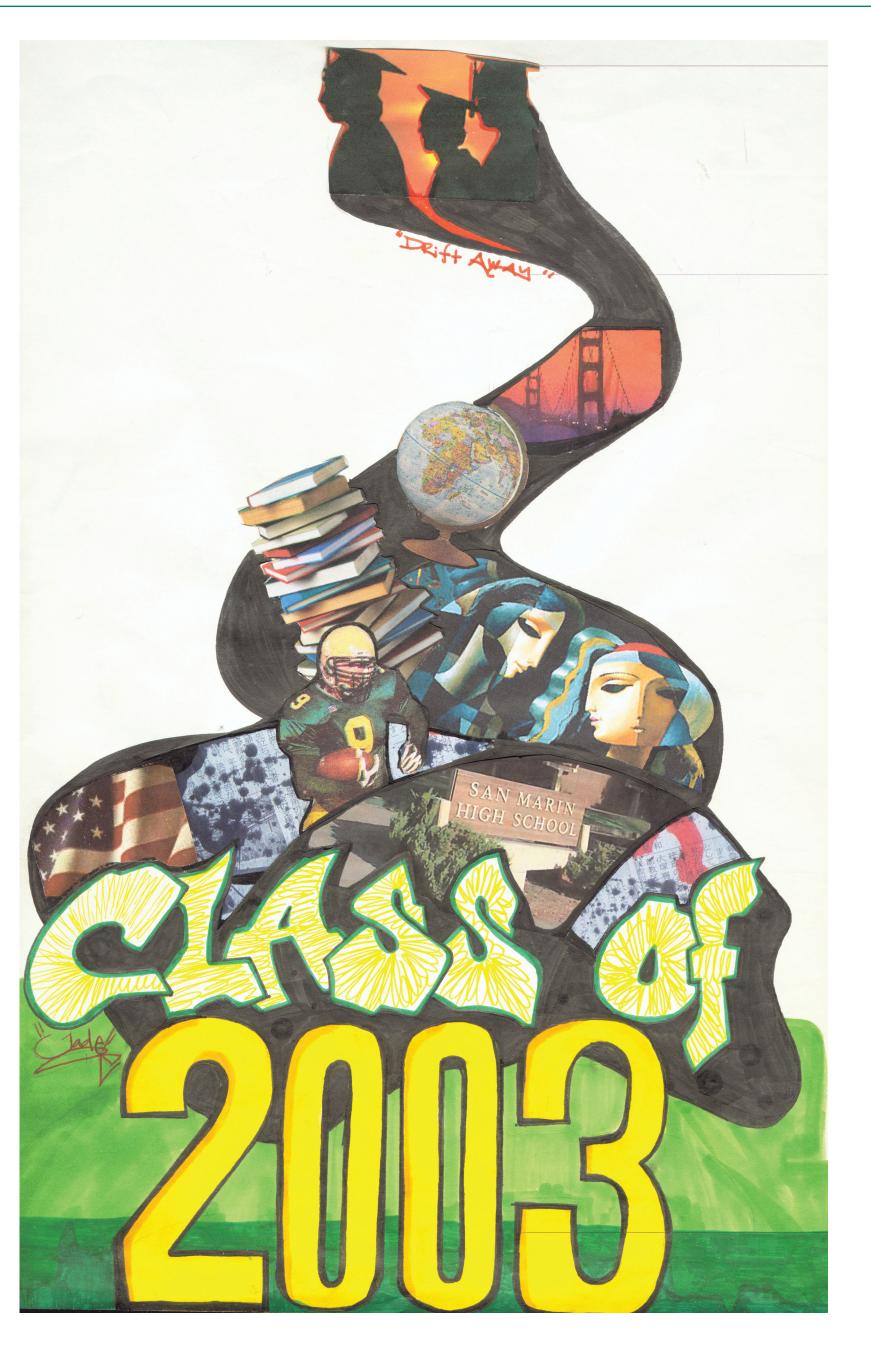


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Ariel Brown: Valedictorian Niki Kidd : Salutatorian

By Niki Kidd

On the day that the Valedictorian and Salutatorian were announced, many students rushed up to Ariel Brown to congratulate her on her accomplishment. Problem was, they were all congratu-

lating the wrong person.

That day just happened to be the same day that she and her identical twin sister,



Ariel Brown

Zoe, decided to switch places in their classes and each pose as the other one.

So when everyone was trying to congratulate Ariel, they were actually talking to Zoe.

Now, in this issue of the Pony Express, it's time to give Ariel credit for having the highest grades in the Class of 2003

Ariel has always been an outstanding student, but her conscientious and hardworking behavior was never more evident than in high school. Her 4.2 cumulative GPA led her classmates, thanks to her rigorous schedule including every AP and honors class offered at San Marin.

"It's an honor to be named Valedictorian, although it was never a big deal for me. I just worked as hard as I could and I tried to do my best; I wasn't trying to be Valedictorian," Ariel said.

If her schedule wasn't already packed with schoolwork, it was when her extra curricular activities are taken into account. She is a lifetime member of CSF, a four-year member of San Marin's Art club, a member of the Second Chance Rescue club that was at San Marin, a tutor in Spanish, piano player for 11 years, a four-year varsity track athlete and a three-year varsity crosscountry runner. In this day and age of

excessive parental involvement in school work for students, Ariel insists that she "Didn't have much pressure from her parents in terms of grades, they just always supported her and let her do what she wanted." Just another affirma-

tion of what an amazing and hard-working this young lady is.

Ariel will be moving on to UCLA in the fall, where her major is undecided, but as long as she continues her hard work and dedication, her success won't be

by Rebecca Guthrie

The first words that come to mind when describing Niki Kidd are well rounded. This girl not only plays on varsity sports year round; she also has time to bring her cumulative GPA to a 4.2, making her the class of 2003's Salutatorian.

This female sports and news editor of the Pony Express seems to be quite on top of things. She has played golf, soccer, and basketball year round for San

Marin as well as earned the title of "Most Spirited" in the senior class (always wearing her senior shirt every Friday). She will be attending the prestigious UCLA in the fall with a major in pre-history. Her real passion and, hopefully, future major communications. "I'd like to eventually go into radio and television broadcasting," says Kidd. Some of you may have even noticed her sporting around a video camera at school events and during classes. She is in the process of creating a senior movie that highlights all the events that she and her friends have experienced this past year.

