The Drama of Our Lady of Guadalupe

SCU sophomore Amanda Lowrey (far left) and other SCU students collaborated with a theater group in the Mission Church in December, presenting a dramatic portrayal of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe. "Little did I know that I would fall in love with the warm-hearted community and the significance of the play," says Lowrey, who became involved as a freshman with Sister Corazon, the theater group from Sacred Heart Parish in San Jose, through the Pedro Arrupe, S.J., Partnerships for Community-Based Learning.

PHOTO: CHARLES BARRY
The Accidental Martyr

In deciding to run the grisly photo of Emmett Till in his coffin (Page 20), I had mixed feelings. On the one hand, the photo has tremendous cultural significance to our nation’s civil rights struggle. Rosa Parks reportedly said that she saw Till’s disfigured face in her mind’s eye in the second she decided not to give up her seat on the bus.

On the other hand, our fascination with the photo seems tinged with perversity. It reminds me of my reaction, as a child, to the illustrations in Fox’s Book of Martyrs. My father was a Protestant minister, and the book was in his library. My brothers and I pored over the pictures of suffering Christians, tied to the stake, pierced by arrows, menaced by lions. My mother tried to explain that the martyrs were willingly dying to make a religious point. But we were less interested in the martyrs’ motivations than in the torturers’ and executioners’. We were struck by the odd grins on the faces of the tormenters and the bystanders. My mother’s final response to this continued fascination was to hide the book.

I also remember a photo, depicting a lynching in the South during the 1930s, that echoes what I saw in Fox’s Book of Martyrs. Three charred bodies hang from trees. Below them are relaxed smiling white people, looking for all the world as though they are at a church picnic.

Is there a connection between the suffering of deliberate martyrs, dying for their religious beliefs, and the suffering of African-Americans at the hands of racists? Today, Emmett Till is widely accepted as a martyr in the cause of racial freedom. His mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, said of his death, “I saw Emmett and his scars, Lord, I saw the stigma of Jesus. The spirit spoke to me as plainly as I’m talking to you now.” Jesus has come and died that we might have a right to eternal life or eternal hell or damnation. Emmett had died that men might have freedom here on Earth.” But Till was only years old, a Chicago kid in a Mississippi culture strange to him and dangerous beyond his comprehension. His martyrdom (but not his death) seems accidental.

To me, the real mystery is the motivation of the people who kept silent despite knowing who killed Emmett Till and then celebrated when the murderers were acquitted. Did they somehow believe that the natural order of things was being restored? I still don’t understand those grins.

Warm regards,
Margaret Avritt
Editor

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Is SCU anti-social justice? I read with mock surprise yet another anti-war/anti-Bush article in Santa Clara Magazine [After Words, Winter 2005]. I find it interesting that a university that believes Catholicism begins and ends with social justice never addresses a murderous regime that killed hundreds of thousands of innocent people and tortured countless more.

Those respected professors of ethics, religion, and political science easily condemn a war that has given freedom to millions, but I haven’t been able to find condemnation of a murderous tyrant anywhere in their screens. Any thoughts on that? How we might free millions of others around the world threatened with murder and torture by similar ruthless dictators? I guess obsessive hatred for Bush and the war doesn’t leave time for such reflection.

JEREMY MCCARTHY ’91
(sent via santaclaramagazine.com)

Is winning all that matters? I just read Gerald Uelmen’s comments regarding the O.J. Simpson trial (“Law professor on ‘The O.J. Verdict,’” Winter 2005). I also read his comments in his “ethics” discussion in an issue of Santa Clara Magazine that I have enjoyed more thoroughly than Winter 2005. The cover interview was exciting to read with Thomas Reese’s views on the Catholic Church in today’s world. As a non-Catholic, I found it the most encouraging thoughts I have ever read.

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Phil Kesten is California Professor of the Year

Santa Clara University Professor Phil Kesten was honored with one of the top awards in college teaching when he was named the California Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Education. The award was presented in Washington, D.C., in November 2005.

Kesten, chair of the Department of Physics and an associate professor, has taught at SCU since 1990. He is known for his innovative teaching techniques, as well as his devotion to his students. At SCU, he has been awarded the David Logan/Hubert Teaching Award.

“He gets students excited about the material,” said his physics department colleague, Associate Professor Rich Flaherty. “I’m always looking for ways to bring students into the enterprise,” Kesten said. “They can’t be passive.”

Kesten engages students by narrating interesting stories about electromagnets, subatomic particles, astrophysics, and the origins of life. For a homework assignment, he might ask them to figure out how much it would cost to cover the state of Nebraska in gold.

“Students regularly ask him to join them outside of the classroom to help them understand complex issues in physics,” wrote University President Paul LoCascio, S.J., in a letter nominating Kesten for the award. “He spent a Saturday morning discussing the physics of falling with a group of students before they left on a skydiving trip. And he spent an evening talking about the physics of ice with another group before a midnight trip to a hockey rink to play broomball.”

Kesten has also been very involved with SCU’s Residential Learning Community program, including serving as director of the overall program and faculty director of one program.

The professor is also vice president of strategic directions of Burlingame-based Docutek, a division of SirsiDynix. Docutek, which provides e-learning collaboration for students and libraries, grew out of a project Kesten started at SCU in the 1990s. The CASE and Carnegie awards are considered the Oscars of college teaching. A professor is chosen in each state, along with four U.S. professors of the year. SCU Professor Francisco Jiménez was named one of the U.S. Professors of the Year in 2002.

First national “Out There” conference

In October 2005, Santa Clara University hosted the first national conference for professionals who address lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer issues on Catholic campuses.

Nearly 150 people from 40 universities registered for the “Out There” Conference. Among the universities represented were Georgetown, Loyola Marymount, Gonzaga, Fordham, DePaul, Boston College, College of the Holy Cross, La Salle, and Marquette. Most of those attending were faculty and administrators who work with gay students or subject matter related to the gay population.

Presenters to the conference were asked to address the question, “Is the institutional mix like oil and water, and do we have more in common with other universities than the general public might guess?” Three of the presenters were Jesuit priests.

Sessions at the conference included “Curriculum and Same-Sex Marriage in a Jesuit University,” “Providing Optimal Health Care for LGBTQ students,” and “Can I be Gay and Catholic? Encouraging Theological Engagement and Reflection on LGBTQ Issues.”

“I am delighted to see the well-organized and influential discipline of LGBTQ Studies discussed by my colleagues from a diverse array of Catholic campuses,” said Linda Garber, co-organizer of the event and the director of SCU’s Women’s and Gender Studies Program.

Lisa Millora, SCU’s assistant dean of student life, and a conference co-organizer, said, “This conference is important in moving the student affairs profession forward in its understanding of the unique experiences and vulnerabilities that gay, lesbian, and transgender students go through.”

