw the Wildcats defeat the Irish 22–6.

By this time, sportswriters, who early in the season had called SI a “good team,” were now agreeing with the Examiner’s Bob Sprenger when he wrote that SI’s 1962 football squad “has to be one of SI’s best teams in history.”

Next came the Washington game, which led to another victory for SI, and the ‘Cats found themselves in the last game of the regular season. That contest, against Lowell, would decide the round-
SI continued its winning ways against Balboa and previously undefeated Washington for its 15th and 16th consecutive victories. Playing in the rain at muddy Galileo field, the ’Cats finished the regular season by downing Lowell 27–6. Calcagno went over the 1,000-yard passing mark for the season as SI sewed up the round-robin championship.

The AAA returned to a four-team playoff format in 1963, and SI was paired with Lincoln while Sacred Heart and Washington were matched in the other playoff contest. The Irish and the Eagles met on Thursday, November 21, with Washington emerging victorious. The next day, SI and Lincoln were scheduled to meet to decide who would take on the Eagles for the title on Turkey Day.

But the stunning news from Dallas that morning altered the plans. Along with a host of other events across the nation, the playoff game was postponed as San Francisco joined in mourning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Thus, for the first time in many years, Thanksgiving Day in the city did not see the AAA football championship game. Instead, the postponed playoff game was held. The Wildcats easily handled the Mustangs 33–6, thereby earning their fourth straight appearance in the title game.

Nine days later, SI and Washington met for the crown, and 8,000 Kezar Stadium fans saw the Wildcats methodically put the Eagles away. SI scored once in the second quarter and twice in the fourth in rolling up a 21–0 shutout. It was SI’s 19th consecutive victory over a two-year period — another Wildcat football record, and SI finished as the top Northern California team.

From the AAA to the WCAL

Tringali had two lean years after his twin undefeated seasons but returned with another pair of league championships. This time, however, those championships came in different leagues. The 1966–67 season was the final time SI competed in the AAA. The following year, SI joined the West Catholic Athletic League as 121 of its students lived outside the city, and AAA rules (instituted in 1959) barred them from athletic competition.

For years, SI tried to change the rule, but to no avail. Even State Senator J.F. McCarthy, an SI grad, tried to repeal the rule, but failed. The issue came to a head after a March 21, 1966, baseball game that SI won 4–3. The losing team later filed a complaint that two boys on the team did not live inside the city. The league found merit in the complaint and fined SI a three-game forfeit.

Fr. Carlin asked that the forfeits and rules be overturned, and after some hard-fought negotiations, he hammered out a compromise with George Canrinus, the AAA coordinator of athletics, at a June 3, 1966, meeting. He offered Carlin a deal: extend the residency borders to include Daly City and Pacifica. Fr. Carlin accepted the offer, and agreed to the compromise.

At a subsequent meeting of the AAA principals, however, that compromise was never put on the table. Instead, the principals voted only on the question of the repeal of the residency requirement, and that measure lost 7–3.

SI found itself in a tough spot. It had been a charter member of the AAA since 1937, and leaving would mean competing in a much smaller league. The 1966–67 season was the final time SI competed in the AAA. The 1966–67 season saw the Wildcats methodically put the Eagles away. SI scored once in the second quarter and twice in the fourth in rolling up a 21–0 shutout. It was SI’s 19th consecutive victory over a two-year period — another Wildcat football record, and SI finished as the top Northern California team.
stronger Catholic Athletic League. After the vote, SI chose to leave, despite arguments by alumni that the school would lose money by competing outside the city. In an *Inside SI* article in 1966, (Vol. 19, No. 2, p 6) Fr. Carlin argued that “it has become increasingly clear that while the residency rule has not affected the athletic program at St. Ignatius High School, it is having a serious effect on a school’s central purpose. Under these restrictions, the school cannot offer every boy a full educational experience. He is forced to become a spectator in activities that have an important bearing on his social and physical development.” He also noted that colleges look favorably on boys with athletic experience and that graduates who lived outside the city limits would be less inclined to send their sons to SI.

The Championship Seasons of 1966 and 1967

SI’s Board of Regents voted unanimously on October 6, 1966, to leave the league. But SI football left with a bang, winning the round robin with a 7–2 season and earning a spot against Lowell at Kezar in the Turkey Day game — the last time SI would ever compete in that city championship match. For this game, Tringali once again wore his lucky red hat that he had donned during his 19-game streak.

The Wildcats had lost key players to injuries, including first-string QB John Cercos, fullback Paul Schneider and right guard Jeff Braccia. Nonetheless, SI fought Lowell to a 14–14 standoff late in the fourth quarter. Then, with seconds remaining, QB Paul Contreras threw to Tom Schwab. A defender tipped the ball, and it went into the arms of SI’s Gary Hughes, who ran 23 yards to score a touchdown with 40 seconds left on the clock.

“It was an incredible moment,” said Boris Koodrin ’67, who played linebacker and left guard for the team. “The crowd tore down the goal posts, and we carried coach Vince Tringali around before a crowd of 10,000. I’m not sure if he liked being carried around, as he wasn’t the touchy-feely type.”

“It was the most exciting sports moment of my entire life,” added Fr. Sauer, then a scholastic at SI. “We all went wild, and although we scholastics were assigned to guard the goal posts, one was demolished by the crowd.”

The following year, SI was not expected to do well in the much stronger WCAL. In fact, some at SI argued that the school should remain in the AAA for fear of being dominated by the Peninsula and South Bay teams. However, in that first year in the WCAL, SI took first in football and basketball and had strong showings in all other sports.

The victories began in the fall with a football team that included all-league stars Mike Ryan ’69, Ray Washmera ’69, Bob Giorgetti ’68, Jim Figoni ’68, Mike Matza ’68, Randy Fry ’68, Mike Mitchell ’69, Dan Driscoll ’69, Bob Sarlatte ’68, Rick Arrieta ’68 and a junior quarterback named Dan Fouts ’69 (more on him later). After going 3–1 in preseason, the ’Cats went 6–0 in regular season play, beating both St. Francis and Riordan 26–20, St. Mary’s 35–6, Serra 27–7, Bellarmine 28–21 and Mitty 41–0.

Tringali stayed with SI one final year before leaving in 1969, with a record of 54–14–1, to help USF resurrect its football program. Jim McDonald ’55 took over for two years and Tom Kennedy ’63 for two more before Gil Haskell ’61 stepped in as head coach between 1973 and 1977. As testimony to Tringali’s legacy, both Haskell and Alan Saunders ’64 sent Tringali a photo of a game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Seattle Seahawks played on November 24, 2002. Haskell was the offensive coordinator for the Seahawks and Saunders had the same position with the Chiefs. (He had also served as head coach for the San Diego Chargers). During that game, the two teams earned a combined 64 first downs, an NFL record. In the photo are both Haskell and Saunders and this inscription: “To Vince Tringali, in sincere appreciation for your leadership, guidance and support throughout the years. You’ve made a difference in our lives.”

Tringali, long after leaving SI, continues to make a difference in the lives of football players. Thanks to his intervention, Igor Olshansky ’00 made history as the first Soviet-born person ever chosen by the NFL when the San Diego Chargers tapped him in 2004 in the second round of the draft.

Born in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine, Olshansky came to the U.S. when he was 7 in 1989, and enrolled at SI for his freshman year. On his 15th birthday, he stood 6-foot, 6-inches tall and weighed 240 pounds. At an SI football game, Tringali ran into him and asked him if he had a son playing football.

“When I found out he was a student, I asked him why he wasn’t out there playing football,” said Tringali. “He told me he was a basketball player, and I said whoever told you that lied to you.” The next year Olshansky joined the SI football team, and he struggled a bit learning the techniques and rules, but it didn’t take...
long for the colleges to come knocking. He signed with the University of Oregon, the same school Fouts had attended, and became a favorite of fans there who chanted “I-gor” at each game. After Olshansky left college, Tringali was at his family home, sitting right beside him during the draft, when Igor got the call from the Chargers who eventually made him a starter on the defensive line. “And God help any quarterback he hits,” added Tringali.

Dan Fouts, NFL Hall of Famer

The greatest quarterback ever to play for SI is undoubtedly Dan Fouts ’69, who went on to the University of Oregon and to the San Diego Chargers (where he played his final year under head coach and fellow Ignatian Alan Saunders ’64), setting numerous records and earning entry into the NFL Hall of Fame in 1993.

It’s no cliché to say that Fouts was born to play the game. His father, Bob Fouts, was an announcer for the ‘49ers and for other sporting events, and he grew up around pro football players. “I’d like to take credit for teaching him how to throw,” said Tringali. “But I can’t. He picked up the sport through osmosis.” Fouts also met sports greats Wilt Chamberlain and Willie Mays through his father.

Dan transferred to SI in his sophomore year and started playing for Tringali. But because the coach didn’t favor a passing game, college scouts didn’t take much notice of him. “I begged USC to take Danny. I told them he can throw like the wind. He was tall but lanky — he wasn’t that big, but he was tough.”

Fouts loved his days at SI. “They were great years,” he recalled in a 1993 Genesis III interview. “The thing I appreciate most was the attitude that we had. It was one of confidence bordering on cockiness and arrogance. ‘We are SI.’ We are something special. And in those days, athletically, we were untouchable. We worked hard and had a great coach in Vince Tringali. That foundation really carried me a long way.”

He never threw an interception in his senior year at SI, and he helped SI earn the league title in his junior year by beating a Serra team that featured Jesse Freitas and Lynn Swann. He ended up at Oregon, earning one of two athletic scholarships the school offered and setting 19 school records. The Chargers took him as a third-round draft pick in 1973, and he found himself playing alongside Johnny Unitas, then in his last season. By the time Fouts retired at the end of the 1987 season, he had become one of the league’s best quarterbacks, setting 42 team records and eight NFL records, including most 300-yard passing games. He helped the Chargers rise from the basement of the AFC West to become three-time AFC West champions. In all, as commander of Air Coryell, he passed for 43,040 yards and became the second-highest passer in NFL history. He is the third player ever to pass for more than 40,000 yards. He was selected to the Pro Bowl six times and made AFC Player of the Year in 1979 and again in 1982, this time for both the NFL and AFC. Three times he earned All-Pro honors. The year after he retired, the Chargers retired Fouts’ number 14, which he had worn from 1973 to 1987. He was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 1993 in his first year of eligibility.

Fouts credits his success with “being at the right place at the right time and then taking advantage of the opportunities. I played for one team for 15 years, and that’s kind of unusual. When Don Coryell came to San Diego in 1978, he really made a difference in my career. We had good players and played an exciting brand of football. It was bombs away.”

After leaving football, he served as KPIX sports anchor, earning two Emmys, and anchored the Bay to Breakers coverage and the San Francisco Marathon. He hosted Game Day with Dan Fouts and found himself doing his father’s job, covering play-by-play for Niners’ preseason games. He left for ABC in 1997, first to announce college ball and then as expert analyst for Monday Night Football with Al Michaels and Dennis Miller for the 2000 and 2001 seasons. He had a small role in the Adam Sandler movie The Waterboy along with Brent Musberger and appeared in a Miller Lite Beer commercial with Ken Stabler of the Raiders. He continues to announce college and pro football for the NFL Network. He has received numerous honors over the years, including induction into the San Francisco Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

Dennis Carter

One month after the assassination of John F. Kennedy, SI lost one of its own. While playing basketball for SI against Bishop O’Dowd on December 20, 1963, Denny Carter collapsed and died 5 seconds before the start of half-time with his parents watching in the stands. Charlie Dullea ’63, his teammate, noted that “everyone just waited for him to get up. The Bishop O’Dowd players covered him with their warm-up jackets as our team just sat on the bench stunned. When the firemen came to work on him, our team went into the locker room and said a rosary. While driving home, I heard the news on the radio that he was dead-on-arrival at Park Emergency near Kezar. His death had a dramatic impact on me and my friends.”

The priests and scholastics at SI spent the next few months doing grief counseling, though no one called it that. “Two scholastics, Jack Keating, SJ, and John Coleman, SJ, who, under the guise of playing Pedro with us on the football field, would engage us in conversation and get us to talk about Dennis’ death,” added Dullea. “They helped me get through the first traumatic experience of my life.”

In 1964, the basketball team inaugurated the Dennis Carter Award, with Edward Engler ’64 as the first recipient. Since then, the team has given the award to the player who has demonstrated sustained excellence in leadership, spirit and commitment to his fellow players and the school.

Above: Dan Fouts ’69, a star quarterback with the San Diego Chargers, is in the NFL Hall of Fame. Right: Bernie Simpson and Dante Bellumini led the SI basketball squad of 1964-65 to the Tournament of Champions’ runner-up position.
Basketball

SI won three basketball league championships in the 1960s, the first in 1960 with Stan Buchanan as coach and the second in 1965 with Bernie Simpson ’54 as coach. Playing for him were Charlie Dullea ’65, who would go on to become SI’s first lay principal, and Bob Portman ’65, a first-round draft pick from Creighton, who played with the Warriors between 1969 and 1973. Also on the team were Bruce Scollin, Mike Doherty, Frank O’Malley and junior Rich Ames. Ironically, the toughest game of the season was the first league game against Balboa, whose star player, Willie Wise, would go on to play professional basketball. At a packed Kezar Pavilion, Portman fouled out with 2 minutes left on the clock, but SI prevailed to win by 2. SI lost only one game that season against Lincoln and the Wildcats found themselves playing an undefeated SH at the end of the regular season. A last-second 15-footer by Portman put SI ahead at the final buzzer. SI proceeded to win the city championship, beating Wilson and Lowell, and went on to the Tournament of Champions to beat Gilroy and Richmond before losing the NorCal crown to Fremont of Oakland.

SI won a league championship again in 1967 under Bob Drucker ’58 in his first year leading the Wildcats. The basketball court in the McCullough Gymnasium bears Drucker’s name for good reason. In his 20 years coaching at SI between 1966 and 1986, Drucker turned in a 394–150 record, taking SI to eight league titles, two CCS championships and one NorCal win. Drucker earned the title “Wizard of Westlake” when Bob Enright ’76 gave him the nickname based on John Wooden’s moniker, the Wizard of Westwood.

After a stint in the Army, Drucker applied for a job at St. Cecilia’s where he coached basketball while earning his degree at USF. In 1965, he came to SI along with Leo La Rocca, and the following year, Fr. McFadden selected him to coach the varsity basketball team. (Fr. McFadden had a rule preventing first year teachers from coaching.) The victories came as did the satisfaction of seeing young boys grow into fine men. One example, Drucker recalled, was Levy Middlebrooks ’84. “He came as a big, shy freshman with some skill, but he struggled a bit when he played on the freshman team. As a sophomore, he still was a little timid. Then something happened in the middle of the season that year. He improved right in front of our eyes. His confidence grew, as did his presence on the court. At the end of the regular season, I moved him up to varsity to help the team practice. Even the varsity kids were noting his improvement. Paul Fortier ’82 became his mentor, and Paul’s determination to help him improve was inspirational. Most kids I coached went through that kind of transformation, but not in such a dramatic way.”

After 20 years of dragging his own children to his games, Drucker was ready to retire from the sport, and he returned to the classroom in 1986. In 1992, he went from teaching history and counseling to working as a full-time counselor, but he returned to the classroom in 2003 as a full-time history teacher. He served as assistant coach to Jim Dekker in 2002 when the SI varsity girls basketball team took first in CCS, and he now serves as the boys’ varsity golf coach.

“IT was difficult to ‘retire’ at age 46,” said Drucker. “But I was an intense coach, and my father died at 58. In the back of my mind, I thought that would happen to me if I had continued coaching basketball.”

His intensity, he said, comes from the passion he has for the game. “I love how creative basketball is. Some people paint, and others write. For me, X’s and O’s are an art form. But drawing plays on cocktail napkins while taking my wife out to dinner was not the way to win her heart. The game consumed me.”

Coaching golf is different, he noted. “We’re not allowed to coach on the course during competition. Sometimes I think the most important service I offer our golfers is driving the van.”

Nearly all the Drucker family is involved in SI. Bob’s son, Joe, graduated in 1990, his daughter Chrissy graduated with the first coed class in 1993, and his daughter Katie Kohmann works in the school’s development office as alumni coordinator. His wife, Kathy, and his daughter Molly might as well be honorary SI alumni for all the time they’ve spent at SI watching Bob coach in his distinguished 40-year career.

James Keating & Baseball

Between 1955 and 1974, James Keating helped his varsity baseball team reach the playoffs 15 times and took them to league championships six times between 1959 and 1967. Keating made a name for himself as an outstanding track star and football, basketball and baseball player at Commerce High School at San Francisco Unified School District before coming to SI.

In the 1960s, his teams drew crowds by the thousands to watch the Wildcats beat AAA and WCAL opponents. In 1962, for instance, more than 4,000 fans watched SI beat Balboa 2–0, led by junior pitcher Joe Gualco and slugger Bob Ignaffo. In 1965, Vince Bigone ’63 helped SI win another league championship by turning in a 13–1 pitching record and batting .426. The AAA named him the league’s most valuable player.

In 1966, the team was forced to forfeit three games after a complaint was filed that two members lived outside San Francisco city limits. That decision led to SI’s leaving the league, as has already
been discussed. In 1967, SI played its final year of baseball in the AAA, with Jim Dekker ’68 and Joe Dutto ’67 helping the Wildcats to a 19–1 record. In championship match, Poly scored four runs in the fourth inning. SI answered with four runs of its own in the bottom of that inning and five more runs in the seventh to win the league title.

In a 1988 *Genesis* II article, Dekker, who later coached with his mentor, recalled Keating’s “standard coaching outfit of black Converse sneakers, khaki or gray pants and white tee-shirt.” He would end prayers with “St. Jude, pray for us,” and encourage his team by telling them, “Keep going; it’ll blow over,” whenever it started to rain. “He never wanted to stop practice for any reason,” added Dekker. “The teams he coached thought he was invincible. We defeated opponents not necessarily because we were more talented, but because we were prepared and took the field with confidence.”

Dekker’s fondest memory of Keating is of a time in 1968. “He asked me to be the godfather to his new daughter, Shannon, and I felt honored that he and his wife, Betty, would even consider me. We held the baptism at the Keating’s parish church, and I thought that after the ceremony we would have a small party or gathering. Like most high school players, I was unsure about being with a coach in a setting other than the playing field. I shouldn’t have been so nervous; instead of returning to the Keating home after the ceremony, we proceeded directly to Marin Catholic’s baseball field to take Sunday batting practice, with most of Coach Keating’s children shagging balls. He must have thrown to me for at least two hours. Only after batting practice did we celebrate in the customary fashion.

To honor him, Jim Dekker ’68, who took over as head coach, instituted the Keating Award in 1975, with Stephen Bacci ’75 as the first recipient. Jim Keating died in 1988 after a four-year battle with cancer, and was buried in his coaching uniform along with his glove and bat. The 1989 varsity baseball team wore a black armband all season in Keating’s memory. “Knowing Jim, he would probably be embarrassed by the attention,” said Dekker.

Cross Country & Riley Sutthoff ’60

Each year since 1971, the cross country and track and field teams honor a “most inspirational” athlete with the Riley Sutthoff Award, named in honor of a man who started teaching French and coaching cross country at SI in 1965 before his tragic death in a car accident in 1970.

Terry Ward ’63, Bellarmine’s athletic director and track coach and a former SI coach and teacher, was a freshman runner when Riley was a senior. “When you are a freshman, it is easy to be in awe of seniors,” he noted. “I ran very well as a freshman and was the city champion in the 660-yard run. One of the major reasons why I competed so well was the tutoring Riley gave me. Riley would always say hello to me and would compliment me when I did well. In the early ‘60s the classes did not mix and to have someone who was about to graduate validate what I was doing left a lasting impression on me. In my junior and senior year, I made it a point to always help younger athletes. What Riley did for me, I wanted to do for others. This is my 35th year coaching track and field, and every day I try to make the 150 athletes in my charge know that I care for them and want them to succeed. From the fastest runner to the slowest jogger, I live with each step they take, just like Riley lived with me in the 1960s. I was very proud to succeed Riley as cross country coach. Riley was a great man whom many of us still miss.”

Academics

Fr. Tom Reed, SJ

Fr. Reed (whose life is detailed in the previous chapter) served as principal between 1957 and 1964. Paul Vangelisti ’63, who has gained fame as a poet, recalls being sent to him for discipline one day.

“Fr. Reed was more liberal than he let on. One day in religion class, our teacher was absent, and we thought we would have the period to study for physics. Suddenly we see an old priest sent in to proctor who, years previous, had been tortured by the Chinese. We were a little rowdy, but we studied hard. He decided he was going to have a class on religion and talk about Mary. That was the last thing we felt we needed. He started by asking each of us for an exclusive definition of ‘man.’ By the time he got to me — with my last name starting with a ‘v,’ I was at the end of the line — every definition had been exhausted, so I said, ‘Man is the only animal that habitually copulates in more than one position.’ The whole class went ballistic. He threw me out and told me to go to Fr. Reed.

“When Fr. Reed saw me, he said, ‘Paul, you’re a good boy. Why are you bothering me?’ I explained, and he walked back to the classroom with me. To the priest he said, ‘Father, we may punish boys for some things, but we don’t punish them for showing intelligence. Sit down Vangelisti. Father, I want to speak with you outside.’ I’ve always had a soft spot for Fr. Reed since then.”

Bill Kennedy ’50, who taught at SI between 1960 and 1997, recalls his first year working for Fr. Reed, who was a little behind on his accreditation report that year. He enlisted Kennedy to help him. “I had to go to several older Jesuits for information,” said Kennedy. “It was the first time they had ever been approached by a lay person asking for accreditation data. I amassed all the material and wrote some of it, but it was a very slap-dash affair as I was teaching a full load at the time. It was an absolute disaster, as the school was ill prepared for that accreditation. We got it, but it was a dicey proposition.”

Fr. Ed McFadden, SJ

In the 1960s and 1970s, SI turned from a good city school into a great regional school; much of that was due to the efforts of Fr. Ed McFadden, SJ ‘41, who served as principal between 1964 and 1976. He helped usher in the modern era of high school administration at SI. “When we grew up in post WWII America, many men, including priests, were products of the military,” said his close friend Bob Drucker ’58. “Their watchwords were power and obedience and authority. Relationships between scholastics and priests and students and teachers were adversarial. That waned with the ’60s when people questioned authority and with the advent of Vatican II when relationships became more collegial and collaborative.”

Drucker found this true in his relationship with Fr. McFadden, whom he grew to respect. “He was a visionary who recognized the need for more laymen and the need for a professional counseling office. He knew we needed to expand the language department to include more modern languages and hired Riley Sutthoff to teach French. He saw the need for more honors and AP courses, and he
was a pioneer in the Jesuit Secondary Education Association.”
Drucker most appreciated Fr. McFadden’s hands-on advice he would give to new teachers. “He’d give you a few suggestions after visiting your class, and he would choose what classes you would teach each year. He cultivated his faculty in that manner, hiring young laymen such as Chuck Murphy and myself.”

Fr. McFadden gained a reputation as a blunt but loving teacher and administrator who traumatized freshmen but who gained the love and respect of his students as they became upperclassmen. A Jesuit for 60 years, Fr. McFadden entered the Society of Jesus after graduating from SI in 1941. As a student at SI, he wrote a column for The Red and Blue called “Doings from Other Campi,” filled with topical jokes, puns and witty comments. Later, as principal of SI, that sense of humor would surface whenever he signed notes to coaches as “The Owner.” Later, as a teacher at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, he signed his notes with “Edward the Professor.”

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1954, he began his life-long work as a high school teacher and administrator, working as prefect of discipline and principal at Loyola High School in Los Angeles before coming to SI to serve as principal. (He eventually earned SI’s highest honor, the Christ the King award, in 2000.)

Throughout his career as an educator, he was known for his one-line advice to novice teachers: “Don’t smile until Christmas.” His take on students’ rights sometimes came as a shock to student councils when he emphasized, “One man, one vote. Mine!” And whenever a teacher complained about the dog-days of April, he would simply advise, “Get in there and pitch.”

His friend, Fr. John “Jack” Mitchell, SJ ’58, recalls that after Fr. McFadden left administration in 1977, he had a special way of starting the year with his freshmen at Bellarmine. Even the seniors each year would gather outside on the first day of class to watch. “Ed would enter the classroom hardly even glancing at the students sitting nervously at their desks. (Actually, Ed was more nervous than they were, but they did not know that.) He would walk directly to the board and write on it while saying aloud, ‘Summer is over.’ Then he would write down an assignment due the first day of class and walk out of the room. The freshmen would wear wide-eyed expressions of wonder at what had transpired and what it portended for the future, and the seniors outside would roar with laughter.”

Leo Hyde ’47

For SI grads from the 1970s to the present, Dean of Students Douglas Draper, SJ, is synonymous with discipline. But for those who attended SI in the 1960s, Fr. Hyde holds that distinction. He was in charge of keeping discipline, of punishing offenders and, at times, of showing mercy when it was most needed.

In one sense, Leo Hyde’s SI history mirrors that of the Stanyan Street campus. He and his twin brother Robert Hyde ’47, were born at St. Mary’s Hospital in October 1929, across the street from the Shirt Factory, which had just been vacated as students left for the new Stanyan Street campus, and he was instrumental in supervising construction of and transfer to the 2001 37th Avenue campus.

As a student at SI, Leo Hyde was a member of the Sanctuary Society, which Fr. Carlin (then a scholastic) moderated, and through that organization, he grew friendly with many priests such as Fr. Ray Buckley, SJ, and Fr. Charles Largan, SJ. Hyde joined the order upon his graduation from SI and was ordained in 1960. He returned to SI in 1962 and served as prefect of discipline and as assistant principal until 1970 when he left SI. (He left the Society of Jesus in 1971 to wed, and he and his wife, Gail, now have two children, Jennifer and Kym, and one grandson.)

