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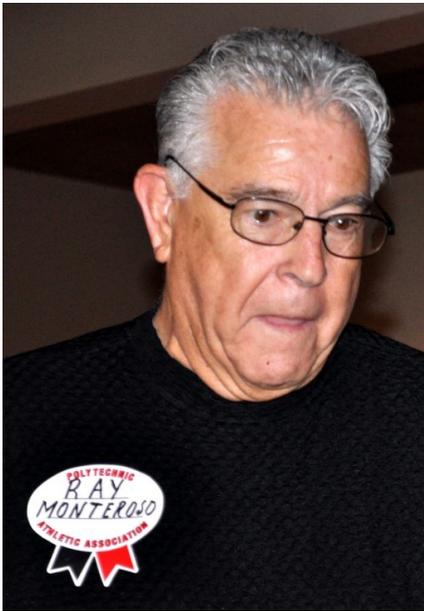
Polytechnic High School ... 1894-1972 ... San Francisco, California

April 2014

Ray Monteroso

January 21, 1937

February 8, 2014



On February 8th of this year we lost a man who was truly dedicated to the preservation of the memory of our great high school. In the annals of Polytechnic history, Ray Monteroso will always be remembered for his enduring efforts to not only remember the sports heroes of Polytechnic High School but also the everyday students who worked hard to maintain the legend of one of the greatest high schools in the history of San Francisco.

The Poly Athletic Association and the Polytechnic Hall of Fame were founded in 1984 and Ray was among the first inductees into the Hall of Fame that year. Ray's devotion to the Poly Athletic Association has not only honored our school's great athletes but provided a yearly opportunity for all the classes of Polytechnic to reunite, remember, and embrace the friendships so warmly built within the halls of Polytechnic.

We started posting Ray's newsletters in the December 2002 issue of the Perennial Parrot ... those newsletters always invited us to the "Annual Reunion Luncheon." Time and distance did not always allow us to attend them; however, we always left with warm feelings whenever we did attend. We don't know how many ways there are to say "THANK YOU" to Ray for what he has given to all Polyites, only that there are not enough.

Evening: A Sonnet

The sun across the heav'ns had made his way,
And now sank down behind the western hill;
The world turned gold, as if a magic quill
Had swept the sky the sun's last gift to pay;
He sank, and stars and moon with softest ray
Peeped down into the world, and all was still;
And men lay gladly down to rest until
The sun rose to claim another day.

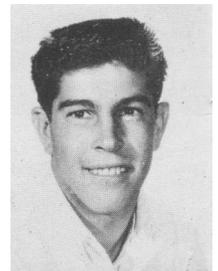
As God is good, so ends our mortal cry,
And, like the sun, we gladly sink to rest,
Too tired and glad to leave the world afar,
To wonder if we've done our earthly quest.
And man's good deeds by God are placed on high
In Heaven's own blue, a bright and shining star.

Geraldine Tiernan,
Class of Spring 1925

So we'll simply say THANK YOU for your love of Polytechnic, for your devotion to and "Labor of Love" that you have given to the Poly Athletic Association. Poly would never have been the same without you.

Adios, Amigo,

Bob Carls



Letters to the Editor

From Joy (Fletcher) Montgomery ... S`59

I was surprised to see Saint Johns Lutheran on the Parrot. Diane Nelson, Jim Lustenberger, Richard Hepburn and I were Saint Johns kids who became Polyites.



From Nancy (Shellhammer) Mobley ... Spring 1955
HI and good morning Bob & Carolyn,
Hope all is going well with you two, both health and wealth wise. Me, - I just “keep-a-going,” a quote from my dear mother-in-law who was from Arkansas. The Foxglove Inn is starting to have repeat guests so that is sure a great sign. And a big Thanks to you Bob for printing my story. It was such a thrill to see that in your paper. Thank you.
I am really trying to get to the Our Gang reunion this year. It would be such a treat to see old friends.

