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Biggest opener: Thirty-one points for Brandon Clark ’16 in the season opener against Cal State Fullerton—one for the Broncos record books. The 6-foot guard hails from East Chicago, Indiana, and was an All-West Coast Conference honorable mention last season. Photo by Don Jedlovec.
The fragility of faith
BY MICHAEL C. MCCARTHY, S.J. ’87, M.Div. ’97. A professor of religious studies and executive director of SCU’s Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education confesses that it’s not merely an academic question when he asks “How can a thinking person still believe in God?”

Rebound
BY MITCH FINLEY ’73. Lessons from the court and the chapel in dealing with addiction, mental illness, and some of society’s most despised. A journey with Liz Bruno ’82, M.A. ’86.

Use these powers for good
BY LEE DANIEL KRAVETZ M.A. ’13. There’s no magic pill you can take to bounce back from tragedy. But there are stories of people who’ve bounced forward to great things. Call them supersurvivors.

Freedom, justice, etc.
From Berlin to Cape Town to Tiananmen Square, what did the revolutions of 1989–90 mean a quarter century later? Conversations with political scientists Jane Curry and Peter Růžička, S.J., and historian Amy Randall.
FROM THE EDITOR

A change is gonna come

First let’s pause for a moment—it’s good to take a breath and look around—in this case, in the mountains somewhere south of Lake Tahoe, snowshoeing on a ridgtop as winter turns into spring. It’s the Lenten season, Easter just around the corner. You’ve navigated a trail past conifers and clefts, found the lovely sense of the climb in your muscles and your lungs, and you’ve been reacquainting a little to the altitude from the balmy valley floor where you spend most of your days. Now you’ve begun the return trek, and for the time being the clouds have blown through and the earth is glowing and brilliant. (Which is a good reminder for the occasional snow-walker: Did you remember to put sunblock on the bottom of your nose?!)“Rise up and see something utterly transformed: blue sky dome and craggy peaks shaggy with ice and snow, and the field of snow in front of you sparkling and brilliant.

Sip your water, ponder shedding your coat, then rising up the ridge in front of you, dancing over the snow in a trickle and then a stream, black-and-orange-winged butterflies. Painted ladies, you reckon—Vanessa catina—headed north by northwest. Hundreds? Thousands? Millions! (Sight, maybe not here—millions elsewhere. But certainly thousands.) Being at this altitude always alters your awareness of geography—and now these wondrous and delicate and astounding creatures of tenre strength and metamorphosis, pausing for nothing on their great journey from the desert. Behold!"

A new page—or, A redesigned mag

When spring is fully sprung, you’ll see some transformations with the next print edition of Santa Clara Magazine, too. The redesigned magazine will reimagine ways to tell Santa Clara stories big and small: speaking to the tradition of California’s first university with a few hundred years of Jesuit educational experience, here in the heart of Silicon Valley with threads reaching around the world. How do the pages of a print magazine capture that in a way that’s true and remarkable and beautiful and compelling? That’s one of the questions we will answer. We hope you’ll like it. Certainly the magazine has grown and changed dramatically since it was launched 35 years ago—as some of you remember, before the interwebs, back when there were telegrams but no emails, and it took three months for a letter to make it up and down the mountain. We’ve reached out to you in every way, and I am aware of a few other ways that have been established."

Remembering the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador

I was editor-in-chief of The Santa Clara student newspaper in November 1989 when the news came to campus about these horrific murders. Covering the story for the SCU community was a life-altering experience. May these eight always be remembered among the many victims of El Salvador’s long and bloody civil war.

Gennieve Sedlack Waller ‘89

I certainly enjoyed reading Ron Hansen’s essay, “Hearing the cry of the poor.” As a Jesuit martyr of El Salvador, in the Fall 2014 SCM. In 2000 I visited the site of these murders, as well as other sites in El Salvador and Guatemala. At our last stop in San Antonio, Guatemala, where Fr. Stanley Rother was murdered, we had the opportunity to meet several Guatemalans. From these meetings a friendship developed, and I came home with that love and a purpose to help these wonderful people. The Marin County Catholic Charities Mission Program was established. For the past 14 years, we have gathered money and goods to fulfill this mission. If it were not for the assassination of Mag. Oscar Romero and other religious leaders in El Salvador and Guatemala, I would never have had the opportunity to come to El Salvador or Guatemala and meet the Mayan people, and this mission program would never have been established.

Bill Cuneo ‘60
San Anselmo, California

In 1982, I met a young boy in San Jose who was to be sent back to El Salvador. I brought him home, where he joined our family for a year. My children were all in their teens and welcomed this boy into our family. We were able to get a firsthand education about the atrocities that were happening in El Salvador. He worked part-time and attended high school. After the year it was time for him to move on, so with the money he saved he flew to Washington, D.C. He became involved with the sanctuary movement. We hear occasionally from this young man and he is still in the U.S. and doing well.

Kay Harrison
Santa Clara

I found “Hearing the cry of the poor,” “The open window,” and “What do you stand for?” to be deeply moving. These stories brought me back to the early 1980s when, despite keeping up with the news, I was unaware of the atrocities affecting our neighbors to the south.

Then my husband, Peter Michelozzi M.A. ’70, and I met Bill Cane, founder and director of If, a nonprofit in Watsonville, California, focused on small projects to help the poor in Latin America. Our education continued. The organization helped Salvadoran refugees gain asylum in the United States, and one family eventually moved into the first Habitat for Humanity house in Santa Cruz, California. We then worked with If and Habitat in Guatemala, where, during one trip, we visited the site of the massacre in Rabinal. Our education continues.

Betty Neville
Michelozzi M.A. ’68
Aguas, California

Lucia and Jorge Cerna exhibit unbelievable courage in speaking the truth. May our Lord bless them and hold them in His loving hands.

Carmen Hartono
Oakland

Thanks to the author for this excellent overview. In relation to the 25th anniversary, I have given some introductory presentations in the U.S. about the martyrs that can be viewed here: youtube.com (search: Josefa Sanchez Díaz).

Joe Mulligan, S.J.
Managua, Nicaragua

WINTER 2015
Football returns to Santa Clara
Thanks to Ann Killion on her fine article about football and Santa Clara [Fall 2014 SCM] A proud SCU graduate, I have attended almost all of the 49er games since I was a young boy in 1948. What hurts is one mistake—Santa Clara did not win the 1962 49er games since I was a young boy. What hurts is one mistake—Santa Clara did not win the 1962 49er games since I was a young boy in 1948. What hurts is one mistake—Santa Clara did not win the 1962 49er games since I was a young boy in 1948. What hurts is one mistake—Santa Clara did not win the 1962 49er games since I was a young boy in 1948.

Jerry Glueck ’62

Absolutely the right call on the Portuguese parent. I don’t know about his father who was German. I believe I have read that his Portuguese heritage, his family’s name is common. And I believe I have read that his father’s family came from the island of Flores in the Azores where that name is common.

SUSAN VARGAS MURPHY

I believe that Sobrino’s entire address, “A thunderous call for all in all, [we] shall not look upon his like again.”” (The Nov. 10, 2014 issue of America Magazine carries a version of Sobrino’s entire address, which elaborates on this concept.) I believe that Vasconcellos, who was a bit put off by Santa Clara’s sometimes prosperous face to the world, would have welcomed that view.

Richard W. Jonsen ’55

In later years, John drifted from the Church, though he exemplified the Christian values he absorbed in 11 years of Jesuit education as well as any Santa Clara I know. As a California legislator, he championed principles of access to higher education and health care that were informed by a fierce belief in justice and equity. Much of what he accomplished in both those arenas (where a lot of his energy was focused) sprang from the kind of preferential option for the poor that has characterized Catholic values since Vatican II.

Coincidentally, the Fall magazine also contains a brief quote from Jon Sobrino, S.J., from his address to the graduates of the Jesuit School of Theology. Sobrino speaks of his martyred colleague from El Salvador, Jesuit theologian Ignacio Ellacuria, and his vision of a “civilization of poverty.” (The Nov. 10, 2014, issue of America Magazine carries a version of Sobrino’s entire address, which elaborates on this concept.) I believe that Vasconcellos, who was a bit put off by Santa Clara’s sometimes prosperous face to the world, would have welcomed that view.

“He was a man, take him for all in all, [we] shall not look upon him like again.”

RICHARD W. JONSEN ’55
Broomfield, Colorado

Digital mag update

Last fall the digital Santa Clara Magazine debuted an updated look—just more important, that design is now responsive, so images and fonts adjust to the size of your screen. One fabulous story there: After a successful surgery for a brain tumor, the return of Andrew Papenfus ’16 to the ball court.

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Denis Concordel photographed Santa Clara women’s soccer for “Season tough.”
Mitch Finley ’73 wrote “Rebound,” a profile of Liz Bruno ’82, M.A. ’96. A longtime contributor to this magazine, he is the author of more than 30 books on Catholic themes, including The Rosary Handbook: A Guide for Newcomers, Old Timers, and Those in Between and The Joy of Being Catholic.