SCU elects four new trustees

Four new trustees have been elected to SCU’s Board of Trustees. The four trustees include three alumni and one member who is the parent of a current SCU student. “The addition of these four trustees strengthens an already outstanding Board of Trustees,” said SCU President Paul LoCascio, S.J.

Robert Peters ’61, a private investor in Los Altos. He served as the original marketing vice president at Cisco Systems and has been the director of several start-up companies, including Heritage Bank of Commerce of San Jose. Peters earned his bachelor’s of science degree in electrical engineering at SCU and his MBA from Harvard. While serving on the University’s Board of Regents, Peters and his wife made a $1.3 million gift to Santa Clara’s School of Engineering. “The gift endowed the Robert W. Peters Professorship, which is for a faculty member in the area of advanced technology,” said Linda Garber, co-organizer of the event and the director of SCU’s Women’s and Gender Studies Program.

Gregory Boylston, S.J. ’82, president of Jesuit High School of Sacramento. He earned his bachelor’s of science degree from Santa Clara and his master’s degree in divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. He was ordained in 1994.

David C. Drummond ’85, senior vice president of corporate development for Google in Mountain View. A bachelor of arts graduate of SCU, he is also a graduate of the Stanford University School of Law. Before joining Google, Drummond was executive vice president and chief financial officer for SmartForce, where he helped transform the publicly traded company into the world’s largest e-learning company.

J. Terrence “Terry” Lanni, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of MGM Mirage in Las Vegas, one of the world’s leading hotel and gaming companies. Prior to serving on SCU’s Board of Trustees, Lanni was chairman of the Board of Trustees at Loyola High School in Los Angeles. His son is an undergraduate at SCU.

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Photography, lynching, and moral change

The Markkula Center for Applied Ethics has been inviting the campus community to explore ethical issues at “Ethics at Noon” events for many years. Last January, Assistant Professor of Art History and Ethnic Studies Bridget Cooks gave a talk on “What Do We See When We Look? Photography, Lynching, and Moral Change.”

Cooks’ “Ethics at Noon” presentation and scholarly research discusses the existence and exhibition of photos depicting the lynching of African-Americans. She addressed some interesting questions, including:

• Who takes such horrifying pictures and why?
• Why would any of us want to view such disturbing images?
• Can the experience of seeing such pictures be redemptive?

To learn more about “Photography, Lynching, and Moral Change,” visit the online version of the magazine at www.scu.edu/lynching.
As one of the best playmakers in the country, guiding the team to an overall hitting percentage of .288 and handing out 13.98 assists per game. Santa Clara's team has now earned a total of five All-American honors, with middle blocker Becky Potter earning Second Team honors in 2002 and Third Team accolades in 2003.

Other Bronco members contributed greatly to the successful tournament run, including All-WCC First Team selections Kim McGivern and Brittany Lowe. McGivern, a junior outside hitter, was the leading attacker for the Broncos, putting away 4.15 kills per game. Lowe's fantastic all-around play on the left side garnered her WCC Freshman of the Year accolades.

Sophomore libero Caroline Walters was the mainstay in the back row, doing a great job passing and digging the ball. For mastering her squad's great performance in the 2005 season, head coach Jon Wallace was named the West Region Coach of the Year.

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Santa Clara took down three ranked teams during the three-week tournament, including South Bay rival and then-fifth-ranked Stanford in the second round, its first victory over the Cardinal in 20 tries. In addition, a 3-0 triumph over then-No. 19 Pepperdine and a thrilling 3-2 victory against then-No. 4 Arizona enabled the West Coast Conference Champions to punch their tickets to the Alamo City. Leading the charge to San Antonio was senior opposite Cassie Perret, Santa Clara’s first First Team All-American. The Menlo Park native was also named the West Coast Conference Player of the Year.

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Santa Clara athletics enjoyed a fine 2005 fall season and ranked as high as 11th in Sports Illustrated’s weekly all-sports top 25 national ranking. Santa Clara was the only Division I institution without a football team to make the rankings. In addition, SCU’s fall sports teams defeated a number of key schools in head-to-head competition. Arizona, Arizona State, California, Fresno State, Georgetown, Notre Dame, Pacific, Saint Louis, San Jose State, UC Santa Barbara, Stanford, Virginia Tech, and Wake Forest.

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- Three SCU student-athletes were named national athletes of the week: Jordan Angel, women’s soccer; Keith Devvy, men’s soccer; and Cassie Perret, volleyball.
- Eight student-athletes were named on national teams of the week for their particular sports.
- A total of 24 Broncos were named to all-West Coast Conference teams—eight women’s soccer players, seven men’s soccer players, five volleyball players, and four cross country runners.
- Under first-year head coach Rob Miller, the men’s golf team won team championships at its first two competitions of the fall season and finished second in the annual Santa Clara Invitational.
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- Sophomore cross country runner Shannon Bell ran the second-fastest time ever for a Bronco at the WCC Championships, and her second-place finish equaled the best-ever for a SCU runner.
- Broncos earn WCC Player of the Year honors

SCU leads WCC Commissioner’s Cup

Following the conclusion of the league’s five fall sports, the Santa Clara athletic department is in the top spot in the annual West Coast Conference Commissioner’s Cup standings. After winning last year’s competition for the first time in school history, the Broncos own a 5.5 point lead over second-place Portland after winning the league’s women’s volleyball title and finishing second in men’s and women’s soccer.

SCU also finished third in women’s cross-country and fourth in men’s cross-country. Each conference school is awarded a series of points that correspond with its place in the 13 WCC championships. The institution with the most points at the end of the year wins the Commissioner’s Cup. Awards are also provided for the top men’s and women’s programs. SCU swept all three awards last year.

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A Dream Opportunity

Santa Clara University’s sleep lab is one of only a very few such research facilities at an undergraduate institution. The lab will be fully operational within the next few months—but it’s already benefiting students, faculty, the University, and the research community.

By Monte Lorenzet
Photography by Charles Barry

hen, as a high school senior, Danica Zold had to choose a college among several that were competing for her. Associate Professor of Psychology Tracey Kahan’s brand-new sleep lab gave Santa Clara University the edge: “Working in a lab like this was one of the main things I hoped to accomplish by coming here,” says SCU junior Zold, now one of Kahan’s research assistants and a student lab manager.

Kahan started the sleep lab in 2003 in part to help psychology students develop research and analytic skills while studying sleep and dreaming cognition. Laboratory training is fundamental in scientific research, but it’s not always easy to get an undergraduate. “By mentoring research assistants in programs like the sleep lab,” says Kahan, “our faculty hopes to give students an edge when competing for spots in the best graduate programs.”

