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## Mission Accomplished: Acalanes Captures NCS Baseball Title

By Kevin D. Shallat

The Acalanes Dons' baseball team made it all the way to the championship game of the North Coast Section (NCS) playoffs, facing off against the Albany Cougars on Saturday, June 2, at James Logan High School in Union City. After losing only one game the entire season, it all came down to this one game for the NCS title. The No. 1 seed Dons completed their mission by beating the Cougars handily, 16-3.

Although Albany had just scored eight runs against St. Mary's, and 16 runs against Piedmont in the previous NCS rounds, the Dons' starting pitcher Mike Guglielmo pitched a terrific game Saturday, holding the Cougars to zero runs scored through five in-

nings. Guglielmo's catcher, Mike Stone, said they tried to establish the breaking balls first.

While Guglielmo established his curveball and had excellent command of his fastball as well, the standout player in this title game was catcher Mike Stone. Stone did more than just call a great game behind the plate. While helping Guglielmo post five shutout innings, Stone managed to record eight RBIs – four of which came off his mammoth grand slam in the top of the second inning, which went over the fence in left field and caromed off the light pole and back onto the field.

"It was definitely an adrenaline rush," said Stone, who was looking for, and ex-

pected a fastball all the way. When the fastball came, he did not miss it.

Other players that stood out for Acalanes in this 17 hit, 16 run gauntlet included shortstop Ben Englehart, who reached base all five times he came to the plate and went one for three, with three runs and one RBI, and right fielder James Mathew, who went two for three, with a walk, three runs, and two RBIs.

Second baseman Joe Wallace went two for five, was hit by a pitch, and scored four runs. Wallace also accomplished something not many people ever do: He won an NCS title in basketball as well as baseball. "It was awesome to be a part of both championships," Wallace said. He was also quick to show his

appreciation for his coaches. "It feels good to get it done for our coaches, because they put in a lot of work for us all year."

The happiest man on the field after the game was undoubtedly Acalanes coach Andy Tarpley. That is until Scott Emery and the rest of the team poured a bucket of ice water on him in celebration.

Tarpley said that he was "ecstatic" for the players and for the whole program. "I'm just proud of the fact that these players can look back on this, not just as an experience, but as a positive experience," Tarpley said. "They set out to achieve their goals, and they did. They achieved their destiny."

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## A Conversation With Moraga-Orinda Fire District Chief Pete Nowicki

By Jonathan Goodwin, Guest Writer

Chief Nowicki, tell us something about how things were 25 years ago when you started out with the Moraga Fire District.

It was a very interesting time to come into the fire service because firefighting as a professional discipline was just beginning to take form. Up until that time, for instance, the tests for fire fighters were things like you'd see in the penny arcade. They tested grip strength, the force of your hammer swing and things like that. But then there came all sorts of regulations, qualifications, certifications and standards which you had to be accountable for. As an example, safety standards for protective gear were just becoming adopted. So, the wooly pants were no longer acceptable gear in a fire and oxy-

gen breathing apparatus was becoming required in smoky environments. In those days you'd see all these guys retiring with cancer and heart problems; I don't think we're going to see that so much any more...and that's a good thing.

In those days we didn't have anything like the technology we have today. Back then everything was manually driven, today almost everything is computerized: patient reports, EKGs, defibrillators, the pumping systems, the vehicle tracking systems and so on.

*Since the job has shifted from blue collar to something closer to white, you must now be looking for different qualities in your new applicants.*

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## Colleges of Choice for Lamorinda Seniors

By Cathy Tyson

Seniors from Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte have at this point, attended Senior Prom, made it through finals week, experienced graduation, and enjoyed the eight plus hour Grad night party. What next for the young men and women of Lamorinda? The vast majority, an average of just over 97%, of graduates from our three high schools go on to either a 4 or 2 year college. Many will stay in California, the three high schools average 24% attending one of the University of California campuses, and 18.6% attending a California State University. See chart for a specific breakdown of who is going where. Roughly 2% are undecided or considering travel or a Gap year.

A number of students will be studying internationally, at Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland, American University of Paris, three schools in Canada - McGill University, Malaspina College and University of British Co-

lumbia, EPCC in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou, China.

Gwenly Carrel, College/Career Center Advisor at Campolindo, reflects on the selection process. "It is absolutely more difficult to get into one of the UCs this year. As the number of students who apply goes up, the number accepted goes down. Last year at Campo, 33 students got into a UC, this year it's 22. The size and strength of the class along with external factors help determine choice.

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From left, Terrence O'Neill, Tyler Carlson, Taylor Neason all graduates of Miramonte

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