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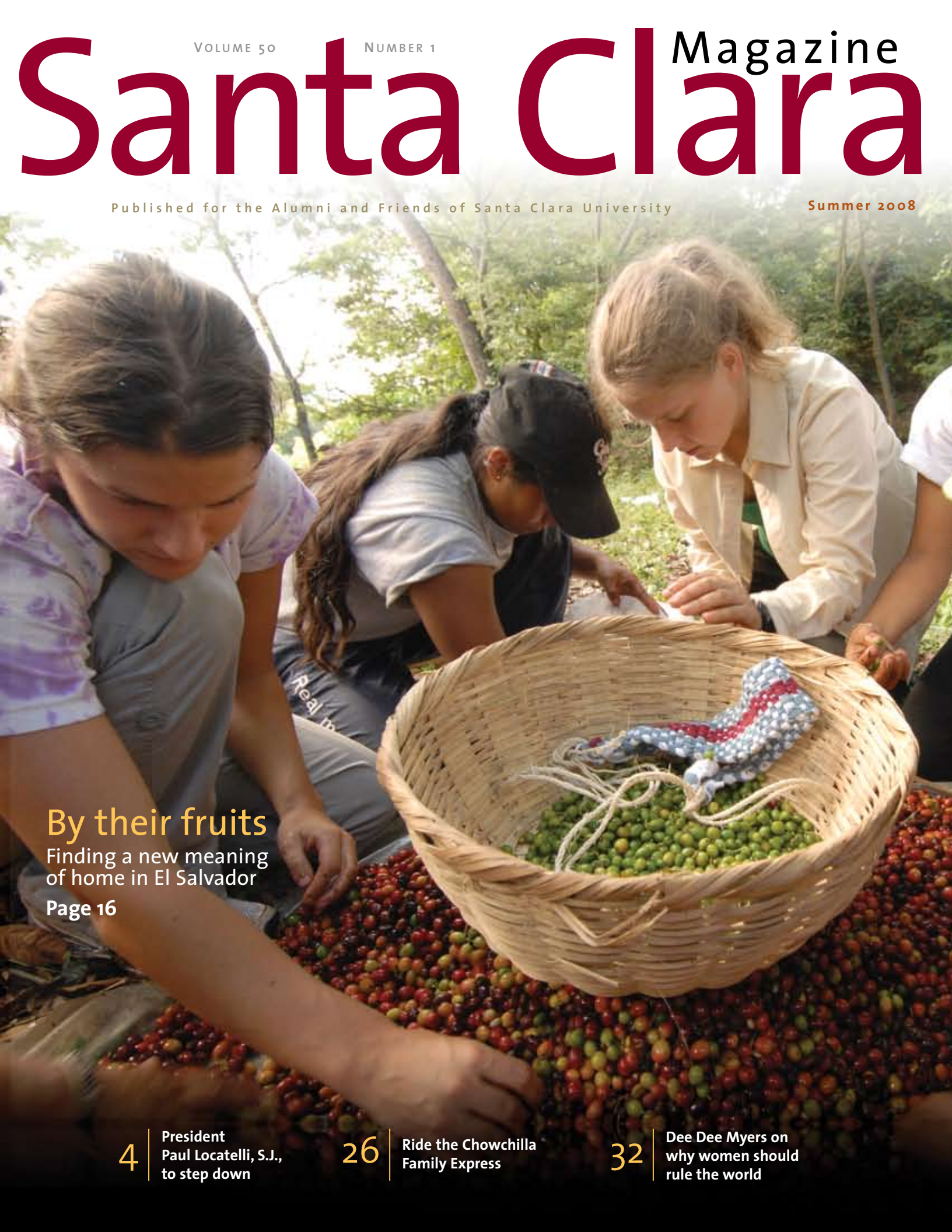
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Time well spent

When we're planning an issue of *Santa Clara Magazine*, we often set out to gather stories around

a common theme, to shape a whole that is, we hope, much larger than the sum of its parts. On their own, the stories illuminate the world in different ways; together they offer something more audacious and surprising—even to those of us assigning articles and photo shoots, or interviewing alumni and scholars and brilliant young students (who perhaps were not born when the Berlin Wall fell but don't blanch at the host of obstacles to overcome if they are to make the world a better place), or writing the words and taking the pictures and drawing the sketches, designing the cover and the layout of the features, pulling together campus news stories that are important and timely and funny too—yes, funny, because while this is a university magazine, and when it arrives spring, summer, fall, and winter in your mailbox, we hope it delights and educates, and that you feel the time you spend with it is indeed time well spent.

We don't want it to feel like homework. Not to disparage the value of homework—especially under the right circumstances (see Page 6 for Santa Clara students' take on the thrill of studying in a newly-christened place of light and wonder).

Instead, we want the magazine to offer up stories that say: *You've got to read this.* And the truth of the matter is, with the tens of thousands of women and men who have shaped this university and been shaped by it over the years, there are so many compelling stories—big and small, comprising grand gestures of sacrifice and small acts of kindness, showing creativity and stick-to-itiveness and grit, faith and works by folks with a sense of vision and humility and courage. And, in the case of this issue, solidarity.

After two decades of serving as president of Santa Clara, Paul Locatelli, S.J., was asked: What are you most proud of here at the University? When he gave his simple answer—shared with those gathered in the Mission Church for the State of the University address this spring—Locatelli's voice cracked with emotion. "This community," he said. "The people who are here."

Amen. People with stories to tell. If you've noticed more of those stories—and perhaps a greater sense of *variety* and *depth*, as one recent grad wrote to us—that's largely due to the fact that, with 48 pages, we have some more room for telling these stories. Which takes more planning and work with our sleeves rolled up and, naturally, a little more money. So in the center of this issue you'll find a donation envelope along with a gentle appeal for a financial contribution to the magazine. You'll also find a card to send in your class notes, plus one more request: Tell us how you've been spending your time well.

Keep the faith,



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"My mother is my lighthouse," says Jennifer Fletcher, left, as her mother, Diane Bates, visits her in prison.

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A capital idea

Seniors **Kyle Ozawa** and **Sam Baker** led a group of business students on a trip to El Salvador in March. Their goal: to learn firsthand what life is like in the village where they and a group of SCU students are investing \$1,000 in a micro-loan to give farmers a boost with their irrigation system. Left: Ozawa with Manuel, one of the boys of the village Santa Maria de la Esperanza. Read their story at www.santaclaramagazine.com.



Carry the torch

When **Jill Mason '99** set out to carry the Olympic torch in San Francisco this spring, she did it to prove that one devastating experience—being hit by a drunk driver in an accident that put her in a wheelchair and killed her boyfriend—would not change her attitude toward life. Visit our **Web site** to read her account of what it was like to be at the center of the Olympic storm.



About the cover

Coffee picking in El Salvador: Ashton Easterday, right, a senior chemistry major at SCU, and University of San Diego student Stacey Brake, left, join Roxanna Perdomo, center, along with other residents of the village Las Delicias in sorting coffee beans so the ripe ones can be weighed. Photo by Charles Barry.

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letters

Shine on

Congratulations to the solar house project team! I am glad to see that engineering is still a fun and challenging experience at SCU. Now I see the solar furnace Art Williams and I designed and built as our senior thesis in 1958 as rather primitive compared to the solar house. But I also see a recurrence of interest in alternative energy projects. This group of engineers will build the future.

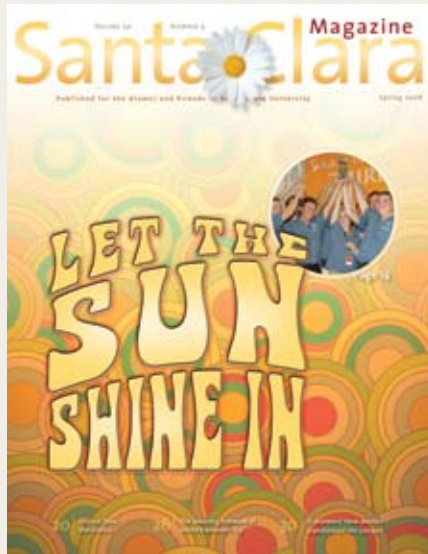
MICHAEL J. COSGROVE '58
Brookings, Ore.

As a follow-up to the article about the success of SCU at the Solar Decathlon (in the Spring issue), I would like to invite interested students and faculty to a tour of our home in Nevada. We have participated in the ASES National Solar Tour for the past two years and would be pleased to conduct a special tour for SCU visitors. Over the last 11 years or so we have used the systems, we have learned a lot.

We have a 3 kW wind generator, 96 PV modules (both on fixed and tracker mounts), 14 flat-plate solar collectors, and 180 evacuated tubes, along with a geothermal heat pump and a wood-burning furnace. I also have extensive metering to measure and report performance. Some years ago, I published articles in *Home Power* magazine about our systems.

To Our Readers:

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Near our home is Deep Springs College, which has 100 kW of hydro and 184 kW of PV (I helped with the PV) for renewable energy—and is a good example of how a (very small) college can implement renewable energy.

Please let us know if you are considering a visit, since even a trip to the grocery store takes at least one day.

DAVID SWEETMAN MBA '85
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Basking in the early spring sunshine, I enjoyed browsing through the Solar Decathlon and Jorma Kaukonen articles—the former because it shows what perseverance, innovation, and

teamwork can accomplish despite numerous challenges. And the latter because it proves how a Jesuit education can aid in finding vocation, directly or indirectly, no matter what one's calling turns out to be.

Though I am no guitar guru, it is fascinating to know that Jerry and I have more than a first name and an alma mater in common: We both attended Ateneo de Manila in the Philippines as well. Go Blue Eagles and Broncos!

Keep up the great work.

JERRY AQUINO '84
Human Resources, SCU

Jorma's journey

I had no idea that Jorma attended Santa Clara, but I am not surprised that he mentions learning the sensibilities about humanity from his Santa Clara Jesuit experience. I am very proud that such a rock legend walked the halls of SCU and that his love for music was somehow passed on to us.

When I was a freshman at Santa Clara in 1969, psychedelic rock was still in full swing. Trying to stay focused as a student athlete was sometimes challenging. We formed an oldies rock band à la Sha Na Na, called Jacque Strap and The Dixie Cups—with yours truly on drums. Some of the Santa Clara alumni in the band were Pam Vicas, Dave Zorn, Tom Cain, Charles Hess, Dave Anderson, Joe Morelli, Tom Lunceford, Mark Morais, and Alan Hale.

This band played the old Siefert Gymnasium for a spring sock hop, which happened to be where I practiced daily as a three-year



letterman on the varsity basketball team. More recently, in winter 2007, my new rock and roll revival band, The Sparkletones, played the Watzit Club reunion at the Santa Clara American Legion Hall.

JOHN STEGE '74

Aptos

The article on "Jorma's Journey" was most interesting. I spent many a night listening to the Jefferson Airplane at Fillmore West or Winterland back in the '60s!

PAUL FLINT M.A. '80

Auburn

Whose pool?

Accompanying the Spring [SCM article] on the new Sullivan Aquatics Center is an image that shows only males using the new facility, which I hope is not SCU's intention. Perhaps another image can be found that reflects the fact that others may want to swim?

DANA FREIBERGER, M.S. '94

Madison, Wis.

Point taken. Indeed, the artist's rendering shows a men's water polo team at work. But as Bronco sports fans know, the SCU women's water polo team is also a force to be reckoned with. See Page 13.
—Ed.

Jesuits making a difference

That was a beautiful article Kathy Kale wrote in the Spring SCM about notable Jesuits at Santa Clara. Thank you for sharing those thoughts and perspectives. It is so true that the influence of every Jesuit priest on

campus shapes students' lives in an unforgettable way. That is the main reason Santa Clara is such a special community. It is important to remember that when thinking about the "Bronco Experience."

PATTI BANNAN PASCALE '90

San Gabriel

The smiling picture of Edward Warren, S.J., on Page 45 [of the Spring issue] brought back deep feelings of appreciation for Fr. Warren's support and counsel. In the late '60s he gave me an opportunity to teach in an evening program he directed. Later, when I sought advice about pursuing a teaching career, he counseled me toward a Ph.D. program because my dream was teaching in a university. At first the academic hurdle seemed too great, but after considerable deliberation, I enrolled in the Ph.D. program in the Leavey School of Business. Father Warren was key to my being able to pursue this dream. He has a special place in my heart and I am forever grateful.

NEIL JACOBS MBA '63, PH.D. '78

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Jack Davis

I was saddened to hear of the death of Jack Davis '62. Like most of us in theatre studies in the late '50s, Jack put in eight hours a day either backstage at the Ship or flopped on one of the filthy, tattered couches that littered the speech department's World Headquarters. And Jack was the epitome of a certain kind of Santa Claran that I rarely see in *Santa Clara Magazine*. He was a big, lovely guy with a deep voice and a beautiful beard who was most comfortable in costume.

Especially memorable to me [was when we performed] *Macbeth*. Jack played Macduff, and he had the welcome job of cutting my head off every night. Jack could do that with gusto. He was the best Macduff I've ever seen, more than likely because Shakespeare requires a great heart from whoever plays Macduff, and he was the man for that job.

FRED BARSON '61

San Francisco

Corrections File under missing e's: In the Mission Matters article on the 2007 Tech Awards in the Spring SCM, we misspelled the name of the McEnery Convention Center—named, of course, after former San Jose mayor and SCU alumnus Tom McEnery '67, M.A. '70. And a numerical error may cause some confusion among librarians: The Spring cover misstated the volume. For those keeping score, the Spring issue was Vol. 49, No. 4. The issue you hold in your hands is Vol. 50, No. 1.

mission matters

CHARLES BARRY



End of an era: President Paul Locatelli, S.J., to step down

He will take on expanded role as Jesuit secretary of higher education

On March 14, Paul Locatelli, S.J., announced that he will be stepping down as president of Santa Clara University. He will be taking on additional responsibilities with the Society of Jesus, in Rome, under the leadership of newly elected Jesuit Superior General Adolfo Nicolás, S.J.

Tasked with promoting cooperation among Jesuit higher education institutions and research centers around the globe, Locatelli will also oversee the Intellectual Apostolate of the order—in other words, the intellectual work of Jesuits worldwide. His expanded role will require him to spend more time in Rome and traveling internationally. The University's Board of

Trustees has begun a search for his replacement.

Locatelli has been serving in a part-time capacity as Secretary for Jesuit Higher Education since December 2006. He will stay on as president at Santa Clara until a successor is named during the 2008-09 academic year.

A transformative era

Locatelli, 69, became president of Santa Clara University in 1988 and is the longest-serving president in University history. His departure from the presidency follows a tremendously prosperous 20-year tenure during which the University evolved into one of the preeminent Jesuit, Catholic universities in the country.

"This is truly the end of an era—and one that we recognize as extraordinarily successful," said Mike Markkula, chair of the Board of Trustees.

Locatelli connected the University with society at large to an unprec-


Tapped for a more global role: Locatelli breaks the news.

edented degree in terms of a global outlook, collaborating with the entrepreneurs and businesses that have so profoundly shaped Silicon Valley, and meeting a broader social obligation in the Bay Area and internationally. During his four terms as president, Locatelli worked tirelessly in collaboration with the University's alumni, parents, friends, staff, and faculty with extraordinary results: SCU's endowment grew tenfold, from \$77 million in 1988 to approximately \$700 million last summer. Facility expansion resulted in the construction of new residence halls; the learning commons, technology center, and library (see Page 6); the arts and sciences building; the music and dance building; the business school; the baseball stadium; and the athletic center.

To bolster scholarship and research, Locatelli oversaw the founding of a score of endowed chairs. Above all, he tried to foster the growth of an increasingly diverse student body and faculty; it was, he said, paramount to fulfilling the central mission of the University: the education of students.

A leading voice

John P. McGarry, S.J., Provincial of the California Province of the Society of Jesus, said it was the leadership Locatelli had shown at Santa Clara that led the Superior General to appoint Locatelli as Secretary for Higher Education.

Charles Currie, S.J., president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, underscored that Locatelli has emerged as a leading voice in higher education, and that he had "led Santa Clara University to become an excellent holistic example of a Jesuit university: strong academics, a commitment to justice, pedagogy of engagement, and solidarity." —*DA* 

On the Web **EXCLUSIVES**

Read Locatelli's letter to the Santa Clara community, see photos, and more. Visit www.santaclaramagazine.com.

Present as prologue

In his annual State of the University address, President Locatelli looks at where SCU is today—and how we got here

April 8 may have marked the last State of the University address that President Paul Locatelli, S.J., will deliver, but he devoted much of his speech to what is yet to come. “We, as a campus community, are at the beginning of a new *aggiornamento*,” he said, “literally, ‘bringing up to date’—of Jesuit education at Santa Clara.”

Over the next year or so, the University will be engaged in a strategic planning process, developing initiatives that enhance academic excellence: a pedagogy of engagement; partnering with the Silicon Valley; and increasing global education opportunities to better prepare students for the 21st century.

A new school of theology and a partnership with NASA

With the Harrington Learning Commons, Sobrato Technology Center, and Orradre Library open for just over a week, Locatelli shared the news that the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley has jointly signed a letter of intent to become a school of Santa Clara. “There is no other comparable theological center of learning and research in the western United States,” Locatelli said. “This acquisition will rank Santa Clara among the best centers of Catholic theology in the United States, along with Notre Dame and Boston College.”

Locatelli also shared that Santa Clara has been invited to be part of a research and education consortium at NASA Ames Research Center, along with UC Santa Cruz, Carnegie Mellon

University, and Foothill and DeAnza colleges. Santa Clara students and scholars have already been involved with a number of projects at NASA Ames, including the launch and control of satellites.

How we got here


When Locatelli took the helm as president, the Alameda still ran through campus. The two decades since, he noted, saw tremendous accomplishments in new majors and programs added; creation of dozens of endowed faculty chairs; a tripling in the number of students applying for admission; remarkable academic improvement; and expansion of facilities that have transformed the campus—from the Music and Dance Facility and the Arts and Sciences building to the Commons on Kennedy Mall and Schott Stadium, with a new building for the Leavey School of Business slated to open in the fall.

Locatelli also shared some reflections on his time in Rome this spring at

On the Web EXCLUSIVES
Read the speech in its entirety online. Visit this article at www.santaclaramagazine.com.

the Jesuit general congregation, where he said it became clear that the time required for his work as Secretary of Jesuit Higher Education would need to increase tremendously under the new Superior General Adolfo Nicolás, S.J.

Some days before his speech, Locatelli was interviewed by *The Santa Clara*, the student newspaper. He said he was asked if he had any regrets. “Could I have done some things better?” he said. “I would be a fool to think I did everything perfectly right, but I have no regrets.” He concluded the State of the University by sharing another question from the student reporters: What was he most proud of in his tenure? Was there a building or an accolade he could cite? The endowment? “This community,” he said, “the people who are here.” His voice choked with emotion. “That’s what’s important.”

And Locatelli left the stage to a standing ovation. —SS 



CHARLES BARRY



See it shine:

Mission Santa Clara de Asís has been showing off its architectural details of late, thanks to some touch-up work on the front façade.

Less visible: some repairs near the roofline, to keep the building watertight. Watch for a full repainting of the Mission this summer.

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CHARLES BARRY

Amazing! Incredible! New Harrington Learning Commons, Sobrato Technology Center, and Orradre Library

March 31 and open for business

Hundreds gathered for the occasion on March 14: the christening of a landmark structure whose copper roofs beckoned a future that was arriving now. It was no secret that this place—the Harrington Learning Commons, Sobrato Technology Center, and Orradre Library—was built to be the intellectual hub of the Mission campus.

From its architecture to its furnishings, from the rare books and archives to snazzy wall-sized LCD screens, the new facility blends the traditional with the futuristic, allowing for conventional, solitary scholarly experiences while encouraging collaborative learning.

What was a secret, though, was the name—which was literally kept under wraps until the dedication ceremony itself.

The 194,000-square-foot secret Construction on the \$95-million facility began in summer 2006, near

the end of a five-year fundraising campaign, “The Campaign for Santa Clara,” which brought in \$400 million for endowed fellowships, scholarships, and capital projects. The building was made possible thanks to dozens of donors, including Silicon Valley real estate developer John A. Sobrato ’60 and his family, who donated \$20 million toward the technology center.

Philanthropist Lorry I. Lokey, founder of Business Wire Inc. and a member of the SCU Board of Trustees, donated \$25 million toward the Learning Commons. It was his longtime and dear friend Joanne Harrington, a member of SCU’s Board of Fellows, who introduced him to Santa Clara some years back. He had a special surprise in store for Harrington in March: Her name was one of those on the new building.

In use: Students put to work the new study rooms—whose high tech features include an online reservation system and cutting edge audio-video equipment

The emotions of the moment had Lokey choking back tears. The folks in attendance were thrilled; they clapped, they cheered. Not only was this the coolest building on campus, it had a love story behind it.

“I can’t wait to study here!”