Don Jedlowes photographed Brandon Clark ’15 for our back cover. His work has appeared in the New York Times, Newsweek, and in many local publications and venues.

Lee Daniel Krazeter M.A. ’13 wrote “Use these powers for good.” He has written for television and print, including the New York Times, Psychology Today, and the San Francisco Chronicle. He and David Feldman, associate professor of counseling psychology at SCU, teamed up to write the book Supervisors: The Surprising Link Between Suffering and Success. Read more at lakedanielkrazetz.com.

Michael C. McCarthy, S.J., B.S. ’71, M.A. ’74, “The fragility of faith” is the Edmund Campion, S.J., University Professor at SCU with joint appointments in the Religious Studies and Classics departments. He is also the executive director of Santa Clara University’s Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education.

Ross P. Mulhausen photographed Liz Bruno for “Rebound.” For the past decade he’s served as photographer for the University of Puget Sound, and he has 10 years experience running his own studio. “There are many challenges dealing with individual personalities, locations, and an assortment of conditions,” he says, “but I find it gratifying when all the pieces come together. It was a pleasure meeting and photographing Liz Bruno for this issue and I came away with great admiration for her service.”

Bronze Bronco

There’s a new horse on campus, over on the west side. He’s cast in metal to show sinewy pride and mettle; there to greet you with raised hoof and bared teeth, and there’s fire in those eyes. That fire is meant to rekindle a sense of Bronco pride on campus last fall and was dedicated on Oct. 8, 2014.

Game to the core

The statue represents the spirit and the grace and the power that we want Santa Clara University alumni and students to possess.”

“Raise the roof: With major fan support (and 11 of the big, bladed variety) last fall, and a rotating menu: from fresh baked goods and breakfast treats to meat and veggie sliders (including a quinoa patty with goat cheese and tomatoes) last fall, and an array of tacos this winter. The pony opened its window in November 2014.

Santa Clara Snapshot: 1975

1. New home for the SCU Alumni Association in what was built as the infirmary and is now the magnificent Donohoe Alumni House.
2. 7 students out of 18 go the distance for a 48-hour dance marathon in Seifert Gym to raise money for muscular dystrophy.
3. Russell J. “Rusty” Hammer ’75, an SCU senior, elected mayor of Campbell, making him the youngest mayor in California.
4. $125 or best offer for a 7-foot-long boa constrictor with cage offered in a classified ad in The Santa Clara. “House broken and great to snuggle up with," Call Larry.”
5. 760,000 square feet of Teflon-coated fiberglass are raised aloft in February to form the roof of the new Toso Pavilion—together with the Leavey Center forming the first modern on-campus home for Bronco sports teams.
6. Co-founder and managing director of Menlo Park–based Redpoint Ventures, Haley focuses on investments in software, consumer Internet, and digital media companies. He studied philosophy at SCU and points out that there’s no "best" path for training in the VC business—but looking for good people and leveraging a broad network of entrepreneurs are key. Among his successful investments are companies acquired by Yahoo, Oracle, and Intuit.
7. New to the board: Tim Haley ’81 joined SCU’s Board of Trustees in October 2014.
8. "House broken and great to snuggle up with," Call Larry.”
9. "This statue represents the spirit and the grace and the power that we want Santa Clara University alumni and students to possess.”

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Howard Charney MBA ’73, J.D. ’77 knows something about the power of networks. A senior vice president in the Office of the President and CEO at Cisco Systems Inc.—as well as founder of 3Com and Grand Junction Networks—he’s a sought-after speaker on the future of technology and global change. “Silicon Valley is about the intersection of intellectual creativity and creating economic value from that creativity,” he says. “And the way that’s done is to start with ideas, flesh them out, and create economic results occur because of who you are. All undertakings that create wealth or economic results in the process of redefining itself,” he says. “I hope this gift will create momentum for Santa Clara University to look like for the next several decades.”

A licensed patent attorney, Charney holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mechanical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He confesses, “When I went to Santa Clara, I didn’t know how to read a balance sheet; I was an engineer. People on the board with me at Santa Clara contributed to who I am today. During his career, Charney has overseen the development and expansion of key technologies that have helped build the global Internet as it exists today. He helped grow Cisco’s two-tier distribution business to more than $2.4 billion and helped turn fast ethernet and low-cost switching into fundamental, global Internet technologies. At 3Com, he helped create products that would later become fundamental, global Internet technologies. Charney is a member of the SCU Board of Trustees and a longtime advisor to the University’s Center for Science, Technology, and Society, funding a professorship there, serving on the advisory board, and recently joining the executive committee. “Santa Clara University is in the process of redefining itself,” he says. “I hope this gift will create momentum and help to shape what the University will look like for the next several decades.”

“Along your journey, nobody can care who you are. All undertakings that create economic results occur because of friendships and trust relationships,” Howard Charney, MBA ’73, J.D. ’77 and Ailda Schoolmaster Charney
The U.S. and China announced a historic climate change deal while you were interning.

It was a very important announcement. The biggest criticism of U.S. action on climate change is that it’s a drop in the bucket compared to what needs to happen internationally. Now that we have an agreement with the U.S. and China—the largest emitters of carbon—that’s hugely important to getting other countries on board.

**How did this experience contrast with what you learned as a polisci major in the classroom?**

Until heading to the White House, I had thought that things were formulaic and that bureaucratic processes got in the way—and that’s true to some extent. But being in there changed a lot of my views. I liken it to the time I was working at a startup; there are so few people working so hard on so many things all at the same time—the pace is just incredible. I felt Washington feeling optimistic about the amount of things the federal government can accomplish.

**Advice for incoming students to maximize opportunities?**

I met with SCU’s Johnson Scholars this fall before my Rhodes interview, and they asked the same question. First, I was amazed when they introduced themselves—they were all freshmen who had decided exactly what they wanted to do and had double or triple majors. I told them, “Guys, I didn’t even declare a major until the end of sophomore year.”

So it would be horrible advice to say, “Aim for a Fulbright or a Rhodes.” You will be much more successful and enjoy your time a lot more if you are doing things that are important to you—you’ll do them better, and with that you will find yourself getting more opportunities and experiences.

SCU has so many ways to get involved, so do things that you haven’t planned for, that might make you feel uncomfortable. When I look back, I can connect the dots between all of my different experiences—but at the time I didn’t know how they would link up. With awards, the title and the recognition is not as important as the substance. A lot of fellowships and scholarships attract the kind of people who are very achievement driven, but the substance of your work is more important than adding a trophy to the case.
Tune it in: Fulbright and NSF grants

Curbing diabetes, reaching across cultures with a ukelele, and understanding a plant-insect arms race—six recent graduates embark on research and teaching fellowships through the Fulbright program and the National Science Foundation.

Julianne Parayo ’12
A Fulbright fellowship teaching English at Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz, Poland

Shortly after graduating from SCU with a double major in English and music, Bay Area native Julianne Parayo began work at Peninsula Volunteers’ Rosener House in Menlo Park as an activity coordinator for individuals with varying stages of Alzheimer’s, dementia, or cognitive impairments. As part of participants’ recreation, she often sang and played instruments. The ukelele, with its bright and cheery tones, was her favorite, since it allowed her to be physically close to people while playing. (She has a lovely voice, by the way.) But it was during a drumming circle that she had her eyes and ears opened in a new way: by a Chinese woman in her mid-80s who only spoke in syllabic sounds. Communicating through rhythm rather than words, the woman and Parayo developed a rapport. “How can I use music to transcend language barriers?” Parayo wondered. Teaching in Poland will offer some answers. Parayo will introduce her classes to different genres of American music and have them write memoirs, interview relatives, and collect folk songs. Music is part of what brought her back to Poland, which she first visited on a religious pilgrimage with her parents to see the world-famous painting The Black Madonna of Częstochowa. People of all ages were gathered around, singing—a cross-generational communal experience. While in Bydgoszcz, she hopes to work with a local choir and organize concerts including American and Polish folk music.

Claire Kunkle ’14
A National Science Foundation fellowship for a doctorate in energy systems at University of California, Berkeley

One surefire way to encourage girls to pursue STEM-related education and careers is by showing them successful women in the field. “If you can see it, you can be it,” Claire Kunkle told an NBC Bay Area reporter last spring. The occasion: a weekend program with Santa Clara high school girls building prosthetic hands for amputees. Kunkle, who hails from Olympia, Washington, recently graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering. As an undergrad, she partnered with Assistant Professor Hohyun Lee to research combined solar power and heat generation; they’re co-listed on a patent application for a solar thermoelectric device that produces electricity from concentrated solar power and excess heat. (In the above photo, that’s the big silver box behind her left shoulder.) Kunkle’s doctoral studies at Cal focus on energy systems to benefit developing nations. She also sees work in teaching engineering as essential—particularly since women still represent only 13 percent of the engineering field.