However, she still takes her school work very seriously, oftentimes getting her work done far in advance, usually due to a sports practice, movie editing, or (her secret indulgence) reality TV!! "My only B came last year from Mr.

inquiry, Kidd states, "No comment. Just kidding, it wasn't his fault at all. I didn't do

as well as I should have. However, I did get an A in calculus both semesters." How's that for a comeback?

Niki savs her favorite San Marin memory was last year when the girls varsity soccer team beat Marin Catholic in the MCAL playoffs. "It is a memory that makes me feel all fuzzy inside. We were the underdogs and they were the undefeated



Niki Kidd UCLA 3rd year journalism student (editor) First ever female sports editor of "Pony Express"

Zechlin's precalculus class." Upon further team who thought the game would be no sweat. After the won, we tackled Jay [the soccer coach] and it was an unforgettable moment."

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Stephanie Alderson UCSD 2nd year journalism student **Aspiring writer**

By Niki Kidd

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Logan Bartling SRIC 2nd year journalism student "Everything is politics"



Susan Beresford UCSB's star 300 hurdler 3rd year journalism student (editor) From Chi-Town, home of Michael Jordan and Al Capone



Jade Fielding USF 2nd year journalism student **Proud of her Nepalese heritage**

What Comes Next?

One last article. One last chance to impart knowledge upon the readers of the *Pony Express.* One last time to reminisce about my time spent here at San Marin. What these sentence fragments all add up to is the sum total of my departing piece as I leave San Marin and the Pony Express

It is tradition for the departing *Pony* Express editors to write a final article in the June edition of the paper that reminisces about their four years at San Marin. They pour their hearts out onto the page in an effort to impart one lasting message or show their true happiness to be getting out

Without journalism, drama, know how these subjects

No matter which angle they take, their words will live on as the paper is recirculated for future departing seniors to know what they should write in their senior pa-Unfortunately, future seniors might not use my final words for reference if journalism remains on the chopping

Ever since I was a little girl, something about journalism, newspapers, and television has intrigued me. I used to play baseball games on my Sega Genesis, run down the hall to the computer, and type up fake sports stories about my accomplishments, complete with made up interviews

In the fourth grade, one of our assignments was to draw a picture that depicted what you wanted to be when you grew up. Most people drew Olympic rings, teacher's desks, and veterinarians. I drew myself as an ESPN Sportscenter anchorwoman.

Now this may just seem very extreme, but my love of sports and my love of journalism has somewhat dictated the courses I have taken in life. And the only thing that really worries me now is the fact that some other odd little child could be going through the same experiences that I did, but not have a journalism class in the whole city of Novato to use as an outlet.

Much has been said, especially at board meetings, on the subject of the importance of journalism. I could just repeat what has been said there, but I'd rather elaborate on its importance to me.

It has helped me realize what I want to do for the rest of my life, it has been an outlet for my frustrations and my happiness, and it has been place that has brought me relaxation and unnerving stress. It has been part of the realization of a lifelong dream of mine, and without it, I wouldn't be the same person.

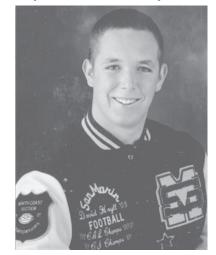
So what comes next? What if there is no more Pony Express at San Marin? How will kids with strange dreams of living in Bristol, Connecticut working the 1 am Sportscenter learn about journalism? Not when they're in college, because they would be so far behind the other students there that have a steady background in journalism thanks to their high school experiences that they couldn't keep up.

What often gets lost in the shuffle of elementary school kids begging for their P.E. teacher's jobs and music kids tooting their own horns is the fact that these high school electives help build futures more than a lot of the classes being cut. Or in my case, help me attain my dream for my future. Without journalism, drama, leadership, and so on, younger kids will never know how these subjects could truly change their lives.

Hopefully, though, the newspaper will return over the summer. Hopefully, future seniors will look back at this newspaper and say, "Wow, she wasted her last shot at leaving a lasting impression because journalism never left." I can only dream.



Boston University 2nd year journalism student **Played trombone for 8 years**



David Hoytt University of Oregon 3rd year journalism student (editor)

"For years I have dedicated my free time to feeding the poor and nursing wounded squirrels back to health"

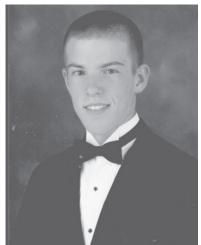


Bret Pughe UCSB lst year journalism student First ever senior in J-I, no matter

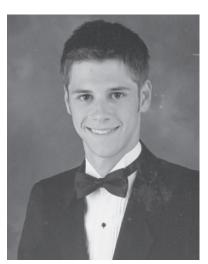
what Mrs. Campagna says



Mike Gutierrez Cal Poly SLO 2nd year journalism student "It wasn't me"



Mark Kellner SDSU 3rd year in journalism student "The farther you walk the farther you get"



Ross Thelen USC (and streaking Sunset Blvd every weekend) 3rd year journalism student but only did work for about one (editor) "I'm lactose in tolerant and I get all the hottest chicks"

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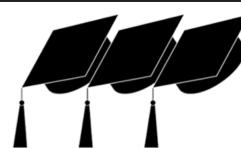
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First off, school is only a small fraction of the changes we go through, which explains why we're going to talk about the good stuff, the "extracurricular activities." Weekends at San Marin ranged from movies, to sports events, to late night fastfood-fests, to bowling, to delinquent behavior, and, of course, raging parties. We're going to list just some of these events for

you first-hand.

thought " a bug was biting him."



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The Good Stuff, the Dumb Stuff, and the Stuff You'd Like to Forget

By Mike Gutierrez and Mark Kellner

Throughout our times at San Marin each and every one of us has done different things for enjoyment. While some of us didn't venture far from our comfort zones, others jumped out of the box. Either way, all of us seniors experienced fun times, good times, and embarrassing times.

♦ It was an "A" watch night, and the party decided to go for a swim. However, not too many people were willing to swim.

