BEACH SLIPS IN SOSA

Dennis Beach successfully lobbied to get former Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa considered as a last-second SJU Presidential candidate, and in a come-from-behind rally, Sosa won. A number of faculty were outraged, but Sosa’s agent, Adam Katz, chalked it up to sour grapes, “They just aren’t Cubs fans. Sammy will produce for SJU, I tell you. He still has the goods.” Sosa’s first decree was to order oldtime Cubs uniforms for all faculty. Beach will wear number 1 with “Skipper” on the back. He’s excited for this year’s History-Philosophy wiffleball game. “Let’s see if Cunningham can get one past Sammy. I think not. It’s going to be Homerun City,” said Beach. As special assistant to President Sosa, Beach has introduced a new line of pizza for the 7th inning stretch during 1:00 and 2:40 classes in the Quad. “I make a dynamite Cubbie pizza,” said Beach.

ESCH MANUFACTURES SOUL FROM SCRATCH

Emily Esch, who is looking forward to a sabbatical next year that will include a spring semester stint at Biola in Los Angeles to study brains and souls, recently synthesized a soul at home in her kitchen. She cautions that the soul was only a small one, but Steve Wagner is very impressed. “A soul? You kidding me? I never invented anything. I’d be happy inventing a finger, much less a soul,” said Wagner. Esch estimates that she spent about $36 in materials and about 48 hours manufacturing the soul. “I just hope Dennis Beach will reimburse me for the soul from the departmental office expense account. I bet he won’t though,” said Esch as she threw her books on her desk.

Emily Esch hopes to create a much bigger soul in the BIOLA lab (left). “The place is really first-rate. I should be able to do all sorts of cool stuff. And I also hope to make some dynamite desserts. Souls and dessert—it doesn’t get any better,” says Esch.
WAGNER ON THE BIG SCREEN

Steve Wagner has teamed up with his former elementary school classmates, Martin Scorcese and Woody Allen, to produce a blockbuster film, *Gangs of St. Joe*. When Daniel Day-Lewis bowed out of the production, Wagner took the lead. Set in a post-apocalyptic world where Dick Cheney has become Galactic Emperor, Wagner leads an underground resistance composed mostly of elderly CSB sisters and students who couldn’t get enough of Camus with him. “Oh, the costumes are really cool. Mine is all purple sparkly, and I get to wear an eyepatch,” beamed an excited but nervous Wagner. Scorcese and Allen have been happy to work with his old friend, but they expressed some regret about burning down Wagner’s house by accident while toasting bagels. “That was a shame, a real shame. It turns out you can’t toast a dozen bagels at once in a regular toaster oven. Who knew? Oh well, we have to suffer for our art,” said Allen. Or maybe it was Scorcese. One or the other. Wagner hasn’t told his wife yet. “Maybe she won’t notice,” said a worried Wagner.

T-ROB ROCKS NEWT

In a remarkable turn of political events, Tim Robinson has been stumping vigorously for Newt Gingrich on his moribund campaign trail. Robinson, a staunch Democrat, woke up one morning recently and realized he was just absolutely crazy about Newt. “I can’t explain it. I always thought he was a jerk of historic proportions. No I think he da man,” said Robinson. Carol Robinson has a theory about what happened. “Tim drank some bad bourbon. Some really bad bourbon. And lots of it,” she said through her Democratic tears. Thus far, Robinson has cashed in a sizable chunk of his retirement plan on Newt’s behalf. “I dunno. I guess what they say is true. You can take the boy out of Georgia, but you can’t take the Georgia out of the boy,” said Robinson with a shrug. At least Robinson has no plans to divorce his wife.

CSB PHIL MAJOR COMPLETES DOCTORATE

Karen Duffy, a senior Philosophy major, recently completed her Ph.D from UCLA on the web. Asked how she could possibly complete a Ph.D before her B.A., she said, “Easy. I work in the Philosophy office, and I have a lot of time on my hands. Heck, if I had another year to go, I could probably score tenure somewhere.” Her biggest challenge was avoiding distractions. “Prof. Wagner was always trying to get me to play stickball, but I put my nose to the grindstone. Geez, I’m happy,” said Duffy as she celebrated (right).
McGRAW TURNS OVER NEW LEAF

For years, students have loved Fr. Rene McGraw’s classes, but they’ve also grumbled about the workload and difficulty. But not any longer. McGraw announced a big change this semester. “From now on, just call me Ren-easy McGraw,” said the legendary professor. Students are adjusting. One senior could hardly believe it. “Wow. He used to ask me questions and I had to give sensible answers. Now I can say whatever silly nonsense I like and he just smiles and says, ‘Hey buddy, nice one.’ The other day I confused Heidegger and Aristotle and he was like, ‘Whatever.’ It’s definitely different,” said the senior, who asked not to be named in case McGraw has a change of heart and gets hard again.

STONESTREET FACES DISCIPLINARY HEARING

Erica Stonestreet never thought her philosophical interests would get her into big trouble, but now she faces serious charges stemming from a recent incident in the Quad. The dynamic and much-beloved Assistant Professor has been working on the notions of “stuff” and “clutter,” and apparently she got a little carried away with her research. “My God, she came here last weekend, got the keys to my office, and threw out just about everything I had in there. She said it was clutter. Clutter! You call my Miles Davis comic books clutter? Oh, she’s gonna pay for this. I will have justice,” said an incensed Steve Wagner as he paced back and forth in his almost-empty office. Wagner was not the only alleged victim. Most of the 3rd floor Quad offices were cleaned out. “Hey, I don’t care, not even a little bit” said Tony Cunningham. “Darn right he doesn’t. That’s the only way his office could ever get clean. He’s kind of a piggly-wiggly,” said Laura Schmitz when told that Cunningham had lost everything. Cunningham had this to say in reply, “A clean office is the mark of a small mind. Someday I want to be really messy.”