Daniel Peng ’12
A Fulbright fellowship to research diabetes and health education in Hangzhou, China

“You have to think small before you can think large,” Daniel Peng says. “It’s small habits every day that change your overall health and wellness.” The sensibility translates from Peng’s studies in philosophy to his major in biology—and now, to his research in health education in a city of 6 million people on China’s southeast coast. He’s working on culturally appropriate health education at a diabetes clinic at the Second Affiliated Hospital of the Zhejiang University School of Medicine, focusing on Type 2 diabetes.
Born in Manhattan to Chinese immigrants, Peng grew up in Seattle. Rice was a big part of his diet growing up—as it is in much Chinese cuisine. But rice is high in sugar content and consequently raises blood sugar. Traditional Chinese cuisine also uses a lot of pork-based oil, which is high in fat. Both factors, in high enough concentrations, contribute to the development of Type 2 diabetes. Changing that through an effective health education model means leveraging motivation and belief. “You can’t just import a health model. You have to tune it in to the Chinese culture,” he says.

Peng spent five years volunteering at San Jose’s Pacific Free Clinic, where he encountered patients with Type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases. He began in his undergrad years as a health educator and a translator for Mandarin, eventually becoming the head of the health education department. And last year he wrapped up a stint with a San Francisco–based startup working on electronic medical records.

Saayeli Mukherji ’13
A Fulbright fellowship to study business, ethics, and law at Duisenberg School of Finance in the Netherlands

Wim Duisenberg, the first president of the European Central Bank and the man who introduced the euro, inspired the educational mission at the Dutch university named after him: cultivate leaders of the industry who, with integrity and awareness of social impact, will shape a sustainable future for finance and banking. That’s what inspired Saayeli Mukherji to Amsterdam, where she hopes to develop a medium for international conversation about ethical issues in the business world. What works in one country may not work in another—but ongoing dialogue might provide people with the answers they need.

A Hackworth Business Ethics Fellowship during her senior year had Mukherji working case studies for the ethics blogs at SCU’s Markkula Center for Applied Ethics. Each case outlined a situation, posed the ethical dilemma, and asked readers how the people in the case should respond. She covered issues ranging from gender discrimination to bank fraud to the Bangladeshi factory fire of 2013, which took the lives of 112 people.

Julie Herman ’14
A National Science Foundation fellowship to study the interaction between insects and plants while earning a doctorate at University of California, Santa Cruz

We see a butterfly perched on petals and marvel at how elegantly it feeds off flowers’ pollen. Julie Herman sees an age-old arms race between hungry insect and defensive plant. A biology major from Livermore, she worked closely with Associate Professor Justen Whittall ’96 at SCU. And she’s quick to point out that understanding the relationship between plants and insects will affect how we address agricultural processes and any impending food crises. Plants have natural defenses that trigger the release of compounds that repel any insects attacking them; Herman wants to know if the insects’ evolution is responding to these compounds and whether that knowledge can be harnessed to improve agricultural practices. She will be specifically studying pierid butterflies, such as the cabbages white butterflies common to the area, and mustard plants, which include broccoli, kale, and cress—a yellow flowered plant with long, thin seed pods. The technology at U.C. Santa Cruz will allow Herman to look back at what a plant’s gene structure was thousands of years ago so she can examine how the insect-plant interaction has evolved.

Natalie Lays ’14
A Fulbright fellowship to teach English at Universidade Federal do Ceará in Brazil

In summer 2013, a Global Social Benefit Fellowship from SCU took Natalie Lays to São Paulo for six weeks to work with a social enterprise that makes affordable hearing aids for low-income Brazilians. The Denver native is a veteran traveler—work, family, and interest in global culture and medicine have taken her to more than 20 countries. But it’s Brazil that’s drawn her back to teach English at Universidade Federal do Ceará and explore opportunities to engage in community health initiatives. At Santa Clara she studied psychology with an emphasis in psychobiology, practicing medicine globally is what’s called her since childhood. That’s been reinforced over the years—including by a trip to Guatemala just after she graduated from high school. She and two friends accompanied the father of their host family to a rural mining village to bring medicine to a young girl suffering from polio—a disease Lays thought was all but eradicated. “People getting sick just because of lack of access and knowledge gets me riled up,” she says.
They went 12-2 in the regular season, and six players earned all-conference recognition from fellow coaches in the West Coast Conference—including the co-Player of the Year and the Goalkeeper of the Year. So, truth be told, it was a bit of a surprise when, for only the second time in 26 years, the Broncos weren’t invited to the NCAA Tournament. Still, says Coach Jerry Smith, “It will go down as a regular season that very few of our teams were able to achieve.”

Sofia Huerta ’15 (left) shared honors as WCC Player of the Year and, for the second year in a row, was named an All-American. She racked up 17 goals in the season, including six game-winners for SCU. She grew up in Boise, Idaho. Her father hails from Mexico, and while a student she earned a spot on the Mexican Under-20 team before being called up to the national team. But this year she heads for Chicago to play for the Red Stars. She was the No. 11 pick in the National Women’s Soccer League Draft. In the Windy City she’ll rejoin fellow Bronco powerhouse Julie Johnston ’14, named the pro league’s rookie of the year in 2014.

Goalkeeper of the Year Andi Tostanoski ’16 (top) came west from Colorado Springs, Colorado and is studying biology. Her shot-stopping prowess earned her accolades as First Team All-WCC and WCC All-Academic Team.

Brittany Ambrose ’17 (No. 8, middle) and sister Nikki Ambrose ’15 (No. 15) played in all 20 games. Brittany scored six goals, including a game-winner in double-overtime at University of San Francisco, and was named Second Team All-WCC.

Kat McAuliffe ’15 (bottom) led the team with six assists and is graduating with a degree in psychology and WCC All-Academic Honorable Mention.

Dani Weatherholt ’16 (contents page) earned from Coach Smith the appreciation as “our workhorse, our engine, our warrior” and All-WCC and WCC All-Academic honorable mentions. Also recognized by the WCC: freshmen Jenna Holtz and Mariana Galvan.

More photos and stories; santaclaramagazine.com/athletics
Space aces

Santa Clara’s student-run satellite program was already cool. Now it’s gone mobile.

BY SAM SCOTT ’96

At first glance, the 28-foot trailer parked outside SCU’s Robotics Systems Lab looks like something destined for a cosmic RV spring break or maybe Burning Man, the epic annual middle-of-the-desert arts fest, where its starry intergalactic graphics fit in well with aspirations to transcend the here and now. But the words along its sides, above an image of a skyward-gazing satellite dish, spell out a more enigmatic story: Santa Clara University Mobile Mission Control.

Inside is a lab-to-go, with the tools and technology for taking the country’s only student-run program for professionally operating NASA’s small satellites on the road. The SCU robotics lab has long maintained a mission control for just such assignments on campus, but in a business where the window to work is limited to the brief span in its orbit that a satellite streaks overhead, it pays to be mobile.

“The satellites we control for NASA and our industry partners only fly over the local area a few times a day and only for a few minutes each time,” says Chris Kitts, the head of the robotics lab and an associate professor of engineering. “We now have the potential to more than double our communication time.”

Not that the new trailer will solve all the lab’s logistical needs. SCU engineering students have traveled as far away as the Marshall Islands and El Salvador to staff satellite missions—and that has a cool factor all its own. But Mobile Mission Control is definitely going to turn some heads on the interstate as it carries an SCU crew to places in Oregon and Southern California, likely destinations for assignment. The lab may see its first action this summer.

When it’s not on the road, the trailer makes its home at the SCU robotics lab, a stone’s throw from the iconic Moffett Field Hangar One at NASA Ames Research Park in Mountain View.

The links
The lab houses five communication links and can sense its position and automatically calibrate the pointing systems for antennae.

The rush
The largest antenna is 2.4 meters in diameter and can communicate with and control a satellite as small as a bottle of wine going at speeds of 17,400 mph, 280 miles away. The only thing that comes close to the rush, says Mike Rasay, ’01, M.S. ’07—a Ph.D. student who has been working on SCU satellite controls for a decade—is being in a sporting championship.

The dish
The big radar dish pictured on its side is one of two 3-meter satellite trackers located atop Bannan Engineering, home to campus mission control for more than a decade—though with the growth of the engineering program in recent years, mission control is soon to move to an off-campus site to make way for classroom space.

+ The bonus
Designed to control not only satellites but fleets of student-built flying and water-borne drones.

Trailer design by Samantha Almendras ’14
Photo by Charles Barry
Or, how can a thinking person still believe in God?

BY MICHAEL C. MCCARTHY, S.J. ’87, M.Div. ’97

What good is God? That’s a question SCU’s Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education explored as part of its 2013–14 Bannan Institute, a yearlong thematic program addressing matters of significance within the Jesuit, Catholic intellectual tradition. In an age when religion is associated as much with violence as benevolence, when propositions of faith are often framed as oppositional to modern science, and one-fifth of all Americans self-identify as “none of the above” with regard to religion, the question is one of the most significant of our time.

The fragility of faith

To begin, let me make a confession. The question that is part of the title of this essay is a real one for me. I have been asking it since I was 8 years old: How can a thinking person still believe in God? It’s an important academic question that grounds a good deal of my own research. But for me, it’s also a deeply personal question that often entails certain pain. With my life, with my commitments, with my vows as a Jesuit, I hope always to offer a confident, positive response to the question. As you can imagine, I have a lot invested in it.