“Students were a bit afraid of me when I came to SI,” Hyde noted. He was tough but fair, and as one student wrote to him years later, “You were never an SOB. You always let us talk and explain why we were in trouble. You might send us to JUG, but we always had a chance to explain ourselves.”

Outside his office was an infamous bench where students would sit while waiting to meet with him. (That bench was moved to the Sunset District campus in the 1990s and now sits outside the deans’ office, a gift from Bill McDonnell, who bought it at a USF auction. Students lounge on that bench to chat with friends, something they would never do at the Stanyan Street campus.)

Sometimes discipline problems involved more than mere tardiness. One day a teacher punched a student in the hall, and the student responded by hitting him back. “He was sent to the office, but the priest involved saw me right away,” said Hyde. “He told me it wasn’t the kid’s fault. I treated that case as if it were self-defense.”

During the construction of the Sunset District campus, Hyde
would visit every Saturday with plans in hand to inspect the work. “I knew all the contractors and all the architects. I had always been interested in the maintenance and was in charge of all the maintenance at the Stanyan Street campus.”

Hyde stayed on as assistant principal for one year when the school community moved to the Sunset District campus, and Br. Draper, who came to SI in 1966, succeeded him in the newly created post of dean of students.

After leaving SI, Hyde worked at the Provincial’s office for one year before deciding to leave the order. He then found work with his classmate George Millay ’47, the founder of San Diego’s SeaWorld, as a construction supervisor and, later, as manager of planning, construction and facilities for Magic Mountain, which Millay helped create.

Fr. Anthony P. Sauer, SJ

Fr. Anthony P. Sauer, who has served SI for the past 26 years as president — by far the longest of any of its administrators — first came to SI in 1965 after philosophy studies in St. Louis. A graduate of Loyola High School and Santa Clara University, Fr. Sauer had served as a lieutenant in Korea in the 13th Field Artillery supporting the 19th Infantry Regiment at Observation Post Lola at the Demilitarized Zone, 2,000 meters from North Korea.

“I had more power at 21 than I’ve ever had since then,” he said. “That’s why I don’t take myself too seriously today.”

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

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

Mr. Sauer was a far cry from the traditional Jesuits of the 1950s. Robert Thomas ’68, now a prize-winning poet, had Fr. Sauer for senior English and recalled that he and his classmates didn’t use the stodgy textbooks other English classes used. “He had us use a new textbook that included poetry of Wallace Stevens, William Carlos Williams, T.S. Eliot and e.e. cummings,” said Thomas. “That was my first exposure to those poets.” Mr. Sauer even taught Ginsberg’s controversial poem “Howl,” much to the chagrin of a few parents and faculty.

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

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

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

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

Extracurriculars

Speech and Debate

From its beginnings, SI has had a proud tradition of argumentation and public speaking. The student forums and debate teams did well in past decades, and in the 1960s, students in the SI Forum continued to excel under the guidance of former Jesuit Charles Henry ’38. In the 1962–63 school year, for instance, students who excelled included seniors Gerry London, Rick Del Bonta, Paul Vangelisti and Robert Carson — the latter two well-known poets — juniors David Mezzera and John Scalia and sophomores Frank Gollop and Eugene Payne. The debate team of Mezzera and Scalia “merited not only state acclaim but also national recognition,” according to the Ignatian, and SI received an invitation for the first time in its history to attend the Georgetown University Debate Tournament along with two dozen other schools in the country. In their senior year, both Mezzera and Scalia debated in the National Tournament in Akron, Ohio. Mezzera returned to SI in 1970 to teach public speaking and moderate the SI Forum. In the 1970s, SI sent speakers and debate teams to compete in the nationals every year except 1973 and 1979. In 1972, seniors Stephen Schori and Gerald Posner (the author of Case Closed and many other books) took third in the National Forensic League finals at Wake Forest University.

The Ignatian & Inside SI

Inside SI started a new tradition in 1963 when Fr. John Becker took over as moderator. He would continue in that role (with the exception of a few years) until 1975. In 1963, the school received a donated press and, with the addition of more equipment in 1967, students began producing the newspaper in-house. They typeset the magazine, made negatives from the pages using a process camera, burnt plates using a carbon arc, printed full-color pages and bound and trimmed the issues. The magazine covered the controversies of the day that ranged from the Block Club being an elitist organization to the Student Council being a do-nothing organization.

The Ignatian continued to excel in the 1960s, with the 1964 yearbook including color pages for the first time. One yearbook generated discussion that continued for years. In 1967, the yearbook staff produced a large, linen-covered tome.
that contained beautiful black and white photographs and almost no text. Students and teachers either loved it or hated it. The young scholastic in charge, Dennis Alvernaz, and editor Richard Robinson ’67, had one thought in mind while working on it. “We wanted to create a family album,” said Alvernaz, now a retired Catholic priest. “You don’t find captions in a family photo album. In those days, we felt like a family. It was a wonderful time, just before the decline of everything. It was the last hurrah of the WWII generation and their children, and a spirit of camaraderie filled the halls.”

To produce a larger book, both in terms of format and page count, Robinson, Alvernaz and their staff (including ace photographer Vince Piantaneda ’69) stretched their budget by learning to develop their own film and make their own prints. They used a small darkroom on campus and drove a few miles to a public darkroom to rent facilities. They also did their own layouts and turned in camera-ready art to the yearbook company.

They began their book with a 16-page photo essay that included some of the only text (aside from names) found in the document. In it, Alvernaz offered this wisdom: “It was better, he [Christ] thought, to fail in attempting exquisite things than to succeed in the department of the utterly contemptible.” Alvernaz hoped that the introduction would spiritually challenge students and ask them to be self-critical.

Because of the mixed reaction to the nearly wordless yearbook, Alvernaz returned to a more traditional tome for the 1968 edition with editor Bob Cooney ’68. He and Cooney later collaborated on two more unusual yearbooks, this time at SCU where Cooney was yearbook editor and Alvernaz, once again, moderator, while studying theology at Alma College. The two published yearboxes — boxes in which students would find several spiral-bound books.

Peter Devine, who performed in many of the plays in the 1960s, recalled that all the plays at SI were done with an all-male cast until 1964. “I was in the last all-male show, Little Mary Sunshine, performing the role of Madame Ernestine in the spring of 1964.” In the fall of 1964, Fr. Bill Breault, SJ, the new drama director, wrote to Rome to ask permission for women to be allowed to act in plays at SI. He received permission, and the first show to feature actresses was Charlie’s Aunt, which, added Devine, “is about a guy who dresses as his aunt to fool the girls into thinking they have a chaperone.” It also starred SI fine arts teacher Katie Wolf, who was then a junior at St. Rose Academy and whose mother, Jean Wolf, was costume designer at SI.

“Once the shows became coed, the musicals started growing in size,” Devine added. In 1965, SI staged an original musical, Margo and Me, written by Tom Calderola ’65, Dave Miller ’66 and Phil Kelsey ’66. The show was performed at Marina Junior High School and proved so successful that the next year SI staged Oklahoma! at the Marines Memorial Theatre. SI was the last amateur group to play that theatre because ACT acquired it the following year and unionized. “When we went to put our sets and lights in for Oklahoma! in 1966, the union tried to stop us. Fr. Carlin then placed one phone call and took care of it. The union never bothered us after that.”

The theatre department produced a number of wonderful shows during the 1960s including the student-authored Margo and Me and Arsenic and Old Lace. The 1966 production of Oklahoma! Directed by Nicholas Weber, SJ, was one of the best shows produced by SI. According to the 1966 Ignatian, Oklahoma! featured students Norice Moore, Peggy Walsh, Willie Morrissey, Glen Howell, Mike Yalon and Dave Miller, who “exhibited the talent that has been waiting to be expressed at SI musically and dramatically.” The show also featured Peter Devine and Katie Wolf, who would both continue their careers at SI.
In 1967, students attended a school rooted in 400 years of Jesuit tradition. Then at lunch and after school they would walk to Golden Gate Park or to Haight Street and find a different world, one that involved protest, drugs and rock and roll.

“I could walk to the park as a senior during lunch and watch hippies dancing around,” said Robert Thomas, who identified with the youth movement both at SI and, later, at UC Santa Cruz where he studied English, attended Grateful Dead concerts and protested the Vietnam War.

Boris Koodrin ’67, a lineman for the football team at SI, noted that much of San Francisco “was a whole different world. We were close to Haight-Ashbury and to Golden Gate Park where it was a clash of worlds, not that there was any antagonism, between students and hippies.”

As a student, Koodrin and many others attended a legendary concert — a fund raiser for SI — at USF’s Memorial Gymnasium on April 7, 1967, that brought Buffalo Springfield and the Jefferson Airplane to SI, with a lightshow by Headlights. “They were up-and-coming artists, not that big yet,” said Koodrin. Still, the two groups drew 4,000 fans to the benefit concert for SI’s building fund. “Several faculty members eyed Haight-Ashbury’s shaggy contingent with glazed optics and twitchy clipper fingers,” wrote Charlie Gavin in the Inside SI concert review.

John Wildermuth ’69, now a political reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, recalls that cross country coach Riley Sutthoff would have his team avoid running near Haight Street. “Everywhere we saw guys selling the Oracle and the Berkeley Barb or guys asking for contributions to build a new temple. We saw the Grateful Dead perform on top of a flatbed truck on Stanyan Street and saw the Diggers perform.”

Students and teachers at SI also saw the ugly side of the movement, especially regarding the drug scene. On a Saturday morning in 1967, one of Bob Drucker’s players, Steve McCarthy, cut his eye. “I took him to Park Emergency. When I walked in, I saw a beautiful 18-year-old girl reciting nursery rhymes; she was so out of it from drugs. I had never seen anyone like this. At 27, I was frightened; this was my neighborhood, but I had no idea what was going on as I was a bit naïve.”

Fr. Bill Muller, SJ, who taught at SI as a scholastic in the late 1960s, saw both sides of the changing times. “I used to go walking from Welch Hall out into the Haight, and it dawned on me one night that I shouldn’t be doing this. The kids changed in just those two years. They developed a social consciousness and an awareness of the world around them. They paid attention to the Vietnam War, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King.”

SI did contribute to the music scene of San Francisco in the 1960s with Ron Elliott ’62. Elliott and Sal Spampinato (who later changed his name to Sal Valentino) formed the group the Beau Brummels and had several hit songs, including “Laugh, Laugh” and “Just a Little” in 1965, which Elliott co-wrote with classmate Bob Durand ’62. After the Beau Brummels broke up, Elliott pursued other musical avenues, including country rock, and recorded and released The Candlestick Maker.

Many SI alumni served in the armed forces during the Vietnam War but only three are known to have died: Denis O’Connor ’58, Richard Bloom ’60 and Richard Arthur Timboe ’62. In addition, one other grad, Frederick John Riley ’51, a retired Navy pilot, served in the CIA’s Air America and was killed in Laos.

Frederick John Riley ’51

Frederick Riley grew up close to SI near Haight and Ashbury. As a senior, he served as a cheerleader, and he was a member of the 130s basketball team and the rally committee. He joined the Navy while still in college, according to his close friend Richard Howard ’52.

In the 1960s, he left the Navy to join in the CIA’s secret war in Laos, supporting Laotians in their struggle against the North Vietnamese. Riley flew C-123s into Laos carrying supplies. On November 27, 1962, his plane was damaged by Neutralist anti-aircraft fire while on approach to land at Xieng Khoung. He was mortally injured in the ensuing crash. “He was a hell of a good guy,” said Howard. “He had no business being killed like that.”

Riley is memorialized on the Wall of Honor at an Air America memorial in Texas. He had no siblings and his parents, who have since passed away, “suffered immensely after Fred’s death, as he was their only son,” added Howard.

“Fred’s case has always troubled me. I saw many people die on ships. I lost my wingman during the war and saw a lot of blood spilled. Those people were all remembered and honored, but those who died in Air America were, for the most part, performing an admirable and honorable task for our government. Whether or not you agree with their mission, they were heroes of the first rank and never recognized. It’s heartbreaking.”

Denis O’Connor ’58

Denis O’Connor was born May 3, 1940, and grew up in San Francisco with his parents and six sisters. In a ’57 Chevy that was the envy of his class, he would drive many of his sisters to a bus stop near SI every morning on his way to school. “It says a lot about him that he risked his ‘coolness’ by performing this task in his even cooler ’57 Chevy filled with other SI boys,” said his sister Brenda MacLean. “He had a wonderfully sarcastic...”
humor and his little sisters were treated to the daily observations of the world by him and his friends.” His sister Mary Pratto recalls his pride in wearing his junior jacket and his desire to study engineering at SCU. “Having three sisters older and three younger, Denis established himself at a young age as a strong individual,” she added. At SI he also participated in the Sanctuary Society and the Sodality and held a number of class offices.

Denis’ father, Jim, was a concrete contractor and the owner of D. O’Connor and Son, and Denis worked for him every summer from the time he was 5 to learn the business. After college, he planned to enter the family business and then go into San Francisco politics. “He believed it was possible for an honest patriot to make a difference in San Francisco and even in the country,” said his widow, Patricia (Patty) Ekenberg, who was in her first year at the University of Detroit when she met Denis, a senior.

A finance major, he was active in ROTC, and after college he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. Patty and he were married there in 1964, and they had two daughters — Elizabeth, born in 1965, and Christine, born in 1966.

Denis had a great sense of humor, according to Patty. “Not only was he funny, but he also loved music. He prided himself on knowing the words to every song in every Broadway show and every movie musical.”

As a member of the 101st Airborne Division, Denis was transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in 1966 before shipping out to Vietnam for his first tour of duty in 1967. He was killed three months later, on October 10, 1967, from an explosion in Quang Nam, possibly from a grenade or an artillery shell.

“Denis was one of the lucky people in this world who defined his priorities at a young age,” said Patty. “He told me that his first duty was to God, his second duty was to his country and his third duty was to his family. I understood taking a back seat to God, but was a bit miffed to be behind country, especially when he volunteered for Vietnam. His values would not have allowed any other decision. It wasn’t easy, but it was simple. He volunteered for service because he thought that for the defense of our country, we had to help rid the world of communism. He was a man of great honor and principle. He had to do the right thing.”

Patty, who had moved to Sonoma with Denis shortly before his leaving for Vietnam, vividly recalls the day she learned of his death. “It was horrible. The minute I saw the uniformed men coming to the door, I knew what it was. I was numb.”

Years later, one of Denis’ sisters introduced Patty to a family friend and Lowell grad, Don Nelson. Patty married him, and the two had a son.

She maintained close ties to Denis’ sisters. “Our son, Curt, called the O’Connor sisters ‘auntie’ and Don adopted our girls.” Sadly Don died in 1996 and Patty endured another visit to her door to inform her of a husband’s death. She later married a close friend of Don’s mother in 2000 and continues to make her home in Sonoma.

She and the sisters continue to honor the memory of Denis. “He was the best brother and is missed every day of these past 37 years,” said Brenda MacLean. His daughter, Beth, added that “a family gathering doesn’t go by without stories told of him (always accompanied by plenty of laughter and tears).” His sister Mary added that “Denis was very loved by all of us. I still miss and remember him to this day.” His name appears on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Panel 27E, Row 85.

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**Richard Bloom ’60**

The October 7, 1966, Inside SI included the following notice: “Rich Bloom was in many ways a typical SI student. He was active in his school life, rifle team, track and football, and received fairly good grades in his studies…. When the war in Vietnam began to get hotter, he was sent to fight. It was there that he was killed in action in service to his country and ideals. Inside SI salutes Rich Bloom, a true Ignatian, who gave his life that others might be free.” — Joe Cordes ’67

Born in 1942, Richard Bloom grew up on 35th Avenue and attended Holy Name Church. His mother, Dolores, a third-generation San Franciscan, worked at SI in the treasurer’s office, and his father, a San Francisco policeman, came from West Marin. His friends included Dick Lynch ’60 and Bill Foehr ’60. Lynch recalls that Bloom and his father were “more devoted to one another than any father and son that I’ve ever met.”

At 6-feet, 2-inches and 190 pounds, Richard was “solid as a cement block and an exceptional athlete. As a defensive back at SI, he could run as fast backwards as I could forwards,” said his Marine buddy Richard Torykian. Lynch recalls that he was “very friendly, not too studious, a great athlete and hunter and very into automobiles. He had a ‘49 Ford hotrod that we rebuilt.”

After SI, he attended USF for two years where he continued to play football before enlisting in the Marine Corps Officer Training Program. According to his sister, Katherine Bloom, he hoped to become a pilot. He had a girlfriend, but didn’t want to marry until he came back from the war.

He first trained in Pensacola, Florida, to fly the A4E Skyhawk and F8 Cruiser and then went to El Toro with the First Marine Division. There he hooked up with Torykian, who recalls the day he met Richard Bloom. “My roommates, two fighter pilots, and I went to a bar one night where I ran into Dick Bloom. We got into a little bit of an argument when I told him his date was ugly. You had to know him to understand how he took it. He had so much life in him and an enormous sense of humor.”

At El Toro the two used to play handball on Friday nights after work and share a few drinks at the Officers’ Club. “When he smiled, his whole face smiled,” noted Torykian. “We talked about going deer hunting with his dad in Olema after the war.”

Torykian thought that Bloom was “an outstanding aviator. We struck up a great friendship.” The two were roommates in Laguna Beach until March 1965 when President Johnson sent elements of the Third Marine Division to Vietnam. Richard went to Vietnam in early 1966 and flew 70 combat missions in two months with Marine Attack Squadron 224 before being killed on September 20, 1966, flying support for ground troops near Chu Lai. Bloom’s air...
craft was hit during his third run against a truck park near the village of Ha Tinh, about 20 miles southwest of Danang. According to Bloom’s wingman, small arms fire downed the plane. Bloom’s body was never recovered. Torykian believes the plane burrowed into the soft jungle ground and buried Bloom in his cockpit.

Katherine, his sister, remembers the day two men in full dress uniforms came to the door to inform the family of Richard’s death. “They rang my doorbell, and I heard my mother scream. I ran to the door. It was horrible. I’ll never forget that day. I adored my brother.”

Dick Lynch found out about his friend’s death two weeks after he married. Then, two months later, he received his wedding present from Bloom. “That was really hard. His death was such a useless tragedy.”

Torykian, on his way home from the war, stopped in San Francisco to spend time with the Bloom family, answering their questions about how their son had died. He made a point of visiting them every five years. Both he and Lynch became surrogate sons to Bloom’s father, and both spent time hunting with him.

Years later, someone called Bloom’s family claiming to have his dog tags and offering to recover the body for $50,000. The family called Torykian, who knew it was a scam, and authorities arrested the caller. “Dick’s remains are gone,” said Torykian. “They are a part of the earth. But I still remember him as a vibrant man and great athlete. Everybody loved him. He was a courageous person who feared nothing. I lost a great friend and the country lost a great American.”

His name can be found on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Panel 10E, Line 123.

Richard Arthur Timboe ’62

Born March 23, 1944, he was known as “Rich” at SI, “Art” at USF and “Tim” at home and in the military. Richard Arthur Timboe is also remembered as a hero for giving up his life while trying to save a soldier in the South Vietnamese Army.

Timboe grew up an Army brat in the Presidio along with Margo McRice, whom he later married. “It was like growing up in a little village inside a big city,” said Margo. “No one locked the doors.” Tim played Little League baseball and ran track at SI, and his best friend was Terry Gillin ’62, now a professor of sociology at Ryerson University in Canada, who knew him as a quiet guy. “It blew everyone’s mind when Margo and he eloped a year after he graduated from SI.”

In 1963, after returning from Mexico, Tim and Margo moved in with Tim’s parents while Tim continued his studies in political science at USF. Their son Michael Arthur Timboe was born in late 1963 and Brian William Timboe was born the following year. Tim graduated in 1966 and entered the Army after receiving his ROTC commission.

He went to Ft. Benning, Georgia, for infantry training and then to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, to the 101st Airborne Division for jump school training. As a first lieutenant and pathfinder, he went to Vietnam in November 1967, assigned as an advisor to a village north of Saigon to work with the South Vietnamese Army as part of Advisory Team 70. He slept and ate with the villagers and wrote home about drinking homemade liquor. His wife sent him care packages of San Francisco items: copies of the Chronicle, Ghirardelli chocolate bars and sourdough bread.

On January 30, 1968, the North Vietnamese launched the Tet Offensive. On February 1, the Vietnamese commander of Tim’s unit sent out a light machine gun unit to try to capture Viet Cong. One gunner was hit and Tim ran out to carry him to safety. He hoisted the man onto his shoulders and was running back when he was shot and killed. For his bravery, he was awarded the Silver Star.

“He was really friendly and didn’t have an enemy in the world,” said his son, Brian. “He died doing exactly what he wanted to do. All he ever wanted to do in his whole life was serve in the Army.”

Timboe’s family was first told that he was missing in action. Five days later, word came that he had died. “This poor soul in uniform came to the door,” said Margo. “He was a basket case. I was his first case ever, and I had to call my father to take him to a bar to calm him down. He didn’t know what to say. It was probably for the best, as it took my mind away from my own loss worrying about this poor guy.”

“Fr. Eugene Schallert, SJ, at USF was such a good help during this time,” added Margo. “He told me not to wallow in self pity and to focus on taking care of my children.” Fr. Schallert presided over the funeral Mass at St. Ignatius Church February 14.

For Gillin, the loss of his best friend was a hard one to take. “I was in grad school when Margo called me. Like so many at that time, I had a kind of confusion about opposing the war while still struggling to honor those who were fighting. I had a tremendous sense of loss and a sense of ambivalence over whether or not he had died for a good and just cause. Part of my sadness was that I thought his death was unnecessary because the war was inappropriate. We need to honor people like Tim who have served their county so selflessly while, at the same time, remain free to intellectually and morally challenge the rightness of any war.” Margo chose to involve herself with Swords into Plowshares. “They know how to heal everyone, even widows.”

Richard Arthur Timboe is buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery in the Presidio, Plot WS 636-B, and his name can be found on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Panel 36E, Line 62. He is also survived by his two grandsons — Christopher and Dylan.

In addition to having their names appear on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and in Sacramento, Denis O’Connor, Richard Bloom and Richard Arthur Timboe have their names inscribed on a memorial in Justin Herman Plaza along with 160 other San Franciscans who died in Vietnam. Brian Timboe spoke at the 2001 dedication of that memorial, telling a cheering crowd of 500 that “there’s nothing to be ashamed of, to be a Vietnam vet. I just want to say this to you: ‘Hold your heads high!’” His father is also remembered in a memorial at USF.

Top: Richard Arthur Timboe ’62 died while trying to save the life of a comrade. Right: Archbishop McGucken came to SI on June 6, 1970, to dedicate each classroom and the new Ohrdruf Chapel.

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XI. REDEFINING JESUIT EDUCATION (1970–1979)

Changes in Leadership

SI students, well into their first year in their new quarters, held a dance in the Carlin Commons on April 15, 1970. The school then opened its doors to the public on April 18 and 19 for an Open House, drawing 7,000 to inspect the still unfinished structures. Then, on June 6, 248 members of the class of ’70 took part in the school’s 111th commencement exercises at St. Ignatius Church, and many returned to SI June 9 when Archbishop McGucken blessed the school. The ceremony apparently took many hours as he blessed and dedicated each classroom, laboratory and office as well as the Stephen Orradre Memorial Chapel where he concelebrated Mass with the SI Jesuits. At the end, the announcement was made that the Jesuit residence would be named McGucken Hall in honor of the Archbishop’s financial and moral support.

Fr. Edward McFadden, SJ, continued to serve as principal until 1976, when Fr. Richard McCurdy, SJ, succeeded him. The Office of the President saw five occupants in the 1970s. Fr. Cornelius Michael Buckley, SJ, who led the school as president between 1970 and 1973, had taught at SI from 1956 to 1959 before being ordained in France in 1962. Fr. James R. Hanley, SJ, who succeeded him, was a native San Franciscan who had taught theology at SI between 1960 and 1968. He served until 1975 and was succeeded by Fr. Russell Roide, SJ, who served until 1979. Fr. Anthony P. Sauer, SJ, who had taught at SI in the 1960s and early ’70s, returned in 1979 to serve as president, and his record 26-year tenure in that office has provided the school with leadership in key moments in the school’s history.

Changes were taking place, too, on the academic side of the school, with the creation of two new positions — assistant principal for academics and assistant principal for student activities. Fr. Charles R. Gagan, SJ ’55 (who, at the time of this writing, is pastor of St. Ignatius Church), held the former position, supervising faculty, and Fr. Roide held the latter position, supervising all extracurricular activities, including athletics.

The administration and faculty were still primarily Jesuit with 39 religious and 34 laymen serving the school, a far cry from the school’s early days, when SI employed a handful of laymen; but by the end of the decade, those numbers would shift dramatically, with 51 lay faculty, administrators and staff and only 29 Jesuits. The 1979 faculty also included three women — Anny Medina (French), Carolyn Rocca (Italian) and Katie Wolf (Art & Architecture). In addition, two women worked in the library (Renate Morlock and Geraldine Ferring), nine served as secretaries and one served as the registrar.

Jesuit Education Redefines Itself

The social activism of the 1960s carried over into the new decade and led to the birth of SI Outbound, which had taken the place of the student Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. Students in this organization worked as tutors in grammar schools throughout the city, visited the elderly and did other acts of community service. The success of this program led to the creation of the Community Service Program in 1980, with every student asked to complete 100 hours of ministry. (This office was renamed the Christian Service Program in 2003.)

One of its creators, Michael Mandala, a scholastic at the time, hoped that SI students would contribute “to the betterment of the San Francisco community” by tutoring students from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. In its first year, the program attracted 80 students and offered academic credit to 25 seniors. It also helped the school attract students of diverse ethnicities and races, something SI had pursued actively since the 1960s.

The start of SI Outbound was a reflection of a profound change that was taking place at SI and at other Jesuit schools. The tenor of Jesuit education had been slowly changing across the country, spurred both by Vatican II and by financial troubles at some of the high schools. In 1969, the Jesuit Educational Association, made up of colleges and high schools, disbanded when the universities left to form their own organization. In 1970, representatives of the Jesuit high schools gathered in Scottsdale, Arizona, to discuss the creation of a new organization to be called the Jesuit Secondary Education Association. (The first president of the JSEA was an SI grad — Fr. Edwin McDermott, SJ ’36.)