The new building opened its doors to the public on March 31. President Paul Locatelli, S.J., and Provost Lucia

CHARLES BARRY




Gilbert were joined by Congressman Mike Honda (D-Santa Clara) for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Honda helped secure roughly \$1.5 million in federal funding for the project.

Once the doors were open, students were abuzz with enthusiasm. They thrilled at the technology on display—dozens of Dell PCs and Macs, the hottest machines on campus. They roamed the corridors giddy at the prospect that the collaborative rooms with LCD screens were now theirs to use for developing presentations and class projects. They stood on the outdoor terraces and in the stately St. Clare Room—but then they kept moving. So much to see!

In the study rooms, they scrawled enthusiastic cheers on the floor-to-ceiling white boards (*Amazing! Incredible! Woo-hoo!*) and they said, “I can’t wait to study here!” They said, “I’m coming here every day, even when I don’t have homework!”

Locatelli observed that this “extraordinary building at the frontier...is a tribute to the tradition of Jesuit education and a world-class resource.”

Plus, you can take food inside. And, since fostering collaboration is part of the plan, you can even talk without being told to hush. —*DA, KCS, and SBS* 

By the numbers

- 1** café
- 3** open terraces on the third floor
- 34** group study rooms
- 90** percent of the interior illuminated at least in part by natural light
- 1,050** reader seats
- 194,000** square feet of space
- 250,000** books in open stacks with capacity for 1.1 million volumes

High marks for business and law

Santa Clara earns high marks in graduate programs in business and law in *U.S. News & World Report* magazine’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2009” rankings, released in April.

Getting down to business

The part-time MBA program at SCU’s Leavey School of Business is ranked No. 13 among part-time MBA programs in the country, according to the magazine. The program has steadily moved up the rankings over the past three years, from No. 15 in 2006; the program has been listed in the top 20 every year since part-time rankings began in 1995.

The Evening MBA program was begun in 1959 and the graduate business program expanded in 1999 to include the Executive MBA program—which was ranked No. 19 in the nation this year. The school also now offers an M.S. in Information Systems, and last fall launched a Weekend Accelerated MBA program.

Big leap for law


Santa Clara University School of Law was once again named one of the top 100 law schools in the country, jumping to No. 77 nationally. The annual graduate school ranking also recognized the law school as having one of the most diverse student populations nationally.

The intellectual property law program was given particularly high marks from *U.S. News*: No. 4 in the country.



Benchmarks and deliverables: MBA students at work

Eric Goldman, assistant professor and academic director of SCU’s High Tech Law Institute, noted that “our strong faculty, staff and student communities, our deep curricular offerings, and our location in the heart of the Silicon Valley combine to make Santa Clara law school a very special place to study IP and high tech law.” Other California law schools recognized for their strong IP programs are UC Berkeley and Stanford University.

In addition to its juris doctor program, the Santa Clara School of Law offers specialty certificates in high tech law, international law, and public interest law, as well as master’s degrees in intellectual property and international law. The University also offers a joint J.D./MBA degree. —*DP and KCS* 

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Flexibility and balance

Helping scholars balance work and family life is good not only for the professoriate but for the University too: It helps attract and keep top talent. Which is why SCU is pleased to be one of six universities named as a recipient of the 2007 Alfred P. Sloan Awards for Faculty Career Flexibility. The award brings \$200,000 to expand and enhance flexible career paths for faculty.

The competition was open to more than 300 master's universities, with nearly 60 schools vying for the awards. The winners were announced in January. At SCU, the grant will support training and workshops for faculty and administrators, and it will be used to develop a series of courses educating undergraduates about work-family convergence in a changing society.

After all, noted Don Dodson, senior vice provost at SCU, "Research shows that discussion on work-life issues is effective when it starts early." —*DA* 




DAVID PACE

Cover shot: Mande Mahamadi

Back to Bereba

When photographer David Pace traveled back to Burkina Faso this January, he took with him a copy of the Winter 2007 *Santa Clara Magazine* to give a copy to one man in particular: Mande Mahamadi, above, who appeared on the cover. "Having a copy of the magazine," Pace reports, "was a great way to show the villagers in Bereba what I was doing there, and it made them all willing and eager to be photographed." See Pace's photo essay online in the *SCM* archives.

—*SBS* 

Berry good business plan

It was a Thursday night in November in Los Angeles. Four SCU undergrad business students were there because they had a job to do: develop a business plan for Dole Foods on how to harvest, process, market, and distribute açai

berries in juice blends. (For those not tuned in to the buzz on berries: Açai—pronounced *ab-SIGH-ee*—are lauded as an Amazonian superfruit, packing twice the antioxidant wallop of blueberries; look for them in a smoothie near you.) And by the way, the presentation was due Saturday morning.


It was all in the spirit of competition—in this case, the second annual International Business University Competition, sponsored by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and hosted at Loyola Marymount University. Seniors John Burke, Patrick Flanagan, Scott Kirk, and junior Rob Harding represented SCU, with Professor of Management John Toppel serving as faculty mentor. They faced off against a field of five other universities, including teams from the

The planners: From left, Scott Kirk, Rob Harding, Professor John Toppel, John Burke, and Patrick Flanagan.



COURTESY JOHN TOPPEL


University of Southern California, Villanova, and the University of South Carolina. Top execs from FedEx, Toyota, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and others were on hand to answer questions.

After 48 sleepless hours of prep, the SCU team presented their plan, which reached from rain forest to supermarket shelf. They came away with second place, \$3,000 in prize money, and a new appreciation for how to apply what they've learned in class. Plus, no doubt, a new affection for those purple berries.—*DP and SBS* 



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Certified environmental heroes

It's official: Santa Clara's 2007 Solar Decathlon Team has been honored as Environmental Heroes by the regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA office bestowed its Environmental Achievement Award upon the team at the 10th annual awards ceremony in San Francisco on April 9. The award recognizes those throughout several western states working to protect and preserve the environment. This year 130 organizations or individuals were nominated for the award and 29 recipients were selected. —*HW* 

Now *that's* Italian!


The American Catholic Historical Association has honored historian Gerald McKeivitt, S.J., with its annual Howard R. Marraro Prize in Italian History. McKeivitt, the Ignacio

CHARLES BARRY



Ellacuría University Professor of History at SCU, earned the award for his book *Brokers of Culture: Italian Jesuits in the American West, 1848-1919*. The

prize recognizes the leading book of the year on Italian history. "Combining religious history and immigration history," the judges noted, "the book shows how the missionaries' Italian cultural background helped shape their efforts at conversion and, more generally, their interactions with others in a rapidly changing multicultural environment."

Read an article by McKeivitt drawing on his research for the book in the Fall 2007 *SCM*. —*SBS* 



ANDY LEVIN

A righteous struggle


Living to tell the tale: Bryan Stevenson, right, with client Jesse Morrison, for whom he won a reduced sentence after 19 years on death row.

SCU presents the inaugural Alexander Prize to human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson has argued death penalty cases before the Supreme Court and helped exonerate men wrongly convicted of murder. In return, he's received both death threats by telephone and a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant for his work with the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Ala. And this March he received the inaugural Katharine and George Alexander Law Prize, presented by the SCU School of Law, honoring a member of the legal community fighting to correct injustice and to promote human and civil rights.

At an award ceremony hosted in San Jose on March 8, Stevenson was

honored for his courage, self-sacrifice, and tireless work on behalf of indigent defendants, death-row inmates, and juveniles who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system. He and colleagues at EJI have successfully helped overturn or reduce death sentences in more than 60 cases.

With degrees from Harvard Law School and the Kennedy School of Government, Stevenson found his calling as a lawyer while serving an internship with the organization now known as the Southern Center for Human Rights, in Atlanta. Explaining why he has taken on such an arduous and financially unrewarding career, Stevenson told the Christian magazine *PRISM*, "For me, faith had to be connected to works." —*JS and SBS* 

On the Web EXCLUSIVES



Read more about the Alexander Prize, Bryan Stevenson, and the Equal Justice Initiative. Visit this article online at www.santaclaramagazine.com.

Speed racers

In 1986 he became the first American to win the Tour de France. Then, after a devastating hunting accident in 1987, Greg LeMond recovered to win the Tour title again in both 1989 and 1990. He has been honored as the best cyclist in the world. He has also been an outspoken critic of doping in sports.

On Feb. 17, in a program co-sponsored by the Commonwealth Club/Silicon Valley, he came to Santa Clara for a conversation with Gwen Knapp, a sports columnist at the *San Francisco Chronicle*, about how cycling might restore its integrity after the host of doping scandals in the last year. Below are edited excerpts.

LeMond makes his case

Greg LeMond: Most humans are born with the moral sense of what is right and what is wrong. But many will justify cheating by stating, “Everyone is doing it; why shouldn’t I?”

Well, not everyone is cheating. And those who compete by the rules are the ones being cheated. The price that an honest rider pays is not being rewarded for their full potential; riders who are *not* taking drugs also pay a price with their health.

There’s a lot of discussion about the health dangers of drugs in sport. But doing a three-week Tour de France against people that are juiced up—statistics show a power increase of about 30 to 40 percent, which is impossible to keep up with, even for the most talented athletes in the world.

If you choose to compete in a sport, there is a set of defined rules under which you’re agreeing to compete. By bending the rules, you undermine the integrity of the sport, your own integrity, and the integrity of those who might not have wanted to take drugs but do so because they want to keep up.

There are always new drugs, there are always new experiments. And in cycling for the last 15 years, there’s been a lot of pushing the limits. Over 100 amateur and professional athletes have died.

This isn’t about one rider, this isn’t about individuals; most of these people racing started off like me, at 14 years old, with a passion for cycling, with a dream of going to the Tour de France. The sickness is at the highest level. You’re persuaded that you can’t do without drugs, and you’re convinced that it’s healthier, actually, to take drugs.

My hope is that the disasters in cycling are going to lead to a cleaner sport. But I still believe more drastic changes need to be taken. I still don’t think they get it.

Gwen Knapp: *Under medical supervision, do you think performance-enhancing drugs would be beneficial in elite sports, given the assumption that most elite athletes do take performance-enhancing drugs?*

LeMond: The rules are in place that you can’t take testosterone, even a small amount; you can’t take a blood supplement—you’re cheating. Does that change five years down the road? I hope it doesn’t. If everybody’s starting the Tour de France clean, everybody’s going to finish the race.

Knapp: *Is there any way that medical supervision could be backed up by testing if you set limits?*

LeMond: You’ll probably never get rid of 100 percent, but there are ways to get rid of 98 percent of it. But it requires outside-the-box thinking.

First you have to separate the drug testing from the federations, the events, and the riders,

CHARLES BARRY



Jersey boy: LeMond shows off some Bronco biking team formalwear presented by SCU student and cycling club president Robert Lorenzen, center, and advisor James Reites, S.J.

Cycling legend Greg LeMond comes to SCU to weigh in on the ethics of doping in sports—and whether cycling can recover from the scandals now dogging it.



COURTESY GREG LEMOND

who all have a conflict of interest. Corruption is well-known in sports—from the International Olympic Committee accepting bribes from cities to the U.S. Olympic Committee hiding positives for American athletes.

There's rumors of corruption of the International Cycling Union (UCI), the governing body. They take control of the vials that you urinate into and deliver them to the lab. Everybody's blaming the lab as corrupt. If there is corruption at the UCI, the manipulation is between the change in custody from the urine to the lab.

In the future there has to be an independent organization, like the World Anti-Doping Agency, that has no interest in the sport—zero interest. They don't care if it's the top guy that goes down or the bottom guy. They don't care if the Tour de France loses sponsors, they don't care if a team goes out of business. Right now, the riders don't trust the system.


I do believe that there should be a criminal aspect of doping. When I hear, "Let's legalize it"—what does that mean? If you legalize it for professional athletes, why shouldn't a high school

kid just be able to go down to the local drugstore and get a year's supply of growth hormone?

Knapp: *What can the public do about doping?*

LeMond: Cycling is one of the most beautiful sports in the world. The beauty of it is the human drama of it. It goes back 100 years. People admire and are awed by the competitiveness, the struggle. But when it's all artificial, and you don't know... I don't see a whole lot of struggling in the last couple years.

I'd get done with the mountain stage and take 25 minutes to say, "Give me some time to recover." And I'm watching riders get off their bike, and 15 seconds later, it's like they just went out for a Sunday ride.

I don't want people to stop watching cycling and loving cycling. But people should open their eyes. 

Man in blue: LeMond in '89, as he wins the World Road Cycling Championship. On the left is Sean Kelly of Ireland, on the right Dmitri Konichev of the U.S.S.R. A few weeks earlier, LeMond also won the Tour de France.

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Listen to the conversation in its entirety. Visit this article online at www.santaclaramagazine.com.

Bronco Sports

Streaks, milestones, but then the buzzer sounds

Hoops wrap-up

The Santa Clara basketball programs finished their 2007-08 seasons during the first week of March at the 2008 West Coast Conference Tournament in San Diego. Both teams advanced to the semifinals.

Strong start for women

The women's basketball team opened the season with an 11-4 start—the program's best start since the 2001-02 season. Thanksgiving took the Broncos north to the Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout, where they earned a second-place finish, with senior Tracey Walker receiving Player of the Game honors in SCU's victory over Bradley University; seniors Chandice Cronk and Jen Gottschalk were named to the all-tournament team.

Santa Clara then blazed a seven-game win streak and went undefeated in December, with wins over University of the Pacific and San Jose State, and

a 50-point rout of Cal State Fullerton. The Broncos spent the majority of the conference season ranked second overall and eventually earned the No. 2 seed to the WCC Tournament. There, Santa Clara fell to host University of San Diego after advancing to the semifinals.

As for Bronco players' accolades: Cronk and Gottschalk were named All-WCC and both earned conference Player of the Week honors during the season, and Gottschalk received all-tournament team honors at the WCC Championships. Over the course of the season, Cronk and Walker also joined the program's 1,000-point club.

Junior Elizabeth Doran took all-conference academic team honors as well as her first *ESPN The Magazine* All-Academic District VIII First team award. A native of Corvallis, Ore., Doran carries a 3.95 cumulative grade-point average as she works towards a bioengineering degree.

Milestones for the men

Under the direction of first-year head coach Kerry Keating, the Broncos finished the year with a 15-16 overall record—a statistic that belies how tight some of the defeats were, coming down to final moments on the court. With the team recovering from the loss of six seniors from last season, John Bryant and Brody Angley led the way in scoring and rebounding, and both received All-WCC honors.

The Broncos began the season on the road and compiled a 5-1 record for the month of November. Going into conference play, Santa Clara owned an 8-7 record, including season series sweeps over Loyola Marymount and USF. Another season highlight was a victory over Pepperdine on Jan. 21 in which Santa Clara scored 101 points—the first time in 14 years the Broncos reached the century mark.

Two student-athletes on the men's program also reached and surpassed their career 1,000 points this season. Senior Angley and junior Bryant both reached the 1,000-point milestone—the 26th and 27th players in school history to accomplish the feat.

One game in November had special significance for the team, and for Angley in particular: a match against Simpson University up in Redding, Angley's home town. For the last several years, Angley's father, Jamie, had been a fixture at Bronco games. But in May 2007 Jamie Angley died of cancer. He was 52. The game in Redding was, as the *San Jose Mercury News* dubbed it, the Brody Angley Homecoming Game.

Capping off his stint as a Bronco, senior Mitch Henke earned his second *ESPN The Magazine* All-Academic District VIII First Team award. A three-year letter-winner for the Broncos and a three-year starter, he has earned a 3.76 cumulative grade point average as a finance major. Last year, he earned Academic All-District VIII honors and was a Division I-AAA Scholar-Athlete Honorable Mention. —SP

Jen Gottschalk drives the lane



DAVID GONZALES

Undefeated at the Slugfest

The Santa Clara women's water polo team got off to a knockout start. Junior Amy Lamb was named the WWPA Player of the Week on March 5. Lamb helped lead the Broncos to a 4-0 record at Slugfest, at UC Santa Cruz, scoring 10 goals along the way and recording seven assists, two steals, and a kickout drawn. Senior goalkeeper Randahl Capurro was among the nation's best all season, consistently ranking in the top three in blocks and goals-against average. —SP

The All-Academic octet

Eight Santa Clara student-athletes earned spots on the West Coast Conference Fall All-Academic team for stellar performance on the field and in the classroom.

Men's soccer led the way with seniors Matt Hatzke, Peter Lowry, and Matt Marquess. An accounting major, Hatzke was also named an *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-American. Pro soccer fans can look forward to seeing him on the turf too: He was drafted in



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Slugfest: Junior Amy Lamb leads the Broncos to a 4-0 tournament at UC Santa Cruz, scoring 10 goals along the way and earning a WWPA Player of the Week. Senior goalkeeper Randahl Capurro also earned top accolades, ranking among the nation's best all season.

the fourth round by the Los Angeles Galaxy in the 2008 MLS SuperDraft.

WCC Player of the Year Lowry studied finance and led Santa Clara with eight goals and seven assists. In addition to many accolades, includ-

ing making the NSCAA All-Far West Region First Team, Lowry was nabbed by the Chicago Fire in the second round of the MLS SuperDraft.

Marquess, a finance major, made the WCC All-Academic Team two years running. He appeared in 67 straight games for the Broncos, and the defender even notched his first career goal this year. An All-WCC Honorable Mention player, he was picked by the Kansas City Wizards in the third round of the SuperDraft.

Other team members were sophomore Kiki Bosio from women's soccer, who led the way in GPA with a sparkling 3.86; senior Michael Delaurenti and sophomore Alex Harkins from men's cross country; sophomore Annie Murphy-Hagan from women's cross country; and sophomore Lauryn Dowd of women's volleyball. —SP

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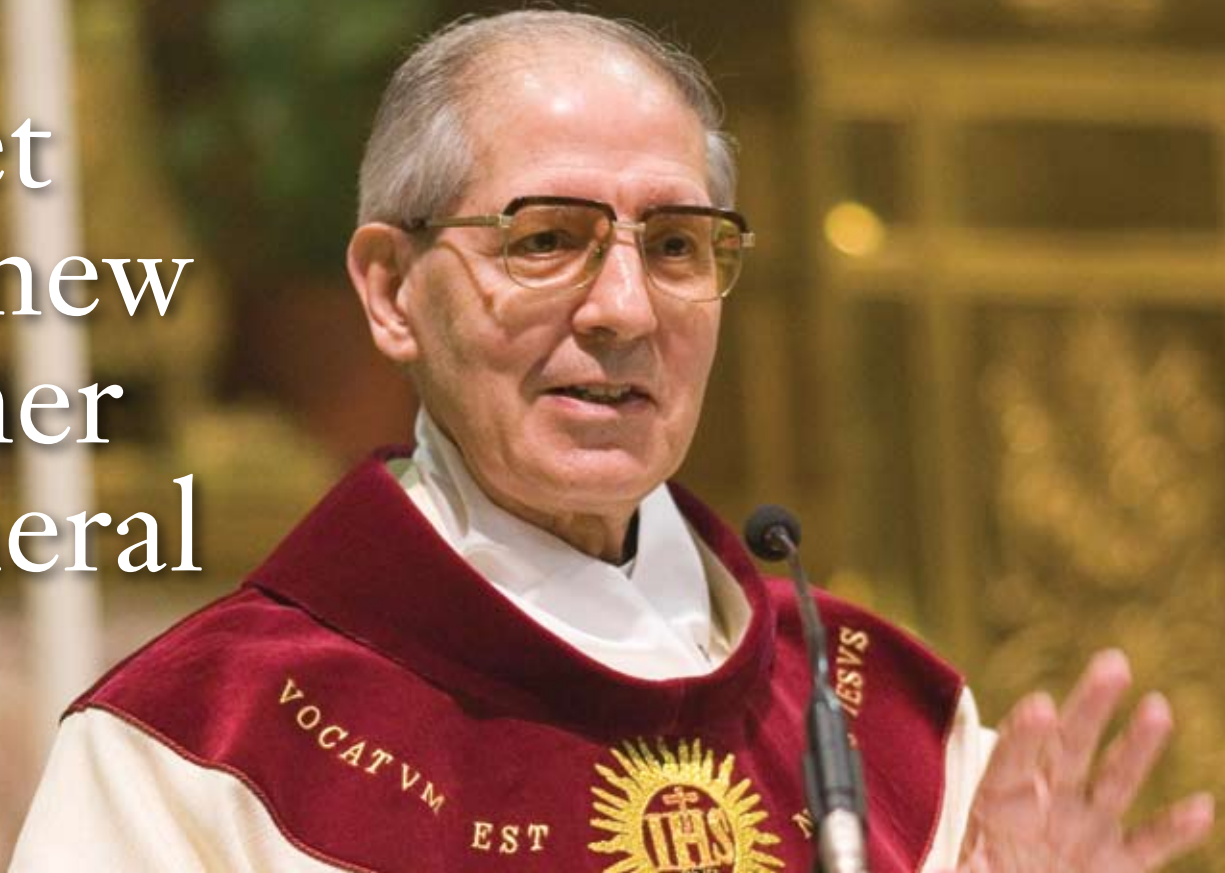
Kiki Bosio



DON JEDLOVEC

Michael Delaurenti

Meet the new Father General



COURTESY SOCIETY OF JESUS

Presiding at Mass:
Adolfo Nicolás, S.J.,
at the close of
the General
Congregation

Jesuit Superior General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., made history when, in January, he became the first leader of the Jesuits to resign. To fill his shoes, the Jesuits elected Adolfo Nicolás, S.J. Santa Clara President Paul Locatelli, S.J., was at the General Congregation in Rome for the once-in-a-lifetime moment.

