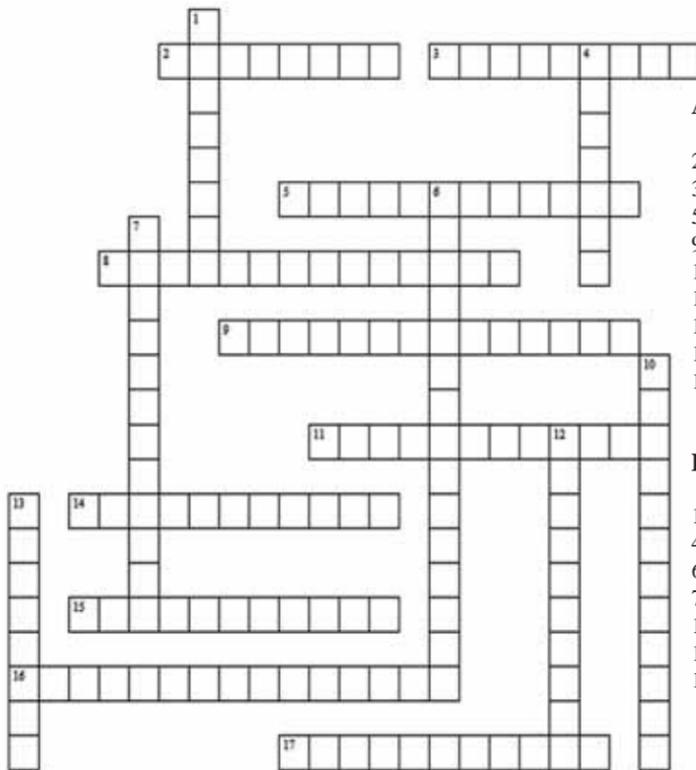


:: the rocque's puzzle #2



ACROSS

- 2 Numbers painted on chimney at Serra
- 3 Award Banquet Keynote Speaker '65
- 5 Theme for '65 Semi-Formal dance
- 9 Future Mrs. Quesnel
- 11 Rope-twirling Vice Principal
- 14 Ms. Cheerfulness May '66
- 15 Future Bearcat Footballer
- 16 Banjo-playing Padre
- 17 First Junior to graduate from Serra

DOWN

- 1 First Corvette on Campus?
- 4 Serra's Own Rock Band
- 6 The Demerit King
- 7 Senior Class Money-Man '67
- 10 '66 Keynote Speaker at Awards Banquet
- 12 Fierce Mascot
- 13 The Moose of '58



By unanimous decision, "Connections" remains the title of our newsletter. Tim Pickett, our esteemed LASC Chair suggested the name originally and we thank him. The prize however, will roll over to this newsletter's puzzle instead. The first to solve it wins a \$25 Lowe's gift certificate. Call Brandy or email her with your answers. We will post the solution online once it is solved and in our next newsletter for those who don't use the Internet. (Thanks again, Marc Rocque, for donating the prize.)

Give it a go!

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Feature Article: Blanchet Teachers Have Strong Ties to Catholic Secondary Education

Two Blanchet Catholic School teachers reflect on their Salem Catholic school education.

Mary Heckel Angove has taught French and English at Blanchet since 1997. Her son, Seth, is a Blanchet alumni who graduated in 2004. Mary is an alumna of both Sacred Heart Academy and St. Joseph School.

Deb Pavelek has taught religion and Spanish at Blanchet since 2007. She attended Sacred Heart Academy for middle school through 10th grade. Deb's family has been strong supporters of Catholic education for decades. Her father, Gerry, is a 1958 graduate of Serra Catholic High School and his parents were instrumental in Serra's establishment. Deb's brother Tom was recently honored as the 2009 Distinguished Alumni for St. Joseph School in downtown Salem. Deb also attended St. Joseph School, where her grandmother, Jean Pavelek, was her 3rd grade teacher.