Until three years ago, Kahan herself didn’t exactly feel at home in a sleep laboratory. As an established and respected cognitive psychologist, she didn’t have to. Her behavioral studies in dreaming and waking cognition had already broken ground and influenced the field. But Kahan concluded that in order to significantly advance her work, she’d need to acquire an additional set of research skills that could be learned only by developing a sleep laboratory.

Beneficial collaboration

As a consultant on sleep cognition at SRI International in Menlo Park, Kahan has nurtured an innovative collaboration with Ian Colrain, director of SRI’s Human Sleep Research Program. The SRI program has one of the world’s most advanced research-only sleep labs, and Kahan’s professional association there has benefited Santa Clara’s fledgling sleep lab in several important ways.

For example, Santa Clara student research assistants have visited Colrain’s lab, observing studies in progress and meeting sleep researchers. In addition, SRI researchers provided much-needed technical assistance by helping Kahan get her polysomnography system—the equipment that captures study participants’ sleep-pattern data—to work properly. “Different companies create the hardware and software involved,” Colrain explains. “Getting both to work properly together is always a challenge.”

SRI is realizing advantages as well. “It’s an active collaboration,” Colrain explains, “where she’s getting the benefit of training in our lab and learning all the stuff that we’re really good at, while we’re gaining the benefit of her different point of view and skills—which are proving quite useful to us.”

In addition, Colrain and his lab need experienced and well-trained people to manage a variety of sleep study projects. By working with students from local universities, such as Santa Clara and Stanford (where Colrain teaches), the SRI researchers hope to nurture a nearby pool of talent.

In fact, SRI has already hired one Santa Clara alumna, Matt Freedland ’02, although he graduated before Kahan’s lab came together. Freedland joined SRI in mid-2005, helped by an enthusiastic recommendation from Kahan, his mentor and former SRI advisor. He is currently being trained to manage an ongoing study on smoking cessation and the quality of sleep.

A critical juncture

Santa Clara funded the start-up of Kahan’s sleep lab with grant money that came in part from the Montgomery Foundation. Two years later, with equipment installed and tuned, protocols and measures largely developed, and student research assistants trained, the lab is at last poised to begin contributing to science.

Kahan plans to work with students to investigate some interesting questions, such as the way attention, problem-solving skills, and self-awareness vary across the sleep/wake cycle. Another intended area of study that would be particularly relevant to students is the way sleep debt influences attention, mood, and performance (see sidebar).

Like all lab-based research, however, sleep research is expensive. To pay for it, Kahan is doing what research universities and graduate schools have to do all the time—applying for federal research grants.

It’s a very competitive arena. But odds are, Kahan will find someone. She is, after all, a believer and an optimist—and, appropriately, a dreamer.

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One-third of the world’s population is without access to electricity; 1.3 billion people don’t have safe drinking water; 3 billion have no sanitation. Nearly 11 million children under the age of 5 die each year from diseases that can be prevented or treated. More than 115 million children don’t have access to primary education. And, nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names. These are only a few of the staggering statistics that illustrate that, despite all the advances in technology, there is much work to be done.

Today—especially in Silicon Valley—it seems that the primary goal of innovation is too often to create wealth, not progress. But there are visionaries who are finding ways to use technology to address some of the world’s most urgent and basic needs. Risking their life savings, their reputations, even their lives, these social entrepreneurs—individuals, corporations, non-profits, foundations, and governments—are making unprecedented efforts to meet the needs of the world’s most marginalized, the very people who are often left behind by technological innovations.

Some of these innovators were honored at the Tech Museum Awards last November, an international awards program that honors those who are creating or applying technology to improve the human condition.

“I would challenge anyone to go to the Tech Awards and not be inspired on one hand and humbled on another,” said Tim Haley ’81, the founding partner of Redpoint Ventures, a member of SCU’s Center for Science, Technology, and Society’s Advisory Board, and a judge on this year’s environment panel. “It’s pretty healthy to step outside of Silicon Valley, where the paradigm is: you have an idea, you incubate it, you get funding from VCs, and you start the next great company; and in many cases millions are made,” he added.

“Then you look at some guy who’s developing technology to solve the problems with gillnetting or coral reef restoration. They’re just as dedicated. They work just as hard. They’re just as passionate, but their world is different. They are solving really important problems with far less financial reward. Having gone through this once, I now really understand why the University is involved in this,” explained Haley. James Kohl, the founding director of the Center for Science, Technology, and Society, helped create the awards program. “Multinational companies have ignored the 3 billion people that live on less than two dollars a day because they are low-margin markets—in fact they aren’t even considered a market. The fundamental challenge is how to make technology accessible to people who are marginalized.”

Michael Kevane, the chair of the equality judging panel and an SCU economics professor, adds, “We look for technologies that enable those without rights to have their voices heard; and we look for technologies that improve the well-being of those left behind by globalization’s cycle of ‘innovate or die.’”

This was the overwhelming theme of this year’s Tech Awards: Laureates either creating technology or utilizing existing technologies in new ways to reach those often left behind by innovation.

One new inexpensive synthetic vaccine for Hib, the bacteria that can cause meningitis and pneumonia, will help save the lives of countless children in developing countries.

Ned Barnholt, retired CEO of Agilent Technologies, presents the award to Rene Roy from the Hib vaccine team.
Science and Social Justice

This year’s final 25 laureates included individuals and organizations from Brazil, Canada, Cuba, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States with their work impacting people in 25 countries. They were whittled down from the nominations representing 80 countries.

An ergonomic loom for Pakistan’s carpet weavers

The Center for the Improvement of Working Conditions and Environment (CIWCE) in Lahore, Pakistan, is an example of a government organization that’s creativity and innovation has thrived despite multiple layers of bureaucratic red tape—much to the benefit of Pakistan’s poor rural families who make a living by weaving carpet.

Established in 1998 by grants from the International Labor Organization and the United Nations Development Program, CIWCE designed a new carpet-weaving loom—something that hadn’t been done for centuries.

CIWCE conducted a study that found that weavers—including children—suffer from chronic health problems (bone and joint pain, respiratory ailments, carpal tunnel syndrome, deformities), and that low productivity and earnings (due to harsh conditions) were major factors for why families engaged their children in their work.

“A major design consideration was how to ‘engineer out’ child labor from the new loom,” said Saeed Awan, the director of CIWCE. “We did it mainly by raising the height to adult level. Although the loom itself does not eliminate child labor, it reduces the degree of hazard, and improves the health and earning of families, thus indirectly helping in the efforts to combat child labor.”

On the new, user-friendly, ergonomic loom, the weaver sits on a bench instead of his or her toes and there are optional foot- and armrests. The loom is also portable so that it can be moved according to lighting conditions or a worker’s comfort. CIWCE also provides dust masks, first aid, and training on the use of the new loom.

The loom, which has been implemented in 10 sites in the country, has not only improved working conditions, but has also improved carpet quality. Thus, families owning a new loom have been able to negotiate with contractors and have increased their earnings by as much 30 to 50 percent.

