

Perennial Parrot

The
"Our Gang"
Newsletter



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<http://www.maxie24.com/hailpoly/HailPoly/index.html>

After several months in limbo, the Hail Poly web site is once again a presence on the World Wide Web ... and the world is a better place because of it.

At the old Hail Poly web site (www.hailpoly.com) you will find a delightful poem about growing old and a link to the new home of Hail Poly. When you get there, be sure to bookmark its new web address.

Before introducing you to the new webmaster, let's take a moment to say thanks to the two individuals whose ideas and efforts produced Hail Poly several years ago. We hope everyone will stand and give three cheers to Kathy (Bertsch '64) Compagno and J.C. Jordan ('64) for their collaboration in developing the web site. To Kathy a round of applause for her efforts in researching and gathering all the information contained on the site and to J.C. an extra special stand up and cheer for the time and work involved to actually develop and publish the web site. We are aware of what's involved to put a web site up as we have stumbled through the process ourselves with the Perennial Parrot web site. These two are responsible for the memories that flood your mind when you visit the site.

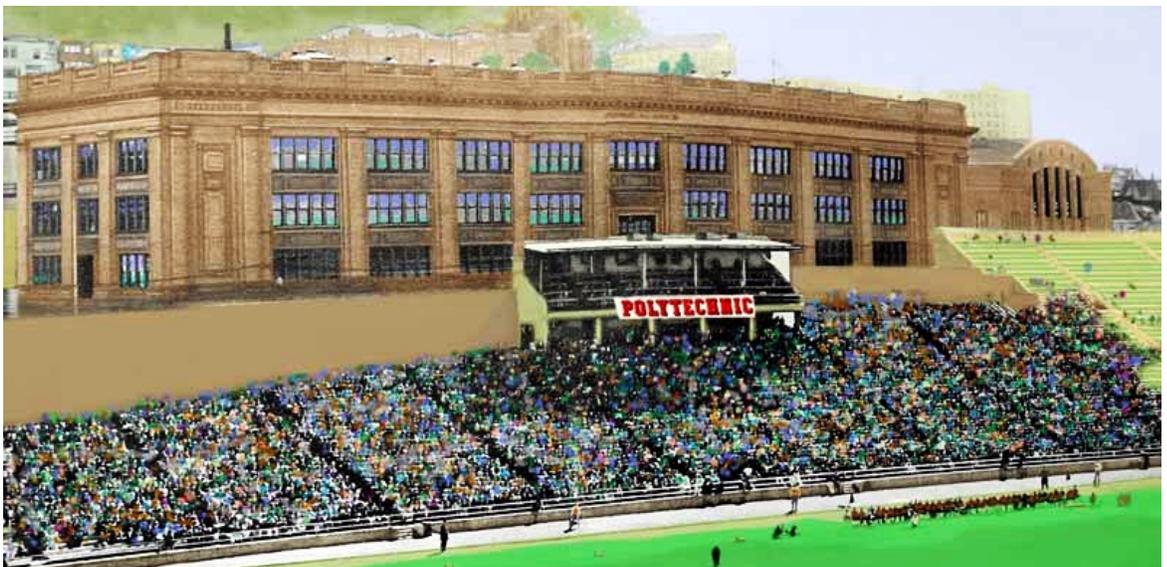
HAIL POLY

J.C.'s work load, however, would not permit him to con-

tinue maintaining the site so a call was put out for a new webmaster to take over the site ... not an easy task as the data would have to be transferred and reassembled, possibly using a different software. But one individual did step forward and has now "re-birthed" Hail Poly.

We are pleased to introduce Jeanette Butler ('69) as the new Hail Poly webmaster and extend to her a RE-SOUNDING THANKYOU (we feel confident that this is echoed by all Polyites). Jeanette is a professional photographer in San Francisco. She has posted 4,075 images online in 45 galleries ... take a look at this web site to investigate her photo prowess and to explore her photo galleries... <http://www.pbase.com/maxie6> (you will find this link and another to one of her galleries on the "Links" tab of the Perennial Parrot under "Business Owned/Operated by Poly Grads").

Hail Polytechnic, Long Live Thy Name





Remembering ... A Warm Smile, A Warm Friendship

Dolores Evelyn (Benoit) Bamberger April 18, 1939 ~ March 18, 2010
Washington High School, San Francisco, CA ... Class of 1957

Once again we must say farewell to a core member of Our Gang, but our emotions make it difficult to navigate the keyboard. Through the club Gatherings we came to know a very warm and wonderful lady. Our regret is that we lived so far away that the everyday contact we would have cherished was not possible. We are so thankful

that we got to visit with Lou & Dolores this past October, it was a beautiful afternoon to share the warmth of friendships with Lou and Dolores.