At the same time, it is not a question on which I can promise or claim easy certainty. In the year 2015, it is an especially hard question. But I think in any
age it’s a hard question. At least for me and for many people I trust, faith is a deeply fragile reality. It deals with mystery so deep that it is difficult to talk about it in bright lines. In that respect (its fragility) faith is very much like life. We move forward (sometimes in hope, sometimes in fear or hurt or anger) increasingly aware of our vulnerabilities, our doubts, our personal failures, and, of course, our mortality. There are joys too—very real joys—but in some mysterious sense those joys are often linked to what makes us fragile.

This essay is on “how can a thinking person still believe in God?” rather than “why a thinking person should believe in God.” It’s not my intention here to try to convince the skeptic or refute the unbeliever. To my mind, that would be a futile and presumptuous, if not outright toxic, exercise. Faith must always be a free response to an invitation that is deeply felt and received. Attempts to convince a person to believe in God or to argue a person into belief frequently disrespect that person’s freedom so gravely that it becomes more difficult for him or her to entertain the possibility of faith.

Rather, I propose to identify some necessary conditions for a thinking person to believe in God. We speak a good deal these days of the importance of sustainability, the capacity to endure. A healthy ecosystem has certain requirements for its long-term well-being. If these conditions are not satisfied, the ecosystem will die from a thousand different causes.

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So it is with faith. Like the environment (and again, like life itself), faith is quite fragile and requires certain sustenance if it is going to thrive.

Let me simply offer three practical suggestions for its sustainability. First, imagine bigger. Second, befriend intelligent believers. Third, take a risk.

Imagine bigger

In 2010, the syndicated talk-show host Michael Krasny published a book titled Spiritual Envy. “When I write of spiritual envy,” he says, “I mean envy of the consolation of faith.” Krasny grew up a pious Jew but came to question the dogmatic claims of his faith. Still, he cannot completely discount them. He self-identifies as an agnostic, but as I read him, I feel I have more in common with him than not. That doesn’t exactly make me an agnostic, but it suggests there may be ways of being a believer (even of the Catholic variety) that have softer margins than we usually imagine.

When we listen sensitively to thinkers such as these, we realize how much common ground there is between people who believe in God and people who don’t. Even the pope has been remarkably validating of the goodness of atheists, and in his Christmas 2013 address he invited them to join believers in their desire for peace, “a desire that widens the heart.” But if there can be deep common ground between the atheist and the believer, we need to ask why “God” is such a fault line. Why is language about God so problematic, even so polarizing? Let me suggest one major problem is that we use the word in so many different ways. A major mistake that underlies so much public debate is the false presumption that people are using the word God the same way.

When it comes to speaking of God, no words have ever been trustworthy. Traditional theology, for instance, has long maintained that whatever we say about God must also be unaid. God is like a father or mother but also quite certainly not like a father or mother. At the beginning of his Confessions, St. Augustine asks: “What are you, my God?” The question leads to a long and highly rhetorical speech that exploits many contradictions: “[You are, Augustine says], most hidden yet intimately present, infinitely beautiful and infinitely strong, steadfast yet elusive …” The passage is a tour de force that shows Augustine’s own mastery of language. But then he gets to the end and asks rather simply: “After saying all that, what have we actually said? What does anyone who speaks of you really say, God?”

At times in my own journey I have worried that religious expression is, in some ultimate sense, empty. Those can be dark and uncomfortable moments for anyone, let alone for a priest with the duties of preaching. In those dark and uncomfortable moments the line between belief and unbelief can seem thin. But they are also moments of a tremendous freedom, when the question comes in the starkest terms: “OK, then, where are you? What is it you stand for?”

When I say, “I believe in God,” I am making a much bigger claim than simply positing God’s existence (whatever that may mean). Rather, I am saying something like this: “I put my trust in a reality that cannot be grasped or contained or controlled. I put my trust in a reality distinct from any entity or whole set of entities we know as ‘the world’ but that somehow interacts with the world the way being itself interacts with the world, that somehow is exceedingly close to the world in ways that I choose to describe as ultimately good or benevolent or loving. And in ways that are very real and important, my relationship to this reality oriente me toward the world with hope.” But we need always to imagine bigger.
Befriend intelligent believers

I have often wondered what direction my life would have taken had I not gone to a Jesuit high school. I was a kid with a lot of questions. Where would I be on matters of faith without people of intelligent faith around me: people who thought deeply about things and were not afraid to ask difficult questions? I came to learn not only that my questions would be honored but that they could be shared. I came to learn that being a believer does not stifle critical thought—and that faith and reason are never enemies. I came to be exposed to an intellectual tradition that does not close questions but offers a framework to think about them. And although we often do not arrive at perfect answers, we know we can pose significant questions with confidence. Questions like, “Why are we here?”

In Walter Isaacson’s biography of Steve Jobs, Jobs recounts the story of his classmate in school taunting him when she found out he was adopted. His real parents, she said, didn’t want him. Jobs said that was like lightning bolts going off in his head. So he ran to his parents, who sat him down and said, “No, you don’t understand. We specifically picked you out.” And the belief that he was wanted, that he was loved, made all the difference.

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It strikes me that much of the purpose (or meaning) of the Bible is to reassure us the way his adopted parents reassured the young Jobs. Only in more recent history have many people read the book of Genesis as a quasi-scientific account of the way the world came to be. Intelligent believers throughout history have rather taken it as an attempt to answer a different kind of question: “Why are we here?” And intelligent believers have understood the drama of Genesis with the presupposition that the meaning of “God” (whether or not we believe in God) is relatively clear and known, then I may agree: The claim may just be silly. But if you approach it from a position of uncertainty or openness about what “God” actually means, then claims about the divinity of Christ can be a radically disruptive, even dangerous proposition. Because what do you say when the Son’s just teach and tell those wonderful stories, ultimately he dies in a horrific fashion as a victim of a complicated political-religious dynamics of the first century. And while Christians ascribe him from the dead, if you take seriously that Jesus really did die and was even a rather terrible failure (for everything we may like about him), and if you claim (as Christians have long done) that “Jesus is Son of God,” then doesn’t “God” mean something quite different from what we normally think it to mean? And all those things we usually attribute to God—omnipotence, omniscience, and more—what do they really mean if we take seriously that somehow God is identified in the flesh with someone who suffered a horrific death? Or, as St. Augustine said in the passage I mentioned earlier, “What does anyone who speaks of you really say, God?” After all, both believers and nonbelievers have a tendency to think about God’s behavior as if he were a little like Prometheus, omniscience, and more—what do they really mean if we take seriously that somehow God is identified in the flesh with someone who suffered a horrific death? Or, as St. Augustine said in the passage I mentioned earlier, “What does anyone who speaks of you really say, God?” After all, both believers and nonbelievers have a tendency to think about God’s behavior as if he were a little like Prometheus, or the myth of Sisyphus. Think of the idea of God as a little like Sisyphus, or the myth of Sisyphus. Think of the idea of God as someone who suffers a horrific death? Or, as St. Augustine said in the passage I mentioned earlier, “What does anyone who speaks of you really say, God?” After all, both believers and nonbelievers have a tendency to think about God’s behavior as if he were a little like Prometheus, for whom the part, for the most part, to make the heart. Let me quote from Barack Obama from his speech at Call to Renewal’s Building a Covenant for a New America conference on June 28, 2006, “At best, we may try to avoid the conversation about religious values altogether, fearful of offending anyone … At worst, there are some liberals who dismiss religion in the public square as inherently irrational or intolerant. There is a caricature of religious Americans that paints them as fanatical, or thinking that the very word Christian describes one’s political opponents, not people of faith.”

To speak of “God” outside the walls of a church requires great prudence, care, and—yes—risk. What that may mean for a university such as Santa Clara in 2015 is a particularly important question. Like many American universities founded in the 19th century, Santa Clara was established to advance the ideals of liberal education within a democratic and religious framework. Academic culture has since become increasingly secular, and for the most part that has brought significant gains. At its best, it allows us to space to speak and interact using a nonsectarian language and to accomplish many things for a common good.

But secular discourse can also have a flattening effect if it censors groups and individuals from speaking their deepest convictions in the manner appropriate to them. There is often an expectation that serious public discussion remains within what legal scholar Steven Smith recently called “an iron cage,” in which life is lived and discourse is conducted according to the stern constraints of secular rationalism. In this paradigm God has no place in the university.