By Steven Boyd Saum


In January, Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., stood before the assembled reporters for his first press conference and acknowledged their mad scramble for answers: Who is this man they call Fr. Nico, just elected to serve as the 30th Superior General, leader of the world's 20,000 Jesuits? Will he follow in the footsteps of well-loved predecessor Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, who served the order for nearly a quarter-century before resigning? Or, like the Basque-born Pedro Arrupe, will he both ignite the ranks of the Company and run into conflict with the Pope?

“Some journalists say that I am like Arrupe, or like Kolvenbach, half and half, up to fifty percent,” Nicolás told the journalists, according to the blog *Whispers in the Loggia*. “It would not be a surprise if someone said I am ten percent Elvis Presley.”

Nicolás was elected Jan. 19, on the second round of balloting at the General Congregation of the Society of Jesus. Prior to the Congregation, which was two years in planning, he was not on the short list of likely candidates.

Born in Spain, Nicolás has spent most of his life in Asia: studying theology in Tokyo, then working as a priest in the Philippines and Japan. He followed his six-year term as Provincial of Japan with three years working with a poor immigrant parish in Tokyo. Most recently he has served as head of the Jesuit Conference of East Asia and Oceania, which stretches from Myanmar to East Timor and includes the new province of China.

His extensive experience in Asia has led some to draw parallels both to Arrupe and to St. Francis Xavier, the Jesuit Apostle to the East. Nicolás acknowledged that his own extensive experience in Asia changed him profoundly.

“In Spain I was a little intolerant, thinking in terms of order, of commands, because I thought of religion as fidelity to religious practices,” he said. “In Japan I learned that true religiosity is more profound, that one must go to the heart of things, to the depths of our humanity, whether we are speaking of God or we are speaking of ourselves and of human life.” 

Letter from Rome

Paul Locatelli writes home to his fellow Jesuits in California

Below are edited excerpts.

January 20, 2008

We did a most amazing thing in electing Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., as our next General. We elected an inspirational, wise, holy, and effective leader who will build on the foundation of Father Kolvenbach's generalate.

Yesterday was one of the most profound experiences in my life. I am most grateful for all in the California Province, especially those who elected me to represent them at this Congregation.

A word on the flow of the day. Many were up early to pray and reflect on the election. At breakfast there was a quiet anticipation, an excitement about an important "thing that was about to happen" mingled with both confidence and hope that the Holy Spirit would guide us when balloting began.

Around 7:40 a.m. we began to gather in the Chiesa de Santo Spirito in Sassia, which is immediately across from the entrance to Curia, for the Mass of the Holy Spirit *ad electionem*. I suspect that from all the electors, the abiding prayer was asking for the grace of Holy Spirit to guide our minds and hearts to judge wisely.

Following Mass, we gathered in the Aula; the session began with an hour of prayer. Father Kolvenbach entered at 9:27 and walked to the front. At precisely 9:30 he stood, said "Deo gratias" and exited; we stood and sang the "Veni, Creator Spiritus." Citing the 11th part of Constitutions, Jacques Gellard, the regional assistant for Western Europe, outlined key points to consider in the election of the new General.

We prayed in silence—the tranquility among electors was interrupted only by an occasional cough. I prayed for indifference, the freedom to choose whom I judged best according to the dozen or so qualities and the freedom to accept whomever would be elected; and an indifference of reflecting, understanding, judging, and deciding for the good of the Society and for the greater glory of God. We needed to elect someone who could both effect a positive relationship within the Church and with Pope Benedict and respond to the needs of the Church.

Balloting began at 10:30. The first ballot took less than an hour, with only a few getting a significant number of votes. During the second balloting, it fairly soon became clear that Adolfo Nicolás would become our new General. When he received the 109th ballot, there was spontaneous applause for several minutes. We were extremely happy with the choice, and we felt that the Holy Spirit was truly at work in our midst.

Adolfo fulfills the dozen or so qualities that I looked for in a General, and more. His election is a vote for the future; a vote of hope; a vote of confidence in our mission of faith, culture, justice and dialogue; a vote for renewal of our spiritual and apostolic life grounded in the Spiritual Exercises, the Constitutions, and the spirit of Vatican Council II. He is a Jesuit for all seasons. I am excited about working with him.

Now, the other work of the Congregation begins.... Please continue to pray for us; our work is not finished.

Fraternally in Christ,

Paul

P.S. I'm now off to a party.



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Papal Audience: Benedict meets with Adolfo Nicolás and the Jesuit General Congregation.

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No simple highway

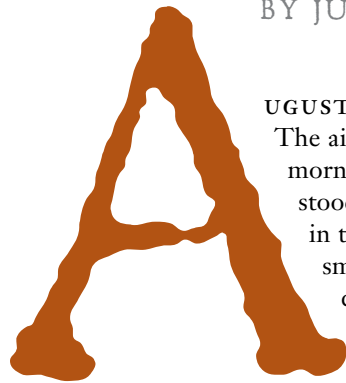
Finding a new
meaning of home
in El Salvador





Nearly a decade ago, Santa Clara joined a university in El Salvador to launch the Casa de la Solidaridad. Now, at the Universidad Centroamericana, whose Jesuits were once gunned down for speaking truth to power, students and scholars are traveling a road to the future with a new sense of solidarity.

BY JUAN VELASCO



AUGUST IS THE RAINY SEASON IN EL SALVADOR.

The air is humid, thick, and gray clouds often gather in the morning, promising showers. On one such morning last year I stood in a rose garden at the Universidad Centroamericana and in the stillness I drank in the fragrance of the flowers and the smell of approaching rain. I was not alone. With me were a couple dozen students from Santa Clara and universities throughout the United States: Amherst, Boston College, Fordham, Gonzaga, Marquette, St. Louis, University of San Francisco, and others.

We too have our rose-lined paths around SCU's Mission Gardens. But these flowers in El Salvador were planted by a man whose wife Elba and daughter Celina were killed here nearly two decades ago. Elba was the housekeeper for the Jesuit living quarters at the university. On Nov. 16, 1989, a squad of Salvadoran soldiers came to kill the university's president—Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J.—and any other Jesuits they could find. The soldiers did not wish to leave any witnesses, so when they found the housekeeper and her daughter, they shot them, too.

It is precisely the act of witnessing—of learning from one another, with one another, across cultures and generations—that has brought me and the students together here. And, for the past decade, has brought students and faculty from Santa Clara together with colleagues in El Salvador at the Casa de la Solidaridad.

MI CASA ES SU CASA

The Casa is not your typical study abroad program. From the very first day the emphasis is on *convivir*—the Spanish word which means “to live with”—to learn and share the dramatic events in the recent history of El Salvador, as well as the day-to-day reality people face now.

My colleague Mark Ravizza, S.J., teaches philosophy at the Casa. “The students tend to move from an initial attitude of ‘How can I fix the problem’ to a deeper sense of solidarity in which they share the life and struggle of the people of El Salvador,” he says.

For me, teaching creative writing in El Salvador becomes an opportunity to help students discover the mystery of joy in solidarity. Living in the community, they're challenged intellectually and spiritually.

Down the mountain: After a day of picking coffee, it's time to head home. SCU senior Ashton Easterday, second from left, rides with Hiromi and Sonia Acosta, sisters from the village of Las Delicias, and University of San Diego student Stacey Brake, left.



Breaking bread:
Dinner at the Casa



CHARLES BARRY

Day of Recollection: Juan Velasco, fifth from right, strolls with students along the rim of a dormant volcano. SCU students are Jennifer Latimer, second from left, and Tessa Brown, third from left. Other Casa students hail from St. Joseph University, St. Louis University, University of San Francisco, Loyola Marymount University, and Marquette University.

Krystal María Wu, a junior at Santa Clara, was in my class last fall. The Salvadorans showed her, she says, “that you can find joy, love, and grace in the suffering we all deal with. And it is through solidarity, in the sharing of that suffering, that we find that.”

The Casa experience transforms those of us who teach as well. Personally, I never truly grasped the meaning of the term *companionship* until I first came to El Salvador, in 2004. Here the journey is inner as much as outer.

Last August, while we stood in the rose garden at the Centro Monseñor Romero, the skies opened and the rain poured down. The light grew silvery, and as the heat vanished with the refreshing shower, the sound of raindrops hitting hard across the rooftops muted our conversations.

BY THEIR FRUITS

At the Casa de la Solidaridad there are five physical casas: Ita, Romero, Silvia, Clara, and Rutilio. Students from the U.S. live with Salvadoran students. Four women on staff in the Casa program prepare lunch for the students during the week. Breakfast is provided as well. Students reheat lunch for dinner, with a little something extra from the cooks.

Along with creative writing and philosophy, students take courses on Salvadoran literature, the history of the country’s civil war, sociology, political science, economics, theology, Spanish, and praxis. The last of those is what truly defines the experience at the Casa: getting involved in real projects with the communities surrounding the university.

Annie Boyd was a student at Marquette when she first came to the Casa in 2005. Last year Anita, as everyone here calls her, came back to serve as the program’s community coordinator. Together we went to visit the Centro Hogar, which provides health care and day care for more than 150 children. Three quarters of the children belong to single mothers. University students assist the children with classroom work, while the health program provides psychological help for abused children, medical consultations, and AIDS treatment and prevention.

As a student, Anita worked at the Centro. And when we arrive, a girl of about 5 comes running toward us. Her name is Orladis. She is so excited to see her friend that she can hardly talk. She wraps her arms around Anita and they embrace for a long time. Anita, too, is shining with joy.

“When I graduated from college,” Anita recounts, “one of my counselors said, ‘Go to where you feel more alive.’ I knew right away where that was.”

One of the founders of the Centro is María Isabel Figueroa, a former secretary to Monseñor Óscar Romero. A bony woman with small dark eyes behind thick-framed glasses, she quietly recounts, “So many men and women...gave their lives for daring to dream a different country.” Here, students experience solidarity with the communities; they also learn, she says, “that it is possible to live the teachings of our martyrs.”



CHARLES BARRY

Class time: SCU student Krystal María Wu

A VOICE FOR THOSE WITHOUT VOICES

Among those martyrs is Archbishop Romero, who was murdered in March 1980, in the midst of the Salvadoran civil war—a war that would leave 75,000 dead and cause a fifth of the population to flee the country. Romero had heard rumors that he would be killed for taking the side of the poor. “Si me matan resucitaré en el pueblo salvadoreño,” he said in response. *If they kill me I will be reborn in the Salvadoran people.*

In 1982, Fr. Ellacuría, then president of UCA, stood in the Mission Gardens at Santa Clara and delivered the commencement address. “A Christian university must take into account the gospel preference for the poor,” he said. “This does not mean that only the poor will study at the university; it does not mean that the university should abdicate its mission of excellence—excellence which is needed in order to solve complex social issues of our time. What it does mean is that the university should be present intellectually where it is needed: to provide science for those without science; to provide skills for those without skills; to be a voice for those without voices.”

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Ellacuría became an outspoken critic of the extreme left and the extreme right in Salvadoran politics, calling for a negotiated settlement. His efforts earned him enemies of various

political stripes. When the soldiers killed him and his fellow Jesuits, they tried to make it look as if the killers had been leftist guerillas.

One Jesuit from UCA survived the killings, because he wasn't there: Jon Sobrino, who was at the time attending a conference in Thailand. A prominent theologian, Sobrino came to Santa Clara for some months, where he became friends with President Paul Locatelli, S.J., and then-Academic Vice President Steve Privett, S.J. This began a strong connection between UCA and Santa Clara, a connection that would ultimately develop into an academic program for students from Jesuit universities throughout the United States to study in El Salvador. The decision to launch the program came at a meeting in El Salvador in February 1999. The place: Pati's Pupuseria, where, over a meal of pupusas—thick, handmade corn tortillas stuffed with cheese and beans—two Jesuits and a young Jesuit-educated couple from the U.S. decided they could make the program work. The Jesuits were Privett and Dean Brackley, S.J., who had come to El Salvador in 1990 after teaching community organizing in the Bronx. Serving as founding directors for the program were Kevin and Trena Yonkers-Tälz, who had attended Boston College for graduate school before working with Jesuit Volunteers International

No right to despair

On my first trip to El Salvador, I and a group of faculty from Santa Clara met with Victoria de Avilés, a supreme court judge and former human rights ombudsperson. For years she lived under constant death threats. When asked about the present situation in El Salvador and the ongoing social inequities, she said, “No tenemos derecho a la desesperanza.” *We don't have the right to despair.* Work for justice and solidarity is as wide and boundless as the world itself and it is intimately connected to the mystery of being in this world. —JV

El Salvador

*Dear brothers and sisters,
we have to be like a mountain.
The hills are still and green,
the clouds kiss them softly,
the birds are coming back again
after the long winter.*

*The nails are leaving the cross,
the hands of people without hope.
The spirit is beginning to rise,
the scars are healing.
“No tenemos derecho a la desesperanza,”
Victoria said.*

*Dear brothers and sisters,
we'll be like a mountain.
We'll join hands,
accept the truth and the memories,
and we'll not die.*

—JUAN VELASCO

in Belize. They first came to El Salvador on their honeymoon in 1996 and, Trena says, “saw how the liberation theology comes to life in a place like El Salvador.”

The official launch of the program came in November 1999, on the tenth anniversary honoring the Jesuit martyrs at UCA. Charles Currie, S.J., president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, traveled to El Salvador to make the announcement.

When Kevin Yonkers-Talz begins to talk about the history of the program—a history that he always begins in 1989—he speaks of Ellacuría’s idea of the power of academics embracing the hope of transformation. He says Ellacuría would be proud to see the work of the Casa. The Casa is also home to their family: three daughters, ages 7, 5, and 2.

GLOBALIZATION: IT’S NOT JUST FOR COMMERCE ANY MORE

The afternoon following our visit to the Centro Monseñor Romero, I meet with Ismael Sánchez, a professor of engineering at UCA. I arrive at his office in the new engineering building. He is tall and friendly; we shake hands and he starts to explain the different UCA engineering projects being developed in communities around the country. But I would like to see rather than just hear about them.

Early the next morning we make a three-hour drive from San Salvador to La Unión, across the water from the Honduran border. Caserío Guacamayera is the name of the hamlet that is our destination. But we discover that the trip will be even longer; the river has flooded the main road. And so, by four-wheel drive

vehicle, we make the trek over narrow roads, up a hill.

As is typical in the area, the problems include a lack of clean water and the need for cleaner, more efficient sources of energy. To address both of those at once, the project here is a solar-powered water-pumping station.

The heat is dense, heavy, humid. On the horizon lies the city of La Unión, near the Gulf of Fonseca, the site of a project destined to become the biggest port in Central America. From our hilltop perch, Sánchez can see the future coming fast to El Salvador.

“The whole concept of globalization can also be extended to this concept of social justice,” he says. “Not just at the level of commercial relationships but also education and international solidarity.”

Since the project’s completion in March 2007, residents of Caserío Guacamayera have enjoyed clean, fresh water. The electricity bills for the entire community have dropped from an average of \$60 to \$12 a month.

Similar projects exist around the country. And the connection with Santa Clara holds out the promise for further collaboration. In 2005, students from UCA first took an engineering class—introduction to aerospace engineering—alongside SCU students in the Bannan Engineering building. Thanks to a broadband video connection, they were able to do it without ever leaving El Salvador.

The technology subsequently led to SCU engineering students visiting El Salvador and, using the same technology, keeping up with their coursework back on the Mission campus. Sánchez is excited over plans at the Casa to further integrate elements of the experience that cater to engineering students; he sees good opportunities for crossover in curriculum, particularly when

Fast learner: Junior Beth Tellman works with Francisco Samuel Escalante, a student in Colon Cobanal, El Salvador, using guitar lessons as one method to teach him English. While Samuel is blind, “His sense perception is amazing,” Tellman says. “He picked up guitar very quickly.”



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Coffee picking time in Las Delicias: everyone in the family helps.


for a new building at UCA; SCU students were also involved with the design of another solar-powered pumping station on Isla Zacatillo, off the coast of El Salvador.

The exchange is not only one-way. Sánchez and colleagues have come to the SCU campus as well. The first time he came to Mission Santa Clara, Sánchez says he was struck by the sight of the eight white crosses in front of the church, bearing the names of the murdered Jesuits from UCA and their coworkers. “To see the symbol of our university,” he says, “gives a deeper meaning to our relationship.”

Students from UCA have studied at SCU. In spring 2006, one group was looking at more efficient and environmentally sustainable techniques for brick-making—seemingly a low-tech endeavor, but the study found a way to make stronger bricks without burning as much wood for the ovens. More recently, an architecture student at UCA, Gerardo Buendía, was part of the prize-winning 2007 SCU Solar Decathlon team.

It wasn't until the end of my most recent stay in El Salvador that I went back to the rose garden. It was right after class, the rainy season over, when I decided to pay a visit to the place where it all started. The garden was permeated with the same stillness and silence, the same deep feeling of peace I had felt before. The air was warm and bright, and the rose petals trembled with morning dew not yet evaporated by the heat.

How, I wondered, do we better understand the meaning of this word *Casa* and our involvement in El Salvador? Could it really be that as a Santa Clara community we are building a new way of learning? Are we engineering a project of a common heart, as we walk in companionship with the suffering of the poor?

I am silent and trying to listen with a discerning heart. 

Juan Velasco, an associate professor of English and modern languages at SCU, also teaches at the Casa.



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it comes to mechanical engineering. “The most important thing, however,” he says, “is to get students involved in real projects for the communities.”

Studying in El Salvador has already led SCU engineering students to develop a number of senior design projects meant to meet real needs there. One student project developed a solar-powered rooftop thermal chiller

Harsh realities

In the essay “Hearing the Cry of the Poor,” Ron Hansen tells the story of the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador. In this excerpt he recounts the founding of the University of Central America—and how the university found its sense of mission. You can read the essay in its entirety in *A Stay Against Confusion: Essays on Faith and Fiction*.

The University of Central America [was] funded in 1964 by wealthy parents, politicians, and a Catholic Church hierarchy that wanted an antidote to the toxic Marxism that was poisoning education at the federally run National University. Without a site or financial foundation, with only a few fervent Jesuits, secretaries, and faculty members who taught for free as a favor to the fathers, the University of Central America at first relied solely on the high repute of the Society of Jesus for its prestige and seriousness. But that was enough. Within a few years a sloping, coffee-growing plantation in the hills south of the city had given rise to a palmy campus that housed highly regarded faculties in industrial engineering and economics, finally enrolling seven thousand students who were generally from Salvadoran high society, financially privileged young men and women who, it was thought, would use their advantages to help the less fortunate.

Ignacio Ellacuría, who was put on the university’s five-man board of directors, found that premise troubling. While the institution’s orientation was formally that of providing technicians for the economic and social development of El Salvador, he thought it was essentially affirming European values and structures, and fostering prosperity for the prosperous. Ellacuría felt the institution ought to fully engage the harsh realities of the Third World and, through teaching, research, and persuasion, be a voice for those who have no voice, to alter or annihilate the world’s inhuman and unjust structures, and help assuage the agony of the poor. With his forceful guidance and his editing of the monthly magazine *Estudios Centroamericanos*, the University of Central America would undergo an epistemological shift, orienting its ethos in the fundamental option for the poor and in the liberation theology formulated by Gustavo Gutiérrez, a theology founded on life in the risen Christ while it was focused on the institutions of injustice and death to which Latin America’s poor were subjected.

There was much to do.