Editor:

No, THANK YOU for all your great hospitality when we have visited with you. We will be looking for you in Reno this June. And for those wondering about the Foxglove Inn ... click on the link under “Businesses Owned by Poly Grads” on the “Links” tab of the Perennial Parrot web site.



From Mike Murray ... 1956

Thanks for the newsletter. Always enjoy reading it and the memories. Sorry to hear about your “back.” Be patient, it takes time to “repair,” especially at our age.

From Charin (Wakefield) Garcia ... Fall `58

Happy to hear you came through the surgery in one piece—albeit put together with “nuts and bolts”! More importantly, with the help of your favorite nurse you are getting back to “normal.” These “golden years” are sure not what we anticipated. As one former Polyite said to me recently, I’m happy to be alive with the silver (in my hair) and gold (in my mouth)!

Editor:

Thanks for the good thoughts folks. Doc said it would take a year to completely heal ... about seven months to go. Biggest irritation is folks walking up to me and saying “Is this yours, I found it laying on the ground.” and they hand me a lag bolt!!!!

From Ron Radigonda ... Spring `64

Thanks for the latest issue. I have retired from ASA/USA Softball and opened a consulting company. It is called Sports Marketing & Management Services ... the web site is www.radigondaconsulting.com

Editor:

You will also find this link on the “Links” tab of the Perennial Parrot web site.



From Lee Carol Lombard ... Spring `53

Wondering whether you have any info on the Athletic Assn. get together in Ray’s absence. It sure would be nice to have at least one more luncheon to honor Ray. Thanks for all you do, too. I always enjoy the Perennial Parrot & share it with other Polyites.

Editor:

Yes, there is the possibility that someone will take over and continue the Athletic Luncheon ... however, nothing is definite at this point in time ... keep watch our web site.

QUIET DOWN!



**Keep it up
and you’ll be
sent to the
Principal’s
Office!!!**

Now that I’ve got your attention, check out these web sites:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Dg2ifB8KxPs#t=12
Playland at the Beach, 1960

<https://www.facebook.com/LostSanFrancisco>
You will need a Facebook account to see this one
http://timelines.ws/cities/SF_C_1930_1959.HTML

At the bottom of this and following pages you will find links for the years 1960 thru 1969, 1970 thru 1977, and 1978 thru 1995

Some people’s kids

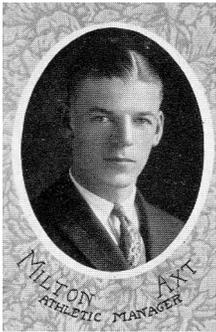
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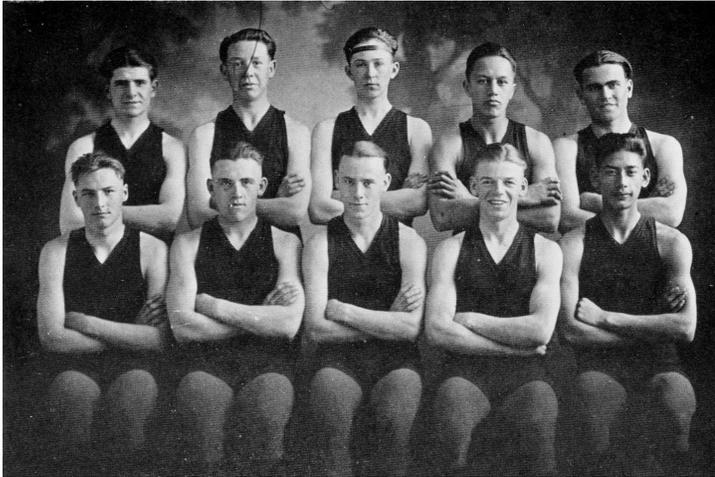