Lou & Dolores ... Gathering 2004

Dolores and Judy Truchon always referred to themselves as the “Washington/ Lincoln cast-offs” at Gathering and became the best of friends over the years. We know that friendship will not be forgotten nor will the smile of this quiet, soft spoken lady pass from our memories.



October 24, 2009

Farewell “Princess” Dolores ... we know the Washington Eagle will be joined by the Polytechnic Parrot to accompany you throughout your journey.

Bob & Carolyn Ross, Perennial Parrot Staff

Left to right standing: Herb Truchon S`55, Bob Ross S`55, Carolyn (Bier S`57) Ross, Marilyn (Fetter S`57) Lewis, Gordon Lewis F`55, Judy Truchon, Bill Lund S`55, Joan (Carson S`55) Cannon, & Bill Cannon S`55. In front: Dolores & Lou Bamberger S`55

Classmates.com Settles Class-Action Lawsuit

March 17, 2010

“Classmates.com has agreed to pay more than \$9.5 million to settle a class-action suit that accused the Web site of duping customers into signing up for paid services. According to a filing in Seattle District Court, Classmates.com has agreed to the settlement. Those hoping for a large payout, though, will be disappointed: The maximum amount people can collect is a check for \$3.”

To see more stories about the lawsuit do a Google Search on “*Classmates.com class action lawsuit*”

If you sign-up for either the free subscription or Gold membership be sure to READ all the fine print. They DO NOT offer an “OPT-OUT” for the Gold membership annual fee. Read the various pieces on the Google Search page to see how folks have been “duped” into signing up for services they neither wanted or, in some cases, did not sign up for in the first place.

This is part of an article that can be viewed in full at <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2361480,00.asp>

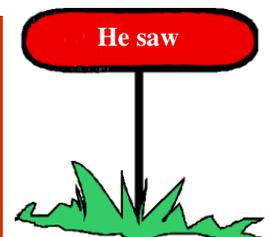
READ THE FINE PRINT!

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Poly 1961 Championship Sophomore Football Team

by Jeff Alcorn S'64

The surprise of the 1961 football season was the Poly sophomore football team. This team went undefeated and took the championship title. I was fortunate enough to be a member of that team and that experience had a lasting impression on me.

As a 15 year old new student at Poly in September of 1961, I was trying to adjust to the new high school environment. I recall that it was somewhat overwhelming at the time. One thing that I wanted to do was play on the Poly football team. To this point, I had never played on any organized team. I was one of 27 sophomore students who comprised the team and was elected team captain. Our coach was Poly teacher Clarence Koop and he had two student assistant coaches, Eddie Ellis and Bill Blanchard. Coach Koop and his assistants taught us the fundamentals of football and molded us into a cohesive team that could hold its own while scrimmaging against the older and more experienced junior varsity football team in practice. Just how good we were remained to be seen.

Our first game was against Balboa on their field. The result was a 33 to 0 victory for us. Needless to say, we felt pretty good (maybe too good) about our team. The following week we played Mission and they gave us a real battle. We were fortunate to score a last second touchdown to tie them, 19 to 19. That game opened our eyes and we worked harder to improve ourselves individually and collectively as a team. The results were four convincing victories over our next opponents.

The final game of the season was against Sacred Heart, who was also undefeated. Sacred Heart fought hard against us, however they were no match against the Poly team. We won the game 27 to 12 and took the city crown. What an experience that season meant to each member of our team.

Because of the championship, we all earned our Block P letters as sophomores.

For me personally, I learned traits that I carry to this day. Among those traits are the concept of teamwork to achieve a goal, leadership and self confidence. This experience set the stage for a fantastic high school experience and opened doors that I would not have approached. I went on to play two additional years on the varsity team, achieving All-City Honorable Mention. The success I had on the playing field also was a motivating factor in improving my scholastic endeavors. I started taking college prep classes and except for Spanish, I pulled good grades. I was chosen to represent Poly as the American Legion Boys State delegate. This was a week long lesson in Government held in Sacramento. I am now the Assistant Director for the California Boys State program. I could go on with other life long achievements; however this message is not about me, it's about the impact that Poly team made.

Sadly, I learned that on January 4th of this year, Coach Koop passed away after an illness. His wife Frances was also a teacher at Poly and they were dating during that 1961 season. I know how proud Coach Koop was of his team and we always enjoyed

remiscing about the team whenever we got together, most often at the Poly High Athletic luncheons. I know that I speak for the rest of the team members when I say how proud we were to play for him.



Hail Polytechnic!