“The real winners of this award are the downtrodden and poor carpet weaving families, the importance of whose work got noticed,” Awan said, regarding receiving this year’s equality award.

According to Awan, the biggest problem ahead is the freedom to expand the cash award. He says that if they follow government procedures, they may never use the money, as it could “vanish somewhere in the government treasury.” Therefore, he is currently working to establish a separate entity with the award money such as a non-profit, non-governmental organization, or foundation.

The world’s first synthetic human vaccine

Thanks to the international collaboration of scientists from Cuba and Canada, we now have a synthetic vaccine against Hib—the bacteria that can cause meningitis and pneumonia.

Although Hib vaccines made from purified bacterial polysaccharides have been widely used for years in the United States and Europe since the early ’90s (and have virtually eliminated childhood meningitis rates attributed to Hib in the U.S. and other industrialized nations), the cost of these vaccines limits their use in poorer countries. As a result, most of the deaths from Hib infections are in developing nations—nearly 700,000 children around the world die annually from Hib infections.

Vicente Verez-Bencomo of the University of Havana and Rene Roy of the University of Ottawa, along with 300 investigators and technicians, developed a completely synthetic version of the Hib antigen that is as effective as commercially manufactured Hib vaccines, but can be manufactured at lower cost, and may even be safer than current commercial Hib vaccines, making it an attractive alternative for poorer nations.

With the approval of the Cuban Health Ministry, virtually every child born in Cuba in 2004—more than 1 million—has been inoculated, and not a single case of Hib-caused invasive disease has been detected in the vaccinated population to date. Approval of QuimiHib (the marketed name) by the World Health Organization and the UN could happen this year and would expand the market outside of Cuba.

Outside of the multitude of scientific challenges this project presented (Verez-Bencomo has been working on it for decades), the U.S. embargo complicated the importing of needed research equipment into Cuba.

“T o reproduce the results in Cuba, it took chemicals since they had to be brought from Europe. Nothing could be brought from the U.S., thus adding to the cost and time of delivery,” Roy said. In fact, Verez-Bencomo himself was denied entry to our country to accept the health award in November because the State Department would not issue him a visa. Roy, who accepted the award, said, “The ultimate reward is not so much the new scientific discovery and its glory, as much as providing the lead for lower cost and safer vaccines for infants in developing countries.”

Roy said he sees two main challenges ahead: First, how to handle large-scale production due to the increasing demand from poor countries; and second, how to help the industrialized countries embrace this novel technology.

Helping the ignored

“Figuring out how to serve the poor is a great challenge,” said Koch. “These people are taking the risks that no one else wants to take. These people are venturing into a part of humanity that others have ignored.”

—Kim Kreyers is a freelance writer in the Bay Area.
Gigantes y Cabezudos

By Elizabeth Kelley Gillogly ’93

In December 2005, a devil, a chicken head, a chocolate-dipped rabbit, a blue hand, a hamburger, and even a 12-foot-tall figure of St. Ignatius were among more than 30 “giants and heads” that paraded around campus. Accompanied by faculty member Jimmy Biala on drums, the parade was the culmination of an intensive project based on the Spanish and Mexican folk art tradition of cartoneria, which uses press-molded paper, a cardboard-like material, to make large heads and figures.

The Department of Art and Art History coordinated the parade, which was held in conjunction with a 15-day intensive workshop taught by Sam Hernandez, SCU professor of art. The workshop also featured two artists from Navata, Spain—David Ventura and Neus Hosta—both of whom create heads and figures for use in public festivals and processions. A few of the figures in SCU’s parade were flown in from Spain, including the Ignatius figure, but SCU students created the majority of the figures in the parade.

Hernandez started the project by asking students to choose a virtue or a sin to portray in their projects. Then, under the guidance of Hernandez and the visiting artists, students brought their visions to life.

Students wore their creations in the parade, and parade-goers received a program that included an explanation of the cartoneria tradition and brief statements from the artists about which sin or virtue they chose, and why and how they chose to represent it.

“I chose gluttony because I am a huge food aficionado,” wrote SCU student Jessica Clee, who created a giant hamburger to represent that sin. “I come from a large family...and I consider eating one of the great pleasures of life...but just like all great pleasures, it must be done in moderation.”

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Senior Michelle Dezember chose to represent ignorance. “The face of my sculpture is quite content and happy with his life,” she explains, “yet he is peacefully blinded from actually seeing the world around him. Instead he remains comfortable behind the things in his life that keep him satisfied. His car, his money, and his entertainment all act as a blindfold. They allow him to ignore the harshness of the real world and permit him to live a life of mediocrity where he is inactive and immobile. As the saying ‘ignorance is bliss’ demonstrates, his blindness to the world lets him remain happy in the face of the horrors and suffering of the world.”

Hernandez says he was thrilled and surprised by the project. “The quality of the work was impressive,” he says. Because the project demanded that students explore and share their feelings in a public venue, Hernandez says he wasn’t sure how students would react to it. “But they completely embraced it,” he says. “In some senses I was surprised at how much they embraced it.”

“We are a country with very few traditions,” adds Hernandez. “This is a strong tradition in Europe—the Mediterranean, Italy, Spain, Greece, even France. The students there participate in the tradition. They enjoy it. They look forward to it. They are really proud of it.” He was happy to see SCU students have a taste of that pride.

In that tradition, he explains, each village has a signature or representative giant that they use in all its parades. “Maybe one day we will have a Santa Clara giant,” he muses.

For more photos of the parade, visit www.santaclaramagazine.com.

—Elizabeth Kelley Gillogly ’93 is the contributing editor of Santa Clara Magazine.
In November 2005, the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced that it had concluded its 18-month investigation into the reopened case of the 1955 murder of Emmett Till. The FBI’s report, not yet public, has been forwarded to the Mississippi District Attorney’s Office for the Fourth District for review. It is not yet known whether the DA’s office will take further action. This internationally known case involved a 14-year-old African-American boy from Chicago who was visiting relatives in Mississippi when he was abducted from his bed at gunpoint in the middle of the night. Three days later, a boy on a fishing trip in the Tallahatchie River found Till’s corpse—battered, mutilated, shot, and weighed down with a 75-pound cotton gin fan. Based on eyewitness testimony about Till’s abduction and an identification of his body by his uncle and mother, Tallahatchie County tried two local white men, Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, for the murder. After five days of trial, a jury of 12 white men deliberated for 67 minutes and voted to acquit. Shortly thereafter, the freed Bryant and Milam sold their “confession” to the murder—in the form of a detailed, gloating testimonial—to Look magazine for $4,000.