◆ An individual trying to make haste getting home in the middle of the night decided to cross a creek, except he forgot about the 12-foot drop. He continued to run, but this time tried to hop an electric fence and didn't figure it out until he said he

• It was a gathering on San Carlos and liquid began to mysteriously leak from a light above. However, it wasn't until an individual from '04, who tried to fix the problem that party was brought to an abrupt end. The table flip over and beverages flew everywhere. Let's just say the owner wasn't too happy

 Poison oak is bad enough, but only one member of the '03 class knows what it's like to scrub permanent marker off the rash.

• This person from 03 kicked over a barbecue and almost ignited a brush fire in a garden.

♦ While law enforcement doesn't look like much of a future for this 03 individual, he still managed to kick down his own bathroom door.

• Haru– a great dinning spot for '03.

Well, this is it '03. Good luck in the future, but don't forget the many great times we shared. We must say San Marin's been

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Thinking Out Loud

By Susan Beresford and Bret Pughe

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We wanted to say something funny. We wanted to say something that everyone could relate to. Most importantly, we wanted to say something memorable. However, we struggled to fit all of these aspects nto one article. Throughout our four years at San Marin, many of us have had boyfriends, girlfriends, significant others and whatnot. For some of us, these high school relationships have endured, for others they haven't. No matter what the situation and whether we realize it or not, we've all learned from these relationships and experienced many new things.

Our first idea was to write about high school relationships in general, what goes on, typical encounters, etc. However, this copic was too boring and went nowhere fast. We were struggling to make this story funny, but sometimes you have to realize that funny just comes. Next we opted for the more personal touch, thinking we'd alk about our relationship, but that was a bit more than either of us would have liked to share.

Then we figured a he says/she says column could do the trick, setting up hypohetical situations and what a boyfriend/ girlfriend would do in each. Thinking up the questions was the hard part, and once we started brainstorming the questions weren't hypothetical anymore. Then we realized that neither of us really wanted to hear the answers. So we were right back to square one: not funny and too personal a lot like high school relationships.

So, we've given you the background about the trials and tribulations of writing this article. But where are we going with this? This is not only a tough question we face as journalists, but it is a challenging question for high school kids in relationships as well. Where is your relationship going?

Very few of us, if any, will grow up and marry our high school boyfriends/ girlfriends. High school, for many, is a time to go out and party with good friends. This often results in a lack of "quality time" with the boyfriend/girlfriend.

Many relationships turn into group dating; a big group of guys and girls go out together, and some are more affectionate towards each other than others. Dinner and a movie, for example, on a weekend night are hard to come by in a relationship between teens. So although we cannot speak on behalf of every relationship, if you're going to frequently visit your significant other, your relationship is definitely going to take work.

As we're sure you've heard in English an uncountable number of times, writing is a process. Well, journalism is no thematic essay, but it's writing and it's still a process. High school relationships, however, have nothing whatsoever to do with writing. (Unless you write each other love letters and exchange them during passing periods, but we won't go there) But yep you guessed it. These wonderful, rewarding relationships are also a process.

Boy meets girl. Boy thinks girl is hot Girl thinks boy is hot. They happen to have everything in common, and yes, even though opposites do attract, boy and girl complete each other. (Compliments to Jerry Maguire.) Boy and girl grow up, get married, make beautiful babies, and live happily ever after. Well, not quite.

This is not the type of process we were referring to, but hey, we got carried away. Which brings us to our final point: we often get carried away in our relationships

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Freshman

Y2K Scare- Many of us stocked up on canned goods and flashlights in preparation for a disastrous New years of computer failures. Yeah...that never happened...

Dot.com Downfall- Commercials such as Pets.com and webvan.com reflected to immense success and eventual failure of the Silicon Valley internet boom.

Sophomore

Election Controversy-After a heated debate erupts from supposed issues with voting chads in Florida, George W. Bush becomes the 43rd President after a tight race.

Cuban Crisis- We all felt for the little boy who was rescued from a boat in the Gulf of Mexicon and the struggle between two nations and families.

Execution Affirmative- Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh is executed.

Wrist and Elbow?- Actually, it's called Foot and Mouth disease and it desecrated the cattle of Great Britain.

A Day of Sorrow and Fear-We woke up to find that the twin towers of the World Trade Center had fallen upon the Big Apple while the Pentagon had been hit as well.

Anthrax Scare-Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and NBC news correspondent Tom Brokaw are sent letters containting Anthrax.





2001 Champs- The San Marin varsity football team goes undefeated (first in SM history) and wins the MCAL and NCS championships.

year.

New Administration - After HIGH SCHOO several years of turmoil and turnover, former Redwood High School principal Greg Duffy ruled over San Marin students with an iron fist.

Never Forgotten- Praised English teacher Paul Ferreboeuf is killed in a tragic automobile accident and leaves a permanent wound in the hearts of San Marin students and staff.

A Day of Tears and Fears - For two days, the class of '03 endured an emotional onslaught of healing from the proud producers of Challenge Day.

Dirt Parking lot paved-No more muddy donuts on a rainy day.

Rumors!- Many students opt out of a spring day at San Marin after hearing of a possible gun threat to occur on campus.

Field Study- Say no more!

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Junior

Afghanistan source of rage- In early October, Bush lets the nation know of his plan to "seize" the evil terrorists in the caves of Afganistan.

Pedophilia- It becomes known that certain Catholic priests in Boston are sexually abusing their young altar boys.

Senior

Go Giants!- The baseball team from the 'City by the Bay' wins the National League pennant but fail to conquer the Anaheim Angels.

Space Scare - Space shuttle Columbia explodes and kills the entire crew while reentering the earth's atmosphere.

Laci Peterson Mystery- An eight months pregnant woman disappears from her Modesto home only to have her body found in April in the San Francisco Bay and have her husband accused of the crime.

Washington D.C. - Citizens of the nation's capital and surrounding suburbs frantically stay in their houses for fear attacks by the Sniper.

It's War!- President Bush declares war against Saddam Hussein and the government that ruled Iraq.

2003

By Rebeca Guthrie

and Niki Kidd

It's raining, it's snowing?- On a lovely January morning, the hills of Mt. Burdell were surprisingly dusted with a loovely covering of snow.