Jeff Alcorn



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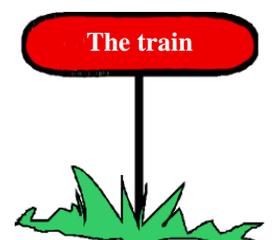
FASHION PARK CLOTHIERS

Listen Boys!

There are extra inducements in buying a suit with an extra pair of trousers particularly when there is no extra charge.

Student's suits with two pairs of trousers, \$35.

Here is an ad from the Spring 1920 yearbook. Of interest is the price of the suit of clothes, it comes with two pair of pants.





Gathering 2010

June 4-5-6, 2010 Reno, Nevada



Hey Gang! It's time to feed Poly a CRACKER!!!

And guess where the best supply of crackers is ... that's right ... RENO, NV! You got it! It's

GATHERING 2010 TIME !!!!

If you haven't sent in your registration yet it's time to get off your duff and DO IT NOW! We need a head count to pass on to Charlie & Noreen Neely so they can prepare enough food things for the Saturday evening party ... we know you "old folks" need your nourishment.

For those who have made past Gatherings you pretty well know the schedule and since folks don't think its broken we won't fix it. For those coming for the first time the weekend looks something like this:

Friday night, June 4th: We start Gathering in the Fireside Lounge at the Peppermill Hotel round about 6 PM (some maybe earlier) and continue until, well, whenever

Saturday afternoon, June 5th:

We head for Charlie & Noreen's over in Sparks for the *Our Gang* party. That's where we "Volunteer" our club officers for the next two years ... you know ... the ones that get to wear those funny hats. This will be the seventh party at their home ... one of these times we may have to buy them a new bed.

Sunday morning, June 6th: It's going home time but not before we Gather once more at the Island Buffett in the Peppermill Hotel round about 10AM ... I say "round about" 'cause you'll be "about round" when you leave there.

For newcomers this reminder ... we have no banquets, no dances, no fancy to-dos. We just have ourselves and our memories of the good times we all had at Polytechnic.



The Girls on the Bed
It's 1986
A Tradition Begins



1988 and it's PARTY TIME on the bed!



2008 ... What's wrong with this picture Diane?



Our Leaders (?) for 2008/10
Past Exalted Face, Bill Cannon; Court Jester, Vince Aguiar; Parrot Face Pro-Tem, Jeff Alcorn, and our Exalted Parrot Face, Herb Truchon

Saturday morning, June 5th:

Those of an early nature meet for breakfast (probably down the street from the Peppermill at the Brown Bear) then proceed a few blocks South of the Peppermill to the bowling alley and spend a few hours busting pins.

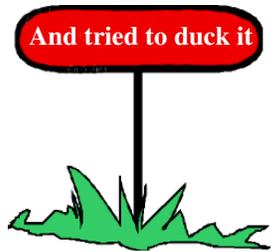
We will have the alley put some of those child boards up so Kathy won't throw any gutter balls



To the right, our "Ladies of the evening", 2008 version.



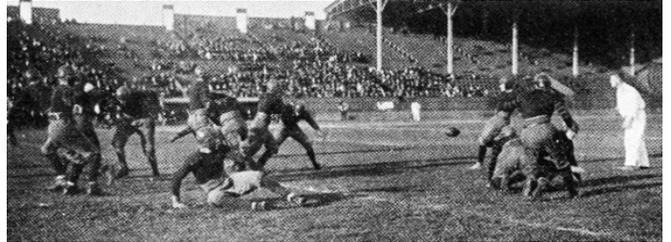
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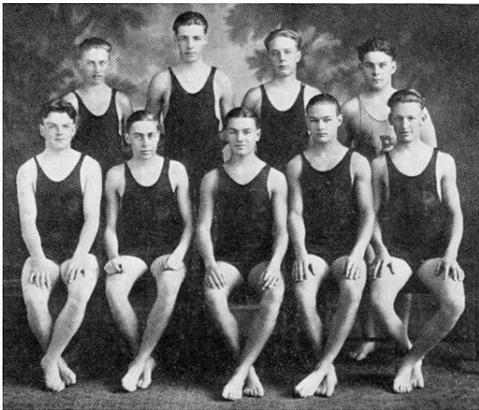


American football has once more come into its own in the San Francisco high schools. Of the seven schools entered in the S.F.A.L., Polytechnic is credited with the possession of one of the best teams on the field, having lost but one game this season, and that was to the plucky, experienced bunch from Lick-Wilmerding.



With two of the best coaches in the city, Poly at the time of this writing, has an excellent chance of winning the championship since we defeated Lowell which stood at the head of the list.

This Poly - Lowell game was the real big game of the season. Not only the student bodies of both schools were out en masse, but it seemed that all of the alumni of both schools and all the other schools in town were there too. Between 9,500 and 10,000 rooters were in the stands to see the battle and to add to the clamor.