The killers’ admission, published only five months after the slaying, was generally consistent with the theory presented at trial: that they had murdered Emmett Till for expressing a desire to marry a white woman, he “ain’t nothin’ but a nigger.” However, Till’s apparent fearlessness, even after severe beatings, irked the men into going further. Milam explained: ‘‘Well, what else could we do? He was hopeless. I’m no bully; I never hurt a nigger in my life. I like niggers—in their place—I know how to work ‘em. But I just decided it was time a few people got put on notice. As long as I live and can do anything about it, niggers are gonna stay in their place. Niggers ain’t gonna vote where I live. If they did, they’d control the government. They ain’t gonna go to school with my kids. And when a nigger gets close to mentioning sex with a white woman, he’s got to learn. I’m likely to kill him. Me and my folks fought for this country, and we got some rights. I stood there in that shed and listened to that nigger throw that poison at me, and I just made up my mind. ‘Chicago boy,’ I said, ‘I’m tired of ‘em sending your kind down here to stir up trouble. Goddess you, I’m going to make an example of you—just so everybody can know how me and my folks stand.’”

According to Milam and Bryant, they then drove Till to a steep bank of the Tallahatchie River, ordered him to strip, shot him in the head, barb-wired the gin fan to his neck, and rolled him into 20 feet of water.

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A more complex set of reasons for the reopening stems from the emblematic significance of the case itself. In announcing the involvement of federal prosecutors, Assistant Attorney General R. Alexander Acosta noted, “The ‘Emmett Till’ case stands at the heart of the American civil rights movement. This brutal murder and grotesque miscarriage of justice outraged a nation and helped galvanize support for the modern American civil rights movement.” While some have questioned the timing and motivations of the Justice Department’s proclamation, there is no disagreement with its assessment of the historic consequence of the death of Emmett Till. Till’s murder is one of the most infamous acts of racial violence in the history of the United States. Till’s murder is one of the most infamous acts of racial violence in the history of the United States. Till’s murder is one of the most infamous acts of racial violence in the history of the United States.

Oh, what sorrow, Pity, pain, That tears and blood Should mix like rain In Mississippi! And terror, fetid hot, Yet clammy cold Remain.

—LANGSTON HUGHES, “MISISSIPPI—1955” (TO THE MEMORY OF EMMETT TILL)
And it said this is Mr. Bryant. And they wanted the boy that did the talk at Money. And when I opened the door there was a man standing with a pistol in one hand and a flashlight in the other.

Two men then entered the house and insisted that Wright take them to Emmett. Wright begged the two men to relent, explaining that Emmett was only 14 and was “from up north.” Why are you, preacher?” Wright replied, “Sixty-four.” Milam said, “You make any trouble, you’ll never live to be sixty-five.”

Wright then recalled: “Near to the car they asked a question, ‘Is this the right one?’ And I heard a voice say, ‘Yes,’ and they drove off toward Money with him.”

That same day, Mamie Till learned of her son’s kidnapping from her family in Miss. The family contacted authorities, who began to search for Emmett near riverbanks and...
The prosecution presented two witnesses who testified that they had seen Milam and/or Bryant with Till on Aug. 28. Willie Reed testified that he had seen Bryant, Milam, and one other white man with Till, and had heard the sounds of a beating coming from Till’s house. Reed testified that he had been a black man who lived near Till’s house at that time to testify against whites. After testifying, Reed quietly slipped out of town to Chicago, where he was later murdered by a group of white men. Moses Wright, Till’s uncle, endured death threats for his role as the key prosecution witness, literally standing up in open court to point his finger in identification of Milam and Bryant as the men who had kidnapped Till from his house. He too had to be smuggled out of the state after his testimony.

The jury consisted of 12 white men. Outside of the jury’s presence, Carolyn Bryant testified that Emmett Till had entered the store, bought two cents’ worth of bubble gum, made “ugly remarks” to her, and whistled at her. Milam and Bryant had not taken the stand. Remarkably, given the intimidating courtroom atmosphere, several blacks testified, including Mamie Till, Moses Wright, a teenager named Willie Reed, and Reed’s grandmother Ed (Add) Reed. Mamie Till testified that the corpse that she had examined was her son, on cross-examination, the defense attorneys suggested that she and the NAACP were lying as part of a northerly conspiracy. In the Nelson documentary, Mamie Till recalled: “They summed up by saying, ‘Isn’t it true that you and the NAACP got your heads together and came down here with their help, you all dug up a body and you have claimed that body to be your son? Isn’t it true that your son is in Detroit, Michigan with his grandfather right now?’” This outlandish strategy laid the foundation for Milam and Bryant’s defense: that the corpse in question was not Till.

**THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH**

In the United States and abroad, the trial and acquittal garnered much scrutiny and controversy. Leading Mississippi newspapers strongly criticized the NAACP and its “sympathizers” for their presence in Sumner, and theBlankenship-McReynolds Emmett Louis Till, a 4 foot-old black boy from Chicago because he makes some remarks and well-whisked at Bryant’s pretty wife. At right, deputy sheriff G. Melton.

**EMMETT TILL AND THE GROWTH OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

Many scholars of the civil rights movement of the late 1950s view the Emmett Till case as a crucial moment in the struggle for black freedom. The murder of a 14-year-old boy for a single cavalier act was hardly what it occurred in a context that bridged the history of Southern lynching with the emerging civil rights revolution. Fifteen months before Till, the U.S. Supreme Court had decided Brown v. Board of Education, which was met with staunch opposition from Southern segregationists. Mississippi in particular emerged as a cauldron of race hatred; two months after the Brown decision, Mississippi segregationists founded the Citizens’ Council to “preserve” the white race from the “mongolization” of desegregation. In May 1955, two African-American men active in voter registration drives were shot and killed in two separate incidents in Mississippi; no one was arrested in connection with either murder.

Even though Emmett Till’s actions in Bryant’s Grocery were hardly politically inspired, the trial of Milam and Bryant saw them as the integrationist, rabble-rousing “poison” of an impudent northerner. The fact that Till was a visitor from Chicago only underscored their anger; his actions became “political” the moment he stepped off the train in Money, Miss. It mattered little to Milam and Bryant that he was a 14-year-old boy trying to buy bubble gum; to them, he was a black predator who threatened their way of life.

The year 1955 marked a turning point for the Southern way of life for several important and interlocking reasons. As the first post-Brown year, it fueled not only segregationist backlash, but also further integrationist resistance to Jim Crow laws and institutions. As the year ended, the unraveling continued. In December 1955, less than four months after Till’s murder, the Montgomery bus boycott was born when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a city bus to a white man.

**CONCLUSION**

Fifty years after the tragedy of the Emmett Till’s murder, his death and the acquittal of his murderers continue to haunt us. Racial violence continues to proliferate in our society, where racialized violence is emerging from the American legal system. Moreover, as contemporary scholar Michael Eric Dyson notes, there are “young black Emmett Tills who are killed by other black Emmett Tills in a culture of crime and violence.” But Emmett Till’s legacy is not only about this one case, but that it reminds us of the transcendent value of looking back. As renowned scholar the South, William Faulkner, wrote: “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.”