2002

A great teacher-Famed Sinaloa history buff Sandy McIsaac dies of a stroke.

Congressswoman comes to town-Representative Lynn Woolsey makes an appearance in the Hank Horoski Gym to congratulate SM students on their practice of tolerance.

Up from the Ashes- San Marin academy students welcome their new building and hub for the school

What the?- Calculus students arrive at school in the beginning of the year to see that famed math teacher Terry McBroom

Every 15 Minutes-Students are shown the harsh reality of drinking and driving.

shaved his moustache.

Who's that lady?- Loeta Andersen becomes San Marin's interim principal for the 2002–2003 school year.

No Money...- The Novato Unified School District Board announcese a possible budget deficit of 3.8 million dollars resulting in possible loss of jobs and classes. Additional repercussions are yet to come.

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The Class of '03 Looks Back and Forward

Song Dedication

Ali Mafi: "My Neck, My Back" by Khia to the drama class

Jenii Bacich: "Teenage Wasteland" to anyone!

Kristen Wilds: "Beautiful" by Snoop Dogg to Nicole Allen

Theresa Graham: "Graduation" by Vitamin C for all my friends

Ashley Robertson: "Brown-eyed girl" by Van Morrison to Marina Harrison, "Crazy Rap" by Afroman to Shannyn DeBlaaw, "Remember the Times" by Michael Jackson to Kayla Benedict

Chris Probst: "I've Got Five on It" by Luniz to Jefff Cantieri, Mike Fitzpatrick, Brian Drake

Alison Dorsey: "Hotel California" to the senior class

Eric Mueller: "Transitions," by the Beastie Boys to my friends.

Brittany Bexton: "It's Raining Men" to Jenii Bacich and Devonne Johnson

Lisa Bandner: "I'll Be" by Edwin McCain to Rebecca Guthrie

Ashley Butler: "Space Cowboy" to Tom Swisher: Ms. Rafferty's class Sebastien and "Mellow Yellow" to Angelina Ravani

Dana Cash: "I've Got Friends in Low Hongvan Tran: When Coy knocked the Places" by Garth Brooks to my good old Mustang head off of Nina. friend Jimbo McIsaac

Andrea Kruger: "No Rain" by Blind Melon to Amanda Cronkright

Becky Hull: "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" by Michael Jackson to Ashley Karrell

Eric Letsch: "Caught in the Sun" to Cristina Restivo

Susan Beresford: "Notorious Thugs" by Notorious BIG and Bone Thugs N Harmony to Annie, Ashleigh, Marianne, Morgan, and Brooke

Jenny Sack: "At the Helm" to Rachel Cuyler Ballenger: Leaving campus Walera

Devonne Johnson: "Freshman" by Vervepipe to Tess and Cayla

Brian Drake: "More than a Feeling" by Boston to the whole senior class

Kevin Correnti: All Chimara, Raised Fist, and Mudrayne songs to Katie Seavey because those are all of her favorite bands.

Tiffany Coe: "Remember Me This Way", to all of my friends.

Blake Whitmore: "I Got Caught," by Clarance Carter to Jack Rolovich.

Courtney Stephenson-Richman: Barbarella theme song to Andrea Kruger

Gilberto Rojas: I dedicate all the romantic songs to everyone at San Marin.

Favorite Memory

Danny Gasparini: Asking Ms. Spang to Courtney Griffin: I confidently leave 'Got homecoming four consecutive years. Ms. Spang, will you go to prom with me?

Jack Rolovich: THE Stafford lake incident (03/03/03)

Gina Cipollina: Chalking the hill! I've never laughed so hard as I did when I tried to hop a fence and fell off the other side. It was great to be on the hill with our class. I had a great time.

Jenny Jackson: Beating MC in the MCAL playoffs my junior year!

Andrina Carlsen: When Katrina, Carlene, and I were discussing what we wanted to be when we grew up and out of the blue I said, "I want to be a hit woman!"

Aris Moshfegi: Mr. Whitburn shaving off his moustache

Jared Barrilleaux : In 2001, winning NCS for football

Michelle Winsor: Coronita and me turning heads on twin day! Rock on!!

Lauren Mendez: When Stefan Portay threw a book at Mr. Berberian in the middle of class for no reason.

stool and she fell in the ground.

Ryan Scott: When the 2001 seniors put FDNB on the hill.

Spencer Hatfield: San Marin varsity show choir stomps cheerleaders underfoot in all year end rallies.

Dan Laabs: The time I put a banana peel in Nick Lerch's pocket. I laughed for a bout 10 minutes

Jeremy Brown: Danny Gasparini asking Ms. Spang to homecoming freshman year.

Ryan Pollnow: Fire house nights

without getting caught (every time).

Brittany Michaels: The time Lauren Mendez fell off the San Marin sign and ripped a hole in her pants.

Kris Andros: A pencil stabbing me in the eye and passing out in Mr. McBroom's class sophomore year.

Troy Bartok: How Bret got the name chicken boy

Danielle Koren: Going crazy at basketball games

Craig Fellers: The WALKOFF on Halloween

Ashley Puma: Going to prom 2002 and

seeing my friends graduate each year.

Senior Will

Christ' to the leadership of Angela Phan.

Phil Koehler: My big blue bus to anyone who wants a ride in the 'mystery machine'

Lindsey Knaebel: I will my sister Morgan lots of good times in the rest of her years at San Marin.

Kit Hartney: I have to leave my car and my room to my younger brother Aaron.

Katrina Kaszpurenko: To Jean Bae, I leave all the fun in chemistry and Biology II without the confused seniors.

Megan Mallonee: I will to Amber, Courtney, and Danielle loads and loads of more soupy, disgusting raviolis at the state meet.

Rachel Klein: I will happiness and success to Brad McCarter. "What, you like that?" Have fun next year and don't get too caught up in studying. Let loose once in a while.

Katie Standish: I will a wish in the "You Know What" Foundation to A.Y. in the journalism class

Zoe Brown: I will my running shoes to the SM girls XC team (Amber, Courtney, Lauren, Brianna, Alison, Carly, and Daneille) with the hope they go to state sophomore year when she went to sit on a again and have a great season (beat MC!)

> Geoffrey Zunker: I leave the beloved name of The Zunk to all underclassmen who still hear the name whistling throughout the San Marin winds.