I do hope that a university such as Santa Clara would continue to be a place where that “iron cage” may be left unlaced, where we have the freedom to live and act according to our deepest convictions, using whatever form of expression is right. But that can only work if members of an academic community are willing to learn not just to tolerate religious and philosophical differences but really to learn those differences, to cultivate a more textured ability to understand and talk about these differences from a point of view that is more of a social or even political reality. We live in a time when there is considerable disagreement, doubt, and anxiety regarding the place of faith in the public sphere. In the Feb. 24, 2014, issue of the Jesuit-run America Magazine, a fairly conservative commentator, Russell Redford Reno, argues something similar. Before he was elected president, Obama gave a gutsy if controversial speech on religion and politics in which he challenged the conservative claim that liberal is religious. At the same time, he conceded that members of his own party have, for the most part, to make the heart. Let me quote from Barack Obama from his speech at Call to Renewal’s Building a Covenant for a New America conference on June 28, 2006, “At best, we may try to avoid the conversation about religious values altogether, fearful of offending anyone … At worst, there are some liberals who dismiss religion in the public square as inherently irrational or intolerant. There is a caricature of religious Americans that paints them as fanatical, or thinking that the very word Christian describes one’s political opponents, not people of faith.”

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Lessons from the court and the chapel in dealing with addiction, mental illness, and some of society’s most despised

BY MITCH FINLEY ’73 One Saturday each month, Liz Bruno ’82, M.A. ’86 makes a point of getting out on the water. She boards a ferry in Steilacoom, Washington, at the southern end of Puget Sound, for a 30-minute ride to the McNeil Island Special Commitment Center to spend time with inmates who are among society’s most despised: They are Level 3 sex offenders, persons the state of Washington considers to have a high risk to reoffend. Many women would be terrified to enter the same room with these men.
Bruno has been making the monthly trip since November 2005. That was when she learned that Nancy Kennedy, an administrator at St. Jude Parish in the Seattle suburb of Redmond, would no longer be able to maintain a ministry at the Special Care Center. Bruno volunteered to take over and, for her first journey, accompanied Kennedy. Off the ferry, they stepped into a gray, single-story concrete complex, where a uniformed guard unlocked three heavy doors for the two women to pass through. They entered a small, nondescript room with a sign on the door identifying it as the chapel.

That first time, Bruno says, the sense of isolation “reminded me of purgatory.” But the desolation speaks to a basic human need for hope: “I want them to know that someone remembers them.”

Late on a cloudy and cool summer morning, over a public address system, a metallic voice announces that the “Catholic service” will soon begin. Bruno sets up metal folding chairs in an irregular oval. Eight men drift into the room dressed not in institutional garb but in whatever clothing they prefer. Each man greets Bruno with a smile. Hugs are not allowed. Bruno is also required to wear stockings; the sight of her bare ankles could be a trigger for some of the men.

“I haven’t pulled anyone from a fire,” she says. But he has attempted suicide. Bruno asks if he would be willing to tell the group about that. He agrees. He describes, step by step, what he was thinking and feeling when a plan to jump off a bridge, how he jumped, and how he broke his back. He was in the hospital for six months.

The story leaves the listeners in tears. Bruno says, “Raise your hand if you are going to delete jumping off a bridge from your list of suicide plans.”

All hands go up. Bruno turns to the man who has just told his story. “You may have just pulled someone out of a fire.”

She also tells them: “Do not be married to your addiction and do not be married to your mental health diagnosis; you are all individuals, with your own strengths, challenges, dreams, hopes, stories.”

Liz Bruno herself was married for 20 years before divorcing. The divorce experience also brought a renewal of her Catholic faith. She began attending daily Mass. There she would sit surrounded by many of the older members of the parish. “I’m going to jump off the edge of this church,” she says. She would turn her head, see only the sky, and then turn her head the other way. “I thought I could experience God, look out, and that I could experience death and life.”

For all the years that her two sons—Tim, 23, and Patrick, 20—were growing up, Bruno was a stay-at-home mom. She’d earned a master’s in counseling psychology at Santa Clara after finishing her undergraduate degree. But re-entering the workplace after all those years left her petrified, she said. Now, though, going through a deep lack of self-confidence seems to her a gift in its own right, since it helps her empathize with her clients.

**Records and affirmations**

In the late 1970s and early 1980s at Santa Clara, there was no mistaking the fact that Elizabeth Anne Bruno was a big woman on campus. At 6 foot 2 she stood well above most women—and men. As a member of the women’s basketball team, she played center and set a record for Santa Clara of 1,218—the number that stands to this day for all Brunos. She’s the only woman with more than 1,000 career points. In her junior year, she received the prestigious Northern California Athlete of the Year award. Her per-game rebound average was 12.8, which ranked her 10th nationally for the season. All this was with a ball the same size that the men played with, rather than the smaller basketball women hoopsters use today. But this wasn’t the only difference female basketball players lived with then.

“There were no sports bras,” Bruno says, “and no women’s shoes; we had to wear men’s shoes when we played, which meant little or no arch support. Our halftime talk happened with us standing up in the equipment room with the washer and dryer running... We had to practice at 5:30 a.m. so the men could have practice at a decent time after us.”

Born in Seattle, Bruno was 4 years old when her parents moved her and her three siblings—John Bruno ’80, MBA ’85, Katie Bruno ’81, andChristopher Bruno ’84—to San Francisco, where her father started his own business. When she was 9, her father died from a congenital illness, and her mother moved the family to Burlingame. At Mercy High School, where even today there is no gym, the budding basketball star and her teammates played outdoors on an asphalt court with chain-link nets on the hoops. Liz Bruno played well enough in high school to earn a Title IX basketball scholarship to Santa Clara.

Basketball played its part in the kind of therapist she became. As a budding school player, she memorized affirmations given by her coach Naomi Ruth Tuitt ’74, such as: “We are calm, poised, and efficient under exciting and stressful situations.” Bruno says that she has 60 affirmations memorized today.

“The ones I’m using are very positive,” she says. “We are confident, poised, and strong under unusual circumstances.”

She also tells them: “Do not be married to your addiction and do not be married to your mental health diagnosis; you are all individuals, with your own strengths, challenges, dreams, hopes, stories.” Bruno believes it is appropriate to recall that she has just told his story. “You may have just pulled someone out of a fire.”

For all the years that her two sons—Tim, 23, and Patrick, 20—were growing up, Bruno was a stay-at-home mom. She’d earned a master’s in counseling psychology at Santa Clara after finishing her undergraduate degree. But re-entering the workplace after all those years left her petrified, she said. Now, though, going through a deep lack of self-confidence seems to her a gift in its own right, since it helps her empathize with her clients. Bruno believes that this is crucial in the work she does in her support of men who have committed crimes for which many people think they should be executed—or worse. For one Saturday, at the concluding part of the Comey Family service, she leads the men in praying aloud the Our Father. All stand and join hands for this prayer—likely, she suspects, the only time in their days here that the men experience a truly human touch. Then, from a small golden pyx on a cord around her neck, obtained from her parish early that morning, she gives the men Communion. “The body of Christ,” she says.

Each man quietly replies, “Amen.”

Katie Bruno ’81
There’s no magic pill you can take to bounce back from tragedy. But there are stories of people who’ve bounced forward to great things. Call them supersurvivors.

BY LEE DANIEL KRAVETZ M.A. ’13

“I didn’t know anyone was moving out,” she said. “Just refurbishing,” I said. But I was doing more than refreshing my apartment; I was overhauling my life.

A month earlier my oncologist informed me that, after a long year of chemotherapy, I was cancer-free. This meant that I’d likely survived the cancer that had appeared in my blood and in my right lung. My first thought was simply I’m lucky to be alive, followed by, Now it’s time to rebuild my life... but how? I was 31 years old.

Prior to undergoing treatment for cancer, I worked in television and book publicity. I lived in Manhattan, owned a small co-op on the Upper West Side with my wife, and had a relatively rewarding life. Yet after my cancer experience, I found myself questioning my past choices, from career to where I lived—even the way I’d reasoned through decisions. The results had been fulfilling, but now I was willing to forgo conventional ideals of success and do something with my life that was more true to myself. I wasn’t certain what this would be, but it began with cleaning house.

Then I tried to convince my wife that we should sell our apartment, leave Manhattan, and move back to San Francisco, where we’d met. Considering how I’d pretty much thrown away all of our possessions, up until now she’d been fairly patient with me. But why, she wanted to know, couldn’t I change within the context of our lives together? I wanted her to understand my need to alter my life (and get as far away from the cancer experience) as possible. She didn’t really, but she agreed to alter my life (and get as far away from the cancer experience, I found myself questioning my past experiences). She wouldn’t stay buried.

In September 2008, I quit my job and abandoned my lucrative decade-long career. We moved into a small apartment in San Francisco’s Mission District and began to build this new life.

Great question.

One fall morning I was having brunch with a friend, talking to her about how I was grappling with what to do with my life. She told me about a friend who’d been in a similar situation and was doing some remarkable things. Her friend’s name was Asha Mevlana. She was a breast cancer survivor who, in remission, re-evaluated her priorities and left a high-paying business career to focus on playing music. She became an electric violinist. Incredibly, almost overnight, she went from playing clubs on the Sunset Strip to joining the Tonight Show band, touring with Gnarls Barkley and Alanis Morissette, and landing a major recording deal with Universal Records.

When Asha and I first talked over Skype, I told her my story and asked about hers. I wanted to know how she’d chosen her post-trauma path and had been so successful in it. Asha smiled. What I read in it was: Great question. I have no idea. Why don’t you find out?