One of those in attendance, Robert “Jerry” Starratt, principal of Fairfield...
Charlie Dullea, then in his first year teaching at SI, attended assemblies that “morale in his school was at an all-time low … and that if he didn’t come away from the meeting with any sense of direction, he was going to go back and close his school.”

Starratt had just read an essay by Fr. Jim Connor, SJ, the Maryland provincial at the time, “who wrote that no matter what ministry Jesuits are engaged in, they’re basically giving the Spiritual Exercises,” noted Starratt. “I began talking about what that might mean in a high school setting, citing themes from the Exercises such as the Call to the Kingdom, Finding God in All Things, Contemplatives in Action and Carrying the Cross with Christ. I spoke off the top of my head about how to translate the Exercises into the curriculum and pedagogy of a Jesuit school and thereby to recapture the Jesuit identity of our work.”

His friends told him to go to his room and put those ideas into writing. “I went to my room and said, ‘My God, what have I gotten myself into!’ The trouble was that I couldn’t remember what I had just said.” When he returned to the meeting, Starratt had in his hand what became the Preamble to the JSEA’s Constitution — one of the key documents that gave those assembled a reason to continue assembling.

The response to that document was electric. “The Preamble became a rallying cry for the schools,” said Joe O’Connell, SJ, the JSEA President who honored Starratt in 001 with its Ignatian Educator Award. “It proved to be a transformational point for Jesuit secondary education in the United States. Had it not been for Jerry’s inspiration, we would have been in a very different place than we are now.”

That Preamble and the Constitution for the new JSEA became a catalyst for change throughout the decade of the ’70s for SI and for Jesuit schools across the country. The Preamble asks schools to “go beyond the criteria of academic excellence, important as this is, to the far more challenging task of bringing about a true metanoia [a fundamental change of character] in their students…” It also asks Jesuit schools to “move more vigorously towards participation in community affairs” and to “honestly evaluate their efforts according to the criteria of both the Christian reform of social structures and renewal of the church.”

In 1973, during the first mandatory faculty retreat, teachers discussed the Preamble and made it “the ultimate criterion for all of our future decisions,” wrote Fr. McCurdy in the December 1973 Genesis magazine. When the faculty returned to SI, they formed committees to “evaluate every aspect of the school in the light of our stated values and goals.”

Charlie Dullea, then in his first year teaching at SI, attended those meetings and recalls how revolutionary the document was. “It was filled with ideas that today we take for granted. But that was the first time we heard of the concept of ‘magis.’ In our meetings we discussed the need for a community service requirement as a prerequisite to graduation.” Dullea was most struck by this statement from the Preamble: “If the faculty at a Jesuit school are men and women whose lives are inspired by the Ignatian vision, then the question about the percentage of Jesuits on the faculty is not an overriding issue. It is more a question of the quality of the lives of the faculty, both Jesuit and lay. The school will be Jesuit if the lives of its teachers exemplify and communicate to the students the vision of Ignatius.”

“For me, this meant I should learn the craft of teaching and develop spirituality in concert with my colleagues,” said Dullea. “Thirty years later we have an Adult Spirituality Office that serves the spiritual needs of the entire faculty, outside of the classroom.”

The establishment of SI Outbound, and later, of the Community Service Program, was only a part of SI’s response to this call to action. In the 1960s and earlier, students and priests may have had informal conversations about religion, and certainly friendships developed and grew among them. Rarely, however, did Jesuits share their unique brand of spirituality with students beyond the senior retreat. That changed with the birth of the Christian Life Communities in the early 1970s and a new kind of senior retreat.

“For whose side are you on?”

For the first year at the new campus, SI held half-day sessions to let workers finish the building. The Jesuits also had to adjust their schedules, eating their meals at the Holy Name Parish Center, as workers still had not finished the kitchen in the Jesuit residence. “Each morning we would board a bus at Welch Hall and drive to Holy Name,” said Fr. Charles Gagan, SJ ’55. “It was an old bus and pretty grim.”

In 1970, the school began a new tradition and one that would last until the 1990s. The Sunday Evening Liturgy began not in Or-
radre Chapel, which was still unfinished, but in a double classroom on the second floor. Every Sunday, Fr. Gagan had students move the altar from the small Jensen Chapel to the classroom and then move it back. A priest in charge of the chapel complained to the rector each Monday that the altar hadn’t been replaced correctly. “He was very careful about Jensen Chapel,” said Fr. Gagan, “and if we put the altar back one inch from where it had been, I would hear about it.”

Within a few weeks, students began crowding into the classroom every Sunday night for Mass. “We were addressing a need not being addressed by parishes at the time,” he added. “This became a sore point, as pastors in the area resented their parishioners coming to us. Now that I’m a pastor, I see their point.”

It didn’t take long before the double classroom proved too small to fit all those who came to Sunday Evening Liturgy. To accommodate the crowds, Fr. Gagan had the chairs moved outside and invited people to sit on the floor. “Even then it was crowded. We didn’t really have enough room until we moved into the chapel.” Mercy student Mame Campbell Salin preferred “sitting on the floor to pews” and she liked the fact that Masses were celebrated at night. “That seemed to make it special for some reason.”

The same priest who was in charge of Jensen Chapel was also placed in charge of Orradre Chapel, and he again proved an adversary to Fr. Gagan. “We argued over the number of confessional for the chapel, and he insisted that the altar be set in cement on top of the stairs, so we had to use a second altar, as we didn’t want to celebrate Mass that way. We asked for a portable altar, and this created controversy in the community. This was a time of tension in the Church between the old and the new when changes in the liturgy brought on by Vatican II were still being promulgated.”

Fr. Gagan wasn’t the only one to sense the tension. Many in the administration were used to a pre-Vatican II way of doing business, while many of the young priests, scholastics and teachers were ready for a change. Colleagues soon found themselves in adversarial roles, fighting over all sorts of issues — from the plays performed to the dress code among priests, some of whom did not feel the need to wear a Roman collar all day.

Tensions came to a head in 1972 when Nick Weber, then a Jesuit, put on The Fantasticks. Controversy arose when the Jesuit administration told Weber to cut a few risqué lines and the show was nearly cancelled. (Nick left SI after another fight over the play Celebration when the administration objected to a sexual reference in the play’s opening line.)

Charlie Dullea ’65, recalls being pulled aside by a colleague during the first mandatory faculty retreat shortly after he was hired in 1972 and asked, “Whose side are you on?” “He wanted to know if I supported the old guard or the younger priests who were pushing for change.”

Fr. Gagan praised Fr. Sauer and Fr. McCurdy for helping to restore peace between the factions in the years that followed. “In addition, a tremendous group of lay faculty helped spread the Jesuit message,” said Fr. Gagan. “Some of them understood the Jesuit message better than the Jesuits did. When I look at other schools, I’d say that one of Fr. McFadden’s strong points was that he hired good teachers. He also refused to take sides. He hated conflict. At the time, some found that diffidence infuriating, but his care and concern for individual teachers was outstanding.”

The struggle between old and new was inevitable, Fr. Gagan adds, “Looking back, I don’t see how we could have avoided it. We had to enter it and come out. Those who did were better off than those who pretended that Vatican II had never taken place.”

Fr. Gagan’s fondness for SI stems from his happy experiences there both as a student and scholastic. “I received my vocation at SI. And I loved teaching under Fr. Reed in the 1960s.” But the best was yet to come, he noted. “Some say Jesuit schools live on a great reputation. In the 1970s, SI began to deserve its reputation. It improved academically under Fr. McCurdy, and the ideas of ‘Men for Others,’ of social ministry and faith that does justice distinguished us from other schools and made us successful. In years past, the Sodalities did outreach work. In the 1970s, that spirit of outreach permeated the entire school.”

Br. Douglas Draper, SJ

Br. Draper is perhaps the best-known dean of discipline in the U.S. For the past few years he’s also served as minister of the Jesuit community, assisting the rector in the day-to-day business matters affecting the residents of McCucken Hall.

Beginning in 1969 when he took over as dean, students have known the power of his voice over the public address system as he runs down the list of students to be called to his office. And while most students may fear hearing their names on that list, they respect the man who reads it.

“They feel this way because he’s a fair, honest and loving human being,” said his close friend, Fr. Paul Capitolo, SJ. “That’s what allows him to be dear as long as he has — the longest reigning dean in any Jesuit school in America.”

“I’m always puzzled when someone asks me why I became a brother,” said Br. Draper (who is also known as the Duke of Discipline, or, simply the Duke.) “It’s a vocation, just like a vocation to the priesthood. I knew that God called me to a religious state as a brother, and I knew I could be happy doing this work.”

When Br. Draper started as SI’s dean in 1969, he was “absolutely petrified. But over the years, I’ve seen the seeds we’ve planted come to fruition. We do instill values in them. And when you make a friend with a student, you have a friend for life.”

Br. Draper is also known for his sense of humor when it comes to catching rule-breakers. For the 1973 prom, dozens of students rented a penthouse room at a hotel on Sutter Street. As they continued celebrating there with their dates, Br. Draper received a call alerting him to the situation. He and Fr. Gene Growney, SJ, drove to the hotel and finally convinced the manager to give them permission to raid the party. “Just as he gave us permission, we heard that the students called for room service. A waiter in a green jacket wheeled his cart
out, and I borrowed his jacket,” recalled Br. Draper. Then he and Fr. Growney took the elevator to the penthouse, knocked on the door and announced that room service had arrived. “When the door opened, I burst through and saw everyone dive for cover. I opened the door to the bathroom and found a young man, fully clothed, sitting on the toilet with his date on his lap. I told him if he sat there too long, he would get hemorrhoids.”

The next year, after the last final exams for the Class of 1974, the seniors brought a keg to the top of Strawberry Hill in Golden Gate Park. “Fr. McFadden heard about it and told me to do my job.” He and Fr. Capitolo walked up the hill, found the boys and poured out the keg. Br. Draper then realized that, in his cassock, he was unable to walk down the hill. One of the students, John Steigeler ’74 (who teaches history and coaches soccer at SI) hoisted Br. Draper on his back and carried him down the hill.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II honored Br. Draper in a ceremony at St. Mary’s Cathedral along with 50 other Bay Area priests, religious and lay people as part of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 celebration. Br. Draper received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice papal honor (for individuals who have served the Church and the Pope with distinction) along with four alumni — Frank Heffernan ’48, Robert McCullough ’48, Michael D. Nevin ’61 and Dr. Collin Poy Quock ’57 — and former regent H. Welton Flynn ’71 at St. Mary’s Cathedral on September 17, 2000. The Pope also honored several SI parents and one alumnus by naming them to the Order of St. Gregory the Great, including Suzanne and Louis Giraudo ’64, Richard J. Dunn and the late Marygrace Dunn, and Mary Anne Schwab (an SI mother and grandmother).

Fr. Richard McCurdy, SJ

Fr. Richard McCurdy, SJ, who succeeded Fr. McFadden in 1976 as principal, attended high school in San Diego and had taught English and directed plays as a layman at SI between 1954 and 1956. He then entered the Society of Jesus and came back to teach at SI as a scholastic between 1962 and 1964. He returned in 1972 to serve as assistant principal for academics for a year and executive vice principal for a year. “I was lucky to be Fr. McFadden’s assistant. He, like me, had his eccentricities, but he taught me much more than anyone else about being a principal. I loved him and owe him a great deal.” Fr. McCurdy then left for Brophy in 1974 and returned to SI in 1976 to serve as principal, a job he held until 1981.

With each return, Fr. McCurdy felt delighted to work with colleagues, some of whom had been students of his. “In 1954, the only laymen aside from myself were J.B. Murphy, Frank Corwin and Rene Herrierias. But when I returned in the 1970s, I was teaching alongside Bob Drucker, Chuck Murphy and other familiar faces. By the time I was principal, I felt as if I knew everyone and had even hired a few of them. Being principal was like a homecoming for me.”

Thanks to Fr. McCurdy, academics continued to improve and SI began living up to its new name as a college preparatory. As a member of the Commission on Research and Development (a part of the Jesuit Secondary Education Association), Fr. McCurdy helped to pioneer what became known as the CIP — the Curriculum Improvement Process. In 1977, he started a yearlong reevaluation of what was taught at SI and how it was taught, and he asked Assistant Principal for Academics Steve Lovette ’63 to administer the self-study.

“As a result of the CIP, SI changed in many ways,” said Fr. McCurdy. “This was the first real step towards collegiality between Jesuits and lay people. Every member of the faculty was involved in the CIP. We met in departments and in larger groups to critique our curriculum and to relate it to the seminal documents coming out of the JSEA on faith and justice. We had to see if we were doing what Fr. Arrupe suggested we should be doing. It was tedious at times, looking at every single aspect of the school, but it was necessary.”

Students in 1978 probably didn’t notice too much of a change in their classes. “The classes didn’t change, but their focus did,” says Fr. McCurdy. “For instance, we wondered how to change math classes so that they could teach social justice. We wondered if word problems should deal with hunger or the percentage of disadvantaged in the world.”

Fr. McCurdy also briefly considered having SI become a coeducational school. “The biggest problem we faced was what the consequences would be for the girls’ schools.” He also stepped up his efforts to recruit students from diverse backgrounds. “When I came as a layman, the population was working class Italian and Irish. However, the composition of the city had changed, and I went to every grammar school each year to talk to principals to encourage their students to come to SI.”

St. Cathryn deBack, OP, principal at Sacred Heart School in the Fillmore, didn’t believe SI would be a welcoming place for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. “I told her I would accept any student she recommended,” said Fr. McCurdy. “She didn’t believe me. Still, she recommended some students, and I took them in. That was a breakthrough for her. Later, she came to SI to tutor students after school and that began her much stronger involvement with SI. She proved influential in talking with other principals, telling them that we meant what we said.”

McCurdy developed a severe case of mononucleosis in 1980 and recommended that Fr. Mario Prietto, SJ, the assistant principal for student affairs, take over as principal the following year. “I’m very fond of Mario and thought he had great potential to lead the school. Fortunately, Fr. Sauer agreed.”

After SI, McCurdy served as assistant to the provincial for four years before going to Jesuit High School in Sacramento where he continues to work as an English teacher.

Left: Fr. Dick McCurdy, SJ, launched the innovative Curriculum Improvement Process, to evaluate SI’s curriculum and instruction. Right: Juan Mitchell ’75 cuts down the net after his team won the WCAL championship.
Athletics

Football

Varsity football head coaches in the 1970s included Tom Kennedy ’63, Jim McDonald ’55 and Gil Haskell ’61. While their teams never won a league championship, they made their mark as exemplary and memorable coaches, especially Haskell, who coached from 1973 to 1977. “Anybody who played for him would tell you that his enthusiasm was infectious,” says SI Athletic Director Robert Vergara ’76. “He had the kind of personality that made you want to play hard for him.”

As a player at SI, Haskell grew frustrated with one of his coaches and, according to Vince Tringali, was ready to walk off the field and quit. “I told him that I thought he was a great football player. I told him not to worry about what the coach said, to keep his mouth shut and do what he said.” Haskell followed that advice and enjoyed much success at SI, making all-city in his senior year. At San Francisco State College, his team won three championships, and he played briefly in 1966 with the ‘49ers and joined SI’s coaching staff in 1969. At SI he used coaching techniques he learned from ‘49ers’ coaches Frankie Albert and Dick Nolan and his SI coach, Pat Malley.

After leaving SI, Haskell coached for USC, the LA Rams, the Green Bay Packers, the Carolina Panthers and the Seattle Seahawks, where he is the offensive coordinator working with Seahawks’ head coach and Lincoln grad Mike Holmgren and former SI coach Bill Laveroni ’66. In his first year with the Seahawks, Haskell coordinated the AFC’s top-ranked red zone offense, which gained 292.5 yards per game.

The 1974-75 & 1975-76 Basketball Teams

By Mark Hazelwood ’80

In the fall of 1974, Coach Drucker was beginning his ninth season as coach. He had enjoyed great success in those first eight years, winning a WCAL title in 1968, and never suffering a losing record. In 1974, he welcomed back four returning seniors: forwards Juan Mitchell and Tony Passanisi, center Michael Bowie and point-guard Dan Buick. This group had helped lead SI to an impressive 20-win season and a second-place finish the year before. It was not, however, a championship, and Drucker continually reminded his players of this as the ’74–’75 season progressed.

Joining the returning seniors were a powerful group of players moving up from the JVs: forward/center Billy O’Neill; forwards Kurt Bruneman, Tom Stack and Bob Enright; and guards Mike McEvoy, Craig Bianchi, Louie Carella and Dan Abela.

SI clinched the regular season WCAL title, whipping St. Francis. In the final regular game of the season, SI traveled to Serra hoping to be the first city team to go undefeated since Wilson in 1968. A hostile “Jungle” crowd helped the Padres move out to an early lead. Juan Mitchell led the ‘Cats back to send the game to overtime. Unfortunately, Serra guard John O’Leary hit five free throws, and Serra pulled the upset, ruining the perfect season.

After the game, Drucker told the press: “It’s like getting the monkey off our back. When the guys left the locker room, I could see relief on their faces. We’re going to be all right.” SI’s colorful coach was prophetic.

In the WCAL semi-final playoff game the following week, Michael Bowie poured in 33 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and had three blocks as SI clobbered Mitty 70–40. Drucker’s crew was then paired up once again with Serra in the finals at USF. With 5,000 mostly SI partisan fans looking on, SI jumped out to a 47–36 lead before hanging on to nip the Padres 54–52, earning both revenge and the WCAL title.

SI advanced to the CCS final tournament at Maples Pavilion. In the semifinal contest, the Wildcats took on Region III champ Gilroy. Showing great leadership, Billy O’Neill led SI with 13 points in a defensive struggle as the ’Cats prevailed 57–40.

In the season finale at Maples Pavilion, SI faced Cupertino, led by All Northern California performer and future Los Angeles Laker Kurt Rambis. Rambis, a junior, had played superbly all season in leading Cupertino to a 27–1 record, nearly identical to SI’s 28–1 record. In front of a sold-out crowd of 6,500, SI’s front-line held the Pioneers’ big man in check and the ’Cats matched Cupertino point for point.

As the game wound down to the 1-minute mark, Juan Mitchell committed his fifth foul, putting guard Mike Saladino to the line. Saladino missed the free throw, but Rambis tipped in the basket, giving Cupertino a 61–60 victory. Despite the CCS final loss, SI ended with an incredible record of 28–2. No St. Ignatius team had ever won so many games.

With the beginning of the 1975–76 school year, Drucker said good-bye to starters Mitchell, Bowie, Passanisi and Buick. The 1975–76 team returned McEvoy, O’Neill, Carella, Abela, Bianchi, Enright and Bruneman, who gained so much experience from the year before. Drucker now added Craig Wallsten, Alan Smoot, Chris LaRocca, Brad Levesque, Dan Hurley, John Skapik and sophomore Tony Zanze.

The fantastic season the year before led to high expectations. SI was picked as the fourth-ranked high school team in Northern California by the San Francisco Examiner. Without Bowie and Mitchell, Drucker knew this team needed to win with defense and good outside shooting.

The Wildcats went on to face Bellarmine in the WCAL Tournament’s final game at USF. SI kept the Bells close in the first half, shooting just 11 for 31 from the field. In the second half, playoff hero Craig Bianchi came through, scoring 17 points to lead
the 'Cats to their second straight title with a 47–40 victory.

Drucker’s boys, now an amazing 26–1 returned to the CCS tournament to face a familiar opponent, Westmoor, which had an impressive 23–1 record. The Rams took it to SI early on, leading 30–27 at the half. The Wildcats then tightened their defense, holding Westmoor to eight points in the third quarter. McEvoy, Bruneman, and O’Neill once again came through with big shots down the stretch and the 'Cats, averting their early season loss to the Rams, claimed the Division I title for the second straight season.

Next up for SI was Region III winner Carmel. Again playing great defense, the Wildcats allowed their lowest point total of the year, winning 49–31 and setting up another showdown with Kurt Rambis and Cupertino in the CCS final at Maples Pavilion. SI kept Cupertino’s high powered offense under control in the first half, but simply could not generate enough offense. Eventually, Rambis, who would score 27 points and grab 12 rebounds, wore SI out and led the Pioneers to a second straight CCS title over a disappointed Wildcat squad.

SI’s season did not end with the loss to Cupertino as it had the previous year. The ‘Cats were invited as an “at-large” team to the Tournament of Champions. It was SI’s first invite to the tournament since 1963 when the ‘Cats were led by Bob Portman. As Drucker would lament later, his team was simply not able to get over the Cupertino loss. With an ill O’Neill playing only limited minutes, the ‘Cats lost to Del Mar in the first round, playing their worst game of the season.

Showing typical pride, SI rebounded in the double elimination tournament by whipping St. Mary’s of Stockton in the next game 81–46, giving the Wildcats their 29th win of the season and earning another shot at Rambis and Cupertino. Unfortunately, SI would have little left in the tank, losing to the Pioneers 64–55. The loss did not erase the accomplishments of the long season, which included the WCAL title, the perfect conference record, the all-league performances of O’Neill, McEvoy and Bianchi and the tremendous showing in the CCS.

Over the 2-year span, SI had won 57 games and lost 6. From the inside play of Bowie, Mitchell and O’Neill to the outside shooting of Passanisi, McEvoy and Bianchi, they had played at a level of basketball that had not been seen before at the Prep. It may never be seen again.

Track

The SI track and field team took league championships seven times in the 1970s with Terry Ward ’63 coaching most of those teams. Ward got his start at SI by running the 4x800 relay with three seniors and setting the school record in his sophomore year under coach Roger Hoy. In his senior year, Ward competed for Fr. Ray Devlin, SJ ‘42, who took over the program. (His brother, Fr. Joe Devlin, SJ, was the track coach at Bellarmine.) In 1963, SI sent five athletes to the state meet, and Ward became city champion in the 800-meter event.

After studying and coaching at SFSU, Ward joined the SI faculty in 1969 and coached track for Gil Haskell until 1973 when they shared the head coaching job. Ward ran the program between 1974 and 1978, but credits his coaching staff for much of the program’s success. “We had guys like Gil Haskell, Tom Kennedy, Jim Walsh, Mike Lewis, Br. Charlie Jackson, SJ, and Dick Howard,” says Ward. “They paid attention not just to the stars but to all the athletes.”

Baseball

In 1974, Coach Jim Keating retired and Jim Dekker ’68 stepped in to lead the Varsity Boys Baseball Team for the next 20 years (with the exception of a 3-year leave of absence when Len Christensen was head coach). Dekker played three years of varsity for Keating starting in his freshman year. As a junior centerfielder and .375 lead-off hitter, he made the all-city team and helped his team take the league championship with a 20–1 record. (That record stood until Dekker’s last year as a coach in 1993 when his team won 25 games.)

In his junior year, Dekker won the race for student body president and was being eyed by scouts for professional baseball. Any hopes of turning pro, however, were crushed the summer between his junior and senior years when a car accident left Dekker severely injured. That Dekker can now walk is a tribute to Dr. C. Allen Wall ’46, a vascular surgeon. While recuperating, Joe DiMaggio came to visit Dekker and present him with the batting trophy from the first-ever Joe DiMaggio League that Dekker had won that summer.

While a student at Santa Clara University, Dekker commuted to SI to coach with Keating, and after graduating with his degree in English, he returned to SI to teach and coach. When Keating retired in 1974, Dekker took over and led his team in numerous successful seasons, including the 1977 season when SI tied for first place with Serra at the end of the round-robin in the WCAL. Team leaders included George Torassa ’77, who eventually signed and played three years in the San Francisco Giants’ farm system.

Soccer

In 1967, Luis Sagastume began teaching Spanish and coaching soccer at SI. He came to the U.S. at age 11 from Guatemala and played soccer at USF. As captain there, he led that school to an NCAA national championship. His assistant, Fr. Francis Stiegetter, SJ, wrote in a 1974 Genesis article that “his professional attitude and low-key personal approach immediately injected a transfusion into the moribund soccer program and the subsequent revival of the program has been truly phenomenal. From one team of 18 players in 1969, the soccer program has grown in 1974 to six teams with more than 140 participating players. Along with its growth in size, SI soccer has dominated the WCAL since its inception, winning the varsity title three times in six years and compiling a remarkable record of only six losses in 67 league matches.”

Sagastume’s 1973 team went undefeated, earning 43 goals and allowing only four against them on their way to a second-place finish in the CCS. The following year, the ‘Cats went 12–1–1 to win the league with offensive stars such as Bill Magee ’74 (a high school All-American and league MVP), Jim Paver ’74 (who scored 13 goals in the ’74 season), Connie Konstin ’75, Bob Bustamante ’76, John Kolenda ’75, Dan Salvemini ’75 and Rob Fetter ’74.

Sagastume left SI for Chico State in 1975 where he received a Master’s degree in physical education and returned in 1977. That fall, word got around school that Sagastume had invited a few students out to West Sunset to kick around a few soccer balls. “That word spread around campus and more than 40 students showed up,” said Joe Totah ’78. “Everyone wanted to be on his team as he had become a legend.”

Sagastume also coached at Chico State and SFSU before leaving for the Air Force Academy in 1979, where he continues to
coach soccer. Since then, he has led the Falcons to more than 270 victories in 26 seasons. Taking over for him was Rob Hickox ’72, who continues to head the Boys’ Soccer Program. He led the ’Cats to championships in 1981 and 2003 and many CCS semifinals.

In addition to Sagastume, Fr. Paul Capitolo, SJ ’53, has played a large role in SI soccer starting in November 1973, when Steve Nejasmich and Fran Stiegeler, SJ, asked him to coach in the newly-formed soph-frosh program. He and Dennis Sweeney coached the SI Tigers until 1982 when the WCAL expanded to include a freshman soccer component. Fr. Capitolo moved on to become moderator for the entire boys’ soccer program, and is known affectionately by players and coaches as “Cappy Bear” and “The Grand Pooh Bah.”