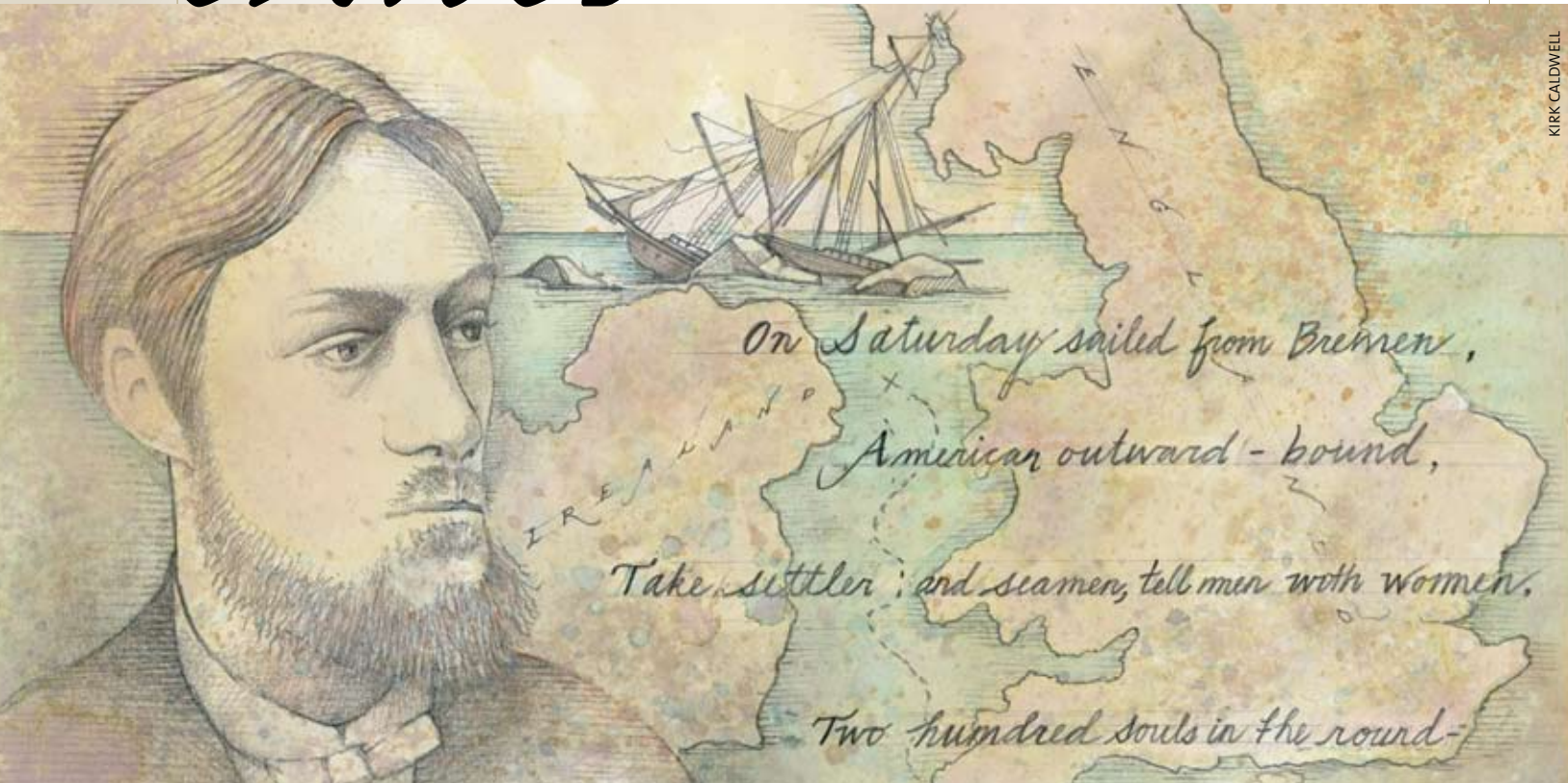
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exiles

A TALE OF A SHIPWRECK,
A PRIEST, AND A POET



KIRK CALDWELL

WRITER RON HANSEN TELLS THE STORY BEHIND HIS NEW NOVEL, WHICH WEAVES TOGETHER THE STORY OF THE POET GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS, S.J., AND THE NOTORIOUS WRECK OF THE *DEUTSCHLAND*—A TRAGEDY THAT LED HOPKINS TO BREAK YEARS OF LITERARY SILENCE.

BY RON HANSEN

When Oxford graduate Gerard Manley Hopkins entered the Society of Jesus in 1868, the religious order was still open to persecution in England and was being evicted from Spain. Two years later, the Jesuit curia was expelled from Rome as the papal states were annexed by King Victor Emanuel II. In northern Europe, Chancellor Otto von Bismarck orchestrated the unification of Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony, Württemberg, and 20 other states into the Second Reich of Germany, and originated a *Kulturkampf*, or cultural struggle, that was intended to quash the politi-

cal power of the country's Catholic minority, which Bismarck loathed for being more loyal to the papacy than the Reich.

Hopkins was a Jesuit scholastic in philosophy studies at Stonyhurst in 1872 when the Reichstag gave the government license to ostracize the Society of Jesus, and the first contingent of exiled German Jesuits arrived in England. Within the year their Rhineland Theologate was relocated to a village between Manchester and Liverpool, and several of their professors ended up teaching Hopkins at the Saint Beuno's Theologate in Wales.

In May 1873, Culture Minister Adalbert Falk instituted laws giving the Reich control of Catholic education, making civil marriages obligatory, and ending all financial aid to the Catholic Church while continuing it for Protestant institutions. And in 1875 a series of "May Laws" were decreed, excluding from the territories of the Prussian state all Catholic religious orders not involved in the needed job of nursing, and consigning each congregation's properties to the management of a board of trustees selected by the government.

So it was that five nuns from the order entitled Sisters of Saint Francis, Daughters of the Sacred

Hearts of Jesus and Mary, left their convent in Salzkotten, Germany, for nursing jobs in a Catholic hospital south of St. Louis, Missouri. The five were Sister Barbara Hültenschmidt, age 32, Sister Norberta Reinkober, 30, Sister Henrica Fassbender, 28, Sister Brigitta Dammhorst, 27, and Sister Aurea Badziura, 23. The journey from the port of Bremen to London and then across the Atlantic Ocean was expected to take 13 days.

“WRECKS AND CASUALTIES” was a regular department in each issue of *The Times* of London and among the Victorians there was a general fascination with tales of great tragedies at sea. But more than that, Hopkins’s father was the author of *A Handbook of Average* and *A Manual of Marine Insurance*, both standard reference books for negotiating, averaging, and adjusting the liabilities to insurance underwriters of cargo losses and shipwrecks, so Hopkins grew up in a world wet with marine accidents and was especially attentive to them.

Sixteen shipwrecks were recorded in *The Times* on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1875, and among them was the first news of the *Deutschland*, a transatlantic steamer that left Bremen Saturday, Dec. 4, steering toward America. But it ran aground off the east coast of England on an undersea island of sand called the Kentish Knock. Though it did not sink, the *Deutschland* became a kind of reef that the icy North Sea crashed over throughout the night of December 6. By the time the weather calmed and a rescue came late in the morning on the 7th, more than 60 passengers and crew had been snatched overboard by the great tonnage of waves or overcome by hypothermia in the ship’s sail shrouds or drowned in the flooded saloon below the weather deck.

But what caught Hopkins’s attention was the notice that among those who’d lost their lives were five Franciscan nuns who were exiled from their country because of the Falk Laws. Especially important to him was a Saturday notice in *The Times* that reported: “Five German nuns, whose bodies are now in the dead-house here, clasped hands and were drowned together, the chief sister, a gaunt woman six feet high, calling out loud and often ‘O Christ, come quickly!’ till the end came. The shrieks and sobbing of women and children are described by the survivors as agonizing.”

Writing to Rev. R.W. Dixon, an Anglican priest and poet and former teacher of his at Highgate School, Hopkins noted that: “You ask, do I write verse myself. What I had written I burnt before I became a Jesuit and resolved to write no more, as not belonging to my profession, unless it were by the wish of my superiors;

so for seven years I wrote nothing but two or three little presentation pieces which occasion called for. But when in the winter of ’75 the *Deutschland* was wrecked in the mouth of the Thames...I was affected by the account and happening to say so to my rector he said that he wished someone would write a poem on the subject. On this hint I set to work and, though my hand was out at first, produced one. I had long had haunting my ear the echo of a new rhythm which now I realised on paper.”

WE DON’T KNOW WHEN Hopkins actually completed “The Wreck of the *Deutschland*.” But on June 26, 1876, he was writing his mother that his oldest Jesuit friend, the managing editor of *The Month*, saw no reason not to print the ode in the August issue if it “rhymed and scanned and construed and did not make nonsense or bad morality.” However, a subeditor at the journal was asked to judge “The Wreck,” and it was that Jesuit’s opinion that the 35 esoteric stanzas were hardly readable and had only managed to give him a headache. And so the handwritten pages were eventually returned to Hopkins with regrets.

That was as close as Hopkins ever got to seeing his glorious and stunningly original poetry published. Sonnets such as “Pied Beauty,” “The Windhover,” and “God’s Grandeur” have since become regular entries in anthologies of English literature, but they were not collected into a book, plainly titled *Poems*, until 1918, nearly three decades after Hopkins died of typhoid in Dublin at age 44.

My historical novel *Exiles* braids together a narrative of the five nuns

onboard the *Deutschland* and a narrative of Hopkins’s saintly and somewhat thwarted life as he was increasingly afflicted by overwork and what seems to have been psychological depression. Exiled from his Oxford classmates, his family, and Britain itself by his conversion to Catholicism and his Jesuit vows, Hopkins ended up teaching Classics in Ireland, where the English were scorned and where he penned a poem whose first line was “To seem the stranger lies my lot, my life.”

I was fascinated by the ways in which a shipwreck that inspired Hopkins’s renewed interest in poetry could become a metaphor for his foundering life. But though family and friends considered his years after Oxford wasted, we know that there was a final victory, and that Hopkins’s works of genius, through God’s grace, were not lost. SCU

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A SHIPWRECK
THAT INSPIRED
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In Print

New books by SCU alumni and faculty

God with the refugees

“Every night around eleven o’clock, after four hours of more or less continual operation, the power goes out in Adjumani and the night becomes black, dotted with a kerosene lamp here and there and maybe a rare solar-powered lamp.” So writes **Gary Smith, S.J. ’60** in *They Come Back Singing: Finding God with the Refugees* (Loyola Press, 2008, \$14.95), his moving and sometimes frightening account of his six years working with Sudanese refugees in northern Uganda. “At a late hour on one of those nights, a dozen armed members of the Lord’s Resistance Army entered Adjumani from the surrounding tall grass and trees of the bush and moved silently through the eastern part of town toward Holy Redeemer Orphanage.” Smith’s book captures the ghastly conditions and ongoing

violence of the place; the passage above is from a chapter titled “A Noise in the Night,” which recounts a raid by soldiers who kidnap orphaned boys and girls, whom they plan to turn into killers or sex slaves. But the pages of this book are also illuminated by the spiritual strength that sustains the refugees. Vivid, humbling, and inspiring, Smith’s writing is infused with the anger he feels for the injustices he witnesses as well as the intense love he comes to feel for these people.

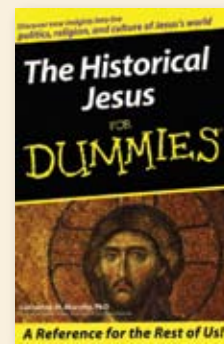
The good, the bad, and the global

The word *globalization* promises greater accessibility to goods and cultural influences. But its cousin *postcoloniality* warns that former colonies are still taken advantage of by the world’s economic powerhouses. What happens when the two collide? Co-edited by SCU Professor of English **John C. Hawley**, *The Postcolonial and the Global* (University of Minnesota Press, 2007, \$25) brings together essays by social scientists (including Center for Science, Technology, and Society head Geoffrey C. Bowker) and literary scholars—two groups that normally have little to do with each other—to consider the ethics of the transnational marketplace of ideas, goods, and services. Among the questions contributors tackle: Is the nation a thing of the past? Are the arts relevant to matters of justice? Does an individual in a sweatshop have a voice? Does the reader of this book, for that matter?

Inflation, trade, and witchcraft

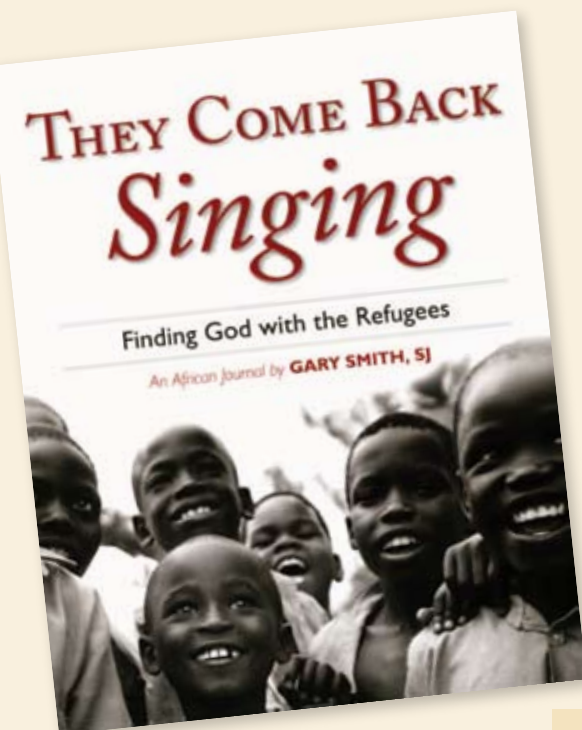
Puritans may have set out to found a City on a Hill in the 17th century, but underwriting colonial development was a mercantile system with a global reach. And as Associate Professor of English **Michelle Burnham** argues in *Folded Selves: Colonial New England Writing in the World System* (Dartmouth College Press, 2007, \$30 paper, \$65 cloth), the language of investment and credit profoundly shaped the writing of that time and place as well. The book offers a rethinking of early American literary history—with interest.

Meet the Man from Nazareth



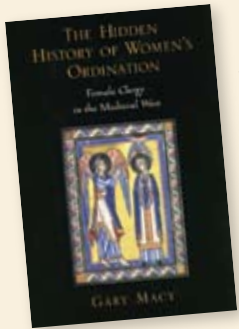
Early on in *The Historical Jesus for Dummies* (Wiley, 2007, \$16.99), author **Catherine M. Murphy ’83, M.A. ’87** offers, “This book about Jesus won’t just fill you in on the Jewish carpenter, but also on who he’s become since.”

In the grand tradition of the Dummies series, the writing is entertaining and informative, with chapters ranging from “Pursuing Jesus in the Gospels” and “Scouting the Competition: Jesus’s Opponents” to “A Western Savior Goes Global” and “The Reel Jesus.” Not to be missed: “The Top 10 Historical Controversies about Jesus.” A member of the SCU faculty since 1998, Murphy is an associate professor in the graduate program in pastoral ministries.



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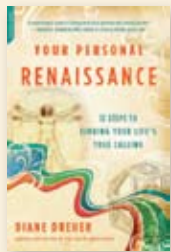
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Were women ordained?

Have women always been excluded from ordination as priests in the Church? John S. Nobili Professor

of Religious Studies **Gary Macy** has a startling answer. In *The Hidden History of Women's Ordination: Female Clergy in the Medieval West* (Oxford University Press, 2008, \$25), a work aimed at clarifying historical background—and explicitly not engaging in advocacy—Macy examines theological and episcopal documents and shows that, during the formative centuries of Christianity, women were frequently ordained into ministries of the Church. The study is massively footnoted and reveals that in the 11th and 12th centuries, the definition of ordination itself began to change. Along with that came efforts to erase earlier ordinations of women from the historical record.



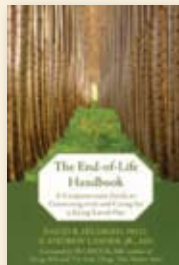
Find your calling

You know those questions that keep you awake at 3 a.m.: “What should I do with my life?” “Where am I going?” “Is this what I really want?” **Diane Dreher** doesn't purport to answer those—but she has staked out what she calls “renaissance keys” that might help, whether you're graduating, changing careers, getting divorced, retiring, or just confused about what's next. *Your Personal Renaissance and How to Achieve It: 12 Steps for Finding Your Life's True Calling* (2008, Da Capo Lifelong Books, \$15.95) approaches calling in the sense of a meaningful life. Through four contemplative steps (Discovery, Detachment, Discernment,

and Direction) and eight “powerful practices,” Dreher recommends antidotes to modern ailments like overscheduling, stress, and depression. Author of the bestselling *The Tao of Inner Peace* and a scholar of renaissance literature, Dreher is a professor of English at SCU.

Caring for a dying loved one

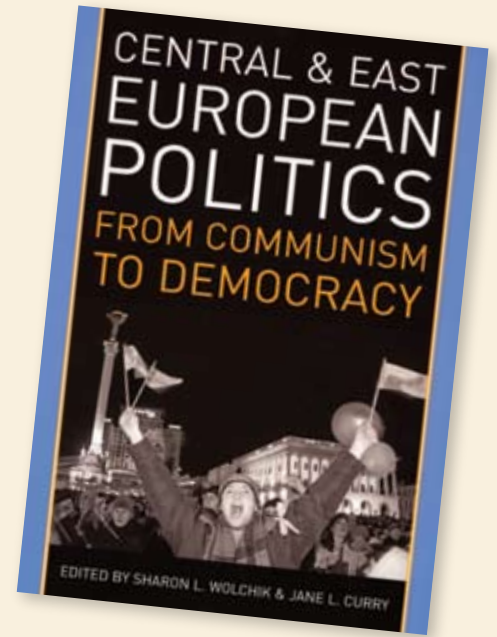
Advances in medicine mean that when and how a life ends is increasingly a matter of choice: whether to prolong life through painful treatments or to offer care that might provide comfort but, at the same time, hasten death. The ethical and practical decisions



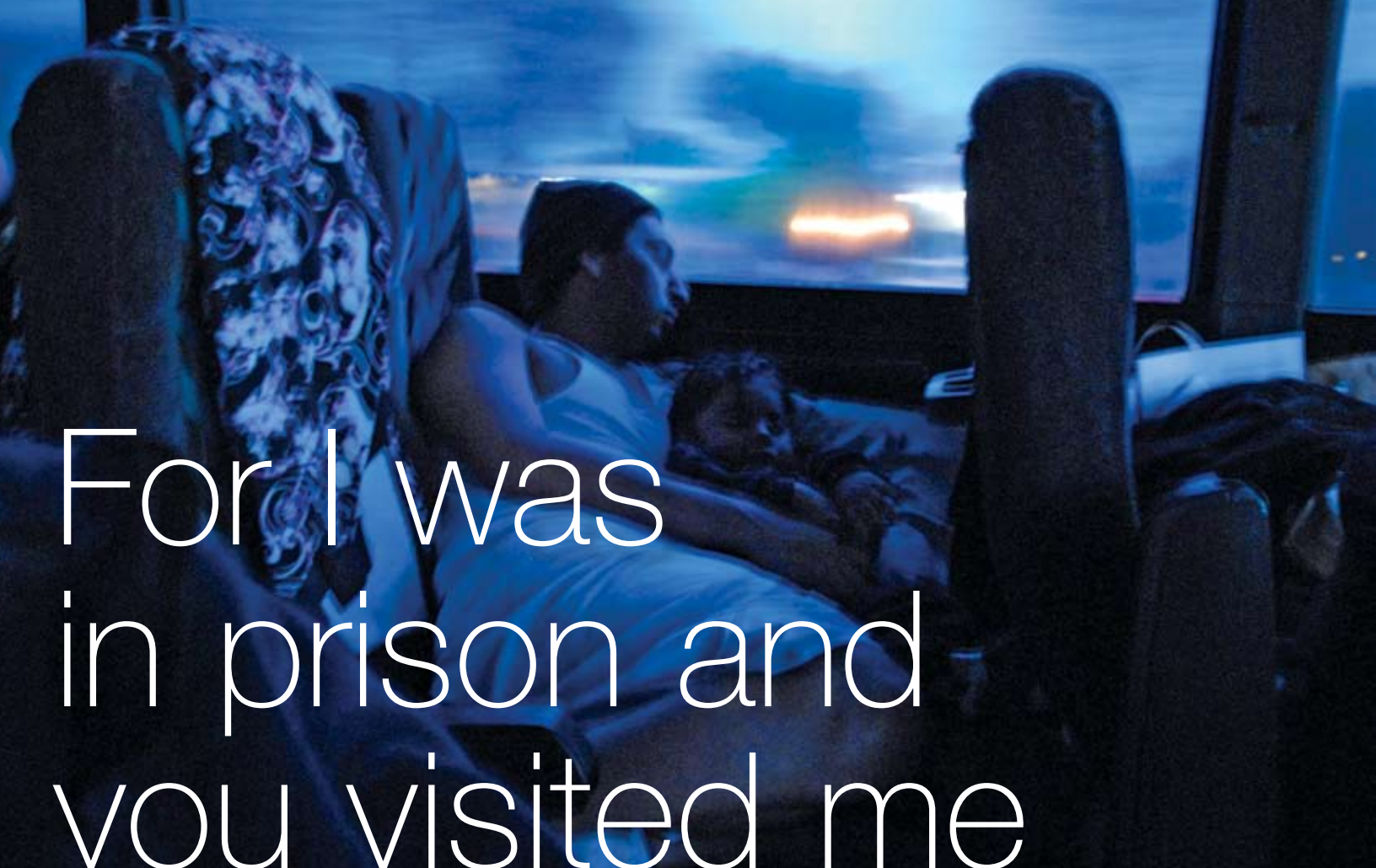
that family caregivers face leave so many of us reeling. Which is why SCU Assistant Professor of Counseling Psychology **David B. Feldman** and S. Andrew Lasher Jr., M.D., teamed up to write *The End-of-Life Handbook: A Compassionate Guide to Connecting with and Caring for a Dying Loved One* (New Harbinger, 2007, \$15.95). The book is meant to help navigate confusing medical terms and procedures; it also discusses realistic decisions that must be made and dispels misconceptions regarding a dying person's final days. Ultimately, it strives to provide a way to find hope, inspiration, meaning, and human connection at the end of life.