Swimming

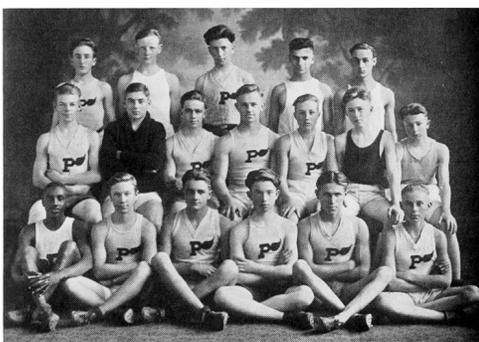
Poly kicked off and then the contest commenced, both teams fighting hard and strong only to end the first half with a scoreless tie. The beginning of the third quarter found Lowell on Poly's 15 - yard line. Captain Kratz dropped back and kicked the pigskin squarely between our goal posts, putting the Red and White boys in the lead by three points.



Soccer

An intercepted forward pass at the beginning of the fourth quarter started Poly on a triumphant march toward their opponent's goal. With numerous line bucks Poly had the ball on Lowell's 8 - yard line. Smokie Francis carried it three times for slight gains; then on the fourth down he dove through the line for a touch-down. Charlie Parker was right there to convert, making our boys victors with a 7 - 3 score.

Editors Note: In 1921, James Rolph, Polytechnic's student body president, succeeded in acquiring approval of the Kezar Stadium project by the City of San Francisco.



Track



Basketball



Girls' Athletics ... 1921



Basketball

Basketball is the ever popular game to which girls seem to turn out best. This term the Seniors loom up as the strongest contestants for interclass honors, although the Freshmen have shown up surprisingly well at practice. Under the excellent coaching of Miss Brown and Miss Woodhull, and under the leadership and encouragement of Evelyn Reese and Louise Garren, the girls

ought to put up a good fight for the coveted laurels in the inter-scholastic games to be played after Thanksgiving.

The nucleus of the basketball teams consists of Evelyn Reese, Kathryn Kelly, Marjorie Adams, Anita Judson, Sybil Stennard, Hollis Hughes, LeCount Francis, Theresa Akros, Ruth Painton, and Naomi McHugh.

Swimming

The girls of Polytechnic ought to put forth a remarkable swimming team considering the material that is in the school. It is hoped that the ruling concerning the girls competing for other clubs will be changed so that many of our mermaids will be able to swim for the Red and Black. Most of our best swimmers have competed under other auspices and many of them hold coveted records and trophies won in those competitions.

Those prominent in aquatic activities here are Florence Friesenhansen, Olga Chapital, Hollis Hughes, Phoebe Bannister, Doris MacKenzie, and Alice Berghoff. With these girls able to carry the colors of this school we would undoubtedly carry off all the honors.

Volley Ball

Volley Ball is a comparatively new sport, but from the way the girls are coming out for it, we expect it will soon figure as prominently as basketball. The girls have been separated into four teams and under the management of Evelyn Reese we may expect them to uphold Polytechnic's standard in the forthcoming games.



Senior - Faculty Game ... 1921



A new epoch in history began, so to speak, when for the second time in the last six years, the revered Seniors took our beloved Faculty into camp by a score of 9 to 8 in their semi-annual combat on the diamond. The date goes down in history as September 21, while the outstanding heroic figure was that of Otto Lange, captain of the victorious Seniors.

Excuses are plentiful, however, and "Willie" Wirt points to the close score as evidence that all was not easy going for the visitors. Although opinions differ, the stars of the game were Leo Trumpower, the Senior twirler, Otto Lange, who brought in the winning run in the seventh inning, and three members of the Faculty Quartet, who fanned the air beautifully until they got bases and runs presented to them without a hit.

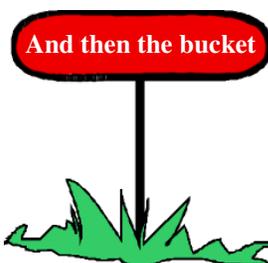
Of the three hits credited to the Faculty, two were made by "Handsome" Neilson, and one by "Salt-shaker" Walker. As Cyrus and Handsome later commented, "it's all in placing `em." The first inning looked as if the scorer couldn't keep track of the

runs, five Seniors crossed the plate. The Faculty retaliated in kind, however, and kept the score close throughout the game. Towards the end of the sixth, with the Faculty leading 8 to 6, accidents together with teamwork brought the Seniors two more runs, tying the score.