> Annie Drummond-Hay: I leave to Courtney Coughlin all the fun times we shared together. And to Charlie, I leave to you PETC – take good care of him. Good luck with Mom next year!

> **Devina Cruz**: I leave four years' worth of English essays for my brother and sister to use. Just kidding.

Sean Behm: I will my Frisbee to Matt Milano

Dana Cash: I will to Kevin Vitorell the ability to carry on the cowboy reputation at San Marin, little bro!

Lisa Bandner: Courtney Dowdall and Whitney Stenburg, you two are two of my favorite people at school. Keep your heads on straight and keep running hard.

Jenii Bacich: The "magic" pinstripe pants to Megan, Kelcy, and Danielle

Jeff Cantieri: I leave my safe and my "True Lies" DVD to Phil Knopp

Jenna Newberry: To my sister Alissa I leave my car to drive. Please take care of it, or else...

Zach Craig: To Jamie Brandley, I leave some chicken chow fun to get you through the next two years of high school.

Carina Ruggiero: To my little brother Sean, I leave my copy of the key to the back garage door so you can sneak in after curfew.

Senior Quotes

Nima Ghaseminejad: "Be yourself, don't care what people say, you are who you are!

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Danielle Overend: "Just wait, one day you'll turn around and I'll be there. Dong stuff." Dib from Invader Zim; "Go Ninja. Go Ninja. Go." Vanilla Ice in Teenage Ninja Turtles movie.

Mario Rangel: "If four hours goes by slow, why do four years go by so fast?"

Heather Fountain: "Fate only takes you so far and then it's up to you to go the rest of the way."

Phil Lehman-Brown: "Pizza, not war!"

Dan Byers: "Take the horn out of your mouth and stop blowing." – Miles Davis

Charlie Hall: "Can I borrow a dollar?"

Devonne Johnson: "There's only us. There's only this. Forget regret. Your life is yours to miss." – Rent

Maura Purcell: "I'm glad everyone doesn't like me. I would think less of myself if some people did."

David Norris: "Some people dream of success, while others wake up early and work at

Nick Burkett: "When in doubt, copy and paste.

Logan Bartling: "The true measure of a man is the degree to which he sacrificed himself for others." – Caesar Chavez

Diana Keating: "No one can go back and make a brand new start, but anyone can start from here and make a brand new end."

Ashley deLeon: "Live life to the fullest."

Jeane Lansing: "Your heart can lead you wherever you desire to be. You just have to be brave enough to follow it."

Ashley Butler: "Just let it be"

James McIsaac: "Cowboy up."

Allyson Yeargan: "We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere."

Adam Vollmer: "Milk it to the fullest, whatever it may be."

Allison Simi: "What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered."

Anglina Ravani: "High school is the best years of your life ... then life sucks."

Rachel Garcia: "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

Matt Galli: "It was hard, but I did it."

Claudia Sibrian: "Tres Mamacitas-for life!" You know who you are!

Dominique Scioli: "Love like you've never been hurt, work like you don't need the money, and dance like nobody's watching."

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Ten Years From Now

Pony Express

everyone.

Marin.

years.

Dies happy

Senior Surnames

Brian Drake- After paying his way through college operating a steam roller, decides to stay in the construction business into his late thirties.

Mike Fitzpatrick- After being expelled from Chico State for hiding test answers in his exceedingly puffy hair, Mike joins Brian Drake in the construction business.

Jack Rolovich- After years of successful parties, Jack opens "Club Rolo" which caters to

Rachel Walera- Becomes a world-famous base jumper, although choosing to remain completely anonymous. She still has yet to conquer that one jump at the "Dead House."

Brooke Barnecut- After constantly being drawn on in high school, Brooke is branded for life with "I Was Here" across her forehead.

Ashleigh Childers- Opens a donkey farm in Kansas, her chief partner being AJ Filipeli.

AJ Filipeli- AJ's and Ashleigh's donkey farm goes under.

Jonah Friedman- After Jonah's marriage to Rachel falls through when he loses their life savings in the casinos, Jonah burrows away in the Rockies and becomes the source of the many Big Foot sightings.

Bret Pughe-Becomes the water district manager at Stafford Lake in charge of sanitary cleansing and lake cleanup.

Venetta Barzakov- Her fear of meeting new acquaintances skyrockets out of control, bringing her back home to claim the position of "the only pizza delivery girl in town."

Greg Rosell-After refusing to cut his hair, Riv starts his own barbershop in Old Town Novato, replacing Old Town Sports.

Mike Gutierrez- Becomes the head detective of the FBHSPC (Federal Bureau of High School Party Crashing), where he sets the record for most parties ruined.

Mark Kellner- Still running from Jerry Bartok, "The Patriot Missile."

Ryan O'Leary- After months of hibernation, Ryan brings back the funk for one last time.

Jason Pederson- Receiving royalties on his world-famous bag-hitting videos.

Emily Parker- Joins the circus after sprouting gills and webbed feet.

Andrew Walton- Breaks into Hollywood, starring in "Lumberjacks Gone Wild."

Nick Lerch- Nick is currently working as a teacher's assistant at a local pre-school.

Laura Kopp- Successfully sues "The Pony Express" for printing a very slanderous future in the senior paper.

Cristina Restivo- Becomes the first female president.

Eric Letsch-Becomes the perfect first lady and gives Cristina everything that she desires.

Lauren Mendez-Still performing at the Broken Drum for Marin County yuppies.

Katie Seavey- Becomes CEO of Coldstone and whips Kevin into shape.

Sam Tonini- Recruited by Vulcan rebels to develop a secret weapon to destroy the universe. She does.

Morgan Cain- Forced by her mother to continue the tradition of teaching drama at San

Jason Hunter- Retires after managing the produce and cereal aisles at Albertson's for 10

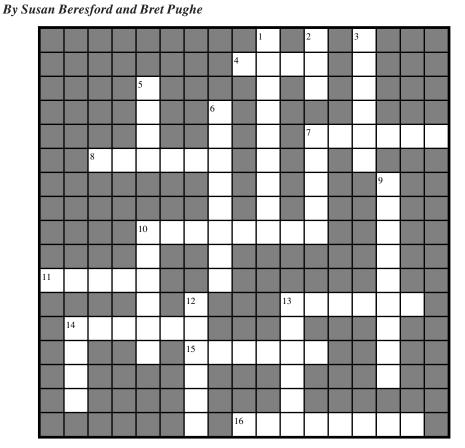
Amahn Houston-After being booted from Star Search, becomes one of the famed robot dancing silver men in San Francisco.