CUNNINGHAM NABBED (YET AGAIN)

A Record investigative news team has discovered that Tony Cunningham has been playing baseball all semester in a Mexican D League in Guadalupe. Cunningham raised departmental suspicions when he mentioned to colleagues some six or seven different books he was supposedly working on for his sabbatical. “I knew he was lying. You can’t trust that guy. He’s Irish,” said Rene McGraw. Reached by phone in Mexico, Cunningham responded to questions about how his comeback is faring. “Well, the guy working the radar gun for my game the other night told me I was throwing 95. I thought that seemed a little high since it didn’t feel like my 95 from the old days. Then I realized the guy was dyslexic,” moaned Cunningham. Asked how he was getting by with a 59 mph slowball, Cunningham was evasive. “Umm, I have my little tricks. Put it this way. They can only hit it if you put it remotely close to the plate. The fans love it when I throw pitches into the stands,” said Cunningham as he iced his arm after throwing 156 pitches in 3 innings. He was quick to point out that he pitched 3 hitless innings last week. “Yeah, the lights went out in the ballpark. They couldn’t touch me,” said Cunningham.
KELLER’S KIDDIES

Jean Keller, slightly miffed by CSB/SJU’s refusal to launch an on-campus daycare facility for faculty, staff, and students, has taken matters into her own hands. And how. In a swift, hostile takeover, she has bought the land and buildings going up next to the CSB Renner House in St. Joseph and she has turned it all into a theme park for children. Asked how she was able to pull that kind of cash together, she intimated that Erica Stonestreet donated a large sum after selling off some “stuff” she “found somewhere.” “I also borrowed quite a bit from Cunningham. He used to be chair of the department, and I don’t know...let’s just say that he was pretty darn good when it came to slush funds. And it turns out he really likes rides. I gave him a lifetime pass,” said Keller. Some of the rides include the Ruddick Rollercoaster, the Beauvoir Bumper Cars, the Jaggar Juggernaut, and the Friedan Flying Circus.

SCHMITZ WINS BIG

Laura Schmitz recently won a huge Powerball jackpot for $336 million. Sharing the winning ticket with Norma Koetter, CSB/SJU History Department Coordinator, she took her share and bought over $96 million worth of Minnesota Twins tickets, souvenirs, and “assorted items.” “I really like Joe Mauer. So now I live right next door to him. Hey, his neighbors didn’t want to sell, but I made them an offer they couldn’t refuse,” said Schmitz. Her husband didn’t like her plans at first, but she brought him around by buying his bank in St. Martin. “Yeah, Joel’s retired now. Oh, he goes in and makes some coffee and puts his feet on his desk for an hour or so, but he’s retired for all practical purposes. He shows up, check out, and then goes out in the woods to blow some animals away,” grinned Schmitz. Koetter used a chunk of her winnings to send the History department to New Zealand with a one-way ticket. Said Koetter, “It’s nice and quiet around here.”

CSB PRESIDENT THROWS GAUNTLET

MaryAnn Baenninger, informed that SJU had hired Sammy Sosa as its new President, didn’t wait very long to make a CSB splash. In a lunchtime ceremony on Friday, she welcomed a new Executive Board to campus. Surrounded by a sea of red and white balloons and with Adele singing old CSB songs in the background, she introduced her powerhouse lineup: J-Lo, Angelina Jolie, Bono, Aretha Franklin, Meryl Streep, Helen Mirren, Kate Winslet, Ellen Page, Judi Dench, Oprah, and Natalie Portman. “Hey, there is more to life than just sports. Tell that to Sammy and his buds,” said President Baenninger with a wink. She also said that CSB will host a series of “ginormous” concerts next year, in addition to being the film site for a number of outer-space and thriller blockbusters starring Steve Wagner and some of her Board members. “And who knows? Bono may well give us world peace, direct from St. Joe, MN,” she added slyly.
FARNHAM TO STAR ON DOWNTON ABBEY

Professor Dan Farnham will play the role of a mad philosopher in Masterpiece Theater’s Downton Abbey next season. “They wanted to change stuff up. World War I is over and all. So I wander on the scene and try to convince everyone to become this weird mix of Stoics and Kantians. It’s pretty cool,” said Farnham. Asked how he landed the role, he said that his Scottish roots made the difference. “Naw, they couldn’t get any Brits to play the part. I even get to wear a kilt. I don’t care what they say. I’m wearing underwear. It’s not real life,” said a slightly nervous Farnham.

WRIGHT DISCOVERS SECRET ASSESSMENT FORMULA, HALLELUIA

Charles Wright recently made a breakthrough in coming up with a formula that can assess any academic course to within .0000003% accuracy. He was traveling in Egypt during spring break when he happened upon the find. “I was presenting my data to a camel caravan when one of the herders suggested I take a look at some stuff on one of the old pyramids. I did, and the rest is history,” said Wright. Here is part of the formula below. Wright doesn’t wish to share the whole formula yet.

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W &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F(s) \cdot \cos \alpha \, ds \\
W &= \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \right) \\
\theta &= I \cdot N \\
uc &= U \left( 1 - e^{-t/\tau} \right) \\
C + O_2 &\rightarrow CO_2 \\
fe_{[\text{Fe}]} + \frac{1}{2} O_2 &\rightarrow Fe_2O_3 + 8SO_4 \\
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\mathbf{v} &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{L} \left( 3e_1^2 + 3e_2^2 + L^2 \right) \\
\mathbf{F} &= \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_f} H_0 \mathbf{H}_f \sin \theta \, d\theta \\
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