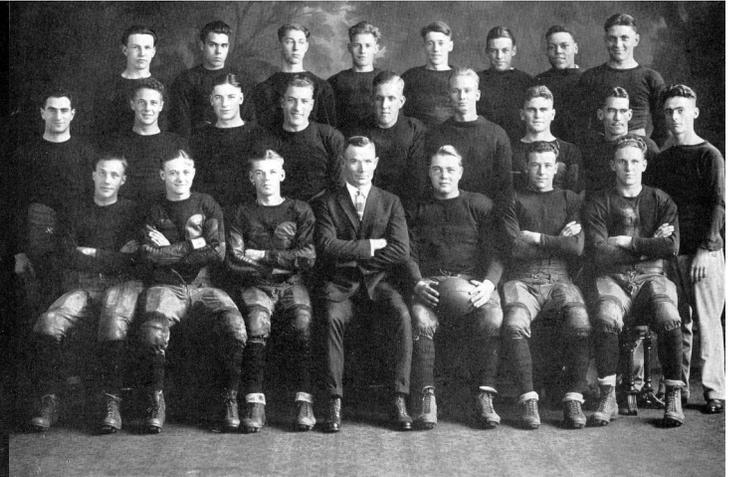
We Do It Again!

Milton Axt
Polytechnic
Class of Spring 1925

Coach Milt Axt
Polytechnic
Head Coach Fall 1955



Spring 1924 ... 145lb Basketball Team



Fall 1924 ... Varsity Football Team

San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame

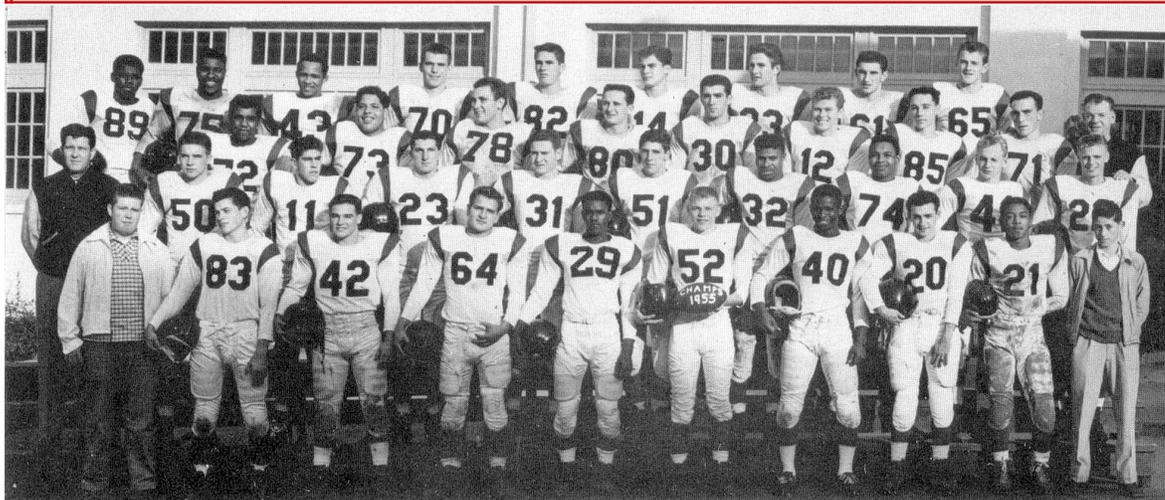
Polytechnic Coaches and Athletes

1983 Milt Axt (c)
 Henry Decia
 84 Paul Hungerford (c)
 Alice Marble
 Dave Marcelli
 Frank Sloman
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 86 Alyn Beals
 88 Herbert Blanchard
 Joe Verducci (c)
 90 Alex Darnes

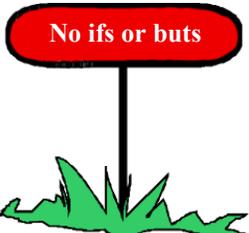
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 94 Gordon Young
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 Ben Tucker
 97 Gary Gillmor
 James Sampson
 George Siefert
 James Witt (c)
 99 Bob St. Clair
 2000 Ted Cano
 01 Bill Simmons