John W. Milam, 56, seated left, relaxes while barber J.J. Taylor lathers the face of Roy Bryant, 24. The shave came just before the half bald戮ved storey arrested in Summer, Miss., Sept. 6, 1955, on charges they kid-napped and murdered Emmett Louis Till, a 4 foot-old black boy from Chicago because he makes some remarks and well-whisked at Bryant’s pretty wife. At right, deputy sheriff G. Melton.
Successful businessman volunteers to help SCU keep graduating men and women of competence, conscience, and compassion.

by Susan Shea

Robert Peters ’61 answers quickly and firmly when asked why he is taking on a new volunteer challenge for his alma mater: “Because I firmly believe in the Jesuit philosophy of teaching the whole person. Santa Clara exemplified that objective in my day, and it has significantly enriched that essential model over the last forty years.”

In summer 2005, Paul Locatelli, S.J., and the Board of Trustees realized that the Campaign for Santa Clara would reach its goal as planned by the end of 2006, but that the trajectory of donor support for the three major capital improvements (i.e., the Commons and library, the business school, and the Jesuit residence) was slowing at the same time that projected construction costs were increasing, largely due to spiraling costs for materials like concrete and steel.

As of December 31, 2005, the Campaign stood at $348 million pledged or given by more than 36,000 donors, including 20,354 new donors who have contributed $97 million toward the total. The Jesuit Community has contributed $22 million.

To redouble the fund raising effort this year, Locatelli and the Board of Trustees created a new fund-raising committee.

They named Bob Peters to the Board and selected him to chair the new committee. Peters was on the SCU Board of Regents from 1995 to 2002, and he served as its chair from July 1999 to June 2002. He is no stranger to capital campaigns, having chaired the successful Bellarmine College Prep campaign in the early ’90s.

“The SCU community has been extremely generous in supporting the various endowments, centers of distinction, and scholarship funding, all of which is highly beneficial and necessary to the long-term operation of the school,” Peters says. “And, thanks to some exceptional donors, the capital projects got off to a great start.” However, the three capital projects have received $80 million against a goal of $132 million, and projected construction costs have increased by $37 million for a total potential shortfall of $89 million.

Together, Locatelli, Peters, and the members of the board have created the Trustee Challenge to spur a final, successful round of giving as the Campaign moves into its last year. At the Trustees’ meeting in late October, the trustees approved a challenge through which all lay trustees will commit to a new round of gifts to the Campaign, above and beyond the $60 million they have already contributed, to address the shortfall. By doing so, they intend to encourage new donors and additional gifts from other current donors during 2006. Between October and December 31, the trustees had made new, challenge-related gifts and pledges of $16 million with assurances of more still to come.

“We need to ensure that SCU has the necessary resources to continue its special brand of meaningful and comprehensive education for many generations to come,” Peters says. He illustrates the relevance of his belief in SCU by sharing a story from a conversation with a business professor and author from another university, whom he met during a recent wilderness hiking trip in Europe. While on a trek, Peters asked the professor: How do you deal with ethics in your curriculum?

“The professor’s answer was short and to the point: ‘We really don’t. The students who demonstrate ethics don’t need instruction, and instruction won’t help those who don’t appear ethical!’” Peters recalls. “I thought to myself: Wow! Is there any doubt why we must do all in our power to assure that Jesuit education and SCU in particular—as a major influence here in Silicon Valley—endures in an increasingly difficult world?”

Peters has lived in Silicon Valley all of his life except for two years as a U.S. Army Signal Corps officer at the Satellite Communication Agency in Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and two years at Harvard Business School where he earned an MBA in 1965. He spent 10 years working at the Stanford Research Institute (now SRI International), where he led many consulting projects on the future of communication satellites, cable television, inkjet technology, and telephony. In the ’80s, he held senior positions in a number of start-ups including Sierra Semiconductor (now PMC Sierra), and Cisco Systems where, in 1988, his strategy of increasing the price of Cisco’s first TCP/IP router strengthened the company’s profitability. Since the early ’90s, Peters has been involved primarily in private investing and philanthropy.

“The Campaign is very successful in terms of the contributions to endowments, specific programs, and financial aid to students,” says Peters. “In this last year, we simply have to focus on completing the funding for the library complex, the business school, and the Jesuit residence, all of which are needed immediately.”

When asked about his business success and how that might add value to the Trustee Challenge, he says, “I want to help SCU accomplish its new ‘stretch’ Campaign goals so they can continue to produce their greatest product: graduates with competence, conscience, and compassion.”
Happy 125th Anniversary!

On April 27, 1881, a group of alumni formed the Santa Clara University Alumni Association, making us the oldest alumni organization west of the Mississippi. This spring, our association will celebrate its 125th Anniversary! For 125 years, your association has been dedicated to cultivating, maintaining, and enhancing life-long relationships between you, your fellow alumni, and this great University.

We hope you will plan to come to campus and join the celebration of this major milestone!

Save the Date:
April 28-30, 2006
- Baseball pre-game BBQ, SCU vs. St. Mary’s
- 125th Anniversary Dinner and presentation of the Ignatian Award
- Mass and Alumni Speaker Series

May 18-21, 2006
- Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
- 125th Anniversary Family Picnic
- Mass and Reception

For the latest information on our 125th Anniversary events, including events in your region, please visit www.scu.edu/alumni125

Undergraduate Alumni

70 Bob Peterson and his wife, Henneke, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in May 2005. Bob is the director of public works for Napa County. For the last 26 years, he and his wife have lived in Napa where they raised their three children: Mark, Travis, and Christina. The couple has three grandchildren.

71 Jay Burcham was recently promoted to director, Army Community Service, U.S.L. Army Garrison Heaven located in Hanau, Germany. Jay’s wife, Col. Margaret Burcham, serves as the commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Europe district in Wiesbaden, Germany. Barbara (Cibran) Johnson writes that she and her husband, Mark, “are awesome proudly” that their son, Tony Christopher Johnson, graduated from SCU in 2005.

74 Roy Nunes recently joined McDonough Holland & Allen, a law firm in Sacramento, as director of finance. He and his wife, Celina, live in Rocklin with their two-year-old daughter, Aria, and son Diego Ray Nunes, born Oct. 12, 2005. Ana Ventura Phares recently joined the board of directors of Angel Kiss Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping families of children with cancer in Northern California and the eastern Sierra. Phares earned a law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law. Additionally, he is the founder and event director for the Reno-Tahoe Odyssey Relay Run Adventure, group leader for the Young Chulaquapa Nevada Humanities Program, and youth basketball coach for the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows.