**Extracurriculars**

**Birth of the BSU**

Fr. Buckley, SI’s president, noted in the September 1972 *Genesis* that “today there is a strong emphasis in secondary education on areas of study outside the merely academic. This emphasis finds an echo in the traditional Jesuit philosophy of training graduates who have internalized attitudes of deep and universal compassion for the poor, the victims of injustice, and those in our society who suffer oppression. We plan bold new programs this year to realize better our own Jesuit tradition…."

Those programs included SI Outbound and something new to the SI landscape: the Black Students Union. The BSU reflected the times and the needs of the students and was the first of many organizations this year to realize better our own Jesuit tradition.

Fr. McFadden, SI Principal Edward McFadden, SJ, counselor (and future Regent) Lou Giraudo ’64, English teacher Scott Wood and Fr. Cornelius Buckley, SJ. “Scott Wood did so much for us. What a saint,” said Simon. “Also, Fr. Buckley and I met on a regular basis. This relationship continued through my collegiate and law school years. My family was from Louisiana and drenched in Francophone culture. This was a scholarly interest of Fr. Buckley’s.” Later, when Steve Phelps joined the faculty in 1972, his long history of working with African American students led Fr. McFadden to make him BSU moderator. Phelps also coached the BSU basketball team that competed in the CYO Teenage Leagues.

Simon felt tremendous support from the Society of Jesus and the Church. “The BSU became in many ways an outreach of Jesuit ministry,” he noted. “Fr. Buckley recognized that our pursuits were not only honorable but also reflective of Christ’s teachings. We were even featured on a television program on what is now KBHK, hosted by famed Bay Area and national journalist Sam Skinner.”

In 1972, the club became officially sanctioned and joined the Student Council. Still, some students continued to resent Simon for creating a club that they believed divided the SI community along color lines. “When Bill Kennedy read off grades in class one day, I heard a hiss from some students when he got to my name. He stopped right there and said, ‘I want to take my hat off to these students for creating the BSU and for discussing racism at SI.’ In his
own quirky way, he was an extraordinary supporter of our cause.”

Simon worked hard to keep academics the focus of the club, and he praised Xonie Lloyd ’73 and future BSU leaders Burl Toler ’74, Rod Carter ’74, Jerome Williams ’75, Kevin Goosby ’77, Juan Mitchell ’75, Michael Bowie ’75 and others for picking up the baton. “Those guys were in the top of the class from the day they stepped on campus.”

That the BSU is active in the new millennium is a testament to its success. Simon praised the support given it by parents, who now have their own organization at SI — the Parents of the Association of African American Students (PAAAS). “Black parents in the early days of the BSU did not always support us,” he added. “They felt we were putting a top-rated education at risk by challenging students on issues of race. Now the parents, along with alumni and students, support the organization wholeheartedly, and the BSU has helped many students excel. That is the group’s lasting legacy and what makes it a proud part of the Ignatian tradition.”

A few key events define the era for Simon. “When Eric Goosby ’70 (who served as AIDS Czar in the Clinton administration) started wearing an afro, that was a major event. He identified with his African American roots. Timothy’s cousin Gerald Simon ’72 (who would become the Fire Chief for Santa Clara and Oakland) was a mentor and exemplar for all of us, especially for freshmen who found coming to SI a tough transition from their grammar schools. The BSU helped students matriculate, which sounds like a contradiction. How can you matriculate if you separate yourself? But through the process of separating, we found common issues and common solutions. We couldn’t have found those otherwise. I think that’s why other ethnic groups formed.”

SI made a commitment in 1972 to support African American students at SI by hiring Susan Johnson, a Boalt Hall Law Student and the first African American woman to join SI’s faculty, as a part-time teacher of Afro-American literature. The school also hired a young blond-haired coach named Steve Phelps, whom colleagues later nicknamed the White Shadow after a popular TV show.

A USF grad, Phelps had earlier worked at Hunter’s Point and in the Fillmore District as a recreation director. He encouraged some of his best kids to apply to SI and other academically strong high schools. When he approached Fr. McFadden in 1969, the principal told Phelps that SI would accept as many kids as he could send. Phelps insisted that SI offer services to students from these neighborhoods to help them survive in a culture very different from their own and help students preserve their racial identities. “SI wisely agreed,” said Phelps, and as a result, SI had, and still has, a higher retention rate of students of color than other schools.

Phelps also started SI Uplift, a summer school program designed to improve diversity at SI. That program, now called Magis, is still in existence at SI, under the direction of Emily Behr ’93, the first member of the pioneer coed class to work full time at SI, and her assistant, Chris Delaney, a faculty member since 2003.

The Rise of Other Ethnic Clubs

Phelps served as BSU moderator for nine years starting in 1972. In 1973 two freshmen approached him looking to form their own organization — the Asian Students Coalition (ASC). Phelps agreed to serve as moderator and soon found himself advising 50 students who modeled their club along the same lines as the BSU. Soon after that, the Spanish Club started at SI, which later changed its name to the Association of Latin-American Students (ALAS), and the Italian Club also formed.

From the onset, students at SI debated the usefulness of these ethnic clubs. Some wondered if they exacerbated, rather than healed, divisions among students. “The merits of the BSU are debatable,” wrote one student in a 1972 Inside SI article. “A more serious conflict might arise from the formation of the Irish Students Union, who, although they claim that no mockery is intended [of] the BSU, exist as a living statement to say that they do not want a Black Students Union at SI.”

Timothy Simon, who founded the BSU, nevertheless supported the Irish Student Union. “I was educated by the Daughters of Mary and Joseph at St. Michael the Archangel. They were predominately Irish among many Irish students and parish members, and that helped me become sensitive to the plight of the Irish. Black students felt an oppression similar to theirs. Some people opposed the formation of the ISU, but I supported it. Why shouldn’t they get together and celebrate their culture just as we were doing?”

Cultural Renaissance at SI

From its earliest years, SI has been a school that has stressed the fine arts, and the student musicals and plays throughout the years showed a commitment to excellence by the students and directors. In the 1970s and 1980s, that strong tradition provided a foundation for a remarkable cultural renaissance at SI, one involving four outstanding teachers who inspired students to excel in music, drama and the visual arts.

Janet & Nicholas Sablinsky ’64

The first band was formed at SI on Feb. 12, 1874, “to cultivate music for innocent social enjoyment and to add solemnity to civil and religious festivals” and was directed by Mr. L. Von der Mehden. That the school did not assemble the band each year is evidenced by a 1962 Inside SI story on the school’s reconstituted band program, then in its second year: “Perhaps you don’t realize this, but SI does have a band. It is young and small, but dedicated. Our band practices forty minutes a day to be able to play for our enjoyment at school functions. This year the band plans a formal concert, perhaps a joint concert with Riordan, and a Pops Concert. The Pops Concert will probably be held in December with guest artists, professional singers and all types of music.”

Before 1972, SI student musicians played in a concert band primarily at the rallies and games, performing Sousa marches and the fight song. All that changed when SI hired Nick Sablinsky ’64. As a student, he had played piano and percussion for the 20-piece SI band, led by Dennis Monk. Now, he felt, SI needed a full-fledged orchestra, and he combined students from the girls’ schools with SI boys to perform for Fiddler on the Roof in 1973. (That show, performed at SI, was directed by Peter Devine ’66 who was then teaching at Convent of the Sacred Heart.) In prior years, adult musicians were brought in for the shows, and this was the first SI musical to feature an all-student orchestra, according to Sablinsky.

For the next five years, SI musicians had a busy spring. After they played in the spring musical, they put on a spring concert. That changed in 1978 with the introduction of the Winter Pops Concert, which also featured the SI Jazz Band.

Nick’s wife, Janet, served as a vocal coach starting in 1972, and in 1992 SI hired her to start a formal choral program. In the first year she directed one large choral group that over the years has
branched into the advanced Chamber Singers, the Men’s Choir, the Men’s Quartet, the Mixed Chorus and the Women’s Chorus. In 1994 she introduced the Handbell Choir to the Winter Pop’s repertoire and added a spring choral concert to the litany of shows at SI.

For many students, the highlight of their four years here has been playing for Nick or singing for Janet Sablinsky in such shows as The King and I (1977), Cabaret (1985), 1776 (1987), My Fair Lady (1988), Evita (1996) and The Secret Garden (1998). The Winter Pops Concert features nearly 200 singers and musicians and is a perennial highlight of the school year. In their 30-plus years at SI, the Sablinskys have fashioned one of the best high school music programs in the country, and future students will profit from their talent, energy and commitment.

**Peter Devine ’66**

Peter Devine ’66 directed his 100th play, Man of La Mancha, in 1998 after a remarkable 25-year run as director of SI’s theatre department. His love of the theatre began when his mother took him to see Mary Martin in the stage play Peter Pan when he was 5 years old. “When I saw her fly through the doors into Wendy’s room, I was hooked on theatre,” said Devine. “That was pure magic.”

Devine was steeped in theatre, too, through his relatives. His granduncle Martin Merle served as drama director at SCU and directed the school’s annual Mission and Passion plays and the 1925 Pageant of Youth in San Francisco. Another granduncle, Martin Flavin, won the Pulitzer Prize for writing the Broadway play The Criminal Code.

As a young actor at SI, Devine performed in many plays including Arsenic and Old Lace, Oklahoma and Margo and Me. “He was an inspiration for me,” said Ron Lagomarsino ’69, who directed the Tony-Award winning play Last Night of Ballyhoo. “He was the lead in several plays when I was a freshman, and he was wonderful and very funny. He was in the first play I ever saw, and he made me want to work in the theatre.”

The City of San Francisco publicly recognized Devine for his contribution to the school and to the city in 1987 when it awarded him a citation and issued a proclamation. One year later, he received another, and perhaps greater, distinction when Herb Caen waxed eloquently in his column about Devine’s production of My Fair Lady. “The best entertainment in our town last week was not in the usual haunts but at 37th and Rivera in the Sunset … where a wildly talented bunch of teenagers from that school did nightly performances of My Fair Lady at a level not far below professional. A lot of people in the audience were moved to observe that ‘There’s nothing wrong with the kids of today!’ which is certainly as true as most clichés. They may even be better than the kids of yesterday, despite the bad press they get so often. All I know is that the senior class at Sacramento High in 1932 never came close to putting on anything resembling the ambitious show at St. Ignatius last week.”

**Katie Wolf**

In 1977, Katie Wolf offered to develop a course of study in visual arts for SI students. Kate was a St. Rose graduate who had studied fine arts at San Francisco Art Institute and had earned an MFA at the San Francisco Art Institute. She had acted in plays at SI and, later, assisted Peter Devine by designing sets. For nearly 30 years, she has developed curriculum and taught the creative process to thousands of young artists whose work has earned national honors.

“I had great visions of presenting a variety of art styles that would generate the students’ interest in the process of creativity,” she wrote in a Genesis II story. “Who wouldn’t get excited about works by Picasso, Matisse, Magritte, Miro and Munch? I remember presenting posters of abstract and non-objective paintings for class critique, hoping to stir up some insightful discussions on color, form, line quality and feeling. I was rather surprised when a student called upon had the following comment: ‘Miss Wolf, why is that art? My 8-year-old sister could paint something like that!’ I then realized I had some attitudes to change….”

Since 1978, Wolf has taught several classes, including Art and Architecture, 3D Studies, Studio Art, Sacred Symbols, and Art and Nature, taking students on an inner journey to discover their own creativity and on hundreds of journeys beyond the school walls to see art firsthand in museums and buildings around the Bay Area.

In the 1990s she led a summer workshop for students who designed large-scale outdoor pieces that are on permanent display around the school. In the summer of 2003, she and a group of students were artists in residence at the NorCal Transfer Station near Candlestick Park where they transformed trash into works of art. In 1993 the San Francisco Unified School District honored her as the Outstanding Art Teacher of the Year and featured the work of SI students at the de Young Museum. St. Mary’s Cathedral also chose her to be its official fabric artist for San Francisco’s cathedral, and all the banners and in that building are her creations. Her work ranges from environmental fabric designs at St. Mary’s to stained-glass windows at the Mission Dolores, to wall installations at the de Young Museum, to formal designs for San Francisco’s cathedral.

Above: Nick Sablinsky has directed the SI orchestra since 1973. Right: Katie Wolf, since 1977, has helped students develop themselves as artists. She is pictured here with students at the NorCal Transfer Station in 2003 where they were artists in residence.
the wisdom and wealth of generous benefactors and the dedication of the Society of Jesus working with an equally devoted lay faculty built this Eucharistic haven by the Bay. Let us commit ourselves this afternoon to carry on the work so nobly begun in 1855 as we move into a new era for St. Ignatius College Preparatory in the City of San Francisco."

To give flesh to those words, SI used the 125th anniversary to launch the Community Service Program (later renamed the Christian Service Program). In order to graduate, students, starting with the Class of 1981, would need to perform 100 hours of service “for those members of our human community who are disadvantaged by poverty, old age, poor health, discrimination or physical and mental handicaps,” wrote Art Cecchin ’63, SI’s first CSP director. This new requirement became an extension of the work done in past decades by the Sodalities, SI Outbound and the CLCs at the Little Sisters of the Poor, Laguna Honda Hospital and Helpers’ Home. Cecchin believed that “through the performance of service, the student gains a first-hand experiential knowledge of the inequities and injustices in society. Through [reflecting on these injustices] the student can contemplate and discuss the reasons for the existence of these injustices and is challenged to understand that Christ calls each of us to be a man for others.”

SI commemorated the 125th anniversary in other ways. Fr. Sauer, Fr. Largan, Board of Regents Chairman Gene Lynch, Finance Chairman Hugh O’Donnell and senior class president Timothy P. Crudo ’80, along with San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, unveiled a plaque at The Emporium on Market Street, the site of the first school. (The 1955 plaque, placed on the Emporium façade for the centennial, was affixed to the new plaque.) The plaque, which will appear on the side of the new Bloomingdales when it opens, bears these words: “The original St. Ignatius College has developed into both the University of San Francisco and St. Ignatius College Preparatory. Placed in honor of their 125th year by both senior classes of 1980. October 15, 1979.” Bartley S. Durant, chairman of the Emporium, accepted the award on the behalf of the store, and Chairman Hugh O’Donnell and senior class president Timothy P. Crudo ’80, along with San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein, unveiled a plaque at The Emporium on Market Street, the site of the first school. (The 1955 plaque, placed on the Emporium façade for the centennial, was affixed to the new plaque.) The plaque, which will appear on the side of the new Bloomingdales when it opens, bears these words: “The original St. Ignatius College has developed into both the University of San Francisco and St. Ignatius College Preparatory. Placed in honor of their 125th year by both senior classes of 1980. October 15, 1979.” Bartley S. Durant, chairman of the Emporium, accepted the award on the behalf of the store, and Dr. Albert Shumate, a director of the California Society of Pioneers, spoke on the history of SI. Fr. Sauer also spoke on the importance of religion in the founding of educational institutions.

A month later, on November 13, SI held a grand celebration at Bimbo’s 365 Club with Harry James and his Big Band, featuring singer Phil Harris, organized by Ursula Marsten and Wolfgang Fliess. At the event, Fr. Carlin received the Key to the City, a plaque from the California Legislature, a proclamation from the Mayor’s Office and the Citizen of the Day Award from radio station KABL.

Fr. Mario Prietto, SJ

Fr. Prietto first came to SI in 1968 as a scholastic. He taught Spanish and Latin, coached golf and helped SI move from the old school to the new Sunset District campus. Those years were hard ones for the Jesuit community, he said, and he watched five brother Jesuits leave the order. “There were people who were resisting the changes called for by Vatican II and others who wanted change now.” He recalled the older Jesuits keeping him and the other scholastics “on a tight leash. We had to be back by 10 p.m. and had to get permission to go out in the evening with lay friends. At one point, we didn’t have house keys. If you came back after doors were locked, you had to go through a window in Welch Hall, which we called Squelch Hall.”

Though he liked blowing off steam in the recreation room with the other scholastics, he was glad to leave Welch Hall for new quarters on 37th Avenue. But even in these new quarters, Prietto’s superiors made it clear that they still ran the show. “There was a real us-versus-them mentality, with the governance of the community being very authoritarian, with no dialog, no question of young people having a voice. The Jesuit community continued to be old school.”

He left SI, was ordained in 1973 and worked for five years at Loyola High School before entering Fordham’s Jesuit Secondary Administrator’s Program. When he returned in 1980 as the assistant principal for student affairs, he found an SI changed for the better. By the end of that year, Fr. McCurdy was forced to step down for health reasons, and the job was offered to Fr. Prietto. At 37, he became the youngest principal in the history of the school when he took office in August 1981. (“Although I was 37, I looked as if I were 24,” he wrote in Headmaster/Heartmaster, his memoir of his years as principal. “Here I was, the principal of the oldest high school in the San Francisco Bay Area, with teachers on the faculty who were old enough to be my parents.”)

At the graduation that June, Dick McCurdy took off his ring and handed it to Mario in a symbolic passing of the torch as they sat at the altar. Prietto, in turn, passed on his job as assistant principal for student activities to Charlie Dullea.

From the start, Fr. Prietto made it clear to the teachers and students that he was, first and foremost, a priest and a minister. Whether hiring a new chemistry teacher, preparing for a WASC accreditation or chatting with a student, Mario knew that his most important badge of office was the collar around his neck.

He credited Fr. McCurdy with laying the foundations in the 1970s for the work that took place in the 1980s. “Dick McCurdy was the one who really connected us to the JSEA,” said Fr. Prietto. “Some people made fun of SI by calling it ‘Preamble Prep,’ but McCurdy never wavered in his commitment to the initiatives that came out of the JSEA, which included the Colloquium and the Curriculum Improvement Process. SI benefited profoundly because the lay faculty were well instructed in the Jesuit foundations. This, for me, was the beginning of colleagueship. I inherited a school and a faculty committed to advancing SI’s Jesuit mission.”

Fr. Prietto also wielded a sharp axe, and he did not renew the contracts for several teachers he felt were not doing their jobs. He credits Steve Lovette ’63, the assistant principal for academics, and the department chairs, with helping him make the faculty more professional through the hiring of a number of excellent teachers. With the new renewable tenure system, SI’s teachers had a chance every five years to come up for scrutiny and be challenged to continue growing in their professions.

He also reinstated the admissions test, which the admissions department had earlier dropped in favor of an interview process. That had mixed success, and, in an effort to return to a more traditional and rigorous application process, Fr. Prietto ended the interviews altogether.

In his second year as principal, Fr. Prietto and the SI community faced several tragedies in the deaths of two faculty wives, senior Chuck Simon, former faculty member Carolyn Rocca (who had retired the previous June) and a student’s father. Then, on April 4, 1983, 33-year-old Katie Robinson, a member of the counseling department, died after a brief illness. Fr. Prietto describes that year as one of “unbelievable pain. We somehow not only got through it but also emerged with a deeper, closer bond. The young principal did a lot of growing up as well.” Longtime SI counselor Phyllis Molinelli described that year as feeling like “the end of Camelot.”

A Top 60 School

Fr. Prietto’s efforts paid off in 1984 when SI was named one of the top-60 private schools from among the 6,000 in the country. Of the 60 schools receiving the award, given through the Exemplary Private School Recognition Project, half were Catholic and five were Jesuit. The award recognized SI’s commitment to excellence in education, supporting a diverse student body, and the help it gave needy students through financial aid. On August 27, 1984, Frs. Sauer and Prietto traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive a banner (which Fr. Prietto hung above the door to his office), and a plaque from President Reagan and Secretary of Education Terrell H. Bell. (Frs. Sauer recalls that their luggage was lost on the trip.)

Opposite page: Fr. Sauer & Mayor Diane Feinstein at SI’s 125th anniversary ceremony at the school’s first Market Street site. Left: Fr. Prietto with Mike Gong, Sherman Chan, Mike Andraychak and Niall McCarthy in 1985.
flight over and they had to borrow black suits from brother Jesuits in Washington, D.C.)

The award on the plaque reads:

To Saint Ignatius College Preparatory, San Francisco, California
For Recognition by its Peers in Education
As an Exemplary Secondary School
For the Exemplary Private School Recognition Project 1983–1984
Council for American Private Education Washington, D.C.

The Move Towards Coeducation

Just as SI in the 1960s and 1970s reflected the turbulence of the society that surrounded it, SI in the 1980s enjoyed a period of stability along with the rest of the nation. SI’s boat didn’t start rocking until June 5, 1985, when, after an end-of-the-year debriefing, the subject of coeducation arose. Someone asked, “What will SI be like in five years?” recalled Fr. Prietto. Another staffer said that, inevitably, SI would be coed by then. Thus, just as the meeting was about to end, a new discussion arose concerning SI’s future. Because the school was doing well, the administrative staff concluded that they should “take the bull by the horns and be proactive rather than reactive,” said Prietto. If SI were to go coed, “we should do it the right way and for the right reasons.”

Fr. Prietto felt “in a state of shock after that discussion…. To have this radical consideration at that particular time was for me both disconcerting and exhilarating.” The staff agreed that for discussion to continue, Frs. Prietto, Carlin and Sauer would have to be on board. “It was decided that I would approach Fr. Carlin, who was not at the meeting,” said Prietto. (At the time, before the formation of the Board of Trustees, these three men, and later Fr. Raymond Allender, SJ, who became rector of the Jesuit community in June 1985, constituted the ownership body of the school and made all the major decisions.)

A week later, walking into Fr. Carlin’s office, Mario expected Fr. Carlin to dismiss the idea out of hand. “After I carefully reviewed our staff discussion and recommendation, [Fr. Carlin] looked at me from behind those thick glasses and very calmly responded, ‘That seems like a good thing to consider. Let’s see where it goes.’ You could have knocked me over with a feather!”

Also, the all-boys’ school Sacred Heart had just announced it was considering a merger with the all-girls’ Cathedral School, and Br. Philip Clarke, principal of SH, had noted in his alumni magazine that, after the merger, “Sacred Heart would be the College Prep of San Francisco.” (The two schools eventually merged in 1987.) This made Fr. Prietto more determined than ever to pursue the idea of SI going coed, though he ruled out the idea of merging with one of the city’s Catholic girls’ schools for fear that SI might lose its Jesuit identity.

In September 1985, Mario asked Steve Lovette to be a part of the deliberations. Lovette, who had been student body president in 1963 and a tight end on the ’61–’63 football teams, came to SI in 1969 as a teacher and counselor. He rose through the ranks to become assistant principal for academics after earning a doctoral degree in administration from his alma mater, UC Berkeley. “Steve is a person of great intelligence and deep loyalty to SI,” said Mario. “Through all the ups and downs of SI going coed, Steve was a consistent voice of reason and innovation.” (Since 1988, Lovette has served SI as Vice President for Development and has guided the school through two successful fund-raising campaigns — Genesis IV History Supplement
Spurring the move toward coeducation was a sudden shift in demographics over the next few years. The number of non-Catholic students had risen from 16 percent for the class of 1986 to 24 percent for the class of 1989. Coupled with that were declining numbers of students applying for admission to SI. On March 22, 1986, a week and a half after the admissions letters went out, SI invited all those accepted to come to school for registration. Both Mario and Art Cecchin, then admissions director, were shocked at how many no-shows they had. After the third tally, “we looked at one another with a feeling of dread and shock,” says Mario. “It was as if someone had taken the wind out of our sails on a hot day in the middle of the ocean.” Cecchin, who had earlier stated in the faculty room, “Better dead than coed,” started rethinking his position and eventually came around to support the move. (His daughter, Meredith Cecchin ’97, enrolled in the fifth coed class and now teaches dance at SI.) But for Mario and Steve Lovette, those low numbers made them “more and more convinced that coeducation was inevitable and [we] felt the urgency to move things forward expeditiously.”

Fr. Sauer, however, was less enthused by the idea and asked Mario and Steve to write a Five-Year Plan for SI to examine the various ramifications of such a drastic change. “It is a credit to Tony’s shrewdness and sagacity that we did this,” said Mario. Steve Lovette began that study in September 1986, and Mario, in the ensuing months, told several people in confidence about the study and the possibility of SI going coed, including the head of the California Province of the Society of Jesus, the principal at Mercy High School, the superintendent of schools for the San Francisco Archdiocese and Archbishop John Quinn.

In April 1987, that Five-Year Plan was complete. It recommended that “the best way to ensure a solid market for our services for the next 15 years would be to begin coeducation as soon as possible” and that coeducation should be undertaken while the school was “in a strong and stable posture” and not “as a last resort.”

Fr. Prietto and Sauer discussed the Five-Year Plan with the Board of Regents in May 1987 and soon after publicly announced in Genesis II that SI was considering the coed question and planned to make a decision by November 1, 1987. In his letter to the alumni, Fr. Sauer asked for comments. He received a flurry of letters from parents, alumni and others with 74 opposed to and 49 in favor of admitting girls to SI.

The most heated responses came from the administrators of the girls’ schools. On May 29, a meeting was held at SI with the archdiocesan officials and principals from St. Rose and Mercy, two of the schools that would be most affected by a coed SI. Fr. Sauer, in a letter to Archbishop Quinn, described the meeting as “a quite frank interchange [that took] place [over] a good two hours, which was continued over lunch for those who could stay.” Clearly the girls’ schools were not happy with the prospect of competing for students with SI. As Fr. Sauer noted, “Dr. McLeod (principal of St. Rose) expressed the view that any SI coeducation would have a deleterious effect on St. Rose applications. Her view that admitting girls in all four years at SI would harm St. Rose admissions [was] listened to closely and sympathetically.” He then suggested to the Archbishop a compromise: “Perhaps a gradual transitional phase-in, if SI were to go coed.” The group agreed to reconvene in September, but in June, several of the principals wrote to the Archbishop complaining that “appropriate consultation [had] not taken place.”