Revolution and evolution

“History has not been kind to the peoples in the east of Europe,” assess SCU Professor of Political Science



Jane L. Curry and George Washington University political scientist Sharon L. Wolchik at the outset of *Central & East European Politics: From Communism to Democracy* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2008, \$34.95). But beginning in 1989, the year of revolutions, it looked like the peoples from Warsaw to Sofia were back on the right side of history. From the victory of Solidarity in Poland to the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia to the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, it was clear things were going to be different now. How different? The euphoria over getting “back to Europe” was palpable, the promise of prosperity so close you could taste it. So what happened? To answer that, Curry contributes a chapter on Poland and Wolchik on the Czechs and Slovaks; they bring together contributions from more than a dozen experts on the economic, political, and social territory traversed in the past two decades. There's also the matter of what lies ahead for these newest (and future) members of NATO and the European Union. Whither the pieces of the former Yugoslavia—once again making headlines for violence in the streets? Will Ukraine get beyond “muddling along,” as Ukrainian scholar Taras Kuzio's chapter puts it? Stay tuned. The politics of the region promise to be, as Curry and Wolchik conclude, “far from boring for some time to come.”



For I was
in prison and
you visited me



[BY ELIZABETH FERNANDEZ '79]

More than half the women in California prisons are mothers. Some go months or even years without seeing their children. But with a bus service dubbed the Chowchilla Family Express, Eric DeBode '88 is trying to change that.

With dawn still an hour away, the bus speeds south through the Central Valley. A DVD of a cartoon plays on a television monitor, but few of the dozens of passengers aboard are watching. Instead they pensively sip coffee, or they sleep, draped in blankets and scrunched into seats.

Their bus left Sacramento at 4 a.m., pausing several times to pick up riders in towns along Highway 99: Stockton, Manteca, Modesto. Two other buses departed even earlier—one took off from south Los Angeles at 3 a.m., another left Redding just after midnight. Destination for all three buses: a prison complex in Chowchilla that houses more than 8,000 women, the nation's largest concentration of female prisoners. Waiting there are the mothers and sisters, wives and daughters of the bus riders. For some, it's been years since they've seen one another.

CHARLES BARRY



It is Palm Sunday, and it's the first anniversary of the Chowchilla Family Express, an innovative program that connects inmates with their children and loved ones outside prison. Begun in March 2007 by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in partnership with the Center for Restorative Justice Works (CRJW), the Family Express is the first state-funded program of its kind. Operating on a \$400,000 annual budget, which covers the costs of chartering six buses per month on average from various points in the state, the program has reunited more than 2,400 passengers with family members at Chowchilla's two women's prisons. The prisons are located in Madera County, near the intersection of Highway 99 and Highway 152—about 150 miles from San Francisco, and more than 250 miles from Los Angeles.

An estimated 200,000 children in California have a parent in prison, but largely because of economic and logistical difficulties they rarely see each other. "Prisons for the most part aren't in easily accessible places," says Eric DeBode '88, executive director of the Express. DeBode is in his mid-40s and lives in Oak View, 90 minutes from Los Angeles. He is also a former Jesuit who has, over the years, worked with the homeless and with troubled youth.

"Visitation programs are a cost-effective crime prevention tool," he says. "By helping to maintain family bonds, the Chowchilla Family Express will help parents and children stay together and hopefully reduce the likelihood of people re-offending—and that's good for everyone."

State prison officials concur that the program is fostering critical familial bonds, enabling mothers—despite their incarceration—to play positive roles in their children's lives.

Frequent fliers

At 6:50 a.m., with the first glint of sunrise, the passengers stir. Ten miles away is the town of Madera. And breakfast.

Despite the early hour, the Elks Lodge on West Sixth Street is bustling.

TOP LEFT: Dawn in the valley: Frank Geiger with his 2-year-old son, Emeliano, on the ride to Chowchilla

BOTTOM LEFT: Sunday visit: Inmate Tracy Jones cuddles her grandchildren, Johana and Alexia.

ABOVE: California's Valley State Prison for Women in Chowchilla



Number One Bus Rider:

Five-year-old Mya Williams has ridden the bus 14 times to visit her aunt. This time she traveled with her grandfather, Walter Williams.

There is freshly cooked bacon, eggs, coffee, and an open-arms welcome from Grandmothers of the Light.

“Restrooms are on the left,” volunteers say, helpfully directing sleepy bus riders around the building.

A private nonprofit organization, Grandmothers of the Light was established to help the families of incarcerated women in California. Funded entirely by donations, the group also provides Family Express riders with travel bags of amenities. On this day, a table is piled with blankets and pillows. Another table offers stuffed bunnies and other toys.

“I’d come every day if I could, it means so much to my aunt.”

“This is lovely,” says Tamarasha Bolling, 21, sifting through a goodybag of blankets, pillows, coloring books, notepads. “I thought we’d just come in here and eat pancakes. Our arms are loaded!”

Riding with her cousin, Bolling is making her second trip on the Family Express. A Sacramento resident, she’s visiting her aunt, imprisoned since 2005. “We wouldn’t be able to make it ourselves to see her. A lot of people can’t afford the trip,” she says. “I’d come every day if I could, it means so much to my aunt. When she first saw us, it was like she’d won a million dollars.”

As bus riders eat sweet rolls and strawberries, DeBode speaks into a microphone.

“I love this program,” he says. “You get up ungodly early; we want you to know how important you are. You bring healing and hope and the possibility of a bright new future. We are so happy you can deepen your relationships with your families.”

DeBode then hands out “frequent flier” awards. One goes to Diane Bates, 68, for traveling the farthest—she spent six hours riding a Greyhound bus from her Oregon home in order to meet the Family Express bus in Redding.

Another award goes to the bus program’s “number one bus rider,” Mya Williams. She’s just 5 years old. The pint-size road warrior has been a Family Express passenger 14 times, traveling from her home in Ontario, Calif., with her

grandmother or her grandfather, or sometimes both to visit her aunt, Latasha, incarcerated since 2005.

“We have a special present for you,” DeBode tells the beaming youngster. He presents her with a green backpack.

“We’ve ridden the bus since it started,” says Mya’s grandmother, Linda Williams. “It lets my daughter know we love her and we support her. When my daughter was in county jail, we’d bring Mya—but the only relationship they could have was through a glass window. Now, because of the bus program, they are able to visit and touch each other. It’s very emotional.”

Though the journey is long, taking about five hours each way, Mya is a patient, seasoned traveler. She sleeps, plays with other children, colors in the activity books that her grandmother brings. She’s even learned some of the ABCs aboard the Family Express.

“Mya met her future husband on the bus, a little boy,” says Williams, laughing. “She says she loves him.”

After a rousing round of “Happy Birthday” to commemorate the first anniversary of the Express, it’s time to get back on the bus.

“My mother is my lighthouse.”

Just before 9 a.m., the buses pull into the parking lot of Valley State Prison for Women. Housing some 3,800 inmates, the dune-colored San Joaquin Valley facility is one of the largest women’s prisons in the world.

The excited bus riders spend the next hour being processed—undergoing security checks and getting ultraviolet stamps on their hands that will later permit passage out of the prison. After passing through a locked barbed-wire enclosure, the travelers then walk through the prison’s main yard and

A family affair: Tina Castro, in the white sweatshirt, brings her grandchildren Tina, 9, Fabian, 7, Nevaeh, 3, and Michael Marie, 14, to visit daughter Lucretia Gonzalez, center.



THOR SWIFT

Great expectations Squaring prison and pregnancy

Tawana Ward with infant Leilonni

It is May 2007, and the Chowchilla Family Express is making one of its early

runs from Northern California. In the rear of the bus sit Brenda Strickland Haynes and her son, Lonnell Oates. They are heading to Valley State Prison for Women to visit Oates’ girlfriend, Tawana Ward, pregnant with his child. For Haynes, it’s her first grandchild.

It’s also the first time that either have seen Ward in six months. “I’m hoping we can feel the baby kick,” Haynes says.

A few hours later, Haynes is standing in the visiting room, gently patting Ward’s protruding belly. “Look at that!” Haynes says. The due date is only a few weeks away.

“I wanted to see you so badly.”

For her part, Ward says the visit will help her make it through her final stretch in prison; she is serving eight months on a drug offense.

The man behind the Family Express, Eric DeBode, watches the family, beaming: Reunions like this are why the program was created. He promises to visit the family after the baby is born.

But there is one problem: Ward’s sentence will keep her in prison beyond the date of the baby’s birth. So he sets about trying to convince prison authorities to release Ward early, or at least to allow her, once the baby is born, to fulfill the remainder of the sentence in a half-way house so she can be together with her baby.

Leilonni weighs nine pounds at birth. But the birth is difficult; the baby’s heart stops briefly. A few hours later, the newborn is transported from a hospital in Madera to an intensive care unit at a larger hospital. Ward holds her baby for a few hours. A day later, she is sent back to prison for the final seven weeks of her term.

“A baby shouldn’t be without her mother,” DeBode tells me. “We really tried to fight for them.”

And then, in August, on a bright summer afternoon, DeBode flies to the Bay Area for the promised reunion. In Brenda Haynes’ living room, he cradles little Leilonni and gently touches her cheek.

“Oh, aren’t you precious?” he says. “She’s so beautiful. It’s been a few years since I had a little girl this size.”

He hands the new parents a few gifts: a purple Family Express t-shirt and a stuffed puppy for the baby. For DeBode, the Family Express represents the culmination of decades of abiding dedication to social service. He and his wife adopted an infant girl five years ago; he spends the next hour sharing parenting tips.

“Eric is awesome,” says Haynes. “For him, it’s not just about the ride—it goes beyond that. He takes all of this so personally.” —EF

CHARLES BARRY



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Homeward bound:
making the long trip
back from Chowchilla

into one of two visiting rooms. There, sitting on brown chairs at brown tables, they spend the next five hours.

The rooms are large and loud, filled with the sounds of laughter and love. Vending machines steadily dispense candy and other snacks.

Diane Bates, the devoted Oregon mother, sits holding the hand of her daughter, Jennifer Fletcher, 38. When they take a stroll around the room, mother and daughter walk with their arms wrapped around the other's waist.

"My daughter and I are very very close," Bates says. "She's been my joy my whole life."

"It makes you feel like you are out of the prison world for a while."

Fletcher is a "long-termer," incarcerated for six years. "This is a really intense place," she says. "It's really hard to be here. My mother is my lighthouse, a beacon of light."

She begins to weep.

"These are tears of joy," Fletcher says, smiling and vainly dabbing at her cheeks. "This last week was so wonderful, so full of anticipation. Last night when I went to bed I couldn't sleep."

Some of the prisoners have been convicted of violent crimes—from carjacking to murder. Many are in for drug-related offenses; others are here for less serious offenses, like forgery. But the reasons that led to incarceration are generally not the topic of conversation this day—that's not the point of these visits.

A smiling DeBode moves from table to table, chatting and offering cupcakes. The treats along with t-shirts were supplied by the Center for Restorative Justice Works to commemorate the Family Express's first anniversary.

Break the cycle

The Family Express is modeled on a program launched in California in 2000 called Get on the Bus, which began by bringing seven children to visit their mothers in prison on Mother's Day. Now Get on the Bus brings hundreds of family members



On the Web EXCLUSIVES

FRIENDS OUTSIDE

For more than 50 years, Friends Outside in Santa Clara County has been working to act as a bridge between prisoners and the world outside. Read more about the organization, and the work Kate Trevelyan-Hall '06 is doing with them—plus learn more about the Chowchilla Family Express—at www.santaclaramagazine.com.

together on Mother's Day and Father's Day. The Family Express took that good idea and has made it work year-round.

"What is going on in the visiting room touches all of us," says Wendy Still. As associate director for female offender programs and services with the Department of Corrections, Still in essence is the godmother of the Family Express, shepherding it through state channels. She rode one of the buses to commemorate the program's successful first year.

"This is exactly what the rehabilitation part of our mission looks like," she says. "Our goal is to help people re-enter society, and to break the intergenerational cycle of incarceration."

Valley State's warden, Tina Hornbeak, is an equally ardent supporter.

"I know what it feels like to have a child on your lap, to hug and smell and touch him," says Hornbeak, mother of a 5-year-old. "It is really important for the children to know that they still have a mother who loves them. And the bonding helps the women get through their days and their weeks. It gives them hope. For those who won't get out for a long time, it helps them be a part of their children's lives."

Tracy Jones, 45, is one of those. She has already served 14 years of a life sentence. She spends most of the visiting hours cuddling her two little granddaughters, brought to the prison by their mother, Paulina.

"Are you the princess? And are you the queen?" she asks the girls as their faces increasingly become smeared with chocolate cupcake. "Grandma loves you."

A mother of three, Jones cherishes each moment of the visit. She says the memories linger long past the departure of the visitors. "I didn't get to see my children for seven years. All of my cellmates

would leave the room on visiting days. During the holidays it was really, really hard. When I know my daughter's coming, it means a lot. It helps me keep communicating with her and my grandkids. It keeps your hopes up. It makes you feel like you are out of the prison world for a while."

In addition to seeing the pragmatic value of the Family Express, DeBode feels the project is both a matter of duty and an expression of faith. "We are called to look around us and to have a positive, life-giving relationship with those who are struggling," he says. "You have to make common cause with people who are homeless, who are sick or suffering. In that, you will know Jesus and the Cross. And on a good day, you just might glimpse the resurrection." **SCU**

Elizabeth Fernandez '79 is a reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle*.



CHARLES BARRY

Breakfast time: Paulina Washington brings daughter Johana to visit her grandmother at Chowchilla.



BOB MCLEOD

The man behind the bus

CHARLES BARRY



Eric DeBode has acquired quite a jail "jacket" of his own—he's been arrested more than a dozen times. In his case, the arrests came during protests against the death penalty, immigrant bashing, nuclear testing, and police brutality.

Born in Santa Monica in 1964, the son of a fireman and a homemaker, DeBode volunteered at a soup kitchen in high school, and he began considering a life in the priesthood.

"Jesus taught us to follow him by what he did," DeBode says. "What he did was work with the ill and the suffering, the marginalized. To me, to be

in the priesthood wasn't mystical, it was practical."

In 1983 DeBode was accepted into the Jesuit Novitiate in Santa Barbara. He worked with homeless people and volunteered at a juvenile hall in East Los Angeles. In 1985, he became a Jesuit Scholastic and enrolled at Santa Clara.

In addition to working with the homeless as a volunteer through the Santa Clara Community Action Program, DeBode regularly made midnight forays with another Jesuit around the Mission campus, chalking onto sidewalks quotations from Ovid, Gandhi, Immanuel Kant, Dorothy Day, and Daniel Berrigan.

One night the miscreants were nailed by campus security. "Bob Senkewicz read us the riot act," DeBode says ruefully. But that didn't stop DeBode from winning the Riordan Award for Community Service. The day after graduating, the young Jesuit went to Central America to study history, politics, and economics.

He went on to enroll in the graduate philosophy program at Gonzaga University but didn't complete his degree, instead moving to East Los Angeles to work at Dolores Mission Church. There he served students who'd been expelled from other schools because of gang involvement.

But in 1992, DeBode left the Jesuit order. It was an extremely difficult decision, he says, but he felt called to work with the homeless; he moved to Tacoma and served as director of a homeless drop-in center.

In 1996, he returned to California, joining the Los Angeles Catholic Worker. He earned \$10 a week plus room and board, running a soup kitchen on Skid Row that served 1,000 people a day.

In 2000, he became the Southern California coordinator for California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty. He now works out of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' Restorative Justice/Detention Ministry Office.

"Eric has great heart as well as great intellect," says Jeff Dietrich, who helped found Catholic Worker in 1970. Dietrich has known DeBode for more than 20 years. "He has a great desire for justice in the world. He loves the Gospel—the vision of the kingdom is what he desires."

While DeBode was at Catholic Worker, he met and fell in love with Alice Lins Meier, a teacher at a school for immigrants. They married in 2002. A year later, they adopted an infant girl, Liliana. They hope to adopt again, but in the meantime, they live simply, sharing their Oak View home with another couple.—*EF*



CHARLES BARRY

STAND UP

Women should rule the world,
says Dee Dee Myers '83.
And she's not kidding. Really.

By Lisa Taggart

The first press secretary for President Bill Clinton—and the first woman ever to serve as press secretary—Dee Dee Myers has a simple prescription for fostering political, economic, and environmental well-being: Put more women in control.

“If there were more women in positions of power, not just in Congress, but across the United States and around the world, lots of things would be better. Not perfect. But better. We’d have more representative government; a stronger economy; and a healthier and more sustainable planet,” she writes in her new book, *Why Women Should Rule the World*.

Both a memoir of her time in politics and a call to the country’s leaders to adopt a more cooperative, inclusive approach—using traits traditionally labeled feminine—the book is as conversational and reasonable as the title is provocative. She’s not interested in trashing men but wants to bolster the system with a female dynamic.

Myers herself has gotten an up-close view of power in the United States, as White House press secretary in 1993 and 1994. And she’s familiar with common stumbling blocks for women: As the first woman to hold the press secretary job, she was a pioneer—but she was given less authority, a smaller office, and a smaller salary than previous secretaries.

On campus recently, Myers elaborated on her thesis at the Mayer Theatre in conversation with Mary Bitterman '66, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes, and continued the talk over lunch with *Santa Clara Magazine*.

Her argument is not simply that it would be symbolically better to have more women at the country's top spots, but that if a critical mass of women were involved at all levels of decision-making the conversation about power and values in this country would change. Women add a "collaborative dynamic," Myers writes. "They bring different ideas and perspectives to the table, broadening the content of board discussions."

Myers is aware of the contradictions in her logic as she advocates for equal space at the table because women inherently approach things differently. She frames the argument's vulnerability simply: "If women are more nurturing, if they're better at relationships, isn't it also possible that men are better at, say, math or science?"

Myers' real focus, though, is the current moment, and her goal is pragmatic. "It's not an argument about what is politically correct," she told the audience at Santa Clara. "It's an argument about what's in our self-interest. Bringing more women into the process, into public life at all levels and in all fields, does a lot of things. It makes businesses, believe it or not, more profitable."

What about when it comes to writing about politics: Would the presence of more women automatically make for a more civil discourse? "There's always an Ann Coulter out there, but I do think they're the outliers," Myers said. With more women participating, "there would be people who would work harder to try to find common ground."

Bait and switch

The role Myers stepped into as press secretary was a bit different from her predecessors'. Clinton earned points for appointing another woman to a highly visible post. But for Myers, it was a set-up for failure. "I had the same responsibilities—but less authority," she writes. "For too many women, the job becomes less important because they're in it. They're given fewer resources—like stature or staff—to achieve the same results. And when they don't hit the mark, they get blamed."

Admittedly, there were multiple factors that made her start a rocky one. "I was from California, I never lived or worked in Washington, and I was a woman," she said. "This is the trifecta of how not to start your career."

After a year and a half, she went to see Clinton's new chief of staff, Leon Panetta '60, J.D. '63, to talk salary. Ultimately she had to take her case to the president himself; she negotiated for equal treatment and adequate power, but at a cost. "I got the increased access, the traditional office, the higher rank and salary," she writes. "I finally felt I had the tools I needed to do my job. But the price I paid to get them was agreeing to leave."

After the White House, she worked as a television political commentator and host, was a consultant and contributor to NBC's *The West Wing* (where the character of

C.J. Cregg was said to be based on her), and married and had two children. She says she is improvising a new career path, working as a political analyst and consultant, and a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair*, where her husband also works as the national editor. "I more or less invented my current 'job,'" she writes, "which I sometimes describe as 'stay-at-home pundit.'"

The middle daughter of three, Myers says her family experience probably helped her as press secretary. "I always had to adapt to get along. And that's a press secretary trait; we're adapters." Her sister Betsy Myers, who also worked in the Clinton White House, is chief operating officer for the Obama campaign. ("I talk to her all the time," she said. "I don't even tell my husband what we talk about.") Her other sister, Jo Jo Proud, is a makeup artist in Los Angeles and has done Myers' makeup for television interviews.

Got the bug

Myers says she got the "political bug" while an undergraduate at Santa Clara. Originally a biology major, she switched to political science after being inspired by Professor Dennis Gordon's international relations course her freshman year.

She also lived on the first coed floor in an SCU dorm, Swig Hall—where Gerdenio M. "Sonny" Manuel, S.J., now rector of SCU's Jesuit community, was the resident advisor. Manuel recalls that it was not a particularly sedate floor.