Deb remembers many fun school outings as a student at Sacred Heart, including trips to the mountains to sled and a hiking adventure along the Pacific Crest Trail. She says that the school cared about the "formation of the whole person," and that there was a lot of positive school spirit.

Prior to Sacred Heart relocating to what is now Chemeketa Community College, Mary recalls that the old building in downtown Salem was wonderful for students, but was old and crowded for the sisters who lived there. She remembers that there was not much hot water and also recalls studying with a Latin teacher who had attended the school when she was a girl in the 1920's. The school was serious about its Catholic identity, and weekly liturgies were a part of the tradition. Similar to Blanchet, Sacred

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Mary Angove and Deb Pavelek pose in front of our new memorabilia trophy case. Both SHA alumni are Blanchet teachers.

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Heart offered retreats for each of its classes. However, there was one important difference – retreats were “silent” and students were not allowed to talk. Speakers would offer readings which were followed by periods of silence and reflection. Mary recalls listening to speakers from Marylhurst University and visiting a Trappist monastery in Lafayette.

Deb finds many similarities between Sacred Heart and Blanchet. Sacred Heart Mid-High opened on Lancaster, and underwent similar challenges to Blanchet in its formative years. Parent support and involvement was high. Deb recalls learning about the Founders of the Holy Name Sisters each October. Sacred Heart was similar to Blanchet as it offered a mid high curriculum and worked hard to foster community among its faculty and students. Mary remembers that fundraising has always been critical to the success of Catholic schools and recalls selling candy bars as a student at Sacred Heart. “The nuns and everyone at the school were nice to us,” says Mary. Similar to Blanchet, teachers reached out to their students and took a personal interest in their development. §

About Connections

This newsletter and our webspace are supported by volunteers and Blanchet. We welcome your suggestions. We also accept donations online or by mail. You may contact us at the following:

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:: upcoming events

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL – “THE MUSIC MAN”

May 7 & 8, 14 & 15 at 7:00 p.m.
May 9 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
May 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students & seniors

***No cost to attend for SHA and Serra alumni who attend the May 8 performance.** Social will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the mid high commons. Alumni must RSVP to LASC@blanchetcatholicschool.com or call Brandy at 503.391.2639 no later than May 1st to receive complimentary admission.

SPRING MUSIC CONCERT

Thursday, May 21 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Band and choir concert – no cost to attend

MID HIGH SPRING MUSICAL – DISNEY’S “ALADDIN JR.”

May 29 at 7:00 p.m. & May 30 at 2:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors

CLASS OF 2009 GRADUATION

Saturday, June 6 – 2:00 p.m.
Blanchet gymnasium

Blanchet is accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. The school is proud to announce that they are opening a new 6th grade in the fall! §

:: class reunions

Let us know about your upcoming reunion activities. Here is a big one planned for this fall:



~ Serra Catholic & Sacred Heart Academy ~ 50th Anniversary Celebrations in 2009

Serra Class of 1959: Saturday, Sept 12th at Bob & Betty Taggart's in SE Salem for Serra men and their guests. SHA59 ladies and their guests also invited to join them. More details to follow.

SHA Class of 1959: Sunday, Sept 13th at Painter's Hall on the Pringle Creek Community campus in SE Salem. SHA to host a ladies only (with spouse/guest) luncheon.

Contact Mary Ann Meyer Santana by email at SHA59ClassNews@aol.com and non-emailers may telephone Joan Korn Carney at 503-371-2375.

:: endeavors

Last newsletter, we featured our new trophy case which showcases memorabilia from Serra Catholic and SHA over the years. The case is prominently located in the Blanchet lobby. We still need about \$1,000 to pay off our new trophy case.