In September, Mario met privately with the Jesuit community, which offered an 11–8 vote (with 5 undecided) in favor of coeducation. The faculty, too, met in the fall to discuss the issue and they generally favored the transition. “Over the years, I learned never to underestimate the insight and perspicacity of a Jesuit high school faculty,” wrote Prietto. “They would drive me crazy from time to time, but when it came to SI going coed, they were on the forefront of the battle lines, right at my side.”

The English Department’s report particularly impressed Prietto with its insightfulness. In it, the department noted that “segregation of the sexes no longer fits the social matrix of our world. When SI was founded, and in the subsequent decades, the world was segregated socially. That situation simply has passed; we must assume our place in that new situation, and we must prepare men and women to work in that world with skills and attitudes that can foster Christian and reflective social values.”

At the first faculty meeting, Mario was touched by Tony Sauer’s candor in explaining how he had at first been opposed to coeducation, but was doing his best — in true Jesuit fashion — to discern the right course. He encouraged the faculty to be open to the process and told them “to this minute I have not made up my mind, but we’re all trying to stretch and do the right thing for SI vis-à-vis the Archdiocese…. I trust the process as I trust you.” Mario was moved by Tony’s words and noted that SI “was blessed with a courageous and holy leader during those crucial times of fundamental change.”

Students also met to discuss the issue. The Student Council took a straw poll. The results: 2 in favor, 18 opposed and 7 undecided. Members of the senior liturgy group also discussed the issue. At the end, they were split 15–15 with six undecided. At a parents’ meeting, most of those who came expressed their opposition to the move, though one parent noted that she “came into this meeting opposed to going coed. After listening to the weak arguments against it, I’ve changed my mind.”

In mid-October 1987, SI received word that the California Province approved the Five-Year Plan and “expressed support for whatever decision the SI trustees made.” Then Sr. Glenn Anne McPhee, OP, the new superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese, called for an October 26 meeting of all the principals of the Catholic high schools, major superiors and directors of education. Those individuals met with Archbishop Quinn to begin a “collaborative planning process to insure quality Catholic education for the archdiocese.” As Fr. Prietto recalled, “the atmosphere was tense. SI was definitely on the hot seat…. That very day the Archbishop had received a letter signed by 150 students at St. Rose imploring him not to let SI go coed.” At the meeting the group discussed the “grim picture” regarding declining enrollment and demographics facing all archdiocesan schools. Later, Fr. Prietto wrote to the SI faculty that the discussion at the meeting was “candid, frank and charitable. Certainly there are strong feelings about our coed decision, but people were reasonable and open.....”

The next day, at an October 27 Board of Regents meeting, with 33 of the 36 regents in attendance, the group discussed coeducation and then voted on the issue. The result: 27–5 in favor of the change. (The group, at that time, included only four women regents, and, of those, three voted for the change.)

Then, on November 1, the four SI Trustees — Frs. Sauer, Carlin, Prietto and Allender — met at their Villa (the Jesuit term
The change the Archbishop made in the proposal we trustees presented to him was essentially making it more open-ended, less definitive as to time."

Frs. Prietto and Allender for the change and Frs. Carlin and Sauer opposed. "I wasn’t really for it at first,” Fr. Sauer noted. “But after much prayer and reflection, I came to think it was the best thing to do.” Fr. Carlin followed suit and the vote became unanimous. SI, they hoped, would go coed by September 1989. The four decided to wait that extra year “because of the possible adverse effects on the admissions pools of the local Catholic girls’ high schools.” On November 2, Fr. Prietto alerted the SI faculty of the vote and of the school’s desire to seek approval from the Archbishop.8

The following night, November 3, Fr. John Murphy, SJ (chairman of the SI English Department), and Fr. Ed Malatesta, SJ (a professor at USF), had dinner with the Archbishop where they informed him of the trustees’ vote. The Archbishop was not pleased and asked SI to delay its decision and to continue collaborating with the girls’ schools. In the spirit of Jesuit obedience, the trustees agreed, and on November 4, published this document: “In the past year, the Saint Ignatius College Preparatory school community … has decided to delay any decision on coeducation until further dialogue with the other Catholic high schools can take place.” The following day Archbishop Quinn met with all archdiocesan clergy to announce that he was taking a six-month sabbatical for health reasons.9

Nearly everyone at SI who had been in favor of coeducation felt battered and beaten and that the years and months of discernment had come to a disappointing end. Fr. Sauer, however, was not among this group. In a memo, he noted that “SI must go coed for itself, but I felt myself we must delay to help the sisters…. I've also become aware of certain attitudes towards women that seem to be endemic to an all-male environment. Too often women are looked upon as inferior, that they are threats or simply objects as distinct from a viewpoint that sees them as equals, friends and colleagues.” He told the group of principals that he had come to the conclusion that “maleness is not the essence of Jesuit education” and told them of Mike Shaughnessy’s daughter, Martha, asking why she couldn’t attend SI and his inability to give her a convincing answer. “Finally, I cited the example of an alumnus of the school, who was a lawyer downtown and a graduate of a prestigious eastern law school. He had called to tell me why he would advise against going coed. He told me about the ‘pushy, aggressive female lawyers and how difficult they were to deal with. And I shared my response: ‘Maybe your inability to deal with your female colleagues might have something to do with the all-male high school you attended… I'm not saying that women need SI or Jesuit education, for that matter. If anything, SI needs women.”

The group offered a mixed (sometimes combative) response to Fr. Prietto’s talk, and the meeting ended with a call for two studies — one short-term, looking at the effects of SI admitting girls, and one long-term examining the future of secondary education in the archdiocese. But for Fr. Prietto, this meeting proved a decisive turning point thanks to support from Sr. Glenn Anne and Assistant Superintendent Paul Bergez ’64.12

At subsequent meetings, SI heard requests from the girls’ schools not to accept transfer students from their high schools, but only freshmen. SI had planned to accept as many as 100 older girls, who would be role models for the younger coeds, but the girls’ schools argued that even this small number, taken from their ranks, would hurt them. SI agreed to this request at a March 29 meeting, and Sr. Glenn Anne asked that SI make public its decision to go coed no later than June 2. After that meeting, Fr. Prietto went “back to my car in the parking lot of the Chancery…. I remember sitting in my car, unbuttoning my collar and saying to myself: ‘My God! We are actually going to go coed. I can’t believe it!’ A feeling of quiet relief came upon me. The next week would be Holy Week. The joy and freedom of the Resurrection was on the horizon!”13

That April, SI formed a Transition Team to prepare for the move to coeducation. Then, on May 10, Sr. Glenn Anne met with Archbishop Quinn, who had just returned from his sabbatical, informing him of the meetings. Sr. Glenn Anne told the Archbishop that she supported SI’s decision, and the Archbishop gave his blessing. (The previous week, the Archbishop had attended SI’s spring musical, My Fair Lady.) In a May 13 letter to the

Above: Cheerleaders in 1980. Right: The first coed class of 1993 poses for the senior class picture in the bleachers above J.B. Murphy Field.
Archbishop, Fr. Prietto thanked the Archbishop for his support and offered this reflection: “Needless to say, the past seven months have not been without their difficulties. However, as I look back upon it all, it is clear to me that the decision to delay our announcement was providential. A new working relationship has been established among all the Catholic high schools, and, I believe, the religious communities that staff them. This augurs well for the future of secondary education in our archdiocese.” The Archbishop wrote back on May 17 thanking Fr. Prietto “for the collaborative effort in which this final decision was made.”

Prepared the announcement to go coed May 6 to the faculty, May 7 to the regents and Archdiocesan principals, and in July to the general public through the summer 1988 Genesis II. In that magazine, Fr. Sauer wrote the following: “We commit the school’s significant resources to the development of programs, facilities and staff that will ensure the same quality of education for young women as that presently available for young men.” Over the next academic year, SI made good its promise, preparing teachers with in-services and drawing up plans to remodel the school with the help of the $16 million Genesis III capital campaign.

Preparing for the Girls

In a very real sense, the door closed on the last all-male class with the retirement of J.B. Murphy, who left after 50 years of service. The last all-male student body honored him at the Awards Assembly in May 1989 by leaping to their feet for a standing ovation after Fr. Prietto introduced him. At the end of his speech he lifted his arm and shouted: “Go SI! Go coed!” His legacy continued through his son, Chuck Murphy ’61, who represented SI at the archdiocesan coed discussion meetings, and through his grandchildren who attended SI — Matt ’87 and Marielle ’93, a member of the first coed class.

The girls arrived (175 in a class of 375 in a student body of 1225) for their frosh orientation August 22, 1989. Accompanying them were TV reporters and cameras to cover the historic event. “As long as I live, I shall never forget watching the Class of 1993 file into Orradre Chapel the next morning,” said Prietto. “Steve Lovette was standing next to me, and I told him: ‘Doctor, I can’t believe my eyes. They’re actually here.’ Then I thought about all the work that lay ahead of us and added, ‘I sure wish it were four years from now.’”

To prepare for that first class, Prietto had formed a Task Force among the faculty and administrators that included Phyllis Molinelli, the chair of the counseling department. The group met for the first time on April 21, 1988, and debated issues big and small, from dress code to off-campus lunch privileges. The school decided not to require uniforms for either boys or girls but did revoke off-campus lunch privileges. “The boys blamed the girls for the rule changes,” said Molinelli. “They were furious about losing their off-campus privileges and about having to wear, and tuck in, shirts with collars. And the girls tested every rule there was. Years later, we had to go to polo shirts for both boys and girls.”

Molinelli added that “there was a little fear before the girls came, but when they finally arrived, the tension was gone. Teachers who had never taught girls realized that it wasn’t that much different from teaching boys.” The school also looked to hire women as administrators, teachers and coaches. In the years leading up to and immediately following the move to coeducation, the school gave leadership roles to the following women: Donna Ravetti Murphy (assistant admissions director and later assistant dean and activities coordinator), Teresa Mullin Garrett (associate athletic director), Kathleen Purcell (head of the campus ministry team), Karen
Cota (associate dean) and Kate Kelly Kodros (assistant principal for academics). “If women were truly to be part of the formerly all-male bastion, they had to have positions of real power and authority,” wrote Prietto.

Many others at SI proved instrumental to the success of coeducation among the faculty, counselors and staff. In addition, the school brought in outside experts to help prepare the faculty for the girls. In the spring of 1989 three women spoke to the faculty including Phyllis Molinelli’s daughter Cathy Molinelli (then dean of students at Notre Dame High School in Southern California); Mary Lamia, a clinical psychologist; and Rita Dollard O’Malley, the former director of campus ministry at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago. O’Malley had helped St. Ignatius in Chicago go coed in the early 1980s, and she answered questions from a wary faculty.

“I thought it was an engaging dialogue,” said O’Malley. “They asked serious questions and were honest about their concerns. They wondered if girls’ needs were different from boys’ needs. They showed a great deal of respect and a little healthy fear. They wanted the school to become coed the right way. They did ask some unrealistic questions, such as ‘Am I going to be as effective a teacher of girls as I am with boys?’”

O’Malley was among seven women hired in 1989 to teach at SI, extending the total number of female faculty from 11 to 18. They now constituted nearly a quarter of the faculty, and that figure, over the next few years, would almost double. (Currently, SI employs 66 men and 55 women who work directly with students, including faculty, counselors, administrators and librarians, not counting off-campus coaches.) O’Malley recalls the “energy and investment put into making the freshman class feel welcome. It was a healthy transition despite the fact that these freshman girls had no older girls to serve as mentors.” She recalls the excitement of the early days. “We all had a sense that we were entering into a new era. The students had a great deal of confidence about being pioneers. They knew they were special, and we showed them a great deal of care and concern with focus groups for the girls and boys to talk about how they felt being in this new environment.”

Not everyone was happy with the change, including some of the older boys who felt that the focus had shifted from the upperclassmen to the freshmen. A handful of students reacted badly, vandalizing one female teacher’s classroom while she was away at the faculty retreat and writing “we don’t want women” on papers in her file cabinet.

To aid in their transition to SI, the girls were divided into 10 support groups, each led by a female faculty member. Erika Drous ’93, a member of that first coed class, praised her group’s leader, Donna Murphy “who did a great job making sure the girls felt welcomed.” (Drous, by the way, made SI history by being the first girl to be handed a detention slip for the offense of not having her book in English class. She never served detention, however, as that infraction wasn’t one punishable by detention.) Drous enjoyed the fact that her class was the only coed one in the school. “Everyone wanted to accommodate us and attend to our needs.”

Molinelli and others felt, however, that SI’s eagerness to accommodate the girls was a mistake. “From the moment they walked through the doors, we treated those girls as if they were seniors. We tried to be inclusive, but I think we gave them too much too soon. Still, I think the transition was a success. All the fears proved false — that girls would prove a distraction or that athletic participation would decrease. The opposite proved true. The SAT
scores, AP results and GPAs all rose thanks to coeducation and our teams continued to excel.”

Teresa Mullin Garrett, who served as assistant (and then associate) athletic director, helped the first girls’ teams get started. The freshmen girls competed on the JV level in their first year and on the varsity as sophomores in volleyball, cross country, tennis, basketball, soccer, softball and track. In later years would they compete in swimming, field hockey, lacrosse, crew, golf, water polo and diving.

O’Malley left the faculty after two years and returned eight years later to direct the Adult Ministry Program. “When I returned, no one was talking about coeducation. That was a sign of progress. Instead of talking about it, we were doing it.” Mario Prietto knew that the school had made the right decision. “I myself am a ’62 graduate of [the all-male] Loyola High School in Los Angeles. I cherish the time I had there and wouldn’t change it for the world. But I am convinced more than ever of the rightness of our decision.” SI went coed, in part, because of demographic reasons. “But … it is far better to go coed for the best reason. That is, because it is the right thing to do. We claim that we are in the business of educating leaders for the future, which has to include the other half of the human race.”

Molinelli has also seen the fruits of coeducation: “Some people worried that a coed SI would never have the camaraderie it enjoyed as an all-male institution. I see a different kind of camaraderie. They keep in touch all the time, and close friends remain close. Some of the best friendships are between men and women. The men have learned to look at women differently, and they are called to task when they don’t.”

One symbol of SI’s successful transition to coeducation can be found in the ranks of the student body officers for the 1996–1997 school year. They included Laura Jones as student body president, Katie Watson as vice president, Sally Prowitt as treasurer, Emily Dunn as sergeant-at-arms and Rowena Ocampo as secretary, forming the first all-female collection of student body officers in the school’s history.

### Genesis II Campaign

As Hugh O’Donnell ’37, finance chairman for the Board of Regents, wrote in the October 1979 issue of *Genesis*, “though the debt on our beautiful campus is nearly retired, this is no time to retreat from the task of providing excellent educational opportunities in the SI tradition…. Shortly, SI will announce a new program, Genesis II, that will enable our school to enhance its reputation, solidify its financial position and keep the devastations of inflation from sending tuition costs out of sight.”

SI liquidated its debt for the new school on December 31, 1980, and then launched the Genesis II campaign to raise SI’s endowment from $1.1 million to $4.5 million by 1985. The school would use the interest from the fund for “scholarships, facilities maintenance and to offset rising salaries.” In addition, the school hoped to raise an additional $250,000 each year to help keep pace with inflation.11

The Alumni Association pitched in by launching the first annual Golf and Tennis Tournament on June 6, 1983. The event is still held and is now billed as the All Class Reunion and Sports Day, bringing alumni from all eras back to SI.

Key to the success of the Genesis II campaign was William McDonnell ’42, Chairman of the Board of Regents from 1980 through 1991. After graduating from SI and USF, he and Gene McAteer became partners in Tarantino’s and The Spinnaker restaurants. (William’s son, Tim McDonnell ’71, now manages those businesses.) McDonnell joined the Board of Regents in 1973, chaired then by the Hon. Eugene Lynch ’49. When Fr. Sauer asked McDonnell to serve as chairman, he and regent Hugh O’Donnell tried to assess the school’s financial situation — not an easy task given the accounting practices at the time. He then worked with Fr. Sauer to bring people to the board who had a variety of talents that could serve the school over the years including Bill McNerney, a talented lawyer; Paul Hazen, president of Wells Fargo Bank; and Martin D. “Pete” Murphy, senior partner of Tobin & Tobin, who would succeed McDonnell as chairman.

McDonnell praises Steve Lovette and Frs. Prietto, Carlin and Sauer for the success of the Genesis II, III and IV campaigns. “They made an amazing team. They understood the problems and suffered through many meetings to arrive at creative answers.” He also encouraged the business office to adopt modern accounting procedures, and Michael Silvestri ’67 was made business manager in 1985.

### The Graduate at Graduation

Between 1980 and 1983, the SI faculty met from time to time to hammer out a document that, over the years, has become known as the “Grad-at-Grad.” The JSEA asked each of the Jesuit high schools in the nation to create a “Profile of the Graduate at Graduation,” and Fr. McCurdy made this a part of SI’s Curriculum Improvement Process.

Teachers met to discuss what qualities a student would have upon graduation from SI. Each student, according to the document would be open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving and committed to doing justice and to the pursuit of leadership. For each of these topics, the faculty wrote 10 or so descriptors. That document became the cornerstone of education at SI for many years, shaping curricular and extracurricular decisions.

“This process asked the faculty to examine the bigger picture of Jesuit education,” said Fr. Prietto. “It resembled the accreditation process, but we looked at SI through the lens of Jesuit secondary education to see how we fared as a Jesuit school. It is an important document, and I’m quite proud of it.”

### Athletics

#### Baseball

After a 3-year hiatus, Jim Dekker ’68 returned as head coach of the varsity baseball team in 1983. The team that year finished 13-10 and included such standouts as Chris Gaggero ’83, who led the league in strikeouts, and Duffy Aceret ’83, who was the team’s leading hitter. Tim Reardon ’86 and Arnie Sambel ’86 were outstanding players three years later. Sambel, according to Dekker, was the best player of that decade, a strong pitcher and outfielder. He earned a four-year scholarship to USF where he still holds many university records. Also, Jun Dasalla ’87 had a great senior year and still holds the record for batting average and the most doubles in the triple-round format. (In 1987 the WCAL went from a double round-robin format to a triple round-robin, meaning that SI played each rival three times.)
Basketball

The basketball team would win the WCAL title four straight times between 1981 and 1984, culminating in the greatest victory in modern times for any SI hoops team since the school won the state title in 196.

In 1981, the team earned the nickname the “Cardiac ‘Cats” after clawing their way to co-champion status in the WCAL. Seniors Jeff Thilgen, Frank Byrne, Tom Feeney, Rob Mascheroni, Hugh Campbell and Dean Klisura were seasoned veterans, having played varsity the previous year. Joining them were senior Ray Arata and juniors Mike Radonovich, Gino Cerchiai, David Hamilton, Damien Haitsuka, Rob Ennis and Paul Fortier. They led SI to an 11–1 pre-season finish and an 11–1 round-robin finish before beating Bellarmine (57–50). A 39–38 loss to Riordan forced one more game against the Crusaders. SI won that match 64–44 for the league crown before heading to Stanford’s Maples Pavilion for the final two CCS games. There, SI beat Fremont 58–49 and followed with a 54–5 win over Gunn High School for the school’s first CCS crown. Fortier, Thilgen and Mascheroni made the All-Tournament Team for their efforts.

The next year, Bob Drucker and assistant coach Shel Zatkin again led the ‘Cats to a WCAL title, with Drucker winning his 300th game along the way by defeating Riordan 54–47. Drucker and Zatkin won again in 1983 after a 9–3 round-robin finish and a 50–44 victory over SH in the playoffs. The team won the first two CCS games but lost 46–45 to Fremont of Sunnyvale for the sectional championship.

In 1984, SI’s starting-five included standouts Levy Middlebrooks, David Wilson, Dan Oyharcabal, Paul La Rocca and Joe Vollert who helped SI to a 10–2 pre-league record. The league games included a triple-overtime cliffhanger against St. Francis that SI won thanks to the inside domination of Middlebrooks. SI lost its final league game to SH to spoil an otherwise undefeated season, but the team had its revenge in the first playoff game against the Irish. It was déjà vu all over again when SI lost to Riordan and then came back to beat the Crusaders for the league crown. In CCS competition, SI beat Milpitas and Cupertino before besting Riordan once again for the sectional title.

At the Oakland Coliseum, SI won the Northern California Championship (formerly named the Tournament of Champions) by beating Rancho Cordova, St. Elizabeth’s and Amador Valley. It was the first TOC win since Rene Herreras led the Wildcats to that victory 29 years previous. Even though SI fell 65–43 to Long Beach Poly at the Oakland Coliseum on March 17 for the state title, it enjoyed a remarkable run and a phenomenal season to which future teams would aspire but never quite achieve.

Football

Though SI failed to win a league championship in the 1980s or 1990s, most athletes from those years would say they played for a winning team. They would point to Ray Calcagno ‘64 as the reason why.

Calcagno was a star on SI’s number-one ranked football team as a junior and senior. In 1963, he completed 75 of 117 passes for 1,290 yards and 18 touchdowns, making him the top Northern California high school quarterback for passing percentage. He went to SCU, graduating in 1972 with a degree in business, though his college career was interrupted by a stint in Vietnam, where he served with the Army’s 101st Airborne Division. Upon returning to the U.S., he coached at USF, finished his degree at SCU and then coached at St. Francis High School for seven years alongside his brother, Ron Calcagno ’60.

He led the varsity Wildcats at SI between 1979 and 1986 and then again from 1989 until 1992. He took SI to its first CCS appearance in 1983 after a 7–2–1 record. Selected as a Division I at-large team, SI upset Los Gatos 18–14 led by sophomore quarterback Dan Vaughan who ran for one touchdown and threw a 74-yard touchdown pass to junior tailback Tyrone Taylor. In CCS quarterfinal action against Saratoga, SI lost with 8 seconds remaining after Saratoga scored a field goal to win 10–7.

Another favorite memory for Calcagno was the reopening of Kezar Stadium, which had closed in 1989 for remodeling and

Above: The 1984 basketball team won the Northern California championship.
opened one year later. SI played the first day game and first night game in that newly remodeled stadium, with the Wildcats walking through the same tunnel trod on by generations of ’49ers.

His best memories, he says, are of the boys he coached and the men he coached with. A resident of Mountain View, he decided to leave SI to avoid the grueling commute. He coached football at Mountain View High School between 1992 and 1996 and still works there teaching PE.

Crew

SI competed in crew beginning in 1932 and continuing through the 1940s before the school dropped the sport. In 1979, SI took up crew once again with coach Mark Bruneman ’73 at the helm. More than 200 students came to try out for 17 slots. The team began practicing at Lake Merced, the Oakland Estuary and Lexington Reservoir alongside the SCU crew. In its first years, crew competed as a club sport, sponsored by the Dolphin Club, which provided boats and equipment. Early members included Boat House Captain Pat Bennett, Morgan Pettit, Kevin O’Kelly, Ed Navarrete and Ben Harrison. SI competed against such teams as the Oakland Strokes and the Pacific Rowing Club through the California Junior Rowing Association. Matt Carrado and Greg Bonfiglio, SJ (now president of Jesuit High School in Sacramento), teammates on SCU’s 1982 nationally-ranked lightweight eight shell, began coaching in 1985, leading their boys in 5:30 a.m. practices on the lake. The 1980s proved growth years for the sport, with SI crew rising to state and national prominence in the 1990s.

Swimming

The varsity swim team stopped competing in 1980 due, in part, to the lack of a nearby pool in which to practice and compete. (The 1979 OceanSlider reported in its October 31, 1979, issue that the league nearly decided not to hold finals as only four teams — Serra, Bellarmine, SI and St. Francis — had teams; of those, SI was the only school that did not have its own pool.) In 1982, the sport picked up again, thanks, in large measure, to the late Bill Schuppel ’83. SI’s natatorium was years away, so the squad practiced at Hamilton Pool each Thursday and at facilities closer to team members’ homes. The team proceeded to win the league championship each year between 1984 and 1991, propelled, perhaps, by a name change. The team first called itself the Catfish but “the title was changed because, according to team captain Conor O’Kelly ’85, catfish are ‘low-life fish who suck sludge off the bottom.’” The team changed its name to the Aqualads based on the comic book hero Aquaman. (Aqualad was his trusty young assistant.) “He fit the image we wanted,” said Kelly in a Spring 1985 Genesis II interview.

Extracurriculars

National Championship in Debate

In 1986, SI’s Speech and Debate Program won the National Championship Sweepstakes Trophy from the National Forensic League in Tulsa, Oklahoma, recognizing SI as the top school in the country in legislative debate in a field of 1,500 competitors. The award paid tribute to a dozen years of excellence by past members of SI debate teams.


In 1987, SI continued the winning tradition in speech and debate when high school students from 21 states met in Philadelphia to compete in the National Bicentennial Constitutional Student Congress to commemorate the original signing of the Constitution in 1787. California sent two representatives, both from SI — Janar Wasito ’87 and Robert Forni ’88. After two days of competitive speaking on 10 legislative topics, Wasito took second place honors and Forni earned third place.

The national trophy and other awards are on permanent display in the Speech and Debate display case at SI. They are a testament to the students who earned these honors and to David Mezzera ’64, who coached debate at SI between 1970 and 1986 and who retired in 2002.

California Scholarship Federation

In the 1980s CSF turned into one of the more dynamic organizations on the SI campus thanks, in large measure, to its adviser, Rod Arriaga, who took charge of the organization at the start of the decade. In 1980, a group of students approached Arriaga wanting to become more involved in the school. Arriaga and a delegation of students soon began attending meetings with other San Francisco CSF chapters, which led, in turn, to field trips, college visits and student exchanges.

At SI, the group kept active by tutoring students both at school and at the adjacent A.P. Gianninni Middle School, and members raised funds through Candygrams, car washes and dances for scholarships given to graduating Life Members. CSF members also organized blanket and clothing drives for St. Anthony’s and started an end-of-the-year awards-night that featured a guest speaker to honor Life Members. By the end of the decade, between 40 and 50 percent of the student body qualified as members and more than 90 percent of those enrolled in the club.