"When I was a freshman, somebody threw a truck tire off the top of Swig and squashed a car," Myers said. And, drawing a college lesson on gender differences, she added, "I'm willing to go out on a limb here—that wasn't the girls."

After graduation, she stumbled into campaign work by default: Graduate school didn't pan out, but electoral politics was where she wanted to be anyway. So she called California Democratic Party headquarters, began volunteering, and one thing led to another.

She gained campaign experience in the loser's arena—Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis are notable early employers—before starting as campaign spokeswoman for Bill Clinton in 1991. "No one gave him, really, a snowball's chance in hell of being elected president," she said. And she was even a little surprised herself at his success: At the election night celebration party, she suddenly thought, We have to work in the morning!

“For too many women, the job becomes less important once they're in it.”



On the Web EXCLUSIVES

Read more from Myers, including her top 10 list of favorite books by women. Visit www.santaclaramagazine.com.

Snark attack

Myers' book comes at an interesting time in presidential politics. She says when she was in the White House, she and Hillary Clinton did not share much good will: "I, for one, never felt she was particularly supportive of me—or even sympathetic to the ways in which being a young woman made my job harder," she writes. But Myers spoke admiringly of Sen. Clinton's campaign.

"It's a very unusual election in terms of its dynamics," she said. "Obama's had a great message. But Hillary lived it; she knows that the ups are followed by the downs.

Sometimes that's a liability for her, because her skin is so thick." She notes Hillary Clinton's particular challenges: She "had to work harder to prove that she was qualified to be commander-in-chief."

How the Democratic primary season would ultimately play out was still up for grabs when we spoke in the spring. But for her part, Myers didn't mind seeing the contest carry on. "I think the campaign so far has been really good for the party and really good for the country. Because one of the things I think has been frustrating to voters is the thing gets wrapped up in February, and three-quarters of the country hasn't had a chance to have a say," she said.

She has also pointed out repeatedly that Hillary Clinton has already made history. Before New Hampshire in '08, no woman had ever won a party's statewide presidential primary.

Midway through the interview with *SCM*, Myers received a call from her editor at HarperCollins, letting her know that *Why Women Should Rule the*

World had made the *New York Times* bestseller list. She was startled, and a bit speechless: "I'd kept telling my husband, I just don't want to get creamed in the reviews," she said.

Myers on...

The superdelegate phenomenon

"Republicans are always much simpler. You vote, you get a delegate, you go to the convention; the guy with the most wins. It's like, no, we can't possibly do it that way; we're Democrats."

Success and failure

"When a woman fails, she's failing for all womankind, and is proof that women can't lead."

24-hour news

"When I worked on my first campaign, one of the reasons I thought being a press secretary would be fun was because all the reporters would come flying into town with Vice President Mondale, and they filed their stories at six and went straight to the bar. Those were the good old days; it doesn't happen anymore. (It wasn't The Hut—but, you know, what is?) Now it's much more demanding in terms of the around-the-clock need to respond."



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Ladies of the club: Myers, right, with current Press Secretary Dana Perino, the second woman in history to hold the post.

She wasn't following her own advice. Self-deprecating is not the style she advocates in *Why Women Should Rule*. On the contrary, "Women have to be willing to own their accomplishments—and to talk about them," she writes.

But humor comes easily to Myers. "If I have a good laugh line, I have trouble keeping it to myself," she said. It's an impulse she had to occasionally squelch in the White House briefing room. And posturing, she notes, increases in proportion to the number of cameras in the room. That's something that Dana Perino—the current press secretary, and only the second woman to hold the post—has to face.

"The briefings have become even more confrontational," Myers said. "I think there's no question that cameras make everybody a little more ready to jump at you. The whole culture has become less formal. People can be freer to be a little snarkier in their questions, or a little more flip in their answers."

At 31, Myers was also one of the youngest people to become press secretary. She broke ground as the first woman to hold the job; learned to cope with the constant scrutiny of her clothes and hairstyle (though she says she still regrets some of her choices); weathered the healthcare meltdown, the Republican takeover of Congress, and Clinton's first military strike (in response to the Saddam Hussein-backed assassination attempt on former president George H.W. Bush); and adjusted to life in D.C. But there are a number of things she'd do differently, she says.

"I think I'd be much better at it now," she said. "But, you know, I'm not going there." 

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JIMBO GOTHERS

SUPERDEMS!

THEY JUST MIGHT HOLD THE KEY TO WHO'LL BE THE NOMINEE

BY ANNE FEDERWISCH

A few months ago, Christopher Stampolis '87, M.A.'98 was driving down Highway 280 when his cell phone rang.

"Hey, Chris," a man said. "This is Senator John Kerry. How are you?"

Stampolis wasn't expecting a phone call from the gentleman from Massachusetts. But the call didn't take him entirely by surprise, either. In fact, he's been fielding a lot of calls from Democrat movers and shakers of late. Because in addition to his identity as a mild-mannered trustee of West Valley-Mission Community College and married father of two young children, Stampolis is a member of an elite crew who seem destined to select the Dems' next candidate for president. He is a superdelegate—in the year of the Superdelegate with a capital S.

"You know why the senator's calling," Stampolis says. "He's not calling to ask you out to lunch next week or to go windsurfing."

Indeed, Kerry came out early in 2008 as a supporter for Barack Obama. After the Iowa caucuses, Stampolis committed himself publicly to backing Hillary Clinton. When Kerry called, Stampolis said he was sticking with his candidate. Then they chatted about shared legislative concerns.

Stampolis has also had the chance to chat with Hillary and Bill, and with Clinton backer and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Reporters from the *San Jose Mercury News* and *Los Angeles Times* call. Stampolis has had some time to talk; for the past decade he had served as director of community education and government relations for Romic Environmental Technologies, an industrial recycling company, but as Romic is closing down local operations, Stampolis has been doing part-time consulting.



Superdelegate Christopher Stampolis

People in need

How does one end up a superdelegate? In Stampolis' case, the route runs through undergrad studies in political science and French. He acknowledges that he was born into a family of Democrats but says he looked long and hard at how Church teachings jibed with political platforms. And he found that what he learned going through SCU's pastoral ministry program reaffirmed his political commitments, particularly, he says, when it comes to "advocating for those who are in need."

It was while serving as youth ministry director at St. John Vianney on San Jose's east side that he was drawn into Democratic party politics. He helped youth get involved with People Acting in Community Together and found himself appointed to a county commission by U.S. Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren '75. Young Democrats meetings followed, as did positions as

state communications director and national committee representative. By 2000, he was elected to be a member of the Democratic National Committee, which also made him a superdelegate.

"Annoyingly complex"

Things weren't so complicated for the Dems in the previous two elections, in which Stampolis also served as a superdelegate.

"It's a different adventure this time," he says, and his eyes twinkle.

Not everyone thinks the superdelegate system is so super. To some, it seems to institutionalize a class of folks with VIP access to smoke-filled rooms. And some worry aloud that the superdelegates could rip apart the party if they sway the vote away from the candidate who has garnered more of the regular delegates via the primaries and caucuses.

In fact, the superdelegate system was designed to help Dems close ranks; it was created by the party rules committee in the wake of Democratic infighting in 1980, when Ted Kennedy challenged sitting President Jimmy Carter in the primary. Stampolis concedes the system is "annoyingly complex." But, he says, the system may prove its value yet.

"There's a long time between now and Denver," he says. When the Dems gather for their convention in August, the supers will assess how the potential candidates stack up against presumed Republican nominee John McCain. Expect them to pick their man—or woman—weighing heavily who they think has a better chance to win the election and, Stampolis says, "unite the country as well."

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Santa Clara Alumni Association



CARRYING THE TORCH FOR 127 YEARS AND COUNTING

Santa Clara University's Alumni Association is more than just a random collection of individuals, all of whom happened to have attended SCU. The Association embodies the cumulative values, ideals, and principles taught at Santa Clara and embraced by its diverse alumni population. The Association strengthens the bonds between and among alumni and their alma mater, and it helps the University to achieve its key goals and to distinguish Santa Clara from other academic institutions of higher learning.

But we know we can't rest on past achievements alone. Last year, the Association Board of Directors, along with the Alumni Office staff, set out to develop a strategic plan for the Association's future. The process was extensive, incorporating data from surveys, focus groups, and one-on-one interviews. We also evaluated other institutions' strategic plans so that we could benchmark our finished product against that of other schools. In the end, we formulated a mission statement

that captures the essence of SCU's alumni association. We also marked out six primary goals for the Association:

1. Enhance alumni engagement;
2. Preserve Santa Clara's history and traditions;
3. Expand the Association's student outreach;
4. Improve the Association's marketing and communications;
5. Develop strategic partnerships with internal and external constituencies; and
6. Create and maintain a strong support structure for the Alumni Association.

With these goals in mind, the Alumni Association's National Board of Directors developed an operational plan for this year. From seeking to increase awareness of our Association's anniversary dinner to promoting our InCircle online networking tool, to the creation of a career networking night for seniors, our board has played an active role in putting the strategic plan into action.

GET ENGAGED

But the board is just one small part of the Association. In fact, all alumni are able to help; it's each of you who can make a real difference when it comes to enhancing alumni engagement. For so many of us, SCU alumni and the Alumni Association were instrumental in positively shaping our student experience at Santa Clara. From new student receptions to the Legacy Family BBQ, from the Alumni Family Scholarship to career networking events, alumni gave generously of their time, talent, and treasure to ensure that we would have an experience at least as rich and fulfilling as their own. As alumni, it is now our turn to ensure that current and future students have opportunities and experiences that equal or exceed ours. It's one small part of the Jesuit mission of serving others.

As for my own experience with the Alumni Association, serving the National Board of Directors for the past four years and, most recently, as its president, has been tremendously rewarding. It has been a privilege to be a part of the Association's celebrated tradition and a wonderful challenge to help build the infrastructure for its promising future.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve the Association and Santa Clara University. I have been and will continue to be most grateful for all of it. For today is a great day to be a Bronco!

Stephen A. O'Brien

Stephen A. O'Brien '98
President,
National Alumni Association

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Alumni Association is to serve and engage the Santa Clara Family by fostering lifelong relationships between the University and its alumni. Building upon shared values, the Association initiates and leads programs that support Santa Clara's Catholic, Jesuit mission, while advancing the University's key goals.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Alumni Association embraces five key principles to guide our many activities and relationships.

- a. We serve and engage all alumni so that the Alumni Association and the University will benefit from the diverse interests, talents, and backgrounds found within the Santa Clara Family.
- b. We nurture and cherish the special bonds that connect the Santa Clara Family to each other and to the University.
- c. We preserve the rich history of Santa Clara University by celebrating our traditions and building upon the accomplishments of our alumni and the University.
- d. We encourage alumni to respond to the needs of the world around them and to honor our Jesuit tradition by sharing their knowledge, talents, resources, and time with those in need.
- e. We strive for excellence in all we do. We will actively solicit feedback and utilize resources to continuously, creatively, and efficiently improve our performance.

www.scu.edu/alumni/strategicplan

class notes

Undergraduate Alumni



52 James O'Brien enjoyed the 55-year class reunion last fall.

Although devoted to his large family, **Tom O'Leary** has not stopped enjoying the hedonistic luxuries of retirement from the UC Santa Cruz Office of Public Information.

55-YEAR **53** REUNION
SEPT. 5-7, 2008

50-YEAR **58** REUNION
SEPT. 5-7, 2008

59 Dennis W. Lid has published *First to Last: The Tale of a Biker* (CCB Publishing, 2007, \$14.95) which chronicles his lifetime love of motorcycles and his career in the military. He and his wife, Bi Yu, reside in La Quinta, Calif.

60 Kenneth Luschar recently retired from Northrop Grumman Corp. after 42 years of service in the Electronics Systems Division in San Jose. Through various acquisitions and mergers, his 42 years include employment with Dalmo Victor, Bell Aerospace, Singer, General Instrument, Litton, and then Northrop Grumman. He currently resides in San Mateo.

45-YEAR **63** REUNION
OCT. 17-19, 2008

Loren W. Harper was elected as Rotary District 5170 governor for 2009. He is a partner and member of the executive committee with Nollenberger Capital Partners Inc.

65 Louis Renaud Jr. was awarded the 2007 Faculty of the Year Award at Prince George's Community College in Maryland. In addition, he

was appointed interim dean of the STEM (science, technology, English, math) Division at the college.

40-YEAR **68** REUNION
OCT. 17-19, 2008

35-YEAR **73** REUNION
OCT. 17-19, 2008

Rick Hutchinson retired from the City of Santa Clara in December 2006. He worked for more than 30 years with the parks and recreation department as recreation superintendent. He and his wife, Patricia Hutchinson, have three children: Ryan, 23, Kyle, 20, and Courtney, 18. All three children are attending college in central Oregon. Rick and Patricia are retired and living in Eagle Point, Ore.

Leslie Leonetti is business development director of Execustaff HR in Campbell. She previously worked as a senior account executive for PRIMARY Worldwide/Willis.

75 Richard A. Rodriguez has been appointed to the faculty at the University of Hawaii, School of Social Work. He also is a lecturer in sociology for Maui Community College at Molokai Education Center.

77 Martin J. Jenkins was appointed as a justice to the First District Court of Appeal by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Jan. 25. Since 1997 Marty had served as a U.S. district judge for Northern California. He previously served as a superior court judge and prosecutor

in Alameda County, in the U.S. Department of Justice in the civil rights division, and as in-house counsel for Pacific Bell.

Elise (Day) DeYoung '77, MBA '79 is the national operations director for Girls For A Change, a national non-profit organization empowering young women to create social change in their communities. She also serves as a School Board Trustee for the Santa Clara Unified School District and is active with the Boy Scouts of America. Elise lives with her husband of 24 years, Michael, and their two sons, Charles and Daniel, in the historic Old Quad area of Santa Clara, just blocks from SCU.

50th Reunion and Gianera Luncheon

Friday, Sept. 5

- Reunion Dinners for the Classes of 1953 and 1958

Saturday, Sept. 6

- Gianera Society Luncheon for all classes who graduated more than 50 years ago
- Induction of the Class of 1958 into the Gianera Society
- Saturday Dinner for the Class of 1958

Sunday, Sept. 7

- Mass in the Mission
- Vintage Santa Clara XXV Wine Festival

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OCTOBER 17-19

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- Reunion Dinners for the Classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, and 1978
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The Jesuit university in Silicon Valley

class notes

30-YEAR **78** REUNION
Oct. 17-19, 2008

Jess R. Gutierrez joined CFOs2GO Partners as an associate partner in May 2007.

79 Robert Dennis is vice president, commercial relationship manager, and Small Business Administration leader at Lighthouse Bank in Santa Cruz. He previously worked at Wells Fargo. He is a past president of SCU's alumni association and serves on the board of the Bronco Bench Foundation.

Kathleen M. King was honored with the 2007 Distinguished Alumna Award by the West Valley-Mission College District and City of Saratoga. She completed her A.A. at West Valley Community College before enrolling at SCU. She is past mayor of Saratoga and serves on a number of boards for Bay Area community organizations.

Wain Mailhot is director of sales for PMC-Sierra. He lives in Eagle, Idaho with wife Megan and his three boys.

80 Chris Curry Carlyle is a psychotherapist at Kaiser Permanente in Portland, Ore. Her daughter, Emily, is a freshman at SCU and her son, Patrick, graduated from New York University last year and is a "starving" actor in New York City. Chris lives in Hillsboro, Ore., with Sand, her husband of 25 years.

83 Michele Goins was recently named chief information officer of Juniper Networks. She previously worked for Hewlett Packard for 25 years, most recently serving as vice president and chief information officer for HP's Imaging and Printing Group.

Joan (Goetze) Martinelli is a middle school science teacher in Vero Beach, Fla., where she lives

with her husband, Frank, and their six children: Melissa, 19; Tim, 17; Melanie, 15; Micaela, 12; Marina, 9; and Mia, 5.

Monica Jenkins works as the human resources business partner to the president of the United States Program at The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle. Since graduation from Santa Clara she has worked in the field of human resources, including for biotechnology companies Genentech and Amgen. Monica is the mother of a son, 9, and is the sister of **Judge Martin Jenkins '77**.

85 Christopher Babiarz co-hosted the eighth International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant in August 2006. Immediately following the conference, Chris performed in the musical "Walmartopia" during the 10th Annual New York International Fringe Festival. The production was invited back for an encore in September and is in development for an off-Broadway run.

86 Laura Grimes was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in Toronto. She was also consecrated as founding bishop of Sophia Catholic Communion after serving as an independent Catholic priest for three years.

Michael L. Hess successfully defended his dissertation in political science at the University of New Orleans in November 2007 and was hooded at the Spring 2008 commencement. He lives in Albuquerque.

87 Kim Olson and her husband, Jim Beit, welcomed their third daughter, Natalie Helena, on Sept. 13, 2006. Natalie and sisters Caroline, 7, and Isabelle, 4, live with their parents in Bronxville, N.Y. Kim

and Jim both work on Wall Street, with Kim having joined Deutsche Bank this past September as the chief operating officer of Deutsche Bank Trust Americas.

88 Patricia Ernstrom is executive director of the San Jose Sports Authority. She is also a member of the Bronco Bench Foundation Board of Directors.

Niamh (O'Flaherty) Pellegrini and her husband, Ron, welcomed their second child in June 2007. Joseph Brendan joins his big sister Christina in the family home in Los Altos. Niamh continues her career work as vice president of U.S. sales at Lifescan, a Johnson & Johnson company located in Milpitas.

89 Roxanne (Barry) Brady and her husband announce the birth of their daughter, Lidia Teresa, on May 14, 2007, in San Francisco. Lidia joins big sister Grace, who is 2. In 2006 Roxanne was promoted to chief financial officer of Business Engine Inc., a software company in San Francisco. The family lives in Burlingame.

Troy Buckley, SCU baseball program's record-holder for single-season batting average and runs batted in, is the Pittsburgh Pirates' minor league pitching coordinator. The 1988 West Coast Conference Player of the Year previously was Long Beach State's assistant coach and recruiting coordinator.

Kurt Stache is vice president and general sales manager for American Airlines. He previously was president of AAdvantage marketing programs. Kurt has an MBA from Harvard Business School.

90 Jeff Decker, senior vice president and financial consultant at D.A. Davidson in Everett, Wash., has been appointed to the company chairman's advisory council.

Decker joined Davidson in 1999, with prior experience at Piper Jaffray and Dain Bosworth.

Sandy (Dallas) Herman and husband Mike welcomed their third son, Luke William, on Nov. 12, 2007. He joins older brothers Jack, 5, and Nicholas, 2. Sandy is now a stay-at-home mom. Mike is vice president for publisher services at Millennial Media. The family lives in San Diego.

Carol LaMadrid moved from Monaco in 2006 and is currently living in Geneva, Switzerland with her husband. She works with Edmiston and Company as a yacht consultant. She recently choreographed the "Kiss Me Kate" musical for the Geneva English Theatre.

Debbie (Klis) Melnick and husband Stu welcomed their second child, Michael Eliezer (Elie), on Dec. 12, 2007. He joins brother Sammy, 3. Debbie just made partner at the law firm of Shulman Rogers outside of Washington, D.C. Stu works in the general counsel's office for U.S. Attorneys for the Department of Justice.

Kelly (Kestle) and Mikko Tuohey welcomed their third daughter on April 2, 2007. Madison Shea joins big sisters Samantha and Annika in the family's home.

91 Patrick Black J.D. '94 practices utilities law and government relations focusing on energy, water, wastewater, and telecommunications regulation with the firm of Fenemore Craig in Phoenix.

Joe Brichler and his wife, **Lori (Lucich)**, welcomed the arrival of Duke Beckett on Nov. 19, 2007. He joins older brothers Wyatt Andrew, 5, and Rocco Joseph, 3, in the family's Corte Madera, Calif., home.

92 Simon Chiu was recently appointed principal of Saint Joseph Notre Dame High

Super ref



AP PHOTO/DAVID DUPREY

Who's that in the striped shirt walking with New York Giants QB Eli Manning? **Mike Carey '71**, who made history on Feb. 3 when he suited up and took the field in Glendale, Ariz., for the championship showdown between the Patriots and the Giants. Carey is the first African American ever to serve as head ref for the Super Bowl. "Sports is like politics," Carey said. "It's the window to progress." Talking with a San Diego reporter on the eve of the game, he added, "I have been asked if it is groundbreaking. I think it is just ground-paving." Read a Q&A with Carey in the Winter 07 *SCM*. —SBS

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CHARLES BARRY

In 1984, when **Dominic Taddeucci '85** was a junior at SCU, he spent the year studying in Italy, but he was still with the Broncos in spirit, especially when the football team went up against St. Mary's. To show it, he created two large paper banners—large, as in three stories tall—emblazoned with “Go Broncos” and “Beat St. Mary's”—and hung them from the Roman Coliseum. Then, after capturing the moment on film, he bundled up his artwork and shipped it home to San Rafael.