`Twas in the seventh, and "Songbird" Emerson was batting, or trying to, when "Sport" Trumpower threw one of his famous "Boyle's Law" drops and caught "Songbird" in the kidneys. All was quiet for a moment, as Mr. Emerson dropped his bat and sang "Home, Sweet Home." Two more Faculty batters stood at the plate and laughed at Trumpower's patched overalls while the same-named individual put `em over, retiring the side.

With the score tied, things went slowly in the second half of the inning until our bright-haired brunette, Cox, who slung the pellet after Neilson was taken out in the fourth, began to dream. Then Otto Lange hit safely, stole second and third, and went for home on an overthrow by Wirt. Although the game was won, there was not a cheer. The rest of the school year was for "Velocity" Jordan and his gang.

Babylon had its Cyrus, the Czar had his Rasputin, and the Faculty have Otto F. Lange, Jr.





Poly Athletic Association

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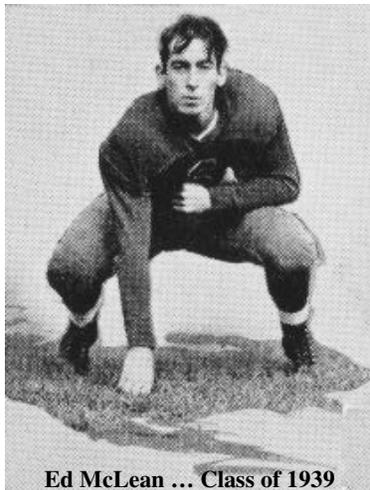
February 2010

We want to thank the folks who came the day before the luncheon to help with set up. BETTY BIGONE ALTENDORF ('57), BOB CANIHAN ('56), ROSALIE MONE HARE ('57), JOAN KEEGAN

The TWENTY-SIXth ANNUAL REUNION LUNCHEON was a smashing success. Nearly 550 Polyites came from near and far. They talked and laughed, reminiscing about the great times they shared at Poly.

COACH DON BENEDETTI delivered the invocation and SAL PRIOLO ('50) said *God Bless America*. COACH CLYDE KRUSINSKI introduced the faculty members in attendance and COACH WARREN JOHNSTON presented the Hall of Fame Inductees.

THE ATHLETES INDUCTED THIS YEAR WERE: MICHAEL BULNES ('54), GEORGE COLBERT ('62), ED COLLINS ('67), JOHNNY HEARD ('65), NATE JACKSON ('59), BILL LARSON ('61), GORDON LEWIS ('55), ED MCLEAN ('39), MIKE MORRIS ('68), JIM PETRE ('63), AND ROBERT RIDGEWAY ('67). THE CHEERLEADERS INDUCTED WERE: FLORENCE ROGERS DICKOW ('47), DIANE MACKIN HARRINGTON ('67), AND JOAN EGGERT HENRY ('50). TEAM MANAGER BOBBI WOODS ('51) WAS ALSO INDUCTED. BILL DEMATTEI ('28) WAS INDUCTED FOR HIS 86 YEARS OF LOYALTY AND SUPPORT!!



Ed McLean ... Class of 1939

Among our guests were: San Francisco Author DICK BOYD, ANITA AXT (daughter of our legendary Coach Milt Axt), Mayor of Potrero Hill, FLO CIMINO, and State Senator ELAINE ALQUIST.

KING ('57) and ROSALIE MONTEROSO (Ray's wife who did not attend Poly).

Many ALL-City athletes were guests. Representing LOWELL: LOU ARONIAN, MILTON AXT JR. and MILT CERF; from BALBOA: RON TAYLOR; from GALILEO: MARIO LOMBARDI; from MISSION: JIM GALLAGHER and AL VIDAL; from JOHN O'CONNELL: MARIO MASO; from SACRED HEART: DON MEROFF; from S.I.: JACK SCRAMAGLIA and from WASHINGTON: CARL MITCHELL.

Every Poly athlete, cheerleader, coach, faculty member and team manager is eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame. If you know of someone who should be inducted, please send their name and year of graduation to the association.

We are very pleased to announce that last may LOU HILBERT ('51) was inducted into the SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME. He was honored for his outstanding baseball, basketball and soccer career while attending Poly.

Unfortunately, this year we have to increase our dues to \$10. We want to keep this Association going, but we need everyone's help. Please send your dues in today. Of course, if anyone wishes to add a little something extra, please do. All contributions are appreciated and we thank you in advance for your generosity. We are a U.S. Tax-Exempt organization (#75-3208016). It's your Association and your contribution is tax deductible. Help us keep our costs down. If you move, please send us your new address.

Last year we sent out over 500 get-well and condolence cards to Polyites who were ill or suffered a death in their family. If you are having health problems, or would like assistance dealing with grief associated with a death in your family, call us. There are many Polyites willing to help. Someone who has gone through similar experiences will call you. If you are aware of someone to whom we need to send a card, please let us know. CALL RAY MONTEROSO at (650) 697-0386. Best time to call is after 4PM.