Phil Knopp- Finally gets Jeff's "True Lies" DVD signed by Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Sebastien Moreau- When he isn't hanging out at his dad's castle in France, drives his personal collection of rare expensive sports cars.

Dave Karvasales- Cooks himself alive at Novato Tanning.

The editors of the Pony Express have attempted to have fun without hurting anyone's feelings. Everything on page 8 was written by seniors for inclusion in the paper. The futures on this page are supposed to be funny, not hurtful. Every person on this page gave permission to allow the Pony Express staff to write a future about him/her. The paper was read carefully by the entire class, the editors, the advisor and four other adults who are familiar with the policies and codes.



ACROSS

4. Was hit by Fito on 03/03/03

- 7. Stud lacrosse player on the first ever SM girls team
- 8. Second person from SM to get accepted into Yale
- 10. Starting quarterback on the varsity football team
- 11. Senior twin boys
- 13. A cucumber soaked in vinegar
- 14. One of the guilty suspects of the decapitation of Mr. Mole 15. Poo
- 16. Dressed up as Colonel Sanders at the Homecoming rally

DOWN

- 1. Member of the "Accidentals" quartet
- 2. Mathematical genius who drives a Prelude
- 3. Fell off the ledge at the Dead House
- 5. Spelled differently...but used by old people to walk around
- 6. Designated lawnmower of Lefty Gomez Field
- 7. Most spirited...although he sat on the Novato side at the SM basketball game 9. Claims he will be a hip-hop singer
- 10. First male student body president with hair longer than his shoulders
- 12. Senior twin girls
- 13. 500 freestyle swimmer on the SM girls' swim team
- 14. Holds the record for the most hair colors in her SM career

MK5 tears head off competition

By Logan Bartling

series will remember the earth-shattering army to conquer all the worlds and enslave impact of the original. Blood and gore were all beings. The only way to stop them is to the keys to its success and they still are. 10 destroy them in single combat, and each years and four sequels later, 'Mortal Kombat fighter has his own motivation and his own 5: Deadly Alliance' seeks to rekindle the unique agenda as motivation. hype that surrounded the original. By all However, what really shines about this accounts and in all ways, it's a success.

Gone are the days of besting opponents locked in a two dimensional prison. Today's Mortal Kombat is rendered in full 3-D, complete with the ability to rotate around your enemies and sidestep the attacks of your most agile foes.

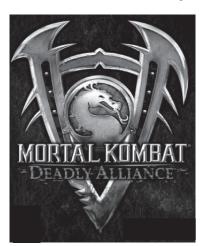
The Kombat system too is amazing. Each of the 24 fighters have two unique fighting styles, not including a weapon. Several characters even have the ability to impale their opponents, causing them to slowly bleed to death.

However, most of the strategy revolves around fitting as many hits into a combo as you can. Soon, the damage begins to show, as wounds open up on your enemy, and blood begins to trickle down and pool on the floor.

The nostalgic element is full effect as well. Classic characters like Sub-Zero, Scorpion, Sonya, and Kano return to do battle with the 'deadly alliance' of the sorcerer Quan-Chi and the soul monger

Longtime fans of the Mortal Kombat Shang-Tsung, who plan to use their massive

release is not the storyline, but the learning curve. After just a few hours of play, you master all the basic ins and outs of combat and become capable of challenging even the most skilled players in closely contested combat. Further mastery is still possible as you invest more and more time, and the results are more and more rewarding.



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By Niki Kidd

This sports year has seen its share of ups and downs for San Marin athletes, but sadly for all the Mustangs out there, more downs.

try team finished with a 7-2 record, But any spirit that the fans had

Not a single varsity squad landed an MCAL pennant until the spring season, shattering the hopes and dreams of many seniors trying to take advantage of their last shot at the title.

One team that has had its share of success in recent years is the varsity football team. Coming off of a 10-0 MCAL season last year and matching MCAL and NCS championship banners, expectations were high for the Mustangs to repeat. Yet this season saw the after winning the first game in the person in MCAL history to do so.

official team, the boys' squad, comprised of Dan Byers, Ryan Pedigo, and Roger Klein, nonetheless came out and competed in every race despite no chance of winning. This show of dedication and determination inspired many athletes around the school, and around the respect even without a single MCAL victory.

And then there was the boys' varsity water polo team. One year

but it was the boys' team that man- coming into the season was aged to gain more publicity. Lack- squelched by an early season coning the members to qualify as an troversy. On that fateful day of the

— The Year in Sports —

first MCAL home game for San Marin, administration members prohibited the student section from standing for the duration of the game. This action caused an outrage among the student body that ultimately led to a smaller attendance throughout the season.

On the night that the boys' team always packs the bleachers, the girls' varsity basketball team kept the fans glued to their seats. Locked in an amazing double overtime battle against cross-town rivals, Novato, the girls played to a packed house and did not disappoint. During a time-out in double overtime, there was actually a cheer for San Marin coming from the student section, one of the few times that occurred all season long. Yet, despite the newfound support, the Mustangs came up just short in the game, and fell just short of the playoffs in the season as a whole.

A devastating knee-injury that would have been season ending only added fuel to the first of senior Bret Pughe's determination to do what has not been done in San county, and earned the boys much Marin history. By making a triumphant return in the MCAL championships, Pughe won his fourth straight individual MCAL championship, becoming on the fourth



Mustang lacrosse shared the first ever MCAL pennant.

team not only lose for the first time program's history, the Mustangs By graduating, the wrestling squad under head coach Chris Augusto, but also come up just short of repeating as MCAL and NCS champions. Their loss in the championship game against Novato will be spite losing in the playoffs, the the San Marin community was sure motivation enough for the Mustangs to strive for perfection next season. The gallant efforts of seniors **David Hoytt**, who came back after a shoulder injury to play in the NCS championship game, Erik Egide, the workhorse running back that carried the team, and Jack **Rolovich**, the star-quarterback going on to play college football at Hawaii, will all be missed next season.