“CSF’s motto is ‘Scholarship for Service,’” said Arriaga. “It’s a secular organization, but its aim is wonderfully consistent with what we do as Jesuit educators and with Ignatian philosophy. We take those who are academically distinguished, acknowledge accomplishments and encourage them to give back to their communities. Promoting all of this in a place such as SI was a natural.”

State CSF officials were so impressed by Arriaga’s achievements that, in 1985, they asked him to serve as a member (and later chairman) of the Seymour Memorial Awards Committee, and in 1989 he began a 6-year stint as CSF state president (two years as president elect, two years as president and two years as past president). From 1995 to 1997, he served as the group’s historian and archivist and then retired as CSF adviser at SI in 2001 and from teaching in 2005. Carol Quattrin now serves as moderator, carrying on the traditions established by her predecessor.
Earthquake

On Tuesday, October 17, 1989, at 5:04 p.m., a 7.1 earthquake hit the Santa Cruz area, sending shockwaves through the Bay Area and killing 63 people. Fr. Prietto was jogging at the time and recalls that “the jolt of the earthquake was so strong it literally knocked me off my feet.” Power went out all over the city, including SI, which was spared significant damage. (A few books fell from bookshelves in the library and several glass beakers broke in the labs.) Three high-rise towers in Parkmerced did not prove as fortunate, and residents had to be evacuated. Capt. Michael Yalon ’66, then in charge of the Taraval Police Station, told Sgt. Matthew Perez to find shelter for these residents. He told him, “Try SI.”

Sgt. Perez drove to SI, and Br. Draper spoke to him from the balcony of McGucken Hall. “I asked him if we could house 150 people at SI,” said Perez. “Br. Draper said, ‘Of course.’ With that, my dispatcher radioed in and asked if we had any power out there. I looked up at Brother and he looked back at me. Just then the lights went on all over the school and the neighborhood. It was absolutely amazing. It was like a miracle.”

“I can’t believe how SI bent over backwards to help these people,” said Sgt. Perez. “We thought they would open their hearts to the homeless, and they did.” For Br. Dan Peterson, SJ, the minister of the Jesuit community, the decision to close the school to aid the homeless, and they did.” For Br. Dan Peterson, SJ, the minister of the Jesuit community, the decision to close the school to help these people was an easy one. “People needed the shelter, and we had the facility. Of course we were going to open up to them. I didn’t have to think twice about it.”

When Sgt. Perez went to the Parkmerced towers, he faced a new problem: They elderly residents there did not want to leave. Because many of them played Bingo at SI, the police asked Br. Draper to drive to Parkmerced. “When I arrived there, the police introduced me as the Bingo Brother from SI. They told the Parkmerced residents that they would sleep in the same place where they played Bingo. Only then did they agree to leave.”

School was suspended for one week while students and faculty aided the Red Cross and St. Vincent de Paul over the next four days to shelter and feed 200 Parkmerced residents in the Carlin Commons. (The Commons was one of three shelters used by city residents in the aftermath of the Loma Prieta Earthquake.)

Br. Peterson drove through darkened streets to bring cots from the Red Cross and St. Vincent de Paul offices back to SI, and he directed student volunteers to make all parts of the SI campus available to SI’s newest residents. Community Service Director David Mezzera ’64 and Fr. Robert Walsh, SJ ’68, in residence at SI, spent the night with the homeless, offering support and comfort. Also, members of SI’s Bread Connection made runs that night to local food markets that opened their shelves and sent donated items to the McGucken Hall kitchen to feed the temporary residents for the next week.

SI students Mike Cogliandro ’93, John Vito ’90, Rob Newsom ’91, Andrew Nielsen ’92, John McConneloug ’91, Benny Wong ’92 and Mark Beering ’92 were among dozens of students who mopped floors, folded blankets, sorted food and clothing donations and ran errands for the Parkmerced residents. Alumni also pitched in, including Ken Ross ’79, George Torassa ’77 and Jeff McDonnell ’84.

Among the many faculty who came to SI to help was Jim McGarry, who rushed back to SI Tuesday night from a senior retreat. He and Assistant Campus Minister Peter Devine returned to call the parents of the retreatants to tell them their boys were fine.

By Thursday, the number of people needing shelter fell to 80, and by Friday at noon, the Parkmerced residents began moving back into their apartments after city engineers ruled them structurally safe. By 3 p.m., the last SI guest, an elderly woman, boarded the MUNI bus used to shuttle residents back to their apartments. “I helped her get on the bus,” Br. Draper recalled. “She said to me, ‘If we’re still here on Monday, I’ll see you at Bingo, Bingo priest.’ Then she kissed me. I was weary but happy that it was finally over.”

Fr. Kolvenbach Visits SI

For the second time in SI’s history, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus came to visit. (The first was a 1971 visit by Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ.) Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ, Fr. General of the Jesuits, toured high schools and colleges in the California Province between November 28 and December 2, 1989, stopping by SI on December 1 where he spoke about the school’s move to coeducation, the martyrdom of the priests in El Salvador and the rich diversity of the SI student body. Among the dignitaries who came to SI for the event were San Francisco Archbishop John Quinn, Auxiliary Bishop Carlos Sevilla, SJ ’53, and California Provincial Paul Belcher, SJ.

As Fr. Kolvenbach entered the Commons, he was greeted by an 8-foot-by-6-foot mural-collage painted by students in Katie Wolf’s art class, made up of 48 1-square-foot sections, with each section painted by a different student. That piece is now on permanent display at SI in the walkway between the Commons and the Jesuit residence.

In his address, Fr. Kolvenbach told the students that he was impressed by the cheer, “We are SI.” “In loss it asks you to look beyond the defeat to your greater unity, and in victory — which I hope is often — it reminds you more than a win of any individual team, your genuine spirit is found again in your spiritual unity and in the rich diversity of your many clubs, sports and activities. Indeed, with the recent, welcome move to coeducation, diversity is ever more the hallmark of your school.”

The Old School Comes Down

Some SI alumni cringed in disbelief and others were first in line on March 13, 1987, when USF announced the Wrecker’s Ball to demolish Loyola Hall, the site of the fifth SI campus on Stanyan Street. The college wanted to tear down the old school to make way for the Koret Health and Recreation Center. USF sent out invitations offering a “sledgehammer concession outside the old building for those of you who would like to take one last swipe at the former SI.” The evening also offered a silent auction of building memorabilia, though the most valuable item, the bench that graced the former SI.” The evening also offered a silent auction of building memorabilia, though the most valuable item, the bench that graced the outside of the dean’s office (on which many penitent Ignatians sat waiting for an ominous interview) went to SI, thanks to a winning bid by Board Chairman Bill McDonnell ’42, who donated it to the school.

Fr. Paul Capitolo, SJ, and Bob Vergara also managed to salvage a door with a frosted glass window featuring an etched cross, stained glass windows and an altar triptych oil painting from the old school. The first item became the entrance to the Jesuit community chapel in McGucken Hall and the latter two were used to decorate the faculty dining room in the Jesuit residence.
XIII. Focus on the Faculty (1990–1999)

Genesis III Capital Campaign

Before SI went coed, it had a student body of around 1,100 boys. After coeducation began, enrollment soared to 1,450 boys and girls. When the trustees voted to allow girls, they knew they would have to build to accommodate the larger and more diverse population.

In planning for the construction, the development office hired a consulting firm to help determine the scope of the project. That firm advised the school against aiming for the $16 million mark, believing it was too high. Fortunately, the development staff ignored the advice and went ahead, launching, on December 1, 1990, the Genesis III: Building for the Future capital campaign — a $16 million fund-raising drive to pay for a new theatre, pool, garage, tennis courts and gym and to remodel the Student Activities Center, the first and third floors of the school and the campus ministry center.

The school hired the architecture firm of Corlett, Skaer and DeVoto Architects and put much of the planning in the hands of Randy DeVoto ’68. DeVoto’s firm had designed the Glen Park and Balboa Park BART stations, the 1960 Winter Olympics facility at Squaw Valley and educational and government buildings throughout California.

DeVoto had to figure out a way to allow for construction with minimal disruption to classes and extracurricular events. He split the project into three phases, the first involving the construction of a parking garage at the southern end of the campus with four rooftop tennis courts, with work beginning in 1989. The second phase included the remodeling of the first and third floors of the school building, the student activities center and the campus ministry center. For the final and largest phase, the school hoped to build a second gym, a pool and a black box theatre. The project also involved updating the library, science labs, energy conservation system and the interior corridor.

DeVoto hoped his redesign would reorient the campus around an interior pedestrian circulation spine that would allow students to reach every part of the campus without having to go outside the school. “We accomplished this by demolishing a classroom at the south end of the first floor of the academic building and extending the existing corridor through it,” said DeVoto. “This new extended corridor, which connected to the new student center, served as a hub for students to gather.”

To raise funds for this project, the school asked Steve Lovette ’63 to make a move from the south end of the campus, where he served as assistant principal for academics, to a new office at the north end of campus as the school’s vice president for development. In his 15 years in the Development Office, Lovette has led the school through two successful campaigns including Genesis IV: Endow SI, which brought the school’s endowment to the $50 million mark. Both Fr. Prietto and Fr. Sauer praise him for his unfailing loyalty to the school, the professionalism with which he performs his job and the intelligence and foresight he has shown in preparing SI for the challenges of the new millennium.

Assisting Lovette and Fr. Sauer was a new Development team that formed in the late 1980s. In 1987, Paul Totah ’75 (the author of this book) began editing the Genesis magazine, and two years later Jim Dekker ’68 took over as Alumni Director. Bob Graby, a foreign language teacher and counselor, joined the staff to write grants, and Stella Muscat was hired to oversee all special events, such as the auction and President’s Cabinet Dinner. Shirley Minger, Katie Kohmann and Concì Tarantino continue to do a remarkable job helping as part of the Development staff.

Leading the drive for funds was Martin D. “Pete” Murphy ’52, senior partner of Tobin & Tobin and president of the law firm. As chairman of the Board of Regents between 1991 and 1996, he made sure that SI would earn enough money to pay for the facilities it needed. Murphy, who served as chairman of the Genesis III: Building for the Future capital campaign, was aided by assistant chairman Jay Fritz, honorary chairman Al Wilsey and the entire Board of Regents. Before the school announced the $16 million campaign, these men raised $2.5 million from the members of the Board of Regents in 1989. “The regents came through because they believed in the school,” said Murphy. “They made fund-raising easier when people saw the level of support coming from those regents.”

Key to financing the project was a $7 million line of credit from Wells Fargo, secured thanks to Wells’ Chairman Carl Reichardt, President Paul Hazen and Senior Vice President Paul Watson ’57. Fortunately, too, for SI, the construction industry was in a lull. For the largest and final phase, seven companies bid, with Webcor turning in the lowest figure at $7 million, a full $2 million under the architect’s estimate. Webcor finished on time and with no cost overruns. “We couldn’t have built at a better time,” said Murphy.

When we started, the $16 million figure seemed like $600 million,” Murphy added. “The school had never raised that much money that quickly. But we finished with only a small amount of disruption to the school, and we ended up raising close to $20 million, giving us a jump start on the next campaign to increase the endowment. I’ve run four capital campaigns in my life, and this was the best. We had a real spirit of optimism. Much of that credit goes to the SI community. People really care about the school.”

Murphy could have stayed on longer as board chairman, but he believed the regents needed new blood and stepped down in
1996. The school, grateful for his counsel and leadership, asked him in 1998 to become one of the first lay members of a reorganized Board of Trustees, and he has served the school in that capacity and as a lifetime member of the Board of Regents since then.

Assisting Murphy through his years at SI was his wife, Joanne, who served as chairwoman of an Ignatian Guild fashion show, created the first International Food Faire and chaired the groundbreaking ceremony in 1989. Murphy is also proud of his long association with the Jesuits. He spent 11 years in Jesuit schools — four at SI, four at SCU and three at USF law school — and his three sons (Martin ’84, John ’86 and Pat ’91) are all SI grads.

From Groundbreaking to Christening

April 22, 1990, was a landmark day at SI for several reasons. First, the Ignatian world celebrated the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Ignatius Loyola and the 450th anniversary of the founding of the Society of Jesus. And at SI, a steam shovel broke ground in the parking lot to begin the first phase of the Genesis III building project. The day began with a procession of students, faculty and administrators down 37th Avenue. Comedian Bob Sarlatte ’68 served as emcee and offered humorous commentary as each dignitary took a golden shovel and broke ground. After the backhoe dug up the first shovelful of dirt, Archbishop John Quinn, flanked by Frs. Sauer and Carlin, blessed the site, and Frank Corwin, who dug up the first shovelful of dirt, Archbishop John Quinn, flanked by Frs. Sauer and Carlin, blessed the site, and Frank Corwin, who would retire that June, spoke at the ceremony. The success of the event foreshadowed the success of the entire building project.

By October 1990, the $1.4 million four-court tennis facility, built by the Amoroso Corporation, sat atop the new student parking complex, completing the first phase of the project. (The four courts were named for the Brusati, Christen, Kelleher and Kitt families.) Work then progressed to the second phase, which included a newly remodeled campus ministry center (named for the Nejasminch family) on the north end of the campus. Most of the first floor of the school enjoyed a makeover, with a new Fine Arts Wing (named for the Barbara and Jay Fritz Family) emerging on the southwest corner of the campus complete with a sculpture studio and display cases. Workers built a roof over the student activities center, where the bookstore, yearbook and athletic offices were, and created one of the most attractive centers in the school, complete with skylights and arches. To remake this center, the Herrera Bros. Construction Company had to tear down a load-bearing wall between the school and the center, opening up the campus and allowing for one long breezeway between the southern and northern ends (now called the Ann Eve and Paul Hazen Student Concourse). Workers completed this $2.2 million project in 1992. That year also marked the graduation of the last all-male class, the beginning of a completely coeducational school, and the start of the third and final phase of the building project.

For years, SI students joked about a rooftop swimming pool. (A typical senior prank was to sell fourth floor pool passes to freshmen to this fabled oasis.) In September 1992, work began in earnest on a pool, one named for the Herbst Foundation. It would serve the SI and San Francisco communities as both a school facility and a public natatorium. Webcor Builders also began construction on a new gym (later named for Barbara and Robert McCullough ’48) that would seat 2,650 and allow for two full-court practice sessions. That third phase, costing $12.3 million, also included a theatre (named for the E.L. Wiegand Foundation), a fine arts pavilion (named for Mr. & Mrs. Martin D. “Pete” Murphy) and a remodeled library (named for Alfred S. Wilsey).

The SI administration also decided to spend an additional $1.2 million to remodel the third floor science labs (later named the Spohn Science Center in honor of famed physics teacher Fr. Richard Spohn, SJ) to double the space available for labs. The school then repaved the track and named it in honor of Jack Wilsey ’34, who had captained his high school track team.

The school formally dedicated the new buildings and the newly remodeled science labs at the President’s Cabinet Dinner on December 11, 1993, though the pool and gym would not formally open until March 30, 1994. At the spring ceremony, Matt McCabe ’67, a former SI swimmer, brought a 5-gallon glass jug containing water from Fleishhacker Pool that he collected shortly before that pool was demolished. Over the years, he filled that container with $100 in silver coins and gave it to Fr. Sauer to pour into SI’s new pool. At a rally before the entire student body, Fr. Sauer showed off that bottle and announced that he would unite two Sunset district pools, one long past and one quite present. He asked a swim team captain James Fussell ’94 to carry that bottle to the pool. A tad out of breath, Fussell put the bottle down a little too quickly, shattering the glass and sending the water and coins slipping, rather unceremoniously, into the pool. Buildings and grounds workers quickly gathered the broken glass, and thus the new pool was christened, marking the end of the Genesis III building project, but not the end of the capital campaign, which still had to raise $4.4 million to pay for the new structures. In what the Development Office termed its “full-court press,” the school raised enough funds to pay for Genesis III in full by December 1995. In all, the school raised $15,980,240 in five years to ready the Sunset District campus to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

Above: The third phase of the Genesis III capital campaign included a second gymnasium, pool and black box theatre. Right: In 1998 Charlie Dullea ’65 became the first lay principal of SI.
The SI Development staff rested one year after finishing the Genesis III campaign and launched its most ambitious fundraising effort in December 1996—the Genesis IV: Endow SI campaign, which sought to raise the endowment fund to $50 million over 10 years.

By 1996, the endowment stood at $11 million. The school, which depended on interest of that investment to fund the scholarship program, needed to raise the endowment substantially. Fr. Sauer and Steve Lovette did not need a crystal ball to tell them that costs were going up. SI would have to raise salaries to help teachers afford to buy homes in one of the most expensive markets in the nation, and SI would have to offer far more in the way of scholarships to keep SI a school for all students.

Initially, the program sought to increase the endowment for four funds. SI declared a goal to bring the Tuition Assistance Fund to $31.8 million, the Curriculum and Program Fund to $3.7 million, the Excellence in Teaching Fund to $5 million and the Campus Maintenance Fund to $4.5 million. In 2001, the Board of Regents approved the creation of an additional Faculty Housing Fund, with a $5 million goal, making for a grand total of $50 million.

Leading the charge for this new campaign were two men dedicated to SI: John Christen ‘89, who succeeded Pete Murphy in 1996, and Mark Cleary ‘64, who succeeded Christen as chairman of the Board of Regents in 2002. (Read more about Mark Cleary in the next chapter.)

Christen, a one-time math teacher and longtime realtor in San Francisco, joined the Board of Regents in 1989 and served on the finance and executive committees. He also served as president of the Alumni Association. “The motivation for the campaign was simple,” Christen said. “We needed to make sure everyone could afford an SI education, we needed to ensure that the older teachers could retire with dignity, and we needed to help young faculty in a difficult housing market. Based on the success of the Genesis III campaign, we knew we could reach our goal.”

That earlier campaign, he added, “planted many seeds that later bore fruit. People seemed happy to donate to the school. Genesis IV was never a hard sell. People understand the value of an endowment fund. In many ways, the sale had already been made.” He also praised the Development Office for working “like a well-oiled machine” and the school for offering a top-notch Jesuit education. “SI was in great demand because people know that it is a wonderful institution that is always seeking to better itself. I’m happy to be associated with the school just for that reason.” (Christen’s sons — John ’89, Anthony ’91, Paul ’92 and Matthew ’94 — all went to SI. He and his late wife, Marilyn, who served as Ignatian Guild president and helped SI in innumerable ways, also have a daughter, Jennifer, who graduated from Convent of the Sacred Heart in 1987.)

Christen praised the efforts of his predecessor, Pete Murphy, as well as Al Wilsey and Bill Barulich. “Bill isn’t an SI alumnus, and he sits on the board of another school. But he has done so much for the Jesuits, including helping to sponsor SI’s Comedy Night. He, like so many other donors, appreciates what SI has done for his children.” After Al Wilsey died, Christen joined the Board of Trustees, the ownership body of the school. “As I grow older, I appreciate even more what SI does. I am proud that the institution is growing and is vibrant.”
Professional Development

Steve Phelps, who came to SI in 1972, accepted the first sabbatical the school ever offered in 1994. He taught halftime and spent the remaining time visiting high schools around the country looking for examples of programs and practices that would support the SI faculty in meeting the needs of a new generation of students.

He discovered a rich depository of literature and coursework in the area of professional development, and he brought back to SI the idea of starting a professional development office. In 1995 Steve Nejasimich asked him to do just that and continue to teach two psychology classes to seniors.

“We weren’t a school in crisis,” said Phelps. “We were an excellent school that could be better.” He first determined what sorts of credentials and degrees the faculty had, and he then encouraged young teachers to earn credentials and advanced degrees that would deepen their expertise in curriculum and instruction. He worked with USF and San Francisco State University to offer a number of credential and Master’s classes at SI, and many teachers — from SI and other Catholic high schools — enrolled and went on to earn advanced degrees thanks to those evening and Saturday classes.

He also set up workshops to train SI faculty in the best ways to use technology in their classrooms, and, along with Charlie Dullea, Kate Kodros and Fr. Ed Fassett, SJ, he helped develop the Excellence in Teaching program. He organized Skillful Teacher classes and, with the Board of Regents, established a summer grant program for teachers working collaboratively to develop new and relevant curriculum.

In 1999 he and Kodros helped Charlie Dullea put into place the Five to Four program, lessening the teaching load by asking faculty to teach four, rather than five, classes, and to use their time for continually improving curriculum and instruction and for collaborative and interdepartmental projects. Because of the cost to the school, that program was phased in over four years, beginning with the English and Language departments.

He also worked with representatives from the Jesuit Secondary Education Association to bring leadership training seminars and academies to SI, and he has arranged for dozens of professional workshops for teachers to attend both on and off campus. In short, he has supported the SI teachers in their quest to learn more about their craft and to excel. And it has worked.”

It did not take long for those efforts to bear fruit. In 1998–99, SAT scores climbed to record highs, with students scoring, on average, 602 on the verbal section and 592 on math, for a total of 1194, up 14 points from the previous year. In contrast, the average among all Jesuit schools that year was 1174, and the national and state averages were 1016 and 1005 respectively. In 2004, those numbers climbed to 1207 for SI students, nearly 200 points higher than the national (1026) and state (1020) averages.

Steve Phelps likes these numbers, but he tests their accuracy by conducting a simple poll. Each year he walks down the halls of SI and asks students how many of their teachers are excellent. To qualify, he explains, teachers must know their subject well and be gifted at teaching that information. “On average, students tell me that four of their six teachers are excellent. Some say all six. I ask that question to students in other schools, and I’ll hear from zero to four. Simply put, we have superb teachers at SI because we work hard to support and reward excellence.”

Phelps also has been rewarded for his efforts. Today’s Catholic Teacher magazine named SI as one of 12 schools nationwide honored for excellence and innovation in education. The magazine praised SI for “embarking on a unique approach to forming a school that learns,” for “rooting professional growth in every aspect of school culture,” and for “learning from the best models available, both locally and nationally.” Phelps was also individually honored by the National Catholic Educational Association, which gave him its Secondary School Department Award, citing his “significant contribution to American Catholic secondary education.”

Celebrating a Legacy of Scholarship & Creativity

In the 1980s and 1990s, Br. Dan Peterson, SJ, the former archivist and librarian at SI, compiled a collection of 92 SI authors who, as of 2000, had published 435 books. (The complete list is available on the SI web site.) Below are some of the more prominent scholars, novelists, non-fiction authors and poets on that list, followed by just one of their best-known works. The list is a testament to the legacy of scholarship and creativity that has always been a part of SI.

Scholars

Fr. Austin Fagothy, SJ ’17, author of Right and Reason, a landmark textbook on ethics used in many universities that has gone through 9 editions since 1953.

Robert T. Orr ’25, senior scientist with the California Academy of Sciences; former professor of biology at USF and the author of The Animal Kingdom.

Robert A. Graham ’29, a writer and researcher in Church history and the co-editor of the Actes et Documents du Saint Siège Relatifs à la Seconde Guerre Mondiale, the primary sources concerning the Church and the Axis powers.

Harold Harper ’29, editor of Harper’s Review of Biochemistry, a popular medical school textbook that has sold more than a million copies since its introduction in 1939. (Harper started editing it in 1951, marking the date the text changed its name.)

Fr. John McGloin, SJ ’29, history professor at USF until his death and the author of Jesuits by the Golden Gate (a primary source for this book).

Fr. Robert Ignatius Burns, SJ ’39, a preeminent scholar on medieval Spain at UCLA and the author of The Crusader Kingdom of Valencia.

Robert J. Brophy ’46, Professor of English, California State University, Long Beach and the author of numerous texts on the poet Robinson Jeffers.

Eugene C. Bianchi ’48, Professor of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, the author of Aging as a Spiritual Journey.

David Herlihy ’48, a prominent Renaissance historian, who taught during his career at the University of Wisconsin, Harvard
University, and Brown University. He is the author of *The Black Death and the Transformation of the West*.

Peter Raven ’53, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden and the author of *Biology*, a popular textbook used at SI and at numerous schools around the country.

Fr. John A. Coleman, SJ ’54, professor at Loyola-Marymount University and editor of *One Hundred Years of Catholic Social Thought*.

James J. Sheehan ’54, professor of history at Stanford University and the co-editor of *The Boundaries of Humanity*.

Dudley L. Poston ’58, professor at the University of Texas and the author of *The Population of Modern China*.

**Non-Fiction Writers**

Ted Wurm ’37, *The Crookedest Railroad in the World*
Gerald Posner ’72, *Case Closed*
John Van der Zee ’53, *The Gate*

**Novelists**

Laurence Yep ’66, *Dragonwings*
Phillip O’Connor ’50, *Stealing Home*

**Poets**

John Savant ’48, *Brendan’s Voyage and Other Poems*
Fr. James Torrens, SJ ’48, *The Run of the City*
Fr. Robert Fabing, SJ ’60, *Be Like the Sun*

Robert M. Carson ’63, *The Waterfront Writers*
Paul Vangelisti ’63, *The Extravagant Room*
Robert Thomas ’68, *Door to Door*
Vince Gotera ’71, *Dragonfly*
Eugene Gloria ’77, *Drivers at the Short-Time Motel*

**Athletics (1999–2005)**

**The Rise of Girls’ Sports**

Girls at SI began competing in sports as early as fall 1989 in volleyball, cross country and tennis. The winter season saw the rise of girls’ basketball and soccer, and in the spring of 1990, competition began in softball and track. In later years, girls participated in swimming, lacrosse, crew, golf, water polo, diving and field hockey. Three of those sports were new to SI: field hockey, water polo and softball.

**Field Hockey**

Mrs. Trish Intemann, mother of Fergus ’93 and Conor ’96, helped form the first SI field hockey team as a club sport in 1993. Intemann, a veteran of the sport, played in high school in Dublin and in nursing school in London. She gained her coaching experience at two Marin County grammar schools and in 1982 started a women’s league for the Marin Field Hockey Club. In 1992, while watching her son Conor play lacrosse, she was approached by students who had heard of her enthusiasm for the sport and who asked her to coach an SI team. In 1993, 22 girls
formed an unofficial “hackers team,” as Intemann called them for their tendency to hit their opponents’ sticks rather than the ball. That team won two of its three games and inspired more students to try out for the sport and to petition the school to make it an official team. That happened in 1995, and two first-year Spanish teachers, Shelley Tucker and Linda Neilan, took over coaching duties. In 1997, SI finished first in an informal four-school league. In 1998, the girls joined the Blossom Valley Athletic League in San Jose — the nearest league that offered the sport — winning the league championship that year.