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78 Patrick Kearsey MBA ’89 works as a marketing and process management consultant in Denver. In 2005, he also edited a book titled The Power of the Obvious, by Aldo Pipone, former chairman and chief executive officer of American Express Travel Related Services.

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85 Jeanne Dodd-Fitzsimmons has added grant writing to her resume in order to provide “enriching academic and social opportunities for the children and families at my rural school.”
Stressed out? Check in with your values.

By Anne Oja, Assistant Director for Alumni, Career Center

Recent research from the University of California, Los Angeles demonstrates a direct link between personal values and stress. In the November 2005 issue of Psychological Studies, Shelly E. Taylor states “selection on personal values can buffer people from the effects of stress.” The study measured a significant difference in cortisol levels (a hormone released during stress) between a group who reflected on their meaningful values before a stressful event and those who did not.

We’ve all been told to count to 10 or to take a deep breath before a stressful situation. Perhaps a more effective approach is to take a couple of minutes to reflect on our deepest values. First, take some time to think about and list your top five values. Then, before going into a stressful meeting or interview, reflect on your list. It may help lower your stress response and improve your performance.

This exercise will also help to put the event in perspective. If one of your core values is teamwork, perhaps it will no longer be critical to win every issue in a meeting. Prior to an interview, take stock of your values to empower you to ask questions about the organization’s culture to see if it really is a good fit.

It is time for additional self-assessment or for resolution of a career issue? Often the Career Center can help. Call us at 408-554-4421, and make an appointment for a consultation by phone or in person. Our values include the continuous process of career and life planning, and we are always glad to meet with you and help you navigate the world of work.

Career Corner
Francisco 49ers. He was married to June 49ers. He was married to Joseph S. Franzia ’64, MBA ’95, Renata Franzia-Price ’90, and Joseph J.D. Franzia ’95, Andrew Kouvaris and Erin King were married on May 28, 2005, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in San Jose. They live in Los Gatos Cory Costanzo was part of the wedding party and many SCU alumni were in attendance.

Jane Nguyen Duong recently accepted a position with Sun Microsystems as a financial analyst. She previously worked for Gap Inc. Myra Ramirez married Marc Gerometta on Aug. 20, 2005, at St. Anns’s Church in Gilbert, Ariz. Myra earned a master of education degree from Northern Arizona University in May 2004 and is a first-grade teacher in Encinitas. Marc practices general dentistry. The couple lives in San Diego. Marc McClure married Erin Dyal on Aug. 15, 2005, in Omaha, Neb. The wedding party included Christopher Krapp, John Stephenson, and Bobo Bohadila. Also in attendance were Tim Kohl, Marc Nasushim, and Tim Bowman. Marc and Erin live in Boston, where Marc is completing a master’s degree in computer systems engineering at Boston University, and Erin is finishing her counseling psychology master’s degree at Boston College.

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nesses. He is married to three children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Vincenzo A. Galullo, Oct.
17, 2005. He attended SCU after serving in the Navy as a pharmacist’s mate. He later operated his family’s appliance business and served as a park ranger for Santa Clara County, retiring after 10 years of service. He was also a longtime member of the Mount Pleasant Improvement Club, Mount Pleasant Garden Club, and a lifetime member of Elks Lodge No. 532. An avid sports fan, his hobbies included hunting, fishing, and tending his home fruit and vegetable garden. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jean, and a daughter.

Albert A. Volkmuth, July 14, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Teresa, and four children.

Donald Nishimura, Feb. 6, 2005. He was married to his wife, Moira, and four children.

James Michael Tonneen, March 9, 2005. He was a retired electrical engineer. He is survived by his wife, Mary, six daughters, four sons, 27 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Thomas W. Ryan, Sept. 5, 2005. A native of Seattle, he served in the military and worked as a superintendent of heavy construction projects, mainly on bridges across the Pacific Northwest and the Delta Pier at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor. He was married for 48 years to Marilynne Robinson. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Martha, a son, a daughter, and five grandchildren.

William Carroll Sellers Jr., Sept. 29, 2005. A native of Idaho, he worked in the retail clothing and furniture businesses. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Linda, two sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two siblings, and his companion, Joan Beals.

Daniel W. Crowe, Oct. 27, 2005. A native of Santa Monica, Calif., he earned a medical degree from the University of Colorado and formed a relationship with that institution that lasted the rest of his life. He served in the Army as a medical officer at the Presidio in San Francisco and later practiced medicine in Colorado until 1997. He was honored by the Colorado Medical Society as Physician of the Year in 1973. He served as head of the Wild City County Republican Party for many years and was a member of the state legislature. He completed his political service as a regent of the University of Colorado; a position he held for 12 years, including two terms as chairman. He belonged to St. Mary’s Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Holy Sepulcher and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He worked for Rome several times and enjoyed an audience with the Holy Father in 1979. He is survived by his wife, Mary, three daughters, and six grandchildren.

Joseph A. Mendosa, Sept. 20, 2005. He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife, Maria, four daughters, five sons, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two siblings.

William Carroll Sellars Jr.

Judy Mullin Pope, Nov. 7, 2005. A native of San Francisco, she was a graduate of the Center of Sacred Heart in Menlo Park. She worked as a librarian at both St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park and at SCU. She is survived by three siblings.

John Carroll Griffin, Nov. 14, 2005. A native of Fresno, he was a certified public accountant with Price Waterhouse in San Francisco before moving to Santa Cruz where he opened his own accounting firm. John was an avid golfer until his kidney transplant in 1994. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Lynne, and a son. Joanne M. Hant, Aug. 18, 2005. She was a teacher in the Newark Unified School District for 34 years. She is survived by four siblings. William F. Mar, Sept. 6, 2005. A native of Seattle, he served 20 years in the Army, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. He later worked in finance and accounting until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Ada, and four children.

Raymond Garsino, Aug. 9, 2005. A native of San Francisco, he held positions at IBM and Frito-Lay prior to joining Robert Mondavi Winery in 1976. He retired in 2003 and was a partner of Foyo Wine Co. and a consultant for the Mondavi family. He is survived by his wife, Jane.

Carin Ann Oelert, Oct. 30, 2005. The Los Gatos native was a schoolteacher in the Stockton Lincoln Unified School District for more than 20 years. She is survived by her life partner, Rick Coyette, and two brothers.

Mercedes A. Nina-Egber, Aug. 8, 2005. A native of San Francisco, she joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and taught at Holy Name School in Ketchikan, Alaska, before teach-
ing at Santa Catalina Catholic School in Monterey. In 1979, she married John Ebert and moved to Juneau, where she served as director of the diocesan day care program at St. Ann’s Catholic Church. In 1982 she earned a master of education administration degree from the University of Alaska, and in 1984 she and her family moved to Woodside, Wash. In 1994 she became the director of religious education at St. Jude in Redmond and later served as president of the Holy Family School at St. Louise Parish School in 2004. She became the principal of Holy Family School in Kirkland. Survivors include her husband, four children, two sisters, and two brothers.