The girls' varsity cross-coun-

why San Marin shouldn't be over-letes. looked in the pool anymore. Deconsidering the 6-4 season record, the cards. the first winning season for water polo in the history of San Marin.

The beginning of the winter sports season saw the return of the basketball fever at San Marin. The Benson frustrated opponents and girls' varsity squad was very young, kept a scoreless streak that lasted but very enthusiastic about the through most of the season, a comupcoming season, and the boys' bination of both great pitching and team was poised for success with a great defense. Unfortunately for new head coach and a new attitude. the girls, the streak couldn't last,

went on a rampage this season, not only loses a great competitor, making the playoffs and showing but a great inspiration for all ath-

As winter melted into spring, season as a whole was a success that a MCAL championship was in

> The opponents of the girls' varsity softball team saw a lot of goose eggs for much of the season. Sophomore pitcher Lyndsey and the girls fell just short of the

MCAL tournament championship.

Just one year after the girls' golf team debuted at San Marin, the girls' lacrosse team made their triumphant debut this spring. Despite being composed of a team of mostly beginning players, the Mustangs were one of the most feared teams in MCAL. Senior Kim Larkey led the Mustangs to the co-championship banner, the first for San Marin in the 2002-2003 school year. This team only has a bright future in front of it, as they hope to start a new tradition of girls' lacrosse dominance at San Marin.

By Niki Kidd

of the year.

A killer tan, buffed up upper

arms, and pruney fingers are what

most people get out of swimming.

But not Emily Parker. Swimming

has given her so much more.

Because of her talents and exploits

in the pool, as well as the

classroom, Parker will swim

competitively for San Diego State

this fall on a partial scholarship,

joining an elite set of San Marin

students to compete at the

collegiate level. And because of

her talents in the pool, Parker is

this year's Pony Express athlete

Parker is the holder of two

MCAL swimming records for the

500 freestyle, one the MCAL meet

record of 5:02:22 and the other

the MCAL league record of

5:00:97, both set her junior year.

But don't think that her junior

year was enough of an

accomplishment for her. Parker

went the entire senior year without

a single defeat, and for the fourth year in a row, she won the 500 and 200 freestyle at the MCAL

meet, as well as the 200 medley. In her 500 freestyle victory, she

beat the next best swimmer by

"The win in the 200 medley

is by far the best moment of the eason. Kayla Schott-Bressler,

Ashley Karrell, Sarah Cochrane

and I all swam great, it was

awesome," Parker said, giving

much of the credit for the victory

on her relay mates. The team

captain and co-MVP led the team

to a strong season performance

which included several losses by

over nineteen seconds.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Emily Parker

meet

As another year comes and goes, one thing remains constant: the hard work, effort, and tenacity of San Marin athletes. Throughout the history of San Marin, sports teams have fought hard on the playing fields, representing their school, their fellow teammates, and themselves with the utmost dignity and respect, and this year was no different. With the end of the year comes new beginnings, and new hopes for next year from the returning players. But for the graduating seniors, only the memories remain from the high school athletic performances, and, hopefully, they will cherish them for years to come.

less than five points, a close

margin considering the amount

of points involved in a swim

competition in swimming, but

she was also an integral part to

the rejuvenation of the San Marin

water polo program. Her MVP

performance this season

included a second team all

MCAL selection for the senior

captain. "Water polo was a lot

of fun and I'll really miss it next

year when I'm focusing all of

my energy just on swimming."

MVP will be greatly missed next

season as her consistent first

place finishes in her events

helped propel the Mustangs to

dominance in the pool. "I'll

miss San Marin and I'll always

remember the memories from

the past four years. But I'm

ready to move on to bigger and

better things."

The three-time swim team

Not only did Parker kill the

Frosh/so

Mustang fans come out for football.

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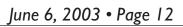
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2002-2003 Sports Standouts