**Softball**

Girls’ softball began in the spring of 1990 coached by English teacher Elizabeth (Sheehan) Swarhout. The team, made up entirely of freshmen, formed a varsity squad, playing against seniors and juniors in the Catholic Girls Athletic League, which only offered competition on the varsity level. Despite being younger than all their competitors, SI’s girls finished 9–5, taking second place.

**Diving**

The SI diving team made its debut in the spring of 1994 when coach David Bispiel took four boys to league competition. The following fall saw the start of the Girls’ Diving Team; those girls made a splash by winning their league and taking fourth in CCS competition. The team included Lisa Wilson, who placed first in the GPSL meet and fifth in CCS competition, Sabrina Soulis ’95 (who placed third in the league meet), Nicole Larramendi ’95 (who placed fourth), Megan Terheyden ’98 and Dawn Matsui ’97.

**Water Polo**

Water polo began first with a boys’ program in the fall of 1994 with 11 boys on the varsity and 11 on JVs, with both teams coached by Stephen Psomas. The spring of 1995 saw the start of the girls’ water polo team, also coached by Psomas. At the start of the season, 30 girls tried out for this new sport, with half joining the varsity and half the JV team. The varsity finished a surprising second in the Blossom Valley Athletic League after losing 13–12 in sudden death triple overtime to league champion Leland High School. Standouts on the girls’ squad included Kirsten Filak ’96, Jamie Chavez ’96, Christine Caurant ’96 and Kimiko Nakai ’96.

**Cross Country & Track and Field**

The 1990s proved a powerhouse decade for SI’s cross country and track field teams. The boys’ cross country team won CCS championships four times in that decade and one state championship in 1996. Long before that state victory, Coach Brian Richter knew he had a talented squad early in the season when, at the Stanford Invitational, all five runners crossed the finish line within 12 seconds of each other to help SI take first at that event. The team went on to win the league and CCS and was ranked number one the entire season. Runners who led SI to that state title included seniors Brad Hansen, Brendan Fitzgibbon, Derek Drummond and Brian Mulry, juniors Brendan Wells and Matt Chen and frosh phenom Neil McDonagh, who finished fourth in the CCS. The victory marked the second time that SI won a state title in a California Interscholastic Federation sport. (The first victory occurred in basketball in 1926. SI did win the state title in crew in 1995, but crew was not administered by CIF at that time.)

The girls’ cross country team also made history by winning six straight CCS titles between 1993 and 1998, the first for any school in the section. Many of these runners crossed over into track and field in the spring where the girls took first place in their league between 1991 and 2002 and brought home two sectional championships.

Boys’ track took first in the WCAL five times in the 1990s and made history in 1991 by taking the CCS title. This victory, coupled with the cross country CCS title in the fall of 1990, marked the first time SI had captured two CCS crowns in the same year, a feat no other school had ever accomplished. Between 1994 and 1997, the boy’s track team finished four undefeated seasons, a first for the school. Much of the credit goes to a talented line-up of coaches that included Julius Yap ’74, Brian Richter, Aldo Congi ’72, Steve Bluford ’84, James Quanico ’86, Charles Taylor ’88, Martin Logue ’92 and Tom Fendyan ’83. Yap, who served as head coach for many of those teams over the decade, amassed 29 league and CCS titles in five sports (boys’ and girls’ track, boys’ and girls’ cross country and girls’ golf), more than any other coach in SI history. In 2005 the city of Pacifica inducted him into its Sports Hall of Fame.

SI senior Chris DeMartini ’94 achieved a status no other Wildcat had ever earned: individual honors as a state champion. Earlier in the season, he had been ranked first in the nation in discus, but he finished first in shot put at the California Track and Field State Championships at Cerritos College in Norwalk on June 4, 1994, with a throw of 58-feet, 11.5 inches on the last of his six throws. He also finished second in discus after having an “off day,” according to his coach, Brian Richter.

Above: The girls’ cross country team competing at the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park. Right: Kobie Flowers & Tim O’Brien (class of 1990) bring the Bruce back from SH.
**Football**

In 1992, Ray Calcagno ’64 left SI and Joe Vollert ’84 became one of the youngest men, at 26, ever to serve as varsity football coach. Vollert had played under Calcagno and at SCU under Pat Malley ’49 and his son Terry Malley. As a senior at SI, Vollert earned both the Brophy Award and the General Excellence Award. He made a name for himself early on as a new kind of coach, one who taught Ignatian values both indirectly, through example, and directly, by stressing them to his athletes. When he retired in 2004, he had earned the respect of hundreds of athletes and of all of his coaching staff who admired the calm attitude and healthy values he brought to each game.

One of Vollert’s early tests came in his first year as coach. SI and SH marked the 100th anniversary (albeit one year early due to a typographical error in one newspaper story) of the first time the two schools met back in 1893 for a St. Patrick’s Day rugby game. The Irish of Sacred Heart came decked out just for the event with special jerseys reading “Beat SI” on the fronts and “Mahoney” on the backs in memory of their deceased alumnus Jerry Mahoney of Bruce-Mahoney fame. SI may have lost that first match-up in 1893, but the special jerseys didn’t provide the Irish with luck this time around. SI beat SH 7–3 before a crowd of 7,000 at Kezar Stadium and kept the Bruce-Mahoney Trophy at SI that year.

In 2004 Joe Vollert retired from the varsity coaching job after a dozen years as head coach, the longest anyone has ever held that job in the school’s history. Steve Bluford ’84, who served with Vollert as co-captain in his senior year at SI, took over the job. When Vollert received the head-coaching job, the first call he made was to Bluford to convince him to leave a career in physical therapy to teach and coach at his alma mater.

Bluford, the school’s first African-American varsity coach, also ran track at SI and played football at UC Santa Barbara where he received his Bachelor’s degree in psychology. A longtime psychology teacher, PE teacher and department chairman — as well as moderator of the Association of African American Students — Bluford also served as head JV coach from 1994 to 2001, leading his team to the WCAL championship in 1995. He proved his ability to lead the varsity Wildcats in 2004 by beating Sacred Heart 34–0 at the September Bruce-Mahoney game and finishing the league 4–2, including a 61–26 drubbing of St. Francis, setting a school record for the most points scored in a varsity football game.

**Baseball**

Baseball between 1990 and 2005 had its share of magic moments. In 1991, senior Tony Rhein pitched the Bruce-Mahoney game with rain threatening throughout the day. Earlier that day, Tony had attended his grandfather’s funeral, and he was determined to pitch the game in his honor. SI went on to beat SH 5–2 on a 3-run homer by Joe Donnelly ’91 before a crowd of thousands at West Sunset Field.

Jim Dekker retired as head varsity baseball coach in 1993 after 16 years leading the Wildcats to more than 200 victories, including a second-place finish in CCS that year and a 25–7 season. No team from San Francisco ever went as far in the CCS as the Wildcats of 1993. John Grealish ’79, who played for Dekker in his senior year, would follow in his stead until 1998, when he was appointed assistant principal for student activities. Veteran English teacher Jim Bjorkquist ’65, who coached alongside Dekker and Grealish, then took over the team for two years.

In 2000, Bjorkquist’s team won the league, the first championship since 1967 and SI’s first WCAL baseball championship ever. That team also went on to the final game of the CCS championships, losing 6–5 to Leigh of San Jose to take second place in the section. The victory came despite several setbacks, including the loss of several key players due to injuries. “We had to regroup time and time again to rebuild the team,” said Bjorkquist. Standouts included Joe Jacobitz ’00, who went on to play at USF and be drafted by the Seattle Mariners; Dave McMonigle ’00, who hit .395; Brent Sullivan ’00, who had 4 homers and 17 RBIs; Paolo Lucchesi ’00; Jim Goethals ’00; Chris Watters ’01; and Michael Tursi ’00. As well as the team did in the league, Bjorkquist was just as proud of the team earning CCS Scholastic Championship honors with the highest collective GPA (3.35) of any team in the region.

**Lacrosse**

In the 1990s, SI boys’ and girls’ lacrosse became the dominant program in the Bay Area and in the state. Between 1990 and 2004, the boys’ varsity won nine league titles and three state championships, with the girls’ program, under Coach Colleen Niklaus, winning eight league championships and becoming the top team in Northern California between 1997 and 2004. Much of the credit belongs to boys’ head coach David Giarrusso, who came to SI in 1996 to teach history and who became a local legend for his passion for the sport and prowess as a coach. Thanks to his regional leadership, the number of lacrosse teams in the Bay Area rose from eight to 40 in his six years as varsity lacrosse coach between 1996 and 2002, with many of those players learning the game at one of his summer SI lacrosse camps.

Over a six-year period, Giarrusso’s teams won 90 games and lost 9. His program became so strong that in his last year coaching, SI’s four teams — the varsity and JV girls’ and boys’ teams — each won the Northern California championship. U.S. Lacrosse named Giarrusso Coach of the Year in Northern California in 1997, 1999 and 2000 and as Man of the Year in 2002. Giarrusso also served as president of the California Junior Lacrosse Association from 1999 to 2001. When he and his wife, Suzanne Abell (who also coached
field hockey and lacrosse at SI) moved to the East Coast to be closer to their families, the SI lacrosse community mourned, but honored Giarrusso’s legacy by continuing to excel. In 2004, for example, the boys’ team finished 8–0 in the league under the able leadership of head coach Greg Angilly. Niklaus led the varsity girls to a 25–4–1 season in 2003 and helped junior Katie McGovern earn All American First Team honors.

Soccer

Both Jan Mullen and Rob Hickox ’72, the coaches for the girls’ and boys’ varsity soccer teams, earned more than mere victories for their teams. Each earned the distinction of being named Honor Coach by the Central Coast Section, Hickox in 1994 and Mullen in 1996. The award recognizes coaches “who have made contributions to the growth and development of their sport and their athletes within the school, community and section.” Both Hickox and Mullen have dedicated themselves not only to SI soccer but also to a host of community soccer programs, and that dedication has earned them the respect of their peers throughout the state. Mullen’s teams did remarkably well, taking league championships in 1992–1996 and 1998–1999. In the past five years, the boys’ varsity soccer team made it to CCS competition four times, to the semifinals twice and to the finals once in 2000 after a 16–5–4 season. Then, on February 10, 2005, the Varsity Boys’ Soccer Team became WCAL co-champions for the first since 1981 by beating Bellarmine 2–1 in San Jose.

Volleyball

The volleyball program was the first sport to include SI’s girls. Coached by Teresa (Mullin) Garrett, the team grew in ability over its first four years. By the fall of 1992, the team faced its greatest moment when it took on the girls of Mitty, beating them in four games. Playing for the Monarchs was sophomore Kerry Walsh, who, in 2004 in Athens, went on to win an Olympic gold medal in beach volleyball with her partner, Misty May. “We were an unknown team, and Mitty was a powerhouse,” said Garrett. “Our victory shocked everyone and put us on the map. Stars of that team included Chrissy Drucker ’93 and Robin Harvey ’93, who helped their team finish second in the league and make it to the quarter-finals of CCS play. In 1998, under head coaches Karen Cota and Louie Valiao, the team won its first league championship. The girls came in second place in 1999 and recaptured the crown in 2000.

The boys’ volleyball team had its genesis in 1976 when English teacher Bob Grady, while refereeing a girls’ volleyball game at University High School, spoke with the coach there about forming a boys’ league for the city. Grady called the coach at Lick Wilmerding and at Athenian High School in Danville to form the first unofficial league, borrowing uniforms from the JV basketball team. Grady paid for all the volleyballs himself, started practicing in February 1977, and held competitions March through May. The next year Washington High School joined the league. Star players over the years have included Steve McFeely ’87 and John DeBenedetti ’83. In 1990, SI joined the SERVE league (Secondary Education Radical Volleyball Experiment), comprising five teams. Standouts Tom Kovats ’90, Jeff Spaulding ’91 and Sam Yen ’91 helped SI to finish first that year.

Crew

In the 1990s, SI’s crew reached unparalleled heights due, in large measure, to SI teacher and coach John Pescatore, who won the Olympic bronze medal in 1988 as a member of the U.S. 8-man boat. SI’s varsity 8 boys also won the state championship in 1994, 1995 and 1997.

In 1997, the boys’ varsity 8 went on to compete in the U.S. Rowing Junior Invitational Regatta in Cincinnati, Ohio, beating out the best crews from around the country and giving SI its only national championship until the varsity 8 in 2005 returned to Cincinnati to once again capture first. (See sports section for more on the 2005 team.) The 1997 boat featured Kevin Schmidt ’97, Alex Bea ’97, John Paul Sekulich ’97, Eric Tret ’97, David Reynolds ’97, Patrick Reid ’98 and Greg Chiarella ’98, John Cranston ’99 and coxswain Franco Arieta ’97. Alternates were A.J. Hubner ’97, Chris Murphy ’98 and Joshua Stamer ’98. In 2004, the boy’s varsity 8 returned to Cincinnati where they finished third in the nation after a second-place state finish. That boat, coached by Tom O’Connell, featured senior coxswain Jesse Furby and rowers Joe Dudley ’04, Mike Snyder ’05, Mike Gilson ’06, Derek Johnson

Above: The soccer teams at SI play rain or shine.
Basketball

Basketball fever seemed to grip the school in the 1990s with nationally-ranked players and teams taking SL to five league and two CCS championships between 1992 and 2004 for the boys’ program and one league and three CCS championships for the girls’ program. Don Lippi, who started coaching at St. Joseph’s High School in Alameda in 1978, came to SL in 1991 and developed an “in-your-face” philosophy, according to Tim Reardon ‘86, who took over the program when Lippi left SL for St. Joseph’s in 2003. “Don forced other schools to make mistakes by having his team play harder than the opposition.” Thanks to Lippi, SI became one of the premiere high schools for basketball in the Bay Area. “Before Don took over the program, the team had a few tough seasons,” said Reardon. “After his first year, we were back to being one of the most respected programs in the Bay Area. For four years, I coached the varsity girls while he coached the varsity boys. In each of those years, the Chronicle ranked both SI teams in the top 10 in the Bay Area. SI was the place to go to play basketball.”

Lippi earned local and national news in 1999 when SI, with a 28–1 record and undefeated in league play, was ranked in the top 10 of all the high schools in the U.S. and number one in Northern California. Players such as Luke Whitehead (a star at University of Louisville and slated for the NBA draft at the time of this writing), Joe Skiffer, Robert Sayle, Anthony Devora and Nick Errico led the team to a second place CCS finish and to NorCal competition. In 2000, Lippi received the Boys’ Basketball Coach of the Year Award from the California Coaches Association for his “coaching excellence and professional contributions of time, service and dedication to the profession and athletics.”

Reardon stepped in as varsity boys’ coach after Lippi left, and led his team in 2004 to both the league and CCS championship — the first time that had happened since 1984. He finished second in NorCal play in a remarkable first year as the boys’ coach. SI’s girls did not win a league championship until 2002, but because the top two teams go on to sectional competition, they did win the CCS championship both in 1996 and 1998. Their first CCS championship came with coach Steve Phelps and players Juliann Busch ‘96, Kimiko Nakai ‘96, Liz Lee ‘97, Kristy Cahlil ‘98 and Maya Fok ‘98. Tim Reardon, who coached in 1998, won another CCS crown despite having five players sidelined with injuries. Frosh Jacquelyn Hontalas ‘01, who scored 17 points in her first game, Fok, Cahlil, Julie Yap ‘99, Kirsten Maciejewski ‘00 and Jessica Libien ‘99 helped establish the Wildcats as a dominant force in the

Tennis


The next year, Cecchin, now the girls’ head coach, led SI to its first GPSL tennis championship with Lisa Montfredini ‘96, Sarah Warren ‘96, Anne Warren ‘94, Francesca Crisera ‘95, Mimi Dang ‘95, Jocelyn Sideco ‘95 and Kacey Callinan ‘94.

In 1994 Mike Thomas ‘71 led the boys to another league title after a 12–0 league finish and a 21–2 overall finish. Thom’s teams capture first two more times, in 1996 and in 1998.

The girls won the WCAL championship in 2003 with Coach Hillary McKinney helping the ‘Cats to a 13–1 season thanks to the power play of Stefanie Ordoveza ‘04, Donna Verdierno ‘05, Katy Kilgore ‘05 and Maggie McAteer ‘04.

Golf

The boys’ golf program enjoyed its last league championship in 1979, but continued to excel with star golfers such as Peter Andersen ’87, Tim O’Riordan ’88, Josh Levin ’94 and Mike Sica ’99 under coaches Fr. Roland Dodd, SJ, Bob Drucker ’58 and Julius Yap ’74.

A few girls, such as Judette Tobe ’98 and Annie Donnelly ’95, played on a coed golf team until 2001 when SI formed a separate girls’ team. Elaine Harris ‘04 and her father, an All-American golfer at Stanford, along with Carolyn Thamkul ’03 encouraged Yap to start a girls’ team. On the first day of tryouts, 35 girls came out for the team and 24 stuck with it. That year, SI took second in the GPSL. Harris, then a sophomore, took first at the league championship and fourth in CCS play.

In 2002, SI left the GPSL for the WCAL and finished as co-champions with Notre Dame High School, Belmont, before taking third in CCS play and ninth in NorCal competition. The following year, the girls outdid themselves, taking first in league, first in CCS and first in Northern California competition before winding down a remarkable season with a fourth-place finish in the state thanks to the talented play of Harris, Ai Chen ’04, Katie Cavallerio ’04, Dana Fisco ’04, Colleen McHugh ’05, Katie Moran ’05, Patti Pang ’05, Keiko Fukuda ’06 and frosh phenom Rosalie Tolentino ’07.
Dance
By Meredith Cecchin '97

Those who did not spend the majority of their high school years in the underground catacombs of SI Fine Arts might assume that SI did not dance until it went co-ed. Those who preferred the spotlight over daylight, however, might remember that SI students, like the fog, have danced on cat feet for decades.

SI hired its first choreographer, John Ellis, to join the farmers and the cowhands in friendship in 1966’s production of Oklahoma! From 1966 through the ‘70s, student and faculty choreographers took on the task of choreographing the musicals and musical revues. Marianne Schwarz made a significant imprint on SI dance by choreographing musicals and Musical Theatre Workshops during the late ‘70s and early ‘80s including My Fair Lady, Carnival and Hello, Dolly! Around this time Schwarz was also the first choreographer hired to teach a formal dance class after school for the young men of St. Ignatius.

Ted Curry ’82 returned to SI in 1983 to choreograph 110 in the Shade, Cabaret, Mack and Mabel and several musical theatre revues. Curry was also the first to choreograph SI students as dancers in the Ignatian Guild Fashion Show in 1984, a tradition that continues to this day. Musical Theatre Workshop performances began to include dance numbers that stood apart from the musical scenes. The first year, dancers performed sections from A Chorus Line and Cats. (This would not be the last time that Wildcats would perform in ears and tails!) Michelle Stubbs began choreographing musicals and fashion shows in 1987 and took SI dancers into the coeducational transition. Stubbs began the tradition of Saturday morning dance classes, and for 15 years SI’s advanced dancers have shown their dedication by rising early to practice on weekends as well as after school.

In 1990, Julie Ferrari was hired after students lobbied for a dance class. When Ferrari (who also taught religious studies) joined the faculty, students finally had the opportunity to take dance classes during the school day. Beginning-level students were able to take classes to complete the Fine Arts portion of their graduation requirement, and Ferrari continued to teach more advanced classes on Saturdays. At this time, classes were held in Bannan Theatre or on the then-carpeted floor of the Band Room. Neither was an ideal space for dancers, so when construction began in the early 1990s, plans included the spacious Wiegand Theatre with its sprung floor and mirrors for the dancers. Wiegand Theatre opened in late 1993, but a swimming pool mishap soon flooded it, warping its floor. The room reopened in 1994, and finally, SI’s dancers had their own home.

1994 brought another milestone in SI dance. Julie Ferrari and her dance classes presented SI’s first dance concert titled Baseball, Broadway, and the Blues Brothers. This was the first dance performance that did not include dramatic performances as well.

Angela Brizuela Delphino joined the faculty as SI’s first full time dance teacher in the fall of 1994 and continued to develop the tradition of the annual dance concert with elaborate musical numbers and costumes. In both 1995 and 1999, SI dancers would again prow and pounce to the music of Cats. Veronica Esmero ’03 recalls performing that Cats piece in front of the entire student body in the Fine Arts Assembly her freshman year wearing her “most embarrassing costume,” including fur, ears and tail. Delphino expanded the dance program to include two levels of dance classes during the school day and added an additional class after school. More and more SI students were getting the opportunity to dance.

Meredith Cecchin ’97 joined the faculty in 2001 and continued the expansion of SI dance. By 2003 the program offered two levels of dance to students during the school day and four levels after school and on weekends. SI Dance Alumni Ted Curry and Lizette Ortega ’94 both returned to their dance roots upon joining the faculty at SI. Over 100 students of varying levels participate annually in one or both of two annual dance concerts. SI dancers continue to perform in the Spring Musical and Fine Arts Assembly and continue to develop as choreographers as well as dancers. The dance program continued its feline tradition in 2005 with the January concert wildCATS, which featured pieces from Broadway musicals including, predictably, Cats.

Though some musical choices might remain the same, SI’s dance program has advanced and grown since that first choreographer was hired 40 years ago. Jesuit schools have always held the performing arts in high regard as important for student development. It is such thinking by administrators, faculty, parents and students that allows the dance program to continue to expand and excel. SI’s dancers live out the truth in Albert Einstein’s words when he proclaimed that “dancers are the athletes of God.”

Above: Performers from the 2004 Dance Concert at SI, under the direction of Meredith Cecchin.
thanks to the leadership of Board of Regents’ Chairman Mark Cleary ’64 and the generosity of SI’s donor community, SI is well on its way to reaching the $50 million goal for the Genesis IV: Endow SI campaign. The success of the endowment campaign comes as a result of generous individuals and foundations, and their donations, large and small. Since SI’s move to the Sunset District, gifts or pledges of $1 million or more — in single gifts or over several years — have come to SI from Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Budde, Mr. Charles H. Luchessa ’23, the Josephine McCormick Trust, the William G. Irwin Charity Foundation, the Arline & Thomas J. Bannan Foundation, the Henry Doelger Trust, Mr. & Mrs. Michel Orradre, Archbishop Joseph McGucken, Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. McCullough, Sr. ’48, Mr. & Mrs. John Gibbons ′37 and the Jesuit Community of St. Ignatius (who donate their salaries back to the school).

Because scholarships for needy students come from a school’s endowment fund, “endowment is the key to the success of any school,” said Mark Cleary. However, two challenges faced the Development office in raising funds for the Genesis IV campaign. “First, it is sometimes hard to do fund-raising for financial aid, as donors do not see a building rise up from their donations,” said Cleary. Secondly, a new challenge arose in the late 1990s with the dot-com bust. “The economy worked against us. People were not flush with disposable income. We finished well because of Tony Sauer and Steve Lovette. Tony retains personal contact with an awful lot of people, yet he’s not a high-pressure person when it comes to asking for money. Tony helps people feel good about the school, and he is appreciative for any gift, large or small.”

Cleary has also helped bring new people to the Board of Regents who offered diverse talents. “They represented a broad matrix. People such as Clark Callander ’76 have stepped up both with money and expertise. We have an investment committee that major universities would envy. Tom Bertlesen’s competence in taking care of our funds is incredible. Of all the boards I have served on, SI’s is the easiest because everything is so well run.”

Despite the tough economy, the campaign had a few early successes, allowing the school to add on the $5 million Faculty Housing Fund to the Genesis IV campaign to help young teachers who faced one of the hottest housing markets in the world. “We did that to help keep SI in the forefront of education,” said Cleary. “We need to attract and keep the best teachers we can.”

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Cleary praised the work of his predecessors on the Board of Regents who “reconnected with friends of SI during the capital campaign. When we returned to them, we discovered that SI was on their minds, and we encouraged them to join the Heritage Society or to create an endowed scholarship.”

Fr. Sauer praised Cleary for his dedication to the school, and noted that his SI roots go back nearly as far as the school’s beginnings. His great uncle, Frank Cleary, graduated from St. Ignatius College in 1882, and his grandfather, Alfred J. Cleary, followed in 1900. Since then six Clearys and one cousin have graced the halls of SI including Mark’s father, Alfred J. Cleary, Jr. ’37, Mark’s two uncles, Louis Cleary ’39 and William Reilly

‘51, Mark’s brother, Alfred J. Cleary III ’61, and Mark’s son, Sean Cleary ’99. “These men all had one thing in common,” said Cleary. “We were all taught to give something back to the community.”

### Notes


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In a dramatic come-from-behind finish, the SI Varsity Men’s Crew took first in the nation at the U.S. Rowing National Youth Invitational at Cincinnati’s Lake Harsha June 12.

The victory comes on the heels of the team’s third-place finish last year and eight years after SI crew’s first-ever national championship in 1997.

The coach and rowers credited the victory, in part, to the strong headwinds and thunderstorms that plagued the lake that weekend. “Rowing on Lake Merced, we’re used to horrible conditions,” said senior Michael Tate. “We felt confident rowing into the headwinds. You can throw anything at us, and we’ll do fine.”

Head Coach Tom O’Connell wasn’t as optimistic at the 1,000-meter mark during the final race, when SI trailed in fourth place. His spirits picked up at 500 meters when SI climbed into third. For those last 500 meters, the SI boat sprinted ahead to win by three seats. “After the race, several coaches told me they had never seen a team row through the last stretch as well as our guys did,” said O’Connell. “That’s indicative of how the boys rowed all year.”