Like father, like daughter: **Alexandra Taddeucci, left, and friends**



COURTESY JOHN TADDEUCCI '85

When in Rome: **John Taddeucci '85** and banner at the Coliseum

The banners lay dormant in Taddeucci's garage for some 23 years, until last fall, when daughter Alexandra entered SCU as a freshman and a fourth-generation Bronco. (Her grandfather is **John Taddeucci '58** and her great-grandfather is **Ed Malley '29**; her great-great-grandfather, **Ferdinando Taddeucci**, worked as a gardener on campus in the 1880s.) Alexandra literally took up the family's Bronco banner and, just before the SCU-St. Mary's men's basketball game in February, unfurled her father's masterpieces down one side of the tallest building on campus: Swig Hall.

Alexandra said her father was delighted with the tribute. “He still stops by SCU every chance he gets,” she says; naturally, he was there for the game this year. Which, alas, the Gaels won. —DK

School in Alameda. His family recently welcomed a son, Christian, into the family, joining son J.P., who turned 3 in April. Christian turned 1 in March.

Christine (Stewart) Rocky announces the birth of her daughter, Mallory Alyse, on Jan. 8. She joins brothers Trey, 4, and Britton, 2. Christine is teaching part time at Coastal Carolina University near Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Lisa Passal Smith '92, MBA '95 and her husband Scott were blessed with their second child, David Ryder, on February 24. He joins his older sister, Sarah Rachel, who is almost 2. The family lives in Redwood City.

Kevin Woestman and his wife, Peggy, welcomed their first child, Noah Patrick, on May 1, 2007 in Fairfax, Va.

93 John Gilroy and wife Colleen welcomed their fifth child, Walter Joseph, on Dec. 29, 2007. Walt joins brothers Jack, 8, Hugh, 5, Ned, 2, and sister Quinn, 7. John is an attorney in private practice in Portland, Ore.

Franklin Loffer and his wife, Jenny, welcomed their first child, Wyatt Henry, on July 17, 2007. The family lives in San Francisco.

Molly Orell and **Michael Patrick Crehan '92** welcomed their first child, Catie Clare Crehan, on Nov. 9, 2006. They live in San Francisco, where Molly is self-employed as a personal chef and Michael drives ferry boats on the San Francisco Bay. They wed in October 2003 in Carmel.

Joe and Anna (Murphy) Ryan announce the arrival of their fourth son, Daniel Edward Cassidy, on March 2, 2007. He joins older brothers, Jack, 9, David, 7, and Joey, 4. Joe is a physical therapist at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

Anna graduated with a bachelor in nursing from California State University, Stanislaus in December, 2006. She spent some time at home with the children but has started a new career as an emergency department nurse in a Sacramento-area hospital.

Philip Sandifur and his wife, Shelley, announce the birth of their second child, Madison, in August 2005. She joins older brother Chase, 4. Philip completed the Ironman Coeur d'Alene Triathlon in July 2006 after recovering from a five-way heart bypass surgery. The Sandifurs live in Spokane, where they pursue careers in real estate and yoga.

David Sanguinetti and wife Alicia welcomed their second son on Oct. 6, 2006. Anthony joins big brother Dominick, 2, in the family's Lafayette home. Alicia is the design director with Advisor Software, Inc. in Lafayette and David is a vice president with Offit Hall Capital Management in San Francisco.

94 Mariah (Youngkin) Baughn completed the medical doctorate program at the University of Southern California and is starting residency in pathology at UC San Diego. Husband **Jeff Baughn MBA '03** and son Evan are happy about the move to San Diego.

Julie Chang won the title of Mrs. Hawaii United States 2007 at the state pageant, which was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on May 25, 2007. She represented Hawaii at the national Mrs. United States pageant in Las Vegas in July 2007.

Jeff Hilgers married Swedish journalist Cecilia Hahne on Jan. 12, 2007 in Kona, Hawaii. Jeff and Cecilia live in Stockholm.

Christina (McAllister) Ritchie recently accepted a position as planner of the Arizona

Department of Emergency and Military Affairs in Phoenix. Tina works with the Arizona Army National Guard in real estate and planning matters, handling lease negotiations and long-range military construction projects. She is also writing a sequel to her book, *The Credit Road Map*. Tina lives with her son, Declan, in Phoenix.

Branden Mello '94, J.D. '98, MBA '98 and wife Kate welcomed their second child, Ansel Paul, in May 2007. They live in Modesto. Branden is an attorney with Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, Pallios, Pacher & Silva.

Tommy Thompson and his wife, **Sherrie (Buente)**, announce the birth of daughter Brinley Grace on Sept. 26, 2007. Brinley joins big sister Megan and big brothers Luke and Kade in the family's Gilbert, Ariz., home.

Nader Yasin '94, J.D. '99 is a transactional and litigation partner with La Fleur & Yasin LLP, a law firm based in San Jose, where his practice continues to focus on real estate and related industries, with a particular emphasis on commercial ownership, property management, leasing, development, land use, construction and related dispute resolution and litigation. He lives in San Jose with his wife, Lynn, and their two children, Bennett, 6, and Sophie, 4.

95 Kevin Beals married **Devon Woodfin '00** on March 10, 2007, at Mission Santa Clara. Groomsmen included SCU alumni **Bob D'Acquisto, Toby O'Brien '93, Mark Jamtgaard,** and **Bryan Wargo**. Bridesmaids included **Kori (Woodfin) O'Brien '96, Megan (Schreiber) Deaton '00, Kelly Cunningham '00,** and **Kendra Michielssen '00.**

Bill Bennett and his wife, Jyllian, welcomed twin boys, Patrick and Peter, on Sept. 7, 2006.

They join their 2-year-old sister, Laryn, at the family's home in Pleasanton.

Richelle Faria married Christopher Massey on Nov. 10, 2007 at Mission Santa Clara. The bridal party included **Lucy (Azevedo) Rojas '96, Anna Lee '96,** the three daughters of **Jade L'Heureux '95,** and **Christina (Picazo) L'Heureux '93.** The celebrant of the ceremony was **Jack Treacy, S.J. '77.**

Matt and Monica (Garcia) Reilly announce the birth of daughter Samantha Grace on Sept. 27, 2007, in Greenwich, Conn.

96 Tom Bertulis is the manager of the engineering department at Transport, Planning & Engineering, a company specializing in the design and construction of sustainable transport projects. He lives and works in Glasgow.

Phil Von Buchwaldt MBA '98 and wife **Susan** announce the birth of a son, Grant, on Sept. 6, 2007. He joins big brother Aidan in the family's Spokane, Wash. home.

Autumn (Blatchford) Casadonte J.D. '05 and husband Alex welcomed their first daughter, Ava Rose, on April 5, 2007. Autumn is an attorney with Miller Morton Caillat & Nevis LLP in San Jose.

Tiana (Wiersma) Dixon and her husband Martin welcomed twins Abigail and William on May 30, 2007. The twins join big sister Chloe, 2, at their home in Portland, Ore.

Vanessa (Bettisworth) Rambis and husband Jeff welcomed their third child, Adrienne Claire, on Aug. 23, 2007. She joins siblings Caleb and Jillian in the family's northern Colorado home.

Kevin and Alyssa (Schmidt) Olson welcomed their third child, Kaden Michael, in June



BARROS CREATIVE IMAGES

Wedding bells rang at the Mission Church for our own **Sandra Renteria '03 (née Figueroa)** and groom Robert on Nov. 3, 2007. The happy couple honeymooned in the Caribbean and live in San Jose. As office manager for SCU's Office of Marketing and Communications, Sandra helps make sure we here at SCM keep our ducks in a row.



COURTESY LISA TRUJILLO

At the Adobe Wall: **Lisa Trujillo '00** and **Dale Corpus '00** were married at Mission Santa Clara on February 2. Then they were off to Costa Rica for the honeymoon. The wedding party included fellow '00s **Alan Abar, Rex Isaguirre, George Carino, Brian Fong, Glenn Hernandez, Micheliene Yim,** and **Trina Estella-Nguyen.** Back home, Dale works as a mortgage branch sales manager at JPMorgan Chase in the Campbell office, and Lisa works for Palamida as a professional services consultant.

Tell me no lies

Erahm Christopher '98 and **J.C. Pohl '98** watched the media reaction to the tragic Columbine High School shootings in 1999 and were left wondering why reporters weren't asking teens themselves about the cause of the violence inside the school.

There was a story that wasn't being told, Christopher and Pohl saw. And the aspiring filmmakers quickly found that students were the ones to tell it.

COURTESY J.C. POHL



Just listen: Erahm Christopher

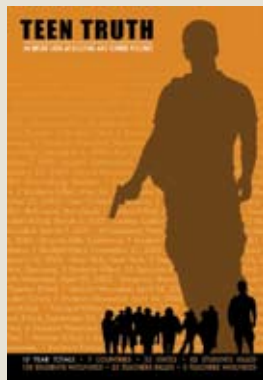
Many teens shared a common sentiment: No one was listening to them, and they felt enormous pressures, from worrying about school and their future to their physical appearances and even learning to drive. Coupled with bullying—a broad term that encompasses physical violence and intimidation as well as gossip and hurtful teasing—teens could easily develop problems that lead to violent behavior. Told right, Christopher and Pohl saw, this was a story that could educate and inspire.

They distributed camcorders to a diverse group of five teens with the direction that, over the course of a year, the students would film anything they thought would reveal who they were and what they were experiencing. From the footage, Christopher and Pohl created "Teen Truth: An Inside Look at Bullying and School Violence."

"The film gets to the core of the issue," Christopher says. "We want teens to understand how they're affecting each other and challenge them to be positive influences."

At SCU, Christopher studied theatre and communication and Pohl earned a degree in marketing. HRM Film picked up their film in 2006 and promoted it at high schools. Christopher and Pohl developed a curriculum around the film as well as a motivational speaking tour. Tens of thousands have seen it, including over 50 California legislators in the State Capitol at a showing last summer. A prestigious CINE Golden Eagle Award in December brought further attention.

The life-changing response they've seen among teens has led Christopher and Pohl to their next project: "Teen Truth: An Inside Look at Drugs and Alcohol Abuse"—which was released last fall. Read more about it at www.teentruthlive.com. —Emily Elrod



The goal: make school a safer, healthier place

2007. He joins big sister Alexis and big brother Konner in the family's Gilbert, Ariz., home.

Jessica (Cihak) Wilson and her husband, John, announce the birth of their son, Scott Robert, on Aug. 1, 2007. Scott joins his big sister Claudia at their home in Olympia, Wash.

97 Chris and Andrea (Losh) Hackman welcomed their second child, Bailey Therese, on Aug. 26, 2007. She joins big brother Cole in Seattle. Chris is a securities trader for Parametric Portfolio Associates, and Andrea owns and operates the preschool she founded, Harvard Avenue School.

Charlotte (Castro) Markey and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, in June 2007. Grace joins her big brother Charlie, 2, in the family's Pennsylvania home.

Alexis M. Wetoska Malayter and husband Ryan welcomed their first child, Winston Patrick, on Sept. 16, 2007. Alexis writes, "Hope all is well on campus! Go Broncos!"

98 John Bergmann and his wife, Anna, welcomed their first child, Aiden Huynh, on Dec. 19, 2007, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Chris Brady and his wife, Peaches, announce the birth of their first child, Finley "Finn" Robert, on June 23, 2007.

Joseph DeLucchi and his wife, Kimberly, announce the birth of their first child, David William, on Dec. 6, 2007.

Andrew Duncan is a real estate consultant with Intero Real Estate Services. He consults with and advises buyers, sellers, and investors in the Bay Area, and provides services throughout the United States.

Sarah Lentz married Sergio Rodriguez on Oct. 27, 2007. The couple lives in Fullerton, where Sarah teaches theatre arts and dance at the junior high she previously attended.

Becky Warren is pursuing graduate work in sustainability at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Her focus on sustainability started in earnest at SCU and was bolstered when she served as a student researcher in Kenya. More recently, she served on the board of the Denali Citizens Council in Alaska and completed coursework in solar panel design and installation.

99 Gianna I. Franzia and husband Michael A. Gambatese announce the birth of their daughter, Giada Franzia Gambatese, on Sept. 7, 2007.

Shannon Hoyt married Eric Sackett on May 21, 2005 in Monterey. The wedding party included SCU alumna **Ann Wolfe**. Shannon is a clinical laboratory scientist for Stanford University Hospital and Clinics (Department of Virology). She and Eric welcomed a daughter, Madison Lynn, on June 8, 2007.

Jessica (Goodearl) Stefani and her husband, Jon-Paul, welcomed their son, Justin Cole, into the world on July 24, 2007, in San Diego.

Ann M. Wolfe recently served as a guest curator at the Nevada State Museum for the exhibit *Voces Latinas: Works on Paper, 1921-present*. The exhibit featured 15 distinguished Latino artists, including Diego Rivera and José Clemente Orozco. Wolfe is also the curator of Exhibitions and Collections at the Nevada Museum of Art.

99 Audree (Anderson) Davidson and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of a daughter, Amanda Faith, on Dec. 2, 2007.

Elias Francisco Portales and **Claudia Martinez Soto** married on May 5, 2007, at the Capilla de Nuestra Señora del Carmen, in the Mayan Riviera. The ceremony included many Santa Clara alumni, including **Laura Aguilera '03**, **Xio Vielman '02**, and **Gloria Yu '02**. The couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen and now lives in San Jose.

Jenn Viane Riese and husband **Mike '99** welcomed their first child, Christian James, in December 2006.

Will Saso and wife Gretchen welcomed a son, McCormick William, into the world on Aug. 9, 2007.

Elizabeth Thompson is assistant director and liaison to the undergraduate arts and sciences students at the SCU Career Center. She began her work in the Career Center in 2003 as an assistant director while also living on campus as a resident minister.

01 Anthony M. Chimienti, a former Broncos soccer star, took part in his second FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup in Rio de Janeiro this past November. Chimienti made four goals and led U.S. players in scoring. A team member of the Sacramento Knights since 2004, he also runs Chimienti Soccer Camps in Folsom and El Dorado Hills, Calif.

Monique Derenia married Benoit Roederer in the small coastal town of Villefranche-sur-mer, France, on July 13, 2006. The wedding party included SCU alumna **Melissa Wong**. In May 2007 Monique earned her master's degree in anthropology from San Francisco State University, where she produced and directed a short documentary about the growing trend of men who choose to become

stay-at-home fathers. She plans to continue making documentaries and to pursue a career in teaching at the junior college level. The couple lives in San Carlos, where Benoit works in the field of electrical engineering.

Meredith (Cecchin) and Tom Galvin '02 announce the birth of their son, Thomas Arthur, on April 24, 2007.

Janelle (Martinez) Morgan, along with husband Bodie and son Luke Tyler, has relocated to Sacramento. Janelle is working as a therapist and is looking forward to completing her hours for a license as a marriage and family therapist.

02 Rebecca Ayres and **Matthew Bright** were married in Mountain View on July 14, 2007. The wedding party included Holly Hem and **Brynn Hale '01**. Rebecca is studying clinical psychology at San Jose State University. Matt works in technical marketing in Sunnyvale. They live in San Jose.

Kathleen (Welch) Dippert '02 and husband Dustin welcomed their first child, James Ryan, on January 9. The family lives in Sacramento.

Andrew Holtz and **Katherine Wichmann '03** were wed at the Mission Church on Sept. 29, 2007. **Justin Elkin** and **Adam Moreland '05** were in the wedding party, with alumni from 1950 through 2008 in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica and lives in Sunnyvale.

03 Billy Ramirez is lead content programmer at MyWaves, a leading Silicon Valley startup that provides mobile video.

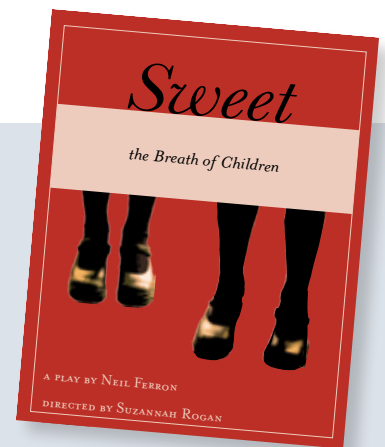
04 Craig Corica married **Melissa Meek J.D. '07** on June 30, 2007, at Mission Santa Clara. The wedding party included **Ashley Rahilly**, **Colin Barceloux '03**, **David Thompson '01**, **J.D. '05**, **Emily Moody '03**, **Michael Byer**, and **Neha Mandal**. The newlyweds honeymooned in the Caribbean and now live in the Bay Area.

Adriana Navarro de la Guardia married Juan Antonio Alfaro on June 2, 2007, in Panama City,

Panama. The wedding party included **Lindsey Cromwell**. Also in attendance were **Khanh Chau**, **Emily Jamieson**, **Matthew Kalkbrenner**, **Abid Mogannam**, and **Steven Spence**. The newlyweds honeymooned in Hawaii and will continue to live in Panama City.

All happy families

When the play *Sweet, the Breath of Children* ran in Seattle's Odd Duck Studio last September, the *Seattle Times* named it a Critics' Pick, praising the "wonderfully written" riffs and dialogue and dubbing it an "auspicious beginning" for "promising young playwright" **Neil Ferron '05**. With a title taken from Euripides' tragedy *Medea*, Ferron's play is a dark comedy about a pair of sisters raised in an opulent and oversexed home (think Tennessee Williams) in West Hollywood. It was inspired by Ferron's participation in a DISCOVER internship working with homeless and troubled teens in the U.S. and a fellowship assisting at an orphanage in Calcutta. While a student at SCU, Ferron said he began writing the play as a way to answer lingering questions these experiences posed, such as, "How do you move forward with respect, dignity, and practicality?" —EE



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CHARLES BARRY

The fifth degree

Last spring, a column in this magazine about the first family to have three generations of women attend SCU prompted one alumna to drop us a friendly note: to set the record straight,

and to share a story about a mother with five children at home who never finished elementary or high school but, thanks to a scholarship and support from a couple Santa Clara faculty in particular—Jo Ann Vasquez and Kenneth E. Blaker in education—she completed two degrees. Meet Jessie Garibaldi '74, M.A. '77.

As an older student, Garibaldi says her studies at SCU were no stroll beneath the palms: "A difficult but exciting time" is how she puts it. She was involved with the Chicano movement and served as a community liaison for Project 50, an outreach program for minority students. She also had the distinction of attending Santa Clara at the same time as her daughter Diane, who completed her bachelor's degree in 1977. (Jessie says she avoided dropping by Diane's dorm room unannounced. But at commencement, Diane was there in the crowd shouting, "Yeah, Mom!")

Jessie put her master's to use in her work at DeAnza College. Diane went on to medical school and now serves as a pediatrician at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. And granddaughter Katrina Garibaldi '04 just completed her J.D. at SCU this spring. This year she served as a technical editor for the *Santa Clara Computer and High Technology Law Journal*. —JC

Three generations of Garibaldi women: Jessie '74, M.A. '77, Diane '77, and Katrina '04, J.D. '08

Kathryn Ortiz of the University of Arizona's Department of English was selected as one of 10 recipients of the 2008 Scholars for the Dream Travel Awards.

Miranda Mestas Vatterott and husband Timmy announce the birth of their daughter, Estela Patricia, on Sept. 19, 2007. They live in Los Angeles.

05 Brian Hurd earned a master of science degree in industrial/organizational psychology from Colorado State University on Dec. 14, 2007. He is studying for his Ph.D. and teaching graduate statistics. He and his wife, **Kristin**, live in Fort Collins, Colo.

06 Caitlyn (Gilley) Obolsky and husband **Arthur '04** welcomed their first child, Isabelle Alana Obolsky, on Dec. 20, 2007.

Graduate Alumni

75 Charles S. "Chuck" Poochigian J.D. has joined the Fresno-based law firm of Dowling, Aaron & Keeler. Chuck served as a member of the California State Senate and Assembly from 1994 to 2006 and previously was a member of the senior staffs of Governors Wilson and Deukmejian.

77 Robert Fried J.D., a partner at the Pleasanton office of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, has been appointed to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities. On March 19, Fried presented oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Chamber of Commerce v. Brown*, a legal challenge to California statute AB 1889, which would require employers who contract with the State of California to remain neutral with respect to

use of those monies if a union tries to organize them, and empowers unions to sue to enforce violations.

78 Jeff Ferriell J.D., a Capital University law professor, was appointed as a member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws by Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland. In 2007 Jeff published the second edition of *Understanding Bankruptcy*, a text he co-authored for law students and bankruptcy lawyers.

83 Bill Meyers M.S. is a Peace Corps volunteer in Gambia. He will be a secondary school math and science teacher during his two-year assignment in West Africa. He previously was a systems engineer at Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale.

84 Kevin Bauer MBA is vice president of finance and corporate controller for Exar Corp.

89 Mark Hudson MBA joined BLADE as chief marketing officer after 19 years at Hewlett Packard, for which he was vice president of worldwide marketing for HP's Enterprise Server & Storage business.