| Sport | MCAL record | Coaches | Outstanding Players |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Varsity football | (7-2) | Chris Augusto, Israel Jones, Brent Moore, John Ruckrigel, Dave Ayers, Nick Rolovich | David Hoytt (Ist Team All League Offense/Defense, Most Valuable Lineman), Brian Tuel (2nd Team All League Defense), Eric Letsch (Honorable Mention Defense), Erik Egide (Ist Team All League Offense, Most Valuable Offensive), Scott Dumont (Ist Team All League Defense, Honorable Mention Offense, Most Valuable Player), Derek Bosia (Ist Team All Purpose), Cuyler Ballenger (Honorable Mention Defense, most Valuable Defensive), Jack Rolovich (2nd Team All League Offense, Most Valuable Back), Jason Hunter (Most Improved), Brian Tuel (Most Improved), Kevin Correnti (Bill Stiveson Award), Geoffrey Zunker (Sportsmanship Award), Michael Ford (Sportsmanship Award) |
| JV football | (6-3-1) | Zach Pascoe, Kevin Ghee, John Ayers | Matt Corral (Most Valuable), Anthony Gonzalez, Most Valuable Player), Chris Susoeff (Most Improved), Leland Hansen (Sportsmanship Award) |
| Freshman football | (7-1) | Dan Fisherbaugh | Keith Renner (Most Valuable), Nicholas Basile (Sportsmanship Award) |
| Boys' varsity soccer | (6-8) | Jason Clark, Dave Russell | Dario Garzo (1st Team All League, Most Improved), Ryn Scott (2nd Team All League), Jeff Russell (2nd Team All League), Edgar Ramirez (2nd Team All League), Guillermo Andrade (2nd Team All League, Mos Valuable), Pat McIntosh (Honorable Mention, Sportsmanship Award) |
| Boys' frosh/soph soccer | (2-12) | Abel Martinez, Mike Carbone | Geoffrey Slaughter (Most Improved), Loney Nicol (Sportsmanship Award) |
| Girls' cross country | (7-2) | Tom Zechlin | Zoe Brown (Most Valuable), Carli O'Leary (Most Improved), Amber Shields (Sportsmanship Award) |
| Girls' tennis | (5-9) | Suzie Seavey | Jessica Ruth (most Valuable), Dina Rosenberg (most Improved), Lea Wyatt (Sportsmanship Award) |
| Girls' golf | (2-8) | Randy Willis | Rachel Oppenheimer (!st Team All League, Most Valuable), Niki Kidd (2nd Team All League), Lauren Schwarze (Most Improved), Andrina Carlsen (Sportsmanship Award) |
| Girls' varsity volleyball | (1-13) | Tim Hawkins | Jenny Sack (Most Valuable, Sportsmanship Award), Signy Toquinto (Most Improved) |
| Girls' frosh/soph volleyball | (8-6) | Francine Cunnie | Katie Landeros (Most Valuable, Sportsmanship Award)), Lindsey Bensen (Most Valuable) |
| Boys' water polo | (6-4) | Bryan Pughe | Bret Pughe (2nd Team All League, Most Valuable), Matt Petty (Honorable Mention), Bud Norris (Most Improved), Jonah Friedman (Sportsmanship Award) |
| Girls' water polo | (6-4) | Jim Larson | Emily Parker (2nd Team All League, Most Valuable), Melanie McCollum (Honorable Mention), Sarah Cochrane (Most Improved), Cristina Restivo (Sportsmanship Award), Lelani Gilpin (Sportsmanship Award) |
| Varsity Spirit Leaders | | Kim Mengarelli | Nina Tran (Most Valuable), Lauren Strobel (Most Improved) |
| Junior Varsity Spirit Leaders | | Kim Mengarelli | Jessica Alvarez (Most Improved), Nicole Lundgren (Sportsmanship Award) |
| Boys' varsity basketball | (6-7) | Chad Stuart | Zach Bachmeier (MVP, First team all-league), Scott Dumont (All league honorable mention), Brian Tuel, AJ Hennessy (Most improved) |
| Girls' varsity basketball | (4-9) | Mark Carlson, John Pachetti | Megan Mallonee (All league honorable mention), Megan Pachetti, Jenna Newberry (Second team all league), Bridget O'Connor (Most inspirational), Courtney Coughlin (Most improved) |
| Boys' JV basketball | (3-10) | Rob Pheatt | Chris Knowles (MVP), Casey Pughe, Amaan Nathoo, Anthony Gonzalez |
| Girls' JV basketball | (10-3) | Tim Hawkins | Kelly Fitzpatrick (MVP), Ashley House, Ashley Colclough, Elena Miller |
| Boys' freshman basketball | (7-6) | Mike Ahern | Keith Renner (MVP), Cliff Bachmeier, Alex Randall, Chris Dittmann |
| Girls' freshman basketball | (10-3) | Fred Lucas | Allyson Walchli (MVP), Maria Baum (Most improved), Shannon Silva, Jennie DiStefano, Jessica Champagn |
| Varsity wrestling | (2-1) | Chris Augusto | Brian Dempsey (MVP), Steven Needham (MVP), Camilo Ardila (Most improved), Bret Pughe (Most inspirational), Tyler Rushton (Mike Lahargoue Award) Derek Bosia, Kevin Correnti, Dean Mariello, Marshall McCollum |
| Frosh/soph wrestling | North MCAL champions | Chris Augusto | Kavon Banejad (MVP), Peter Combs (MVP), Paul Lillie, Nick Basile, Matt Petty, Christian Correnti |
| Varsity Spirit Leaders | | Kim Mengarelli | Amanda Bautista (Most valuable), Nicole Bossier (Most improved), Jenny Higby |
| Frosh/Soph Spirit Leaders | _ | Kim Mengarelli | Mia Clark (Most valuable), Kristen Jones, Rachel Schotz |
| Varsity baseball | (9-5) | Mark Whitburn | Dustin Colclough (MVP), Darrell Fisherbaugh (MVP), Ryan Pollnow (Most Improved), Ryan O'Leary (Sportsmanship) |
| F/S baseball | . , | Bob Sheppler | Nic Banaugh (MVP), Wade Nakamine (Sportsmanship) |
| Frosh baseball Varsity softball | (8-6) (12-2) NCS Champions | Dan Fisherbaugh Randy Willis | Nick Basile (Sportsmanship), JJ Miller (MVP) Jenice Bartee (Most Improved), Lindsey Benson (MVP), Jennie Gay (MVP), Katie Landeros (Sportsmanship) |
| IV softball | 2nd year in a row (11-1-2) | Leslie Hill | Lyndsey Arnheiter(MVP), Natalie Basile(Sportsmanship), Jennie DiStefano(MVP), Annie McIsaac(Most |
| Girls' varsity soccer | | ay Larson | Improved) Brooke Barnecut(Most Inspirational), Jenny Jackson(MVP), Niki Kidd(Coach's Award) |
| Girls' JV soccer | (<i>i-5-</i> 1) | jay Larson Mike Carbone | Trelasa Baratta(MVP), Iveth Benavides (Sportsmanship) |
| Boys' tennis | (9-5) | Ryan Berberian | Blane Shields (MVP, 1st team all league), Zach Warren (MVP, 1st team all league), Jason Chaldcalakel |
| Boys' golf | (5-9) | Tom Zechlin | (Most Improved), Alex Randall (Sportsmanship) Kyle Manzoni (MVP), Reese Holtze (MVP), Aaron Bae (Sportsmanship) |
| Boys' varsity track | (1-7) | Lisa Kemp | Jeff Baum (MVP), Jared Barrileaux(Sportsmanship), Craig Fellers (Most Improved) |
| Girls' track | (6-2) | Lisa Kemp | Zoe Brown (MVP), Ashley Peterson (MVP), Susan Beresford (MVP), Bridget O'Connor (Sportsmanship) |
| Girls' lacrosse | (10-1-2) | Tim Larkey | Kim Larkey(MVP/Sportsmanship), Hunog Tu Ngo(Most Improved), Jeanne Ngo(Most Improved), Denise Nilan(Sportsmanship), Nina Tran(Most Improved) |
| | i | T F 10 1 | Chris Moghbel (MVP), Paul Lillie (Most Inspirational, Sportsmanship) |
| Boys' swimming | (3-6) | Tom Evers, Jim Larson | Chin's riognoel (river), radi Linie (riost inspirational, sportsmanship) |

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