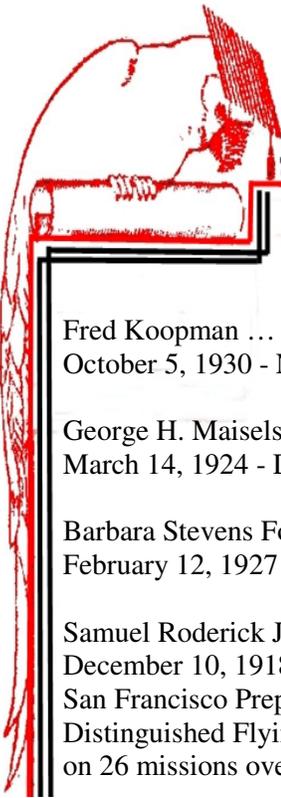
If you are planning to have a class reunion, call us. We have over 4,000 names in our data base and will be happy to provide you with the names of those in your graduating class. For those classes no longer holding reunions, our annual luncheon is a great place for you to get together with friends. Everyone is seated by year of graduation.

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In Memorium

Fred Koopman ... Class of 1948
October 5, 1930 - November 27, 2009

George H. Maisels Class of 1949
March 14, 1924 - December 29, 2009

Barbara Stevens Fotinos Class of 1945
February 12, 1927 - December 30-2009

Samuel Roderick Johnstone Class of 1936
December 10, 1918 - December 14, 2009
San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame
Distinguished Flying Cross, WW II ... Flew a B-17
on 26 missions over occupied Europe in WW II

Nathan "Nate" Cohn Class of 1936
January 18, 1918 - January 7, 2009

Dick Bray Class of Spring 1954
Birth unknown - February 5, 2010

Marilyn Joyce Wong (Mar) Class of 1955
February 25, 1938 - January 29, 2010

May the Parrot be with them on their journey



Club Listing Changes

For those club members not getting the newsletter on CD or EMAIL, here are a few changes for you to make on your hard copy of the Club Listing ... These changes are already incorporated in the Club Listing on the CD and EMAIL subscriptions.

ADDRESS CHANGE:

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Some folks say what they think - others have friends.

Ralph Banks

Ramblings of the Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped on. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.

I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans.

I was thinking about old age and decided that it is when you still have "something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it."

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and call it "Pumping Rust."

I have gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers.

I know when people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once I want to say, "No, it's for company!"

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "A good doctor!"

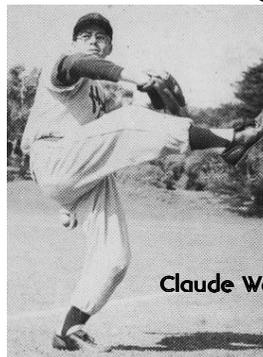
Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do - write to these people? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen could look for them while they deliver the mail?

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me, they were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

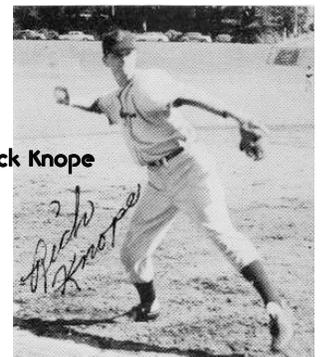
HAVE A GREAT DAY



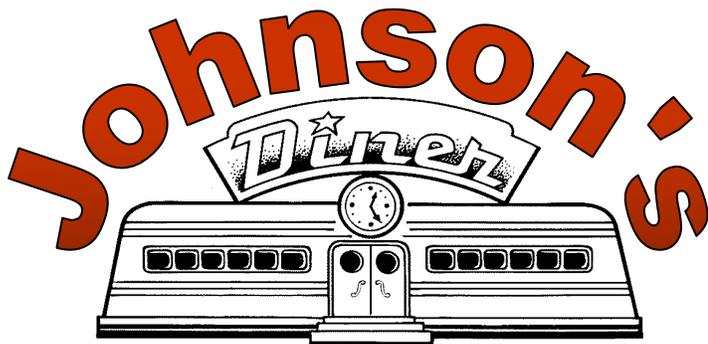
1956 Varsity Baseball ... Pitchers



Claude Woolwine



Dick Knope



Where the elite meet to eat

You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog

Not sure where this one came from but with summer just around the corner I see a cook-out in your future ...

- 1/2 pound ground beef
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 3/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 3/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 8 hot dogs, cooked
- 8 hot dog buns

In a large saucepan, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the ketchup, water, Worcestershire sauce, chili powder, pepper and cayenne. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes or until mixture reaches desired thickness. Place hot dogs in buns; top each with about 2 tablespoons beef mixture. Yields 8 servings.

