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Matthew Prentice . . . A Tribute to a Wonderful Young Gentleman

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Over the past month I've done a lot of thinking, reminiscing, and questioning. I've repeatedly asked, "Why Matt? Out of all the people, why did it have to be him?" I finally came to the conclusion that God desperately needed him, and I can't envision anyone better for the job than Matt.

Matthew Prentice was one of those rare, extraordinary people who left a lasting impression from the first time you met him. You would remember his big, vibrant eyes and luminous smile. He had a bubbly personality that made everyone laugh. His quirky phrases like, "I do what I want" and "I am woman hear me roar," that never failed to brighten any person's day, man and woman alike.

You would see this six foot two senior strutting down the halls wearing pink Converse, carrying a hemp

his puppy dog journal and he's known for tagging the senior wall with funky lime green and bright pink spray paint. Matt amazed everyone with his immense amount of knowledge. He was a gifted writer and brought his newspaper articles to life.

As the *Talon's* computer technician, he fixed any problem that arose. Matt was always helping other people out. I recall one time Matt and I walked to the Tower Cafe for dinner. I had leftovers and didn't feel like carrying them back, so Matt walked across the street and generously gave them to a homeless man. It was just his nature to be so caring and unselfish.

Matt loved animals. He owned an obese black lab, Pepper, and a cat. This Christmas he received a goldfish as a gift, but Matt didn't have any fish food. He gave the little critter to his neighbor so it wouldn't die.

Matt was a gentleman who treated everyone with respect. He always





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President Warren resigns; Successor Named

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In a year of jarring moments, the Christian Brothers community was recently stunned at the news of another departure — the resignation of President and CEO Mr. Mark Warren.

In a letter addressed to the Christian Brothers community, Warren announced his decision to resign as president, following "considerable prayer, thought, and discernment."

Mr. Warren, whose seven-plus years as President saw such successes as the SMAT building and the school's rise to prominence in the Catholic school community, spoke recently to the *Talon*.

"Seven years ago I believe I felt God calling me to CB; now I feel God calling me away from CB," said the President. "I have nothing but good things to say about Christian Brothers. It is better to get out while things are good."

Additionally, Warren commented that he and the Board of Trustees were "not heading down the same path," shedding further light on the President's decision.

Following the success of the fundrais-



President and CEO Mark Warren, pictured here in March 2003 at the announcement of a new Brothers' college in Placer County, recently resigned as President.

both groups could agree to." However, he noted that Warren "has done terrific things" at Christian Brothers.

The news of Mr. Warren's resignation was met with surprise and disbelief throughout the Christian Brothers community. Principal Rudy Schulze, an acquaintance of Warren dating back to their days at Jesuit in the 1970's, described his initial reaction as "disappointed." He termed Mr. Warren "a great guy" who has "done a lot" for

legacy as even more than the SMAT," he mused. "School at CB is great, not because of the buildings, but the people. I'm more proud of the stable administration and first-class staff dedicated to the kids."

As for his future, Warren remains uncommitted. "I'm not opposed to business," he explained, "but it'd be nice to stay in education." Despite possible opportunities to pursue the presidency at Catholic schools throughout

Justice Served?

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The Christian Brothers community was struck by tragedy on December 2, 2003, when a drunk driver speeding down Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. hit and killed senior Sharmella Jeffries.

While the entire CB community struggled with the pain of losing Sharmella, Kenneth Bartholomew was found and charged with vehicular manslaughter. The next few weeks marked the difficult path towards recovery for the CB com-

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The Life of a Teacher, Friend, and Principal

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Early Saturday morning on October 23rd, 2004 the Christian Brothers High School community lost its principal, Mr. Rudolf Schulze. Schulze had just finished celebrating his 51st birthday, and was reportedly driving back going southbound on Highway 65 near the Pleasant Grove overpass at 3:00 a.m. when his car began to drift, traversing the center and rolling into a guardrail.

Upon further inspection of this tragic accident, it was evident that Schulze's 2002 Volkswagen Jetta had only received minor damage, and he himself had not suffered from any visible trauma. Investigators believe that Schulze suffered from a heart attack while he was driving.

As the news of Mr. Schulze's death began to spread, the Christian Brothers

to honor and celebrate the life of this great man. A Memorial Mass was held on Thursday, October 28th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Ron Limeberger Gymnasium and it was presided over by both Bishop William Weigand and Bishop Richard Garcia. A Memorial Mass was also held at noon on Saturday, October 30th, at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 3240 Lawton Street in San Francisco.

Schulze was a man who loved his work; a man who had dedicated his entire life to the De La Salle motto of "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve." Prior to becoming the principal of Christian Brothers in 2002, Schulze, an formerly a Jesuit priest, served at De La Salle High School in Concord for 15 years. One could tell that Mr. Schulze was born to teach in Catholic schools. He was a man who was enthusiastic about not just his job, but also about his stu-