SI took first with a time of 6:30:36, followed by Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club at 6:31:59 and Marin Rowing Association at 6:33:89. Other finalists, in order, were Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center, St. Paul’s School and Lincoln Park Juniors.

SI qualified for the meet by taking first in the U.S. Southwest Junior Regionals in early May in Sacramento, beating Marin and Lincoln Park.

Earlier in the season, the ‘Cats did not fare as well as it faced club teams that compete all year. An injury also contributed to the slow start, with junior Derek Johnson out for the first few races. Once Johnson returned to his boat in April, the team went undefeated.

Both Johnson and teammate Michael Gilson ’06 were selected to compete in the U.S. Junior National Rowing Camp at Princeton for a three-week try-out, and the two went there directly from Cincinnati. If selected for the national team, they will compete in Germany later in the summer against the world’s best high school and club crews.

(Also attending the U.S. Rowing Junior Development Camp this summer is Victoria Dudley ’07 who shaved 20 seconds off her erg score to qualify for this prestigious invitation. She will spend her summer rowing in Connecticut under some of the best coaches in the nation while competing for the opportunity to race for the Junior National Team in Europe. Her teammate Elise Wilson, who took second in the world in a rowing competition, also qualified for this camp but chose to do summer school at SI instead.)

The other members of the varsity eight are Andrew Liotta ’05 (coxswain), Michael Snyder ’05, Gregory Malman ’05, Nick Lucey ’07, Tim Larson ’06, Alex Simon ’05 and Michael Tate ’05. Liotta will cox at Yale next year and Malman, Snyder and Simon each plan to row in college at, respectively, Gonzaga, Brown and Cal.

Tate credited coach O’Connell with motivating him and his teammates by “never letting us be satisfied with any one victory. After we won the state title, he told us to celebrate for two days and then get back to work. And that’s just what we did.”

This victory adds to the long list of laurels won by SI crew over the years, including third-place finishes in this national competition for the women’s crew in 1999 and 2000 and an Olympic silver medal won by Sebastian Bea ’95 in the Sydney games.

SI Varsity Crew Takes First in Nation

GIRLS’ CREW

Coach: Mac Cannady; Assistant: Alexis Quinn
Highlights: Fourth Place finish in Southwest Regional Championship Regatta. Sophomore Elise Wilson finished second in the World Championship Crash B Indoor Rowing Championship.
Team Awards: Ignatius Crew Award: Caitlin DeBarbrie; Wildcat Award: Alexandra Loback; Commodore Award: Katherine Milton

BOYS’ CREW

Coach: Tom O’ Connell; Assistant: Eric Giessler
Highlights: The Varsity Men’s Eight finished first in the nation (see opposite page) and first in the Southwest Regional Championship Regatta.
Team Awards: Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Award: Michael Snyder; Ignatius Crew Award: Michael Tate; Most Improved Oarsman: Andrew Liotta

BOYS’ BASEBALL
Coach: Ted Turkington; Assistants: Forrest Higgins, Mike Theoharris
Overall Record: 9–16–1
WCAL Record: 1–13
All League selections: 2nd Team All League: Zac Lee; Honorable Mention: Philip Benedetti, Chris McCaffery, David Polhemus
Awards: James B. Keating Award: Zac Lee

BOYS’ GOLF
Coach: Julius Yap
WCAL Record: 4–10
All League Selection: Nico Mizono
Team Awards: Rev. Roland P. Dodd, SJ, Award: Nico Mizono, Andrew Tio

BOYS’ LACROSSE
Coach: Greg Angilly; Assistant: Chris Packard, John Wise
Overall Record: 18–5; league record 8–0
Team Awards: Coaches’ Award: Michael Rossi; Most Improved Player: Michael Bosetti; John M. Senyard Award: Phil Donnici

GIRLS’ LACROSSE
Coach: Colleen Niklaus; Assistants: Carla Bisio, Vale Cervarich
Overall Record: 11–2
Highlights: Ranked first in state by LAXPower.com.
All-American Awards: First Team All American Liz Dobbs; Honorable Mention All American Colleen Fredericks.
Team Awards: Most Inspirational Player: Anne Murphy; Baggataway Award: Colleen Fredericks; Outstanding Athletic Achievement: Katie Moran

GIRLS’ SOFTBALL
Coach: Robin Bier; Assistants: Chrissy Roth, Alison Torres
Overall Record: 6–19–1; WCAL Record: 3–11
All League Selections: First Team: Richel Briones; Second Team: Megan Foley, Susanna Peeples; Honorable Mention: Laura Kulm; Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Susanna Peeples; Most Improved Player: Natalya DeRobertis-Theye; Coaches Award: Jane Zatkin
**BOYS’ SWIMMING**

Coach: David Fisher; Diving Coach: Katy Leese

WCAL Record: 4–3

Team Awards: Bill Schuppel Award: Michael Yee; Wildcat Award: Ryan Cawley; Wildcat Diving Award: Christopher Scott; Most Improved Athlete: Jason Snell

**GIRLS’ SWIMMING**

Coach: Greg McCarthy; Diving Coach: Katy Leese

WCAL Record: 6–1; WCAL champions in league meet.

Highlights: First place finishers included: 200 yard medley relay team Ruthie Dimagmalin, Misao Tachibana, J.C. Sheppard, Natalie Schwab; Francesca Lollini (50 yard freestyle); CCS Meet: 4th place finish

Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Francesca Lollini; Wildcat Diving Award: Elizabeth DiCarlo; Most Improved Athlete Award: Misao Tachibana; Coach’s Award: Sheryl Gong

**BOYS’ TRACK AND FIELD**

Coach: Dan Lang; Assistants: Al Berrin, Kerry Hansell, Melissa Hansell, Martin Logue, David Longacre, Moris Lozovatskiy, Yakov Lozovatskiy, Elizabeth Regalia, John Regalia, Andrea Sheth

WCAL Record: 6–1 (nd Place)

Highlights: CCS finishers included:
Paul Nedeau (1600 meter run) 6th place.
Marcel Thompson (110 meter hurdles) 6th place
Josh Williams (800 meter run) 5th place
Josh Evans (Shot Put) 7th place

Team Awards: Riley Sutthoff Award: Paul Nedeau; Outstanding Track Performance: Marcel Thompson; Outstanding Field Performance: Matt Bergstrom, Elliot Ferrera; Most Improved Track Athlete: Steven Ma; Most Improved Field Athlete: Jack Sullivan

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Coach: Martin Logue; Assistants: Al Berrin, Kerry Hansell, Melissa Hansell, Dan Lang,

David Longacre, Moris Lozovatskiy, Yakov Lozovatskiy, Elizabeth Regalia, John Regalia, Andrea Sheth

WCAL Record: 5–1 (Round Robin Co-Champions)

CCS Finals: 12th Place

Highlights: Senior Ciara Viehweg (3200 meter run) finishes 6th at State Championship Meet.

Liza Lozovatskaya vaults 12–01 to finish 3rd in Central Coast Section Meet.

Jessie Balsham (Long Jump) and Talia DeMartini (Shot Put) finish seventh in CCS Meet.

Team Awards: Julius Yap Award: Meghan Mullen; Outstanding Track Performance: Ciara Viehweg; Outstanding Field Performance: Talia DeMartini, Liza Lozovatskaya; Most Improved Track Athlete: Jessica Yrani; Most Improved Field Athlete: Jessie Balsham

**BOYS’ VOLLEYBALL**

Program Coordinator: Karen Cota; Coach: Louie Valiao; Assistant: Steph Allan

Overall Record: 12–25

WCAL Record: 0–1

Team Awards: Wildcat Award: Ben Cutten; Coach’s Award: Hal david Cope, Matt Sahagun
Fr. Mario J. Prietto, SJ, former SI principal and SCU’s campus minister for the past 10 years, becomes rector of the USF Jesuit community on July 31.

34

Henry Fagundes celebrated his 68th wedding anniversary and 89th birthday. With God’s help, he hopes to make it to 90!

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Richard Cullinen has lived in Medford, Oregon, since 1992 and recently celebrated this 85th birthday. He still keeps in touch with Angelo Leoni and John Castagnola. Richard has five sons and six grandchildren.

50&51

The basketball championship teams of 1950 & 1951 (varsity, 30s and 0s) are gathering Nov. 29 at noon at Cesar’s Restaurant in San Francisco. Call Mic Kelly ’52 at (650) 697-9376 to RSVP.

52

Fr. Fred Tollini, SJ, recently starred in the title role of King Lear at SCU. Dan Maloney ’76 was Gloucester in the cast and graduating senior Joe OMalley ’01, Edgar. Student Body President Dick Wall ’52 led a coterie of alumni, including Fr. Sauer, honorary SI ’52 alumnus, to give Fred a well-deserved standing ovation.

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Jim McDonald, former SI varsity football coach and teacher, was inducted into the St. Mary’s College Athletic Hall of Fame May 1. He retired from St. Mary’s after a long career at the college including stints as head and assistant football coach.

57

Ed Musante recently retired after 19 years of Porsche/Audi/Jaguar sales. He is retired from the U.S. Navy in 1984 at the rank of Commander. He is now keeping busy doing volunteer work at his local church and at Catholic Charities at the urging of his wife, Arline. They now live in Chesapeake, Virginia.

61

Barry Leonardini has written a new book called Evangelicals, Zionists and Secular Neocons: Superpower Lobbies That Are Tied Together. He launched the book April 20 at the Monticello Inn in San Francisco at what proved to be a lively and engaging event. If you wish to order the book, go to www.freshcleanday.com where you can also read his blogs entitled “Barry’s New Conversations.”

Mike Nevin was the recipient of the Recreation Center for the Handicapped (now the Janet Pomeroy Center) Banner of Love Award at a special dinner May 18. As a member of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, he helped keep the College Park train station open for Bellarmine Prep.

SI Alumni Lead UCSB to 2nd National LAX Title

Four former SI Laxcats helped the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos cap another fantastic season by capturing the team’s third consecutive Western Collegiate Lacrosse League title May 1 by defeating Sonoma State 8–7.

UCSB was led to victory by seniors and 4-year collegiate starters Ryan Brittain ’01, Luke Wilson ’01, Ryan Brittain ’01 and second-team All American Damon Conklin-Moragne ’02, and senior Alex Wilson ’99.

Two weeks later, UCSB captured its second consecutive USL MDIA National Championship in a four-day tournament by defeating Minnesota, Virginia Tech, Michigan and once again, Sonoma State 8–7 in the championship game.

UCSB managed to also make history along the way by being the first team in USL MDIA history to win back-to-back national championships. UCSB accomplished this feat while also setting a record for fewest goals (16) allowed in the history of the 4-day championship tournament.

As athletes at SI, these four men played on varsity lacrosse teams that won three state titles between 1999 and 2001. Key contributors from those SI three-peat championship teams were also found on UCSB’s opponent’s roster in both championship games. Sonoma State, for instance, fielded Jon Wiley ’01, Pete Langkammerer ’01, Brian Bianchi ’00 and John Flaherty ’03.
63
John “Buddy” Baccitich, who died Dec. 13, 2004, was posthumously inducted into the ranks of the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame May 31 honoring his success on SI’s undefeated football team, as a player for USC and as a coach at Healdsburg and Windsor High Schools.

64
Jim Granata was appointed vice president of production for Oahu Publications, which prints the Honolulu Star Bulletin, MidWeek and numerous commercial jobs. He was previously plant director for the San Francisco Chronicle where he worked for eight years before moving to Honolulu.

65
William Tennant not only teaches piano lessons in Vallejo, but also accompanies the choral program at Will C. Wood High School in Vacaville.

68
Ira Bray is technology consultant at the Library Development Services Bureau of the California State Library in Sacramento. He and his wife live in Davis. Fr. Thomas J. Carroll, SJ, will become the superior and director of El Retiro San Ignis Jesuit Retreat House in Los Altos, effective July 31. Gordon Dito has formed G.L. Dito & Associates, LLC in Burlingame, specializing in business consulting.

72
Ted Borromeo will celebrate his 20th wedding anniversary with wife, Angie, in January. Ted is vice president of employment law at Sun Microsystems in Santa Clara. Daughter Emily, whose a capella quartet was just selected for inclusion in the Best of High School A Capella CD, is graduating from Sacred Heart Prep in Atherton and will attend Brown University in the fall. Son Brian is a freshman at Bellarmine, where he played basketball.

73
John Flynn, after several years in the high mountains, has moved to Browns Valley, California, with his wife, Leslie. He encourages his classmates or anyone “just generally flabbergasted that we are still alive and kicking” to call him. Stanley Raggio successfully defended his oral thesis for his Master’s degree at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and graduated in May.

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Roy Cecchetti, the former owner and chief executive of Cecchetti Sebastiani Cellar in Sonoma, is the new president of Guenoc Winery, Inc. As such, he will work to ensure the growth of Guenoc and Langtry Estate and Vineyards brands. Tim Halloran’s novel, Grandpa’s Fiddle, was recently published. It tells the story of an American family in the 1820s. He thanks his Frontier Literature teacher Frank Kavanaugh ‘46 and his social science teacher Bob Drucker ’58 for their instruction. The book’s cover was created by Dennis Dito ’75, who passed away in April after a courageous struggle with brain cancer. Tim is an attorney with Murphy, Pearson, Bradley & Feeney. He and his wife, Joyce, live in San Francisco and are the parents of John ’08.

77
Bartlett Sher, who directed plays at SI in the 1980s, was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical. His show, Light in the Piazza, received 11 nominations (tied for highest number of nominations) and took home six awards.

78
Al Dalupan is working for FNC Inc. and living in Folsom with his wife of 20 years, Theresa, and their children, Jon (16), Lauren (14) and Michael (12).

80
Rich Alden manages cash control systems for Performance POS in San Rafael.

81
Bob Merjano is the Development Director for the San Francisco Province of the Salesians of St. John Bosco. He has also been elected President of the San Francisco Lodge of the B.P.O. Elks.

82
Charles Ducharme’s daughter will join the fall class of 2009 at Jesuit High School in Portland, Oregon. Paul Fortier, a former University of Washington basketball player, was hired by his alma mater, joining Lorenzo Romar’s coaching staff as an assistant. Ed McFadden, after serving as a speechwriter for Attorneys General Ashcroft and Gonzales and President Bush, is now an executive with Verizon’s Public Policy and Communications office in Washington, DC. He is also working on an outside writing project that should be published some time before the 2008 presidential campaign begins. Bob Twomey is president of San Francisco’s United Irish Cultural Center.

84
Joe Vollert, who coached football at SI for a dozen years, was honored at a surprise party in the faculty dining room on May 20. Present varsity coach Steve Bluford ’84 was master of ceremonies and reminded all of Joe’s 39th birthday on May 12 and that he would soon move on to be SI’s director of development after the departure of Fr. Harry Carlin, SJ ’35, in June.

86
Eric Hansson lives in Washington State with his wife, Velina, and their three children. He currently is working in the pharmaceutical industry. Eric serves as deacon at a local Baptist Church and has committed his life to evangelizing the word of God as stated in John 3:3. Dennis Wong will be one of the godparents to the second child of classmate Gordon Wong ’86. Although Gordon often thinks his job as a project manager for IBM is as busy being the President of the United States, he’ll soon realize how easy he had it with just one kid.
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Jason Muscat married Lea Rose Policoff on May 20 in New York.

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David Lo married Renee Marie Estochen on April 30 at St. Theresa’s Church in South Lake Tahoe. In attendance were best man Eugene Luk ’89 and groomsmen Michael Murphy ’89 and Bryan Auyoung ’89. David is working as an independent information technology consultant and subcontractor for Knowsys.

Mazen Salfiti has started his own law practice, The Law Offices of Mazen G. Salfiti. His practice is a general one, including estate planning, probate, criminal, civil, and family law. Feel free to contact him at msalfitiesq@yahoo.com.

91
Jason Reardon and his wife, Andrea, live in San Ramon with their newborn, Sean (see births). He has worked for the CHP for nearly 10 years and is currently assigned as an investigator in the Golden Gate Division Investigative Services Unit.

Seth Tator will be attending SCU's Weekend MBA program starting this fall.

92
Ben Chan published an article in the UK equivalent of the Library Association and was profiled in the publication. He performs in a band that plays in central London venues such as the Victoria & Albert museum among others. Check it out at www.bigtwilightband.com.

Jason S. Park is the executive chef of Yamashiro Restaurant in Hollywood. You can reach him at chef@yamashirorestaurant.com.

93
Stephen Marshall recently celebrated his daughter Elissia's baptism. Her godfather is Chris Merrill ’93. He also just got his real estate license and is working at his father's company, Marshall Realty in San Bruno.

95
Justin Labagh married Layla Izadi on May 21 in Sonoma. Fr. Mario Prietto, SJ, officiated. The wedding party included Justin Labagh ’97, John Antonini ’96, Pat Cronin ’95, Adam D’Acquisto ’95 and Bob Bonnici. Lauren Labagh ’00 and Aimee Labagh ’05 were bridesmaids.

96
Wesley Chu met Ann Ming Yeh while attending Penn, got engaged in the Caribbean in 2002, and married in Belmont on May 21. Older brother Christopher Chu ’99 served as best man. Three years ago, he moved to New York when Ann began medical school, and he now works for a hedge fund.

Riquelen Manlucu has completed her Master's degree in social work at USC and is working at a mental health facility in Long Beach.

Laura Pellegrini is senior designer with Creative Intelligence Inc. in Los Angeles.

Kirsten (Filak) Williams is living near Brussels, Belgium, where her husband, Brennan, holds a position as commercial director for a logistics company. They met in Tallahassee in January 2002, were married in Portland, Oregon, on March 15, 2003, and moved to Belgium in May 2003. They are both studying Dutch, and Kirsten has begun a 4-year ceramics program at a local art institute. They have also expanded their family. (See birth announcements.)

97
Meredith Cecchin married Thomas Ed-
ward Galvin (SHC ‘98) on May 14, 2005 in Orradre Chapel. Amy Phelps ‘97, Mike Cecchin ‘00, and Sarah Curran (SI faculty) were in the wedding party. Meredith is on the faculty at SI and just finished directing Fiddler on the Roof, assisted both by Peter Devine ’66 and fiance Tom.

Ron Karpowicz is staff geologist with Murray Engineers Inc. in Palo Alto.

98 Jackie dela Merced has completed her second year at New York Medical College. This June she took the first half of her board exam. Her first clinical rotation at Danbury Hospital in Connecticut will last from July to December.

Michelle Melka recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa.

Forrest Wittenmeier is with Sweet & Baker, an independent agency representing more than 100 insurance carriers for real estate, schools, technology, finance, accountants, attorneys and resort hotels. Forrest specializes in insuring art galleries and hopes to insure museums in the future.

99 Norma Perez was married June 25 to William Haskell Potter. Jackie Diaz ’99 was among the bridesmaids. Also in attendance were her cousins Norma Perez ’96, Jessica Perez ’99 and Yvannia Perez ’03. Norma and William will make their home in San Francisco.

00 Azarius Castro is graduating from SFSU with a Bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. After graduation, he will be volunteering for a year with the Jesuit Volunteer Corp, working at St. Labre in Ashland, Montana, providing tutoring and after school services for disadvantaged Native American middle school and high school students.

Janet dela Merced graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in English and a minor in management from UC Irvine in March 2004. After taking a year off, she will attend Whittier Law School in Orange County starting in August. She was awarded the Whittier Scholarship and a fellowship for the Center for Children’s Rights.

Jonathan Kathrein, a UC Berkeley grad, is executive director of Children for Peace (USA), headquartered in Berkeley.

Dalia Ratnikas graduated May 18 from Columbia University with a Master’s degree in modern art and critical studies. She will continue to live in New York City.

01 Steve Blake graduated from Cornell University in May where he was the student speaker and president of the senior class. He returns to California to attend law school.

Joe McQuaid finished his fourth season as a varsity lightweight rower at the University of Pennsylvania and will attend Harvard Medical School.

Erik Murphy is completing his viticulture major at UC Davis. He played four years of lacrosse for the Aggies during which time he competed against former SI Lacrosse teammates Henri Revel ’01 (SCU), J.C. Avakian ’02 (BU) and John Flaherty ’03, Pete Langkammer ’01, Brain Bianchi ’00, and John Wiley ’01 (all of Sonoma State).

Christopher Lollini graduated from Naval Academy with the Most Distinguished Graduate Award May 26.

Jospeh O’Malley graduated from SCU with a Bachelor’s degree in Theater Arts on June 11. Joe will be working with California Shakespeare Theater (CalShakes) in Berkeley. Look for him in Nicholas Nickleby parts I & II this summer.

02 Ben Leong is currently finishing his third year in the honors program at UC Irvine as an economics major and pre-med minor. This summer he will be interning at the Office of Minority Health under the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, DC. He will post a weekly journal at www.today.uci.edu.

Rachel McQuaid completed her junior year at Princeton University majoring in sociology. This summer she is working in New York City for McCann-Erickson, Inc., advertising agency.

Peter Murray spent the year at the Gonzaga-in-Florence program. He will be a senior at Gonzaga in the fall of 2005.

03 Gina Conti and Amy Murphy are both students at UC Davis where they are teammates on the Aggie club lacrosse team. Both were recently named first team, all conference, by the Western Women’s Lacrosse League.

04 Jessica dela Merced just finished her freshman year at U.C. Irvine. She performed in the skit Return to Normalcy for a campus drama club. She was awarded a certificate from the Golden Key Society for academic excellence. During her senior year at SI, she acted in her first independent film, I Adora You, which has just been completed. The first preview of the film premiered at Canvas Café in San Francisco on June 17.

Births

64 Ian Macdonald and his wife, Therese Tuttle, a son, Edward Ian, born April 20, 2005.

76 Dean Levitt and his wife, Cathy, a daughter Olivia Briana, born March 23, 2005.

82 Bill Mangan and his wife, Meg, a daughter, Jayne Elizabeth, born Dec. 21, 2004. They live in Greenwich, Connecticut.

85 Dan Vollert and his wife, Michelle, a daughter, Georgia Ann, born March 19, 2005.

86 Gordon Wong and his wife, Marie, a son, Tyler Joseph, born March 15, 2005. Tyler joins big brother Ryan.

88 Simon Chiu and his wife, Christine, a son, James Peter Chiu, whom they adopted after traveling to China in June.
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Robert Halsing, Christ the King Recipient

Robert E. Halsing '31, who received the Christ the King Award in 1992, died March 31 peacefully at his home.

After graduating from SI, he attended USF and Hastings College of the Law. He practiced law in San Francisco for more than 60 years and served as the third president of SI's Alumni Association as well as president of the San Francisco Working Boys Club.

He served the St. Vincent de Paul Society in a variety of capacities, including Archdiocesan president, national vice president and delegate to Brazil, France and Australia.

He also acted as the dean of the past grand presidents of the Native Sons of the Golden West as a longtime member of South San Francisco Parlor #157. With this group, he was elected grand president of in 1955 and helped to organize its Charitable Trust the Cleft Palate Foundation. In his 66 years as a proud Native Son he worked diligently to promote the preservation of California history and landmarks.

He worked with St. Thomas More parish and school, the Salesian Boys and Girls Club, the Serra Club, Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services

At SI he was a member of the major gifts committee responsible for the Shirt Factory alumni.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Constance, and his son, Robert Halsing, Jr. '59. He is survived by his children Rick Halsing ’62 and Catherine Halsing Sarlatte and numerous grandchildren and relatives.

Stella Muscat, SI's Director of Special Events

Stella Agius Muscat, who served SI for 17 years as Director of Special Events, died March 25 from complications related to ovarian cancer. She was 57.

A native of Qormi, Malta, she came to the U.S. when she was seven and attended ICA and San Francisco State University where she became a licensed interior designer. She and her husband, Eugene, were avid travelers, and Stella was noted for her love of music, food, wine and gardening.

Her service to SI began before she started working for the school. As mother of Jason Muscat ’88 and Alex Muscat ’89, she served as president of the Ignatian Guild and chairwoman of the group’s fashion show along with the late Marilyn Christen. In that capacity, she expanded the event, adding a gala dinner show to supplement the luncheon.

Shortly after leaving the Ignatian Guild, she joined the Development Department at SI and staged lavish events each year, including the President's Cabinet Dinner and the auction. She assisted Fathers’ Club presidents once that group took charge of the auction, and she helped the Ignatian Guild with its fashion shows. Those who attended her parties were impressed at how she never repeated herself in staging events and always found ways to improve and be innovative. In all, she helped SI raise millions for its various programs, scholarships and building funds.

Her colleagues at SI found her to be a loving confidante as well as a wise, witty and spiritual woman, especially in how she dealt with her disease.

“SI Development would never be where it is today without Stella Muscat,” said Fr. Sauer. “She was heart and soul of this community.”

She is survived by her parents, Paul and Helene Agius; her husband, Eugene; her sister, Jessie Hannon; her sons Jason and Alex; her nieces Deneane Hannon and Christy Ventura; and many other relatives.

Tell Us What You Think

SI teacher Michael Shaughnessy ’67 is conducting a study during his sabbatical year and would like to know your opinions on the ways your SI education has influenced your relationship with God, your understanding of yourself as a spiritual/religious person and your religious practice. Please send your responses to these topics to mshaughnessy@siprep.org. Please indicate your years at SI and specific references to classes, retreats and service opportunities.
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SI staged Fiddler on the Roof for its spring musical, directed by Meredith Cecchin ‘97 with assistance from Peter Devine ‘66 and musical & choral direction from Janet & Nick Sablinsky ‘64. The play involved two separate casts for the leads and featured Darren Criss, Sean Irwin, Lourdes Long, Francesca Christopher, Jessica Rizzo, Maya Simpson, Kat Corkery, Allegra Hartman, Lizzie Fabie, Caroline Naugton, Nathan Rossi, Max Kaplan, Jeremiah Kelleher, Chris McCarty, Annie Lee, Mira Stern, Le-oul Samson, Lawrence Papale, Ryan Kirkpatrick and a host of others.