"BUT WAIT, THATS NOT ALL!"

To accompany those "Hound Dogs" you need ...

BeBop Baked Beans

- 3 bacon strips
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) Pork & Beans
- 1/3 cup hickory smoked barbecue sauce
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons prepared mustard

In a skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp; remove to paper towels. Drain, reserving 1 tablespoon drippings. Sauté green pepper in drippings until tender. Drain one can of beans. In a bowl, combine both cans of beans, barbecue sauce, brown sugar, mustard and green pepper.

Transfer to a greased 1 quart baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until bubbly and heated through. Sprinkle with bacon. Yields six servings.

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Melodious Memories

From Monty Montiel

- 1957 -

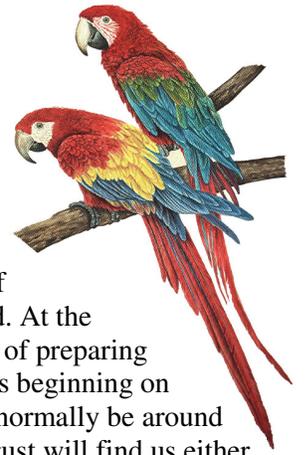
1957 was the year I graduated from radar school at Treasure Island, got assigned to the USS Dennis J. Buckley and went overseas for the first time in May. What were you doing in 1957? What were you doing while I was learning to eat with chopsticks in Japan? It was the year Chevy came out with '57 Belaire which became a collector's item like so many of their models and years. I'm not sure but I think it was the year Russia launched Spudnik.

1. Tammy: Debbie Reynolds
2. Love Letters In The Sand: Pat Boone
3. It's Not For Me To Say: Johnny Mathis
4. Young Love: Tab Hunter
5. Chances Are: Johnny Mathis
6. Little Darlin': The Diamonds
7. Bye Bye Love: The Everly Brothers
8. All Shook Up: Elvis Presley
9. So Rare: Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra
10. Round and Round: Perry Como

I don't know about you but as I read the titles, I can hear the melodies and lyrics in my head, and yet forget what I had for dinner last night. Isn't that getting old?

Kibbles And Bits And Pieces

from Bob & Carolyn (Bier) Ross
The Perennial Parrot Staff



Well ... this must have been a SPORTS issue!

First off, thanks to Jeff Alcorn for his story about the 1961 Sophomore Baseball Team. Second, thanks to Jeff for sending in a story. Hey folks ... I am the editor which means I need something to "EDIT." How am I supposed to do my job if you all keep quiet? The "Lady with the red pen" gets nervous without any material to make red marks on and is liable to start making red marks all over me. Surely you don't want that to happen?

We do hope you enjoyed the Poly Athletic stories from the 1921 yearbook. If nothing else, we do have a number of yearbooks to draw material from. The early years, 20s & 30s, are a treasure chest full of stories and articles written by the students. Students and yearbooks (annuals) from those years were quit different from those of the 50s and beyond.

However, there is nothing like reading the memories of those you attended Poly and lived in "The City" during the 50s, 60s and the few years of the 70s (That's a hint Rick Moss). And remember, it doesn't matter how good or how bad you can write ... it's our job on this end to edit and make the words say what you want the readers to read. And don't forget, "a picture is worth a thousand words."

OK, we heard from the "Class Collector" that he has received 16 registrations for Gathering 2010. If you are not one of those 16 and are planning to attend in June we need you to detach the registration slip that's with this issue and send it in. We do think that there may be at least one new comer this year and are looking forward to meeting and talking with whoever it is. Maybe Donna Shaw will make it this time ... and Bill Lund? How about it Nancy ... can you make the trip down from Vancouver Island this year? And maybe the southern contingent of the Marte clan? And Kathy, we have already talked with the bowling alley about the child boards down the alley.



An unknown factor this year is exactly when the next issue of the newsletter will get published. At the current time we are in the midst of preparing to be on the road for five months beginning on May 7th. The next issue would normally be around mid August. However, mid August will find us either somewhere in Alaska or heading South in the Yukon or northern British Columbia. One major difference between this trip and the one we made seven years ago is that 90% of the campgrounds across British Columbia, the Yukon, and Alaska now have either WI-FI or Internet hot spots so email is not a problem. You want to send a story and/or photos for the next issue please do so. No input, no newsletter until after we return in October as we will not be hauling any yearbooks with us.