Claudia Fan Munce M.S. has been managing director of IBM's venture capital group since March 2004. Born in Taiwan and raised in Brazil, Munce earned an MBA from Stanford University.

91 John F. (Jack) Glenn MBA is chief financial officer of Thermage Inc., a leader in non-invasive tissue tightening in the aesthetic industry. He is the former chief financial officer of Cholestech Corporation.

Gerald W. Hansen M.S. published *State Boundaries of America: How, Why and When American State Lines Were Formed* (Heritage Books, Inc., \$24).

Eugene M. Kuerner M.S. is vice president of engineering for Medio Systems, Inc., a provider of mobile search and advertising solutions.

93 Lori Johnson MBA is business manager for international programs at SCU. She is responsible for managing all business aspects of Santa Clara's international initiatives, including the International Studies/African Studies Minor, campus and community events promoting global engagement, overseas programs in Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Germany, Italy, Mexico, and the United Kingdom, as well as numerous exchange partners and affiliate programs around the world. She will also retain her position in the Drahmman Advising Center.

John Potter pursued a longtime dream and at age 37 played basketball this year at Modesto Junior College. "I did this to be selfish, and that's about 95 percent of it," Potter told the *Modesto Bee*. "The other 5 percent is being able to look my 4-year-old daughter in the eye and tell her it's okay to try everything in life and not to be afraid to fail." John is an owner or a partner in several companies, most of which are related to packaging and distribution of dried fruit and nuts. He has more than 200 employees. He hasn't decided if he will play again next year, but he has a standing offer to join the team's coaching staff.

94 Marjorie (Doyle) Versen MBA was appointed CFO for Arrow Industrial Ltd., a precision machine shop that provides contract manufacturing for aerospace, medical, and electronics industries.

95 Kyle Ostergard J.D. is a partner with Weston, Benshoof, Rochefort, Rubalcava and MacCuish LLP. He practices in the areas of construction, suretyship, business, and real

estate law. He also represents individuals and businesses in real estate and business disputes.

96 Beth L. Mitchell J.D. joined the litigation practice group of Winston & Strawn LLP. She previously was a partner at Nixon Peabody LLP.

02 Andrew Gere MBA was promoted to chief of operations for San Jose Water Co. He joined the company in 1995 and will assume responsibility for the direction of company-wide operations, water quality, maintenance, and purchasing activities.

03 Victor Thu MBA and his wife announce the birth of their first child, Noella, on July 18, 2007.

05 Nicholas Radov MBA and wife Mirela announce the birth of their first child, Eva Nicole, on July 5, 2007.

Obituaries

36 Edward Joseph Horton, Dec. 27, 2007. A native of Wisconsin, during the Depression he traveled the world with the Merchant Marines. He attended SCU and UC Berkeley and earned an advanced degree from California State University, Sacramento. He worked in management with California's Franchise Tax Board and Department of Water Resources before going on to found the department of public administration at Sacramento State. He is survived by 11 children and eight grandchildren.

39 Albert Edward Bezore, June 25, 2005. After graduating from SCU, his dream was to become a screenwriter, but the guild was on strike so he joined Greyhound, and spent the majority of his career as a pension and benefit admin-

istrator at their San Francisco headquarters. He and his wife Carol "Kay" Hansen raised four children, including **Monica '80** and **Ellen '81**.

40 Col. James L. Caselli, Jan. 14.

46 Anthony (Tony) Maciel, Oct. 22, 2007. A native of San Jose, he entered the Navy ROTC at SCU during World War II. He worked as a mechanical engineer and contributed to the design of inventions for aerospace, medicine, and other industries.

48 Dante Falcioni, Dec. 26, 2007. A native of Richmond, Calif., he served in World War II with the Army Corps of Engineers. He was a plant engineer for Santa Cruz Portland Cement and later was a maintenance superintendent for Kaiser Cement. He is survived by his sister, son, daughter, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

49 Robert C. Wehner, Nov. 12, 2007. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he worked in the title insurance, savings, and loan fields before joining his father at the Wehner Insurance Agency, continuing as an independent insurance agent for more than 45 years. He is survived by his wife, Adrienna; daughter, Karen; and son, Timothy.

50 Arden Robert "Bob" McKillop, Nov. 14, 2007. A native of Oroville, he earned a basketball scholarship to Santa Clara, where he also played baseball and tennis. He joined the Army in 1943 and served in Europe. He taught high school in Winters and at Hayward High and was head basketball coach and athletic director until his retirement. Survivors include his wife, Lee; daughter Julie; son Matthew; and two grandsons.

51 Eugene Robert (Gene) Monahan, Nov. 16, 2007. The San Jose native was an electrical engineer who spent his career with Pacific Gas and Electric. He is survived by his wife, Mary; six children; and nine grandchildren.

52 Rev. Arthur M. Schoenfeldt, Dec. 9, 2007. The native of Portland, Ore., decided to become a Holy Cross priest and entered Sacred Heart Novitiate in Jordan, Minn. He was ordained in 1959. In 1962 he began work as chaplain at St. Francis High School in Mountain View and worked there for 15 years. In 1978 he began work at the University of Portland, where "Father Art," clad in one of many loud checkered golf caps he owned, earned the love and respect of the university community as a companion of the heart and the soul of dignity, and where a distinguished visiting writers series bears his name.

53 David J. Costanza, Dec. 1, 2007. The San Jose native graduated from Bellarmine College Prep, SCU, and UCSF Medical School. He served as a physician in the U.S. Navy and later was in private medical practice, served as president of the Marin Medical Society, and was an active member of the Bioethics Committee of Marin General Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Sherry; three sons; a daughter; and three grandchildren.

56 Roland Costantino Maddalena, Oct. 16, 2007. A native of San Luis Obispo, he worked in the family business, Maddalena Tire Co. and Title Insurance and Trust Co., and he founded his own real estate company. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marlene; two children; eight grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

57 **Vernon Louis Costa**
M.A. '63, Dec. 12, 2007.

58 **Ron Enos**, June 7, 2007. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Mary; a son, Jim; and two grandchildren.

61 **Michael Charles Dowling**, Jan. 2. The San Francisco native earned an MBA from Golden Gate University. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1964 and worked for Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. and Blue Shield. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; two sons; one daughter; and six grandchildren.

63 **Joseph Carl Olsen J.D. '73**, Dec. 25, 2007. A native of New York City, he was a long-time engineer and lawyer in the Sunnyvale area. A veteran of World War II and a graduate of the University of Washington and SCU, he was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the California State Bar Association. He is survived by his wife, Dina; and one son.

65 **Robert Charles Bolin**
M.A. '71, Nov. 22, 2007.

The San Francisco native spent more than 40 years at Lockheed Martin. He is survived by his wife, Laurel; two sons; and a granddaughter.

Peggy Comeau, Nov. 17, 2007. A native of Los Angeles, she served in the Peace Corps in Turkey and lived in Hawaii for 22 years, where she worked as an advisor to the mayor of Honolulu; later she served as executive vice president of Realtors' associations in Hawaii and New Mexico. She is survived by husband Robert Ellig; one daughter; and a grandson.

70 **George J. Kern**, Oct. 20, 2007. His career in computer technology spanned 35 years, and he was recognized internationally for his professional achievements. At the time of his death, he was the chief operating officer for Advent Solar in Albuquerque. Survivors include his wife, Jana; three sons; and three grandchildren.

73 **Kevin Canales Briggs**, Dec. 4, 2007. While at SCU, he was the movie reviewer for *The Santa Clara* newspaper.

Ken Radigan, Nov. 14, 2007, in San Jose. He worked at Fairchild Semiconductor, National Semiconductor, Applied Materials, and JDS Uniphase. He was an avid aeronaut (balloonist) out of Morgan Hill.

74 **John Feeny Reiley**, Jan. 15. "The Great J.R." departed peacefully in the Chico home of his youth, accompanied by the literature and music he so lovingly collected throughout his life. He was a man of fervent convictions and constant charm. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard, and his brother **Bill '78**. His mother, Agnes, died in February. He is survived by brothers, **Richard '72**, **Martin '75**, **J.D. '78**, and James; sisters Mary, **Eileen '76**, and **Kathleen '84**; and nieces and nephews.

80 **Nancy Sharon Cavicke**, Jan. 20. She spent 18 years advocating for a better quality of life and care for residents of long-term care facilities as an ombudsman in Fairfax County, Va.

86 **Debra Ann (Leonard) Wood**, Nov. 13, 2007. The lifelong Arizona resident was a teacher in the Paradise Valley School District. She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Tom; sons Maxwell and Jack; and siblings Mike Leonard, **Amy Vogt '88**, Kevin Leonard, **Brian Leonard '93**, Sean Leonard; and 12 nieces and nephews.

Graduate Obituaries

64 **Arthur Mandell MBA**, Aug. 8, 2007.

66 **Donald Paul Evans M.E.**, Nov. 29, 2007. A native of San Pedro, he served in the U.S. Army and worked for FMC Corp. and the U.S. Postal Service as an engineer for 52 years. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Jo; and two children.

Marion T. "Wally" Wallace MBA, Dec. 5, 2007. A native of Carrollton, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and spent the majority of his career in the aircraft and space industry. He worked for Goodyear Aircraft and Hughes Aircraft, where he flight tested the world's largest helicopter. At Lockheed Missiles & Space, he worked on rocket engines, spacecraft, and the Hubble Space Telescope. He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Marie; two children; and three grandchildren.

68 **Robert D. Kraehe MBA**, Dec. 23, 2006. A native of St. Louis, he served in World War II with the U.S. Merchant Marines. He earned degrees from the University of Missouri and Northwestern University. His career in journalism included work for the U.S. Air Force, Ford Motor Co., and the Bay Area Rapid Transit system.

71 **Peter Patterakis MBA**, Jan. 3. A longtime employee of NASA Ames Research Center, he had a love for fishing and music. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Tia; two children; and one grandchild.

72 **Mary (Gunn) Salocks M.A.**, Oct. 28, 2007. She served as a Navy nurse in World War II and for 24 years worked



Terry Ennis '66, Sept. 12, 2007. He loved coaching high school kids, which is why Terry Ennis turned down the college coaching offers that came his way. An All-Coast defensive back at Santa Clara, he only stood 5-foot-6 but became "a towering presence

to coaches around him," as the *Seattle Times* put it. In 1999, the paper named him Coach of the Century. For 36 seasons he coached high school football in the Seattle area, leading his teams to three state championships. In May 2008, he was inducted into the SCU Athletic Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, **Fran (Rose) '67**; son Joe; and daughters Amy and **Jenny '94**.

as a school nurse and supervisor of health services in the San Jose Unified School District. She volunteered for many years at the Cancer Society's Discovery Shop in Los Altos. She is survived by her husband, William; and two sons.

73 Elmira "Mira" McCabe Gearhardt J.D., Oct. 15, 2007. The Rhode Island native taught law at the Cumberland Law School in Alabama before working for the Maine Domestic Court in Portland as a mediator. She was also the host of the Maine Public Television show "Look Who's Cooking." Survivors include a son; two daughters; and 14 grandchildren.

74 Ram G. Gupta MBA, Jan. 27. A native of Mathura, India, he earned a degree from Banaras Hindu University in 1967 before moving to the United States to pursue a master's degree in mechanical engineering. After earning an MBA at Santa Clara, he spent the majority of his career at BAE Systems (formerly FMC and United Defense), where he was a financial analyst for 35 years. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Krishna; a son; and a daughter.

75 James Barnett M.A., Jan. 3, 2008. The West Texas native was a Jungian psychoanalyst who held degrees from SCU, Yale, Harvard, and the University of Texas-Dallas. He is survived by his wife, Camille; four children; and six grandchildren.

76 Tanya Young M.A., Oct. 31, 2007. The New York native served in leadership roles with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for more than 30 years and was founding president of the Silicon Valley Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.; was a founding member of

the Santa Clara Valley Urban League; and past chairwoman of the San Jose Chapter of the NAACP. Her work in human resources included serving as director of employment and employee relations for Howard University and senior human resources manager for DB Consulting Group. Survivors include her sons, Reginald A. Young Jr. and B. Michael Young.

78 Eliza "Tucky" Skemp M.A., Oct. 31, 2007. A native of San Francisco, during a year of study in Vienna, she met and fell in love with her husband of 47 years, **Dan Skemp J.D. '66**. She completed her undergraduate degree at Stanford University and worked for the San Jose Unified School District, teaching intellectually disabled children at the grammar and middle school levels. In 1980 she moved to Viroqua, Wis., with her family and in 1984 earned honors as Wisconsin Teacher of the Year in her field. She went on to become principal of Lincoln Middle School in La Crosse and retired in 2004. She is survived by her husband; their four children; and five grandchildren.

OO Wanda Ochoa J.D., Dec. 25, 2007. A native of El Paso, she found an early passion for music and was awarded a position as bassoonist with the El Paso Symphony while in high school. She attended Columbia University and the University of Texas, El Paso, where she earned her B.A. She pursued graduate study in music theory and earned a doctorate in music from the University of Texas at Austin. Her interest in politics led her to become a professional journalist, writing news stories, music criticism, and editorials. She is survived by her husband, Stephen Denny.

IN MEMORIAM



William Frances Sheehan Jr., Jan. 30.

The former SCU chemistry professor was born in Chicago and attended Loyola University in Chicago before earning a Ph.D. in chemistry at CalTech, where he studied under Nobel laureate Linus Pauling.

Sheehan taught at SCU from 1955 to 1991, wrote two widely-used textbooks on physical chemistry, and invented the notorious Periodic Table of the Elements with Emphasis. He expected excellence from his students and let them know when they didn't meet his standards. Upon his retirement, he and his family moved to Santa Fe. He and his wife, Teresa, to whom he was married for 54 years, traveled to every continent. Survivors include his wife; sons **Daniel '81** and **John '82**; twin daughters **Catherine Mangan '79** and **Delphine Streit '79**; and three grandsons. His son Patrick also passed away in January.



Geraldine Ann Tomlinson, Oct. 28,

2007, in Nevada City. A professor of biology specializing in microbiology and biochemistry, she taught at Santa Clara from 1967 to 1991. She earned a reputation as a devoted and demanding teacher, involving students in her research work at SCU

and NASA-Ames and winning the Outstanding Educator of America award. Born in 1931 in Vancouver, B.C., she earned a bachelor's degree and Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia and a master's degree from UC Berkeley. In 1972 she became the first full professor of biology at Santa Clara. Following her retirement in 1991, she sustained her passion for animal rights and gardening. She also enjoyed truck camping with Ray, her husband of more than 40 years, throughout the Colorado and Mojave deserts and the Sierra Nevada. After Ray's death, she married Lyle Armstrong, and for the past eight years the couple traveled extensively.

Roy Grevelink, Aug. 3, 2007. He was employed by SCU as a painter for 37 years. He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

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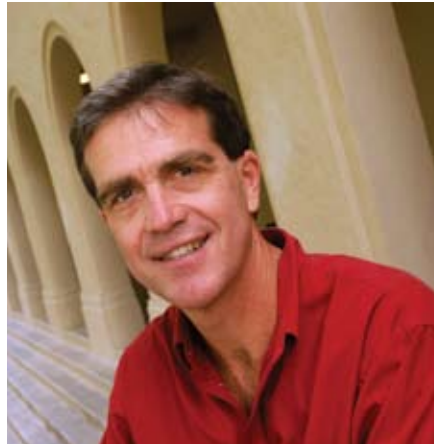
The audacity of the political bestseller

By John Heath

I teach Homer—and a few dozen other long-dead authors—for a living. This may be the best job ever. Although I can think of nothing more relevant to the modern world than the classical cultures, I am aware that spending too much time in the past has its dangers. (At least one neighbor has complained about the 100 oxen roasting in our backyard on holidays.) So a few years ago I decided to catch up with modern America, not by actually hanging out with it, of course, but by doing what any good academic would do—by reading the same books America has been reading.

My co-author (Lisa Adams '98) and I read more than 200 books from the 1991-2006 bestseller lists, funneling our findings into a book called *Why We Read What We Read: A Delightfully Opinionated Journey Through Contemporary Bestsellers*. It was an eye-opening adventure. We found that many bestsellers actually do the opposite of what they claim: Inspirational books obstruct change, romances keep readers lonely, and thrillers provide comfort. Perhaps most disconcertingly, nonfiction political bestsellers almost universally undermine the very democratic values they claimed to defend.

Democracy depends upon the open exchange of ideas. Yet bestselling authors from the recent past displayed a lack of empathy, indeed a pride in rejecting other viewpoints without consideration. Left or right on the political spectrum, it made no difference; Michael Moore matched Ann Coulter irrational rant for irrational rant. The most popular bestsellers—we analyzed not only the very top political titles from 1991-2006, but *all 40 books* that made it onto a bestselling list in the election year of 2004—were



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written by already-famous politicians for an audience of the converted. Readers were clearly searching for “evidence,” no matter how shaky or invented, to support what they already believed. A glance at the titles of some of the most popular political books reveals the self-righteous theatrics lurking therein: *Imperial Hubris*, *Worse Than Watergate*, *Deliver Us From Evil*, *The Enemy Within*. It just seems fishy when bestselling nonfiction books sound like movies starring Harrison Ford or Bruce Willis. In short, Americans overwhelmingly preferred books that presented complex political issues as simple matters of good and evil—books that ignored or attempted to eradicate conflicting perspectives entirely.

Lisa and I continue to analyze bestsellers on the *Why We Read What We Read* blog (www.whyyereadbooks.com). As a tragic realist (it's the classicist in me), I have not been surprised that bestselling lists since 2006 generally look a lot like those from previous years. But perhaps my pessimism is premature. So far in 2008 there has been one major change in America's

bestselling reading: the comparative absence of bestselling political spew. As I write this, we are more than a third of the way through the election year and there have been only four bestsellers specifically about American politics (remember, in that last presidential election year there were 40—did I mention that I read them *all*?). And these four have a distinctly different tone. Steven Colbert's *I Am America (And So Can You)* undermines conservatism through humor, not wrath. Glenn Beck's conservative *An Inconvenient Book* can be wittily self-effacing. Even Newt Gingrich has climbed onto the bestselling lists by claiming we need *Real Change* and that America is not divided into red and blue (although, well, it's still the Left that causes most of the problems). And the ultimate change-fan, Barack Obama, offers his now-famous optimistic take on the future in *The Audacity of Hope*.

These are the four bestsellers? These hopeful, not-very-angry books?

We keep hearing that Americans are ready for change. Are the bestseller lists evidence that we are making it happen? Are these books a good indication of a shift in the *zeitgeist*? We'll see.

Before election time, readers still have five months to start buying up the latest screed from the radio talk-show hosts and *New York Times* pundits. Can we resist? My guess—Homer, Sophocles, and Thucydides have been right about human nature much too often for me to abandon them now—is that within a few months reasoned debate will be harder to find than Ann Coulter's maternal instinct or Michael Moore's copy of the *South Beach Diet*. But I'm hoping—really, really hoping—that I'm wrong. 

calendar

Coming Attractions

JUNE

Date	Sponsor	Event	Contact	Contact Info
1	Santa Rosa	Santa Clara Sunday	John Spieth '06	jspieth@scu.edu
1, 5-7	Center of Performing Arts	Hair, the Musical	CPA Box Office	408-554-4015
3	Center of Performing Arts	SCU Concert Choir: Food of Love	CPA Box Office	408-554-4015
5	Santa Clara Valley	Spring Post-Work Reception	John Spieth '06	jspieth@scu.edu
6	Alumni Association	First Friday Mass and Lunch	Mary Modeste Smoker '81	msmoker@scu.edu
8	Napa	Santa Clara Sunday	John Spieth '06	jspieth@scu.edu
14	Alumni Association	Graduation Picnic	Paul Neilan '70	pneilan@scu.edu
18	San Francisco	17th Annual Santa Clara Dinner	John Spieth '06	jspieth@scu.edu
29	East Bay	Day at the A's	John Spieth '06	jspieth@scu.edu

SEPTEMBER

5	Law Alumni Center	Law Alumni Reunion Weekend	Susan Moore	408-551-1748 or lawreunion@scu.edu
5	Alumni Association	55th Reunion for the Class of 1953	Paul Neilan '70	pneilan@scu.edu
5-6	Alumni Association	Golden Reunion for the Class of 1958	Paul Neilan '70	pneilan@scu.edu
6	Alumni Association	Gianera Luncheon	Maureen Muscat '91, MBA '99	mmuscat@scu.edu
7	Alumni Association	Vintage Santa Clara XXV	Carey DeAngelis '05	cdeangelis@scu.edu



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Fulbeck has exhibited in over 20 countries and throughout the U.S., and has been featured on CNN, MTV, and PBS. Currently a professor of art at UC Santa Barbara, he speaks nationwide on identity, multiraciality, and diversity.

The show is co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Office of Multicultural Learning, the Provost's Council on Diversity, the Office of Student Life, the de Saisset Museum, and the Center for Student Leadership.

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