Life after cancer was not shaping up to be easy for me. It was wonderful to be back in San Francisco, but our first few months also presented a number of unexpected challenges. Moving away from New York meant my wife had to leave her high-powered finance job and find work; she was still knocking on doors. The tiniest disagreements became full-blow arguments, rife with displaced resentment over a list of well-earned grievances. I’d found a job—a high-profile PR position at a small firm—and hated it. I’d nearly walked out dozens of times. Happiness remained elusive for both of us. We could pin it on a million things, but it really came down to one: the fact that my trauma experience wouldn’t stay buried.

I had to wonder if anyone’s did—not just after cancer but after cataclysmic events more broadly, from natural disasters to wartime violence to damaging accidents. Asha Mevlana not only bounced back, she seemed to bounce forward, changing her life in remarkable ways as a result of resilience into an independent research project and worked with David Feldman, one of the foremost experts on hope therapy, as my academic advisor. Our work together blossomed into a friendship and collaboration; we would spend the next four years striving to understand how people
Growing up in the city of Kigali, Rwanda’s capital, Clemantine Wamariya was an inquisitive little girl. “I remember driving through the city and the whole way asking my mother, ‘Who lives here? What about here?’ My mother made up stories from one house to another, I wanted to know everything.”

At 24, she speaks with a yearning cadence that infuses wonder and a sense of possibility: “We can’t know about the dead. Someone cared enough to write about the dead.”

She was disturbed by the fact that what had happened to her, her family, and Rwanda might not be remembered. Clemantine’s grandparents couldn’t protect the girls from the violence for long.

One revelation came in the form of Elie Wiesel’s memoir Night, which Clemantine first heard the word genocide. Wiesel survived the Nazi concentration camps. He was the first person to describe accurately the pain and confusion she herself had endured. Clemantine was so moved that she wrote an essay for a contest put on by: The Oprah Winfrey Show about the scar of genocide that marked both Germany and Rwanda. A few months later, she was shocked to learn that her essay was a finalist, earning her a seat at a taping of the program.

Clemantine’s journey toward forgiveness had begun years before, though shortly after arriving in the United States, she’d picked up a strange new hobby. Everyday, she collected the newspaper and saved the obituaries of strangers. She amassed hundreds of names, folding the pages and keeping them safely in her bedroom closet.

Through the stories—and the decades of research that support them—we learned that positive thinking has little to do with resilience. Rather, a practice called grounded hope offers an approach that’s more realistic than simple positive thinking yet more positive than pessimism. We found that reflecting on one’s death can lead to a better life, that contrary to popular belief, the listlessness we feel after a major assault on our physical and emotional selves.

We set out to find people who brought these ideas to life. We followed leads, connecting with hundreds of survivors across the globe. No two stories were the same. Experiences varied dramatically from person to person. But there was commonality: a psychological phenomenon known as post-traumatic growth.

At some point in our lives, the majority of us will face the task of recovering, rebuilding, and rebounding from adversity, whether large or small. According to two decades of research from more than a dozen researchers, on average 50 to 80 percent of people who have lived through trauma say they’ve grown in some way, even though they’ve also suffered. Trauma does not end certain choices in our lives, yet when we look at the situation with eyes wide open, we also may see the potential for new possibilities. We came to call these people supersurvivors, those who emerge from suffering fundamentally changed, often with an ability to affect the world in previously unimaginied ways.

For instance, when Alan洛克 lost his vision due to macular degeneration, he realized that his lifelong dream of a career in the Royal Navy simply was gone. Alan’s crisis presented him with new choices, some of which he embraced. Several years later, Alan became the first registered blind person ever to row a boat across the Atlantic Ocean.

Aaron Acharaya suffered trauma at the hands of his countrymen: His entire village in Bhutan was expelled and forced into U.N. refugee camps in the late 1980s as part of a campaign of discriminatory citizenship. Aaron would eventually leave, pursuing a degree in engineering to found one of the most influential anti-torture organizations in the world. He did this through an extraordinary ability to forgive his perpetrators.

We met with a New Orleans artist who, reeling from a loved one’s death, helped restore post—Hurricane Katrina New Orleans; a witness to a brutal Irish Republican Army killing who later won a Nobel Peace Prize; a car crash survivor and amputee who became one of Hollywood’s most successful stunt actors; a Rwandan genocide survivor who went on to work with President Barack Obama and Oprah Winfrey. The project led to phone and email conversations with people ranging from Desmond Tutu and Elie Wiesel to filmmaker John Carpenter and MythBusters host Adam Savage.

To a mother, “What will happen to me, how can I build a better life on top of it?” to a father of two children and working as a psychotherapist. Although I sometimes wonder if that will ever change—I’ve come to embrace the knowledge that life is short and that suffering can lead to asking oneself an incredibly hopeful and forward-looking question: Given what happened to me, how can I build a better life on top of it?"
Hall of Famers

**The six new members of SCU’s Athletic Hall of Fame**

A ceremony inducting them was held in May 2014, with the Bronco Bench Foundation’s annual Red and White Gala the following evening.

**Stephen “Steve” Schott ’60**

His name is synonymous with baseball at SCU. A pitcher for SCU as a student, he built a career in real estate and development with Citation Builders, and in 1996 he and business partner Ken Hoffmann purchased the Oakland Athletics baseball team. Under their ownership, the franchise rebuilt itself by emphasizing a strong minor league system that produced the majority of the players who led the A’s to four straight postseason appearances. In 2005, the Stephen Schott Baseball Stadium opened on the Santa Clara University campus. Schott kicked off the project with a $4 million pledge. The 1,500-seat stadium houses the entire Santa Clara baseball program, including its training, practice, and equipment facilities.

**Gary Filizetti ’67**

Top pitcher as the senior halfback of the Broncos football team. Current president and CEO of Devcon Construction, which has built Bay Area landmarks such as Cisco Systems, Lockheed Martin, the San Jose Civic Center, and Levi’s Stadium, the new home of the San Francisco 49ers. Also one of several former Broncos football players instrumental in planning and fundraising for the 9,500-square-foot weight room in SCU’s Pat Malley Fitness and Recreation Center—named the Filizetti-McPherson Weight Room, after Filizetti’s father, John, and Bill McPherson ’54, who was a former Santa Clara and San Francisco 49ers assistant coach.

**Jerry Kerr ’61**

Served as executive director of the Alumni Association and has dedicated 31 years of service to the University. As a student, he led the movement to bring back football in 1959. Worked to recruit Pat Malley ’53 to return as head coach. Said to have recruited a number of players on the 1962 baseball team, including Ron Calagna ’64 and Ron Cook ’63. During the three decades he led Alumni Association, membership grew to 60,000, including 1,400 volunteer leaders in 53 chapters that sponsor more than 240 events per year. Spearheaded initiatives including the Ignatian Award and the Alumni Family Scholarship program.

**Mandy Clements ’99**

One of the best collegiate women’s soccer forwards to play the game. SCU’s all-time leading scorer. 67 career goals and 65 assists for 199 points. Helped lead the Broncos to the Final Four all four seasons, First-team All-American in 1998 and 1999, and swept postseason player of the year awards following her senior season: the Hermann Trophy, as the top college player in the country, the Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year; and NSCAA Division I Player of the Year. As a sophomore, the first player in Santa Clara women’s soccer history named West Coast Conference Player of the Year; she captured the award three times.

**Danielle Saron ’02**

A four-year starter, three-time first-team All-American defender, and team captain for the Broncos women’s soccer team. Helped lead the team to 2001 NCAA championship and named WCC Defender of the Year, 2001 WCC Defender of the Year, and 2001 WCC scholar athlete of the year; the first overall draft pick by the Carolina Courage in the Women’s United Soccer Association, helped lead the team to championship, and was named the league’s defender of the year. A five-year member of the U.S. National Team (from 2000 to 2005), won a silver in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, and was part of the team that took third in the 2003 World Cup.

**Alyson “Aly” Wagner ’03**

Played for Broncos 1999–2003, named second-team NSCAA All-American, first-team All-WCC, and WCC Freshman of the Year. In 2001, helped lead Broncos to NCAA Woman’s Soccer Championship, 2002 Hermann Trophy as top collegiate player in the country. No. 1 pick in the 2003 WUSA draft; played for San Diego Spirit and Boston Breakers. Joined the U.S. National Team in 1998 and was critical in helping win a gold in Athens Olympics in 2004. Competed as alternate in 2008 Beijing Olympics. In 2010, returned to Mission campus to finish her bachelor’s degree, working as assistant coach.

FRED LENTZ ’65
IGNATIAN AWARD

Over the course of his 34-year teaching career in the ethnically diverse city of La Habra, California, Fred Lentz grew frustrated that too many high-ability students weren’t reaching their potential because they were unprepared for—or even unaware of—college and career opportunities. In 2002, he co-founded Advance, a nonprofit providing free, bilingual, one-on-one college counseling to high school students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college. The center has assisted thousands of students with admissions applications, financial aid questions, scholarship searches, and SAT preparation.