02 Kerry Hampton
 03 Warren Fannin
 Ford Long
 04 Arthur Jepsen
 Cherrie Parish Sherrard
 05 Michael Flemmons
 Sam Johnstone
 06 Gary Lewis
 Albert Marinai
 07 Jack Lilja
 Robert Moore

08 Thomas Piggee
 09 Louis Hilbert
 10 Robert Bleggi
 13 Leslie Barros
 Medford Todd (c)
 (c) coach



1955
A.A.A.
Champions



The Changing Faces of Polytechnic

A Pictorial Essay by Kathy (Bertsch, S'64) Compagno

I started putting this collection together a few years ago after Angus McFarlane sent me four images of Poly through the decades from the 1860s when it was called Boys High School (which Lowell claims as its direct ancestor, but I still quibble that Poly has the same claim), through 1894/1900 with the name Polytechnic at the corner of Bush & Stockton, then the temporary wooden shacks along Frederick Street, and finally our "Granite Lady," also on Frederick Street. I have since added a few more images from my files, some from old journals, some from online (thanks to Marilyn Berg Cooper) and some from the San Francisco Public Library files ... hope you enjoy them.



1906 Poly Classrooms in Ruins

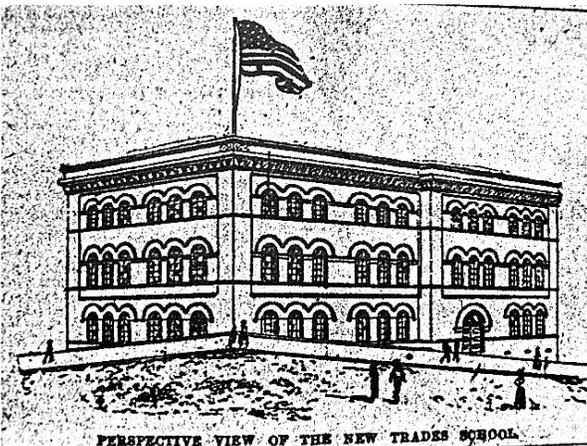
Kathy



1860s Boys High School & City View



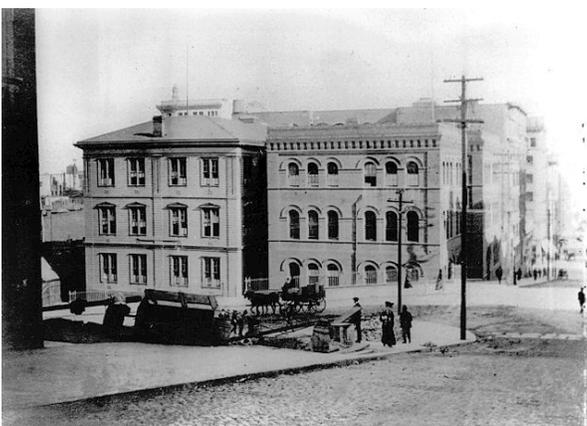
1908 Poly Earthquake Shack Shops



1894 A New Trade School



Frederick Street looking west to Arguello Street on June 2, 1908. Tracks are for the Market Street Streetcar. Polytechnic High School is on the left.