See more online about this. If you are interested in helping us with this beautiful project, please email us or you may donate online. Also, if you would like to share your memorabilia, contact us at the same email address or call Brandy O'Bannon. §

:: alumni happenings

Deaths:

SHA'28 - Armella Lebold Nash • SHA'53 - Jim Rodewald • SHA'55 - Peter Meyer • SHA'60 - Margaret Daunhauer Winter • Beverly Weis Kelly • Donna Strauch • Anna Decker Nekuda • Serra'58 - Dan Ritter died on October 11, 2008 in Sun River, Oregon. • **Serra'62 - Michael John Kolb** passed away December 18, 2008 in Sun City, California. He was an educator and avid golfer. Mike was the father of 5 and grandfather of 4. • **Serra'62 - David Nelke** died on January 27, 2009. David's career was in high tech and recently he received his BS Business Management. He was the father of 2 and grandfather of 5. • **Serra'68 - Michael Nelke**, died October 4, 2007. Mike was degreed and founded one of the first CB radio operations in the area, staying in that business for most of his career. He was an avid golfer, father of one and grandfather of 4.

Announcements:

SHA'68 - Donna (Parton) Garaventa was awarded the Blanchet's President's Award recently. Donna has been an active member of the Board for many years and is very active in the local community. We wrote about her in our last newsletter. The full article is online. • **SHA alumni sisters -- Virginia and Marilyn Schroeder --** were featured in the most recent issue of the “Venture” newsletter celebrating the 150 year anniversary of the Holy Names. You can find this article online on our alumni web page. See photo to the right.

What Are You Up To? If you would like to share the latest going on with you and your family, email us the details or use our online update form. Use our webspace or this newsletter to announce a memorial service, wedding anniversary party, and so much more. §

:: Gerry's Corner

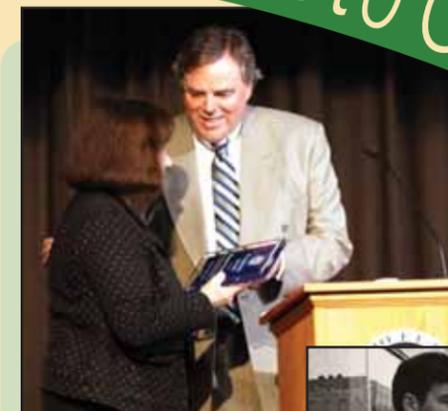
Gerry Pavelek is our “Go To Guy” for organizing our Serra/SHA alumni database. He works with a team of dedicated alumni class representatives and together do a terrific job of helping us keep in touch. His efforts led us to our first “The Gathering” this past August.

UPCOMING MEETING OF CLASS REPS

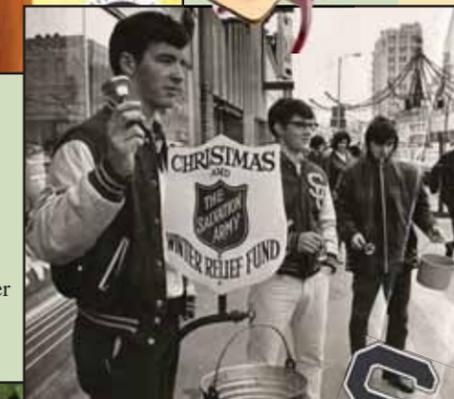
There will be a special meeting of the Serra Catholic & SHA Alumni Class Reps on **April 16th at 7pm** at the St. Joseph Community Center in the cafeteria area.

Topics: Review of “The Gathering,” update about “Connections,” and discussion about upcoming class reunions. Call Gerry Pavelek at 503.585.2478. Please let him know if you cannot attend. §

Photo Gallery



Above: Donna Garaventa SHA'68 receives the Blanchet President's Award from President Charles Lee. This is the highest award given by the school. Right: New memorabilia. Dan Buckout '69, John Bachmeier '70 and Steve Brophy '69 during Christmas of '68.



Sister Virginia and Sister Marilyn Schroeder enjoy happy times together. Inset: Virginia (Sister Urban Mary) and Marilyn (Sister Maria Benedict) in earlier days.



HELP WANTED

We still need to obtain the lists & addresses of alumni for the Serra Catholic classes of **1966-1969**. We also need a lot of help finding alumni lists for SHA **1966-1984**. If you can provide any assistance with information for these years, contact Brandy.

:: sponsorship

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