Grades have gone on to medical school, passed the California bar exam, and enrolled in Ph.D. programs. Recently, a retired police chief called one of the full-length courts he built. He’s proud to provide a safe environment for more people’s lives get better,” he says.

CHARLES PACKER J.D. ’80, MBA ’90
LOUIS I. BANNAN, S.J., AWARD

At Santa Clara Law, Charles Packer found a welcoming and collegial environment and thrived under professors including Dennis Lilly, Herman Levy, and Jerry Kasner. An expert in trusts and estates, he is on the management committee of Hopkins & Carley and co-chair of its family wealth and tax planning practice. He also shares professional advice with the SCU community: As chairman of the University’s Planned Giving Advisory Council, Packer has shaped and grown the Bergin Society, a recognition program for those with SCU provisions in their estate plans. During the last decade, membership in the Bergin Society has nearly doubled, ensuring access to financial resources for future generations.

ROBERT WARREN
PAUL L. LOGATELLI, S.J., AWARD

Raised among the horses and wheat of the island of Kauai, after teaching for many years at Iolani School in Honolulu, in 2002, he was inducted into the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame. He has been married for more than 60 years and raised his children in Honolulu.

He joined Santa Clara in 1991, serving as director of human resources and later as vice president for finance and administration. He helped see the University through two decades of dramatic change, from construction of 19 buildings to a 600 percent increase in the University’s endowment. He fortified the bonds of the Santa Clara community, including among trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, building contractors, investment managers, public officials, and neighbors.

Recently retired, Warren plans to spend time playing with his three grandchildren and riding horses. He’ll also continue to assist the University in fundraising as Vice President Emeritus, University Relations. Marika Krause.
Lives joined

1970 | Mary Terry Rector retired from Governor of Singapore Investment Corporation, where she had been a senior vice president for nearly 14 years. She and her husband, David, relocated from Geneva, the oldest town in Nevada, about 30 minutes from Lake Tahoe.

1973 | Angel Fields-Raposas wrote, “At age 62, I’ve started my own business.”

1983 | Gregory “Greg” Frey is a managing attorney of California’s largest law firm.

1984 | Mark Davis ‘95 and husband Chris—a daughter, Lena, and a son, Carson—at their home in Walnut Creek.

1986 | Jeanne-Marie ‘86 and husband Chris—a daughter, Molly, and a son, Ben—at their home in Santa Cruz.

1970 | Mary (Chaudhri) Brown on Aug. 9, 2014, in San Francisco. She and her husband, Raj, celebrated the 198th birthday of their son.

1979 | Richelle (Faria) Massey ‘95 and husband Chris—a daughter, Peyton Bella Faria Massey, on April 10, 2014. She joins her brother Logan.

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Nanx Sireg was made a partner with Deloitte Southeast Asia in January 2013.

2000 Brian Thorsett is a full professor in the Department of Computer Science at Virginia Tech University in the School for Performing Arts. He also recently performed at the prestigious Festival del Sole in Napa, California, in Leonard Bernstein’s Trouble in Tahiti.

2001 Adam Blislock was presented partner at Ernst & Young LLP’s assurance practice in San Jose, where he serves technology clients, including large multinationals, as well as clients in the solar industry. He previously served as a professional practice group resident in the West Region, where he assisted client service teams with complex technical accounting matters and facilitated executive training sessions.

2003 Miguel Lagomarsa joins TransInsure in Stockton, California, after a successful career at Mutual Insurance, where he was recognized for his outstanding performance by the Liberty Mutual’s Club. In 2011, he earned his Life Underwriter Mutual Leader’s Club. In 2011, he completed his MBA from New York University Stern School of Business and has relocated to London for a two-year assignment.

Darnell Darrow was named a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch in June 2014. She will be working on the Armstrong’s Echoes Team based in Ohio.

Clare Linney is Santa Clara’s first female assistant coach for the men’s swimming and water polo. As head coach of the St. Mary’s Hall boys’ water polo team, she has twice been named Monterey Bay League Coach of the Year. She is also the all-time leader at San Benancio Middle School. In January 2014, she was inducted into the Apts High School Sports Hall of Fame.

2012 Bianca Frediani is consumer of Bed Bandits, a company that makes and sells blanket, Hypoallergenic mattress toppers. For every blanket sold, a fourth is donated to a local shelter. It’s a business model driven by compassion—her dad was an Oakland firefighter for more than 30 years, and she wants to make a difference, too.

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2018 Matthew Anderson J.D. ’08 was appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown ’59 to the California Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District. He writes, “I have retired from the practice of law after 25 years. Cattrell also is an elder law counselor.

2019 Brad Mattson MBA leads Fusion-io, a division of the SanDisk company. In 2014, he took on a new role as director, worldwide marketing.

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Nathan W. O’Halloran, S.J., M.Div. ’14 was profoundly influenced by the work of Richard Thomas, S.J., founder of the Lord’s Ranch, where O’Halloran grew up. He’s taught and coached in New Orleans and served as a chaplain at an AIDS hospice in Oakland. He hopes to continue his pro-life work in the future.

Christopher J. Schroeder, S.J., M.Div. ’13 was a parish in Bolivia before returning to the Jesuit School of Theology to finish his licentiate in sacred theology. He has spent time in El Salvador, taught theology in Denver, and served as a deacon at San Quentin State Prison.

Last June, John Shea, S.J., M.Div. ’14 spent the summer in Rapid City, South Dakota, before beginning a new position at Golden State University School of Law, where he has worked for 20 years. He’s married for 27 years to Jeff Wurm, a reformer lawyer working on a credential to teach high school. Their daughter graduated from Mount Holyoke College. She lives in Oakland and loves to travel.

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Barbara Smidt J.D. ’14 is the new campus minister at St. Mary Student Parish, which serves the University of Michigan. A highlight of his Jesuit formation has been his work on The Post website. He completed a PhD in 2012 to explore the intersection of faith and culture for a young adult audience—which has now yielded a book of the same name, along with 20 essays by TJP contributors.

Derek Vo, S.J., M.Div. ’14 has taught in high school and small college, Valparaiso, and has served as a chaplain at San Quentin State Prison. Deeply affected by 9/11, he hopes to work in pastoral ministries.

What’s happening, Broncos? Let us know: sanclaramagazine.com/clamcomments
EVENTS CALENDAR

February
17 Monterey/Salinas 11th Annual Dinner
21 Ignatian Leadership Symposium with Janet Napolitano ’79, Sharon Kuppler ’81, and Zoe Lothrop J.D. ’75
21 Los Angeles SCU vs. LMU Men’s Basketball Game and Pregame Reception

March
4 Los Angeles Brand 4 U Career Networking
6 Alumni Association First Friday Mass and Lunch
14 Las Vegas WCC Tournament Games and Reception
15 Alumni Association Lenten Afternoon of Reflection with Jack Treacy, S.J.
17 Sacramento Annual St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon with USF and St. Mary’s
18 East Bay Night at the Warriors
22 Alumni Association Easter Bunny Brunch

April
1 Santa Clara Valley 7th Annual Night at the Shark Tank
10 Palm Springs AFO Volunteer at FIND Food Bank
11 Alumni Association Pause for Coz Celebration
12 San Francisco Mass and Brunch with Jack Treacy, S.J.
17 Phoenix AFO Volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul
18 Los Angeles AFO Cleanup Project at St. Bernard High School
23 Los Angeles Bronco Bench Foundation Golf Tournament
25 Seattle AFO Jesuit Alumni Day of Service
25 San Francisco AFO Volunteer at St. Anthony’s Dining Room
25 Alumni Association President’s Dinner
25 Santa Clara Valley AFO Community Day of Service

May
1 Alumni Association First Friday Mass and Lunch
2 Chicano Latino El Día del Niño
11 Seattle Brand 4 U Career Networking
16 Bronco Bench Foundation Red & White Celebration
17 Alumni Association Football Reunion
21 Orange County Brewery Tour and Tasting
30 Alumni Association Day at the Giants

Connect: at a chapter gathering, signature event, or community service project by using the online event calendar: scu.edu/alumni/eventcalendar.

New beginnings

Spring is a time of new beginnings. Senses awaken as snows melt, flowers blossom, and birds sing. On the SCU campus, excitement is palpable as sunbathers emerge, wisteria delights, and seniors get ready to graduate.

This spring, Santa Clara Magazine will also have a new beginning. With the next edition, you will experience a new design and added pages, which means more of the great content you already enjoy. I’m confident the reimagined layout will soothe your eyes, stimulate your mind, and touch your heart.

As with all new beginnings, priorities change. Just as parkas give way to sweaters, existing features in the magazine will give way to new elements. As a result, one feature you won’t find going forward is one you’ll enjoy the revamped publication, I will certainly miss the opportunity to connect with you in print on a quarterly basis. With new beginnings comes hope. I hope you will stay connected to Santa Clara University in whatever way inspires you most. I hope you will stay connected to your classmates and fellow Broncos, both personally and professionally. And I hope you and I will stay connected—in any and all ways possible.

It has been and continues to be my privilege to serve you and the entire Santa Clara family.

Go Broncos!