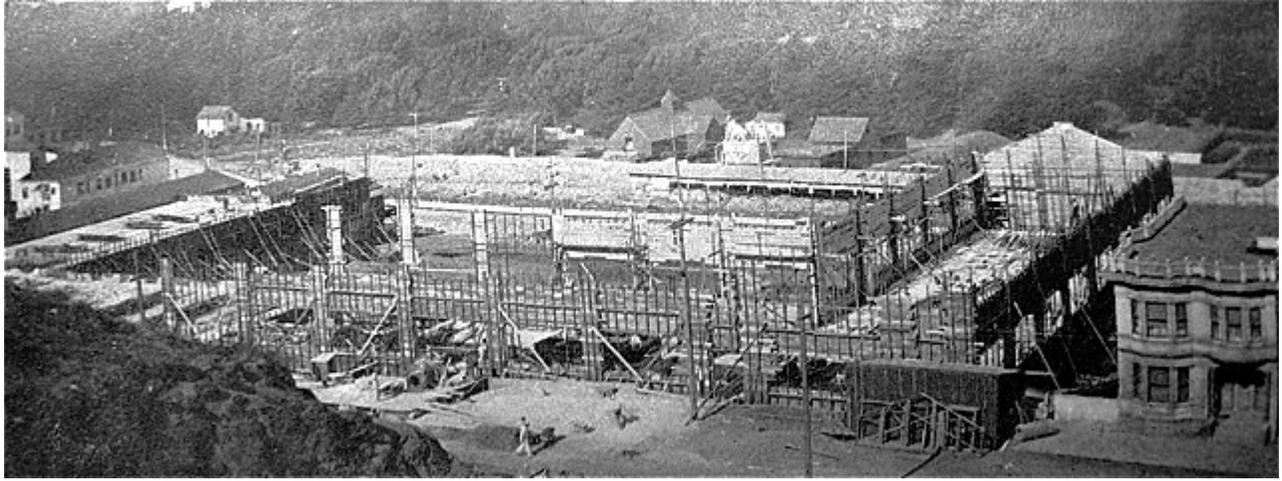


1900 Poly Buildings at Bush & Stockton



More pics on Page 5 with 4 additional photos added by the Editor.

The Changing Faces of Polytechnic



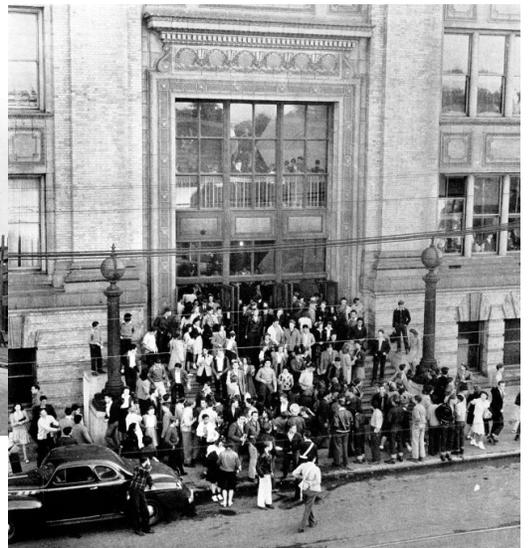
1911 New School Construction



1920 Poly Corner View



1927 Fredrick Street, Poly and Kezar Stadium Remodeling



1941 Main Entrance



1953



Left & Below:
October 1984
Main Entrance & Senior Bench
The Finale Visit

HAIL POLYTECHNIC,
LONG LIVE THY NAME





Gathering 2014

June 6-7-8, 2014 Reno, Nevada





Polytechnic, The War Years

1941 FALL Yearbook, published January 1942

FOREWARD

Japan, with the aid of her Axis partners, has struck a severe, ruthless, cowardly punch below our belt, but we're not going to yell foul to the world; instead, we'll strike back with all our resourceful strength until she is floored for the ten-count. We must accept this uninvited challenge as a whole nation without hesitation and must bury the grievances among ourselves to unite for a common aim—victory over totalitarianism. To accomplish this we must make extreme sacrifices—a temporary privation we should say.

It won't be a sacrifice at all, as the President has said, because it would be an honor and a privilege for each loyal American to contribute to our sacred cause. Someday we'll be rewarded with a brighter flame to our torch of Liberty.