Though many consider her a role model for girls, Joanne Hayes-White ’86, who in January 2004 became San Francisco’s first female fire chief, thinks beyond that. “For my sons, to see their mom on a fire truck, and now leading the department, that’s a great message,” she says.

That spirit also motivates the department’s increased outreach, which she views as critical in such a diverse city. She hopes that visibility will inspire trust and encourage the next generation of firefighters.

Hayes-White spent her years at SCU involved in the Santa Clara Community Action Program and playing intramural sports, while majoring in business and minoring in philosophy.

San Francisco began accepting female applicants for the fire department in 1987; and the very next year Hayes-White took the entrance exam. In 1990 she joined the SFFD, one of the first women to be firefighters.

During the next 14 years, she worked at each of the city’s 41 station houses, held several different positions, was certified as an EMT, and became the department’s training director.

In January 2004, just days after he was sworn in as mayor, Gavin Newsom ’89 met with Hayes-White to discuss the department’s top spot. “He wanted someone who would be able to break out of the mold of what a fire chief is and what a fire chief looks like. I have a different skill set, which I think is appealing to him.”

In the two years since becoming chief, she has helped the department to enhance its visibility, organizing outreach programs to local schools on subjects like asthma awareness, first aid, and disaster preparation.

In addition to being the first woman to head the SFFD, Hayes-White is the only woman nationwide to head such a large public safety unit. As a department veteran and a local, she’s gained credibility by knowing the layout of the city and most of her force very well. She has earned support from the community and the department, even in the face of challenging decisions.

“I wouldn’t ask anyone to do anything I wouldn’t be capable of doing myself,” she says.

Even now, as the boss, Hayes-White asks a lot of questions, which she says has always done and always felt was encouraged, especially at Santa Clara. Questions, she explains, are not “bothering.”

“It’s how you learn, it’s how you grow. Teamwork, collaboration, listening, respect for other people’s opinions...all that was reinforced throughout my education,” she says.

“Interview thanks to a writer/researcher in SCU’s Office of Communications and Marketing.”
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Students often come to “Theology of Marriage,” one of the most popular courses at Santa Clara, full of anticipation and eager to learn the “how to’s” of marriage, particularly since many are seniors and plan to marry in the near future. They want to know how to maintain good communication. How to say “I love” with their partner. How to juggle a professional career with the needs of a spouse. How to have a good marriage that doesn’t end in divorce. How to rear children who are psychologically adjusted and perform well in school. These may seem like good questions to ask, but I see them as fueled by popular media and our culture’s obsession with therapy, which can be seen in the rise of the self-help industry and television programs like “Dr. Phil.” True, some students are justifiably anxious about marriage from having experienced their parents’ or a family member’s divorce, but I believe that these questions and concerns miss the mark.

Theology of Marriage does not offer a therapeutic solution to the problems of marriage and relationships. In fact, I show students that therapy, although helpful, can mask the real problems in a relationship. The “work” of marriage is not primarily about communication, family, fidelity, gender roles, or trust, although these are important. And it is certainly not about getting one’s needs met by a partner, which is what Tristan seeks in the twelfth century epic, Tristan et Iseult, a text studied in the course. As he pursues Iseult the Fair, Tristan laments: “Will I never find someone to heal me of my unhappiness?” The answer, despite every romantic comedy written or produced since then, is no. In Theology of Marriage, students discover that the work of marriage has less to do with the marriage and more to do with the self. It begins long before shopping for the ring. After all, the answer to Tristan’s question is that only he can heal himself of his unhappiness.

In rejecting both the therapeutic and romantic solutions to the problems of relationships, what does Theology of Marriage offer? To begin with, theology offers something that therapy and romance cannot: a reference point outside of the self that does not depend on how much or how well we are moved emotionally or how hard we work at the marriage. This point is a transcendent God who is present in the daily decision to love another person in the midst of meals, meetings, and crises. Thomas Aquinas believed that the only way for two people to survive a marriage is through God’s grace and that this grace makes the marriage sacramental. Given the current emphasis on personal fulfillment and meaning in marriage, this has become a practical as well as a theological truth for many couples. Secondly, a theological approach to marriage is necessarily paradoxical, since it views the encounter with a transcendent God as occurring in the depths of the soul. This means that one must have a sense of self to find God. It also means that the greatest obstacle to finding God is the self, which is the same obstacle to finding another person. Acquiring communication skills or searching far and wide for a soul mate detracts from the real work of the self. Therefore, the theological solution emphasizes authenticity, so that the self can be offered freely to the other person as gift.

In the course, I try not to answer questions about soul mates, the “one,” or whether love is simply a matter of pheromones and synapses. Instead, I help students to develop new questions based not on popular culture but on a religious worldview in which death and rebirth are at the core of human experience. In this way, they see that the work of marriage is the work of transforming the self, since to love another person in a mature way, you must first love yourself. How you do that is the real question.

### Coming Attractions

**Michael C. McMillen: Red Trailer Motel**

We enter the gallery. It is dark. We hear a faint night chorus of crickets and the sound of a gentle gust of wind. We find ourselves in a large space, dim except for an illuminated structure. What is it? It is the Red Trailer Motel.

—Michael C. McMillen

Feel gravel crunching underfoot, hear buzzing flies and a faraway piano tune, and see structures built of corrugated metal, old signs, and other found objects. McMillen’s motel has three locked doors, and visitors become voyeurs as they peer through peepholes in each. Featuring the artist’s characteristic interest in miniature and sound and visual effects, the large-scale work Red Trailer Motel will occupy an entire gallery at the de Saisset Museum. This will be the first time the piece has been shown in Northern California. McMillen, who earned both an M.A. and MFA from UCLA, got his start in the film industry creating sets for movies including Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

**Also showing:**

**Tracey Snelling: Dark Detour**

Incorporating mixed media sculpture, architecture, photography, collage, film, and audio, Snelling’s meticulously crafted miniature sculptures are created from found objects and often feature working batteries, wiring, motors, and lighting. Her luminous photographs depict these structures in the landscape, distorting our expectations of scale.

### Calendar

**March 4**

**Dinner**

Habitat for Humanity

Mary Modeste Smoker ’81

mmaker@scu.edu

**March 11**

** Luncheon**

St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon with Liz and St. Mary’s

Lisa To and Dick Slamesan ’80

909-845-9707

**March 25**

**Dinner**

Santa Clara of the Year Dinner

Michael Montalto ’94

michael.montalto@indymacbank.com

**April 5**

**Dinner**

Santa Clara of the Year Dinner

Paul Waghstaffe ’76

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**Los Angeles Post-Work Reception**

Jovan Bell ’00

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**May 6**

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