Another difference this trip is that we will be traveling with eight other RVs from the park where we live and we are really looking forward to sharing the beauty of the country with our friends. Sadly, however, Gordon & Marilyn Lewis will not be making the journey with us this time. We'll just watch them drool over all the photos we bring back when we visit with them on the return leg of the trip. Don't know how much longer Gordon will be able to drive his RV ... seems like every time we see him he has gotten shorter and pretty soon he won't be able to see over the steering wheel!

And with that dastardly remark made, we will put this issue to bed ...

PLEASE ... DRIVE CAREFULLY ON YOUR WAY TO RENO. WE WANT A HUG FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU COME JUNE 4TH ...

Hail Poly

A Think To Thought On ...

**It's not what you look at
that matters ...
It's what you see!!!**

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May The Parrot Be With You

Cowboy Rules



Cowboy rules for Arizona, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Idaho and the rest of the Wild West are as follows:

- 1. Pull your pants up. You look like an idiot.**
- 2. Turn your cap right, your head ain't crooked.**
- 3. Let's get this straight: it's called a 'gravel road.' I drive a pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you drive, you're gonna get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.**
- 4. They are cattle. That's why they smell like cattle. They smell like money to us. Get over it. Don't like it? I-10 & I-40 go east and west, I-17 & I-15 goes north and south. Pick one and go.**
- 5. So you have a \$60,000 car. We're impressed. We have \$250,000 Combines that are driven only 3 weeks a year.**
- 6. Every person in the Wild West waves. It's called being friendly. Try to understand the concept.**
- 7. If that cell phone rings while a bunch of geese/pheasants/ducks/doves are comin' in during the hunts, we WILL shoot it outta your hand. You better hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.**
- 8. Yeah. We eat trout, salmon, deer and elk. You really want sushi and caviar? It's available at the corner bait shop.**
- 9. The 'Opener' refers to the first day of deer season. It's a religious holiday held the closest Saturday to the first of November.**
- 10. We open doors for women. That's applied to all women, regardless of age.**
- 11. No, there's no 'vegetarian special' on the menu. Order steak, or you can order the Chef's Salad and pick off the 2 pounds of ham and turkey.**
- 12. When we fill out a table, there are three main dishes: meats, vegetables, and breads. We use three spices: salt, pepper, and ketchup! Oh, yeah ... We don't care what you folks in Cincinnati call that stuff you eat ... IT AIN'T REAL CHILI!!**
- 13. You bring 'Coke' into my house, it better be brown, wet and served over ice. You bring 'Mary Jane' into my house, she better be cute, know how to shoot, drive a truck, and have long hair.**
- 14. College and High School Football is as important here as the Giants, the Yankees, the Mets, the Lakers and the Knicks, and a dang site more fun to watch.**
- 15. Yeah, we have golf courses. But don't hit the water hazards - it spooks the fish.**
- 16. Turn down that blasted car stereo! That thumpity-thump crap ain't music, anyway. We don't want to hear it anymore than we want to see your boxers! Refer back to #1!**

A true Westerner will send this to at least 10 others and a few new friends that probably won't get it, but we're friendly so we share in hopes you can begin to understand what a real life is all about!!!

Polytechnic High School Our Gang Gathering 2010
June 4-5-6, 2010
Registration

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Registration Fee is \$5 per person: Number attending: _____ X \$5 = _____

Make checks payable to and send to our Class Collector:

Louis Bamberger
2438 Massachusetts
Redwood City, CA 94061

This Registration Fee is for the Saturday night party (June 5th, 2010) and as this is a BYOB party the Registration Fee is for food and snacks only. In order for the host to properly plan for the food and snacks please return your registration slip **NO LATER THAN May 15th, 2010.**

Friday, June 4th:

Fireside Lounge, Peppermill Hotel/Casino

6 PM until ...

There is the Peppermill Café and the Food Court, both near the Fireside Lounge

Saturday, June 5th:

7:30AM ... Breakfast at the Black Bear Restaurant, about a block and a half North of the Peppermill on Virginia Street, same side of the street.

10AM ... Bowling at the High Sierra Lanes, 3390 South Virginia Street, about three blocks South of the Peppermill on the East side of Virginia Street.

4:30 to 5:00 PM ... arrive at the home of Charlie & Noreen in Sparks, NV for Gathering Party 2010. Maps will be available on Friday night at the Fireside Lounge or check with Bob & Carolyn Ross to obtain a map. They will be staying in their RV across the street from the Peppermill in the Silver Sage RV Park ... 512-658-8048 or 956-357-3181.

Please remember that this is a BYOB party. The registration fee of \$5 per person for the food items provided and prepared by Charlie & Noreen.

Sunday, June 6th:

10 AM ... Going home brunch at the Island Buffet in the Peppermill Hotel/Casino.

What's next?

SEE YA IN JUNE OF 2012! ... HAIL POLY!