We must win this war for the freedom of the entire world; for all free people depend on us. And we will win it, for the rising sun of totalitarianism will be forced to set by the acts of justice and righteousness. Until then we must, with the spirit of our forefathers, by our determination to preserve our freedom, and with our mighty armed forces, defeat the menace of the world's peace. by George Wong

1942 Yearbook, published in June.

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, To the Graduates: The all important question before each of you is "What am I doing to serve my country in this critical emergency?" The very life and whole future of our country is at stake in this war. If possible, get more training and education. Be adequately prepared. This is more necessary than before. Science and technology have been drawn on in this war more than ever before. If you are going to work, you can serve your country on the job. The successful carrying on of the war depends upon our military forces. Some of you will be in the military service of our country. We know that we can count on you to do your duty and more. We are all aiming at the same goal; namely, to save our country from destruction, to preserve democracy, and to safeguard freedom for ourselves and our prosperity. Our best wishes go with you as you leave Poly. Sincerely yours, C.A. Anderson, Principal

1942 YEARBOOK

DEDICATION

In the midst of the most deadly war in history all our efforts must be devoted to one end, the winning of that war. Our thoughts and prayers, however, ever follow the men in uniform, not only those in the uniform of the United States of America, but those in the uniforms of our stalwart allies. These gallant men, scattered over the seven seas and all the continents, are prepared to give the "last full measure of devotion" that we may retain and some, at least, may return to a country still operating under free institutions. To these men, wherever they may be, and especially to all Polytechnic boys in the service of our country, we, in humility and gratitude dedicate this Journal of June 1943.

WARTIME MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

You are graduating from high school at a time when nearly the whole world is at war. What lies ahead? There are two heavy responsibilities ahead of us. The first is to win a decisive victory over our enemies, and the second is to reconstruct the post-war world. In both of these responsibilities you young people will play a major part. This world would not be a fit place in which to live if our enemies triumphed, so our first responsibility is clear.

As to our second task, we must not repeat our mistake in the First World War when we won the war and lost the peace. A

better world must follow this war. It will not come by accident or chance. It will come only if we plan it and work for it and thus bring it to pass. My best wishes to you in this high endeavor. Sincerely yours, Carl A. Anderson

1944 YEARBOOK; one year before the end of the war;
INTRODUCTION

For almost two and a half years we have been engaged in a world war. We have seen fathers, brothers, friends go over, never to return. Even some of our classmates who grew impatient have gone. Some of them, too, will not return.

Now at last we have finished our high school education and are ready to step onto the battlefields. Some of us will be flyers, some infantrymen, some sailors, some marines, but all of us fighters—fighters for our country, for our constitution, for our people—fighters for the liberation of all humanity from the crushing heel of the Axis butchers. Let us pause a moment and think. As we look through the pages of this book, we shall be looking at the pictures of the fellows who will retake Manila, fight again in Paris and Berlin, - yes, even march through Tokyo. Look at these boys. Remember them. Many of them will not come back ... many of them ...

This book shall stand in memory of those brave lads who fought and died that this land be free; and it shall endure as a reminder to those behind to preserve that peace for which these boys paid so great a price. It shall remind them to make this a unified country, a better country, our own United States.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

To the Graduating Class: As you leave Polytechnic to take up new and different duties elsewhere our best wishes for your success go with you. All of us are aware of the fact that our first responsibility is to win the war and restore peace to the world. There is a second responsibility, however, which is equally important and that is to lay the foundations for the kind of world in which we want to live after the war is over. In that task your generation will have a large share and a heavy responsibility. May you have the wisdom, patience and tolerance which will be needed to achieve this goal. Sincerely, Carl A. Anderson, Principal

THEY WILL NOT RETURN

<i>Harry Dow</i>	<i>Fred Martin</i>	<i>Ward Cox</i>
<i>Thomas Marshall</i>	<i>Harry Smith</i>	<i>Albert Heick</i>
<i>Roy Lagier</i>	<i>Russell Walker</i>	<i>David Wrenn</i>
<i>Henri Carbonell</i>	<i>John Krueger</i>	<i>Walter Plate</i>
<i>Carl Anderson</i>	<i>