Kathryn Kaia ’86
Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations
Solid state man

Professor Emeritus Carl Hayn, S.J., taught physics at Santa Clara for more than 50 years, educating generations of students in the sciences and engineering. Among his many students were business majors who might go on to become health professionals. Several years ago, when Fr. Hayn went in for emergency back surgery, Ramon Jimenez ’64, mentioned to Fr. Hayn that he had taught him physics as an undergraduate. “I hope I gave you a good grade!” Fr. Hayn quipped.

That story was shared at Fr. Hayn’s Funeral Mass last October by colleague Dennis Smolarski, S.J., a professor of mathematics and computer science. “In addition to teaching the basic facts of mechanics, Carl taught his students how to be caring human beings, especially by example during the numerous hours he tutored students even after formally retiring from the classroom at age 90,” said Fr. Smolarski.

His pastoral ministry extended beyond the classroom at Santa Clara to include the community at the Mission Church, where he celebrated daily 6 a.m. Mass. Born in Los Angeles in 1916, Fr. Hayn entered the Jesuit novitiate at Los Gatos in 1933 and taught high school physics and mathematics in his early career. He obtained a doctorate from St. Louis University in 1955, pursuing postdoctoral studies in nuclear physics. But his much-loved ministry was in the classroom at SCU, where he taught from 1955 until his retirement in 2006, when partial hearing loss made it difficult.

He was 98 years old when he died on Oct. 21, 2014.

Above are obituaries of Santa Clara alumni.

At santaclaramagazine.com/obituaries you’ll find obituaries published in their entirety. Then, family members may also submit obituaries for publication online and in print. We publish news of the passing of Broncos as we learn of it.

OBITUARIES

1944 Frank M. Balick, July 13, 2014. Born in Los Angeles in 1921, he left his position as water pollution control inspector in the Bay Area, and he offered a helpful hand to those in need. He was married to Charlotte for 58 years and had two children.


1948 Alon A. Harris, June 1, 2014. He was a lifetime resident of California and the city’s director of public works for 32 years. He received the Distingished Alumni Award from the SCU School of Engineering for his achievements in the field of civil engineering. Harris was 90 years old.

1949 Daniel Cunha, Sept. 12, 2014. An engineer, craftsman, friend, neighbor, and father of five, he graduated from Santa Clara University in 1949 and served as a Navy pilot in World War II. He was 91 at the time of his passing, California. Survivors include granddaughter Katherine Gullin ’99.

Michael John Donovan, Feb. 5, 2014. Born in 1924 in New York City, he was a deacon for his family, and friends. He worked in real estate and was co-owner of D’Diamonds Antiques, New Britain, Conn. Survivors include brothers Michael John ’40, James William ’53, and John E. ’43.

1950 John Joseph Bower, July 18, 2014. Known for his keen intellect, razor-sharp wit, and quick repartee, he had a 30-year career at IBM as an industrial engineer. The Indiana native was 92.

Benjamin Painter, April 29, 2014. Born in 1928 in San Jose, Painter managed the reinforcing steel bar division for San Jose Steel Company and later became a custom home builder in Los Gatos. His proudest legacy in his large family, including Kenneth B. Painter MBA ’82 and grandson Benjamin Painter ’06.

1951 John Eugene “Gene” McHugh, Dec. 23, 2013. He was born in 1929 and died in Costa Mesa, California. He was father to John E. ’49, McHugh ’77.

1952 Basil “Bazi” Alfain, July 9, 2014. Born in Monte Rio in 1930, he obtained his medical degree and served as a captain in the Air Force Medical Service. He founded the Cardio-Pulmonary Association and became vice president of medical affairs at Community Hospital in Monterey.

1954 John O’Keefe, July 2, 2014. Born in 1927, he grew up in San Diego, and after his officer’s commission in the Army served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. O’Keefe earned the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal. He taught military history at Bucknell University, and he was married to Nancy J. Campbell for 57 years and had four children.

1956 Louis C. Sarto, Aug. 21, 2014. Born in Los Alamos in 1930, Sarto was proud that his California wines from Sante Doro Winery in Mountain View were among the first to bear the French wines in the now-famous blond tastings of 1976. This Army veteran was a fine athlete and an accomplished artist.

1958 Raymond “Ray” Satterance, July 31, 2014. At 86, he was a lifelong resident of Fremont, he taught high school social science for 50 years. He was known for his great humor and passion for golf. He was 82.

1959 George Chris Fotinos, Aug. 8, 2014. A native of San Francisco, he worked on major bridges and waterfront structures throughout the Bay and around the world. He and wife Victoria had three daughters. Fotinos enjoyed working on his Napa Carneros vineyard. He was 81.

Charles Alexander Quinn Jr., May 25, 2014. A self-starter from the age of 2, Quinn was born in San Jose in 1933. He started his own concrete product manufacturing firm and was a loving husband to Dawn, a father of six, and a fiercely loyal friend.

1957 Marshall W. Frazier J.D., Aug. 1, 2013. He was born in Fairview, West Virginia, in 1921. After serving in the Navy, he practiced law in San Jose for 33 years. He enjoyed fishing and traveling. Frazier was married for 71 years to Fay.

Billie “Bill” Horne, May 27, 2014. Born in Oklahoma, she was active in real estate, including residential and commercial sales and property management. He was 79 and is remembered for his intelligence, professionalism, and warm smile.

1960 Vincent T. Burns Jr., June 11, 2014. With his wife of 62 years, Dobby, he devoted his energy and passion to the Santa Paula Boys Club, making it one of the first in the nation to accept girls. Born in 1938 in Upland, New York, Burns was exacting and imbued with a strong spirit of competition. Survivors include sister Darcy Williams ’70.

Gerald C. L’Estrange, May 3, 2014. Born in 1925, he was proud to have graduated from SCU and has been a true supporter over the years.

1961 Donald Joseph de la Pena, Aug. 20, 2014. A resident of San Jose, he was a meticulous planner of cities (most recently for Oakmead), a lover of nature and art, an avid photographer, a history buff, and a loving and generous husband and father of five. He was born in Oceanside, New York, in 1936.

Charles “Charz” William Reed, June 1, 2014. Born in Spokane, Washington, he established a jewelry and watch repair business in Santa Clara, founded a CPA firm, then

J oseph Thomas Nally ’50 received a full scholarship to attend Santa Clara, where he played shortstop for the Broncos. He was drafted by the Yankees before he was called to serve his country in Korea as an Army first lieutenant. A year later, he returned home and married Teresa Banann, to whom he remained devoted for the remainder of his life. He had a successful career in insurance and a life as being a man for others. For SCU that included trustee, regent, Alumni Association president, and more. He is in the SCU Athletics, Hall of Fame and earned the Ignatian Award. He was born in Los Angeles in 1928 and always had a twinkle in his eye, a unique sense of humor, and an excellent counsel to give. He died on June 30, 2014. Survivors include his son Patrick Nally ’78, J.D., MBA ’82; daughter-in-law Mary Mather Nally ’78; daughter Mary Nally ’83; son-in-law Ed Ternan ’83; and granddaughters Joseph Nally ’10, Catherine Nally ’12, Eddie Ternan ’13, Teresa Ternan ’13, and Daniel Nally ’16. He was predeceased by his father-in-law, Benchmark Bannan Sr. ’29.

Full measure: In the days before email, here’s how much paper hit his inbox in one year.
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Raymond L. Welch, July 12, 2014. members of the football and basketball programs. Also worked for U.S. Army Business Forms in Calistoga before starting Welch Co. He was predeceased by his wife, Thelma (Silvio) Dietsch, who passed away on Jan. 17, 2014.

James "Jim" F. Russi, June 2, 2014. From 1973 to 1994, he was president of his company, the Russi Construction Group. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, and two children.

Robert G. "Bob" Tolleson J.D., June 19, 2014. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Ann, his daughter, and his son. Survivors include his son, Michael, and his daughter, Elizabeth.

Kevin P. "Kev" Langley, March 8, 2014. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Jane, and his son. Survivors include his daughter, Elizabeth, and his son, Andrew.


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Bernard G. "Bernie" Mears, June 14, 2014. He had a successful 35-year career in real estate, and had a love of kayaking with friends and teaching chess and backgammon to his nephews and nieces. He was 65.

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Grand Reunion 2014

October 9-12 under gorgeous Santa Clara skies. A few pictures tell some of the many stories. Plus, here are some numbers for those of you keeping score.

- 3,502 Santa Clarans attending overall
- 101 bikers, runners, or rowers in the weekend races
- 3,502 Santa Clarans attending overall
- $3 million+ in gifts to help students receive a great education at Santa Clara. Thank you!

PHOTOS BY ADAM HAYS (B, C, I, J), CHARLES BARRY (E, G), SWEET LIGHT STUDIOS (D), AND IMANSTUDIOS.NET (A, F, H)
Biggest opener: Thirty-one points for Brandon Clark '15 in the season opener against Cal State Fullerton—one for the Bronco record books. The 6-foot guard hails from East Chicago, Indiana, and was an All-WCC honorable mention last season. Photo by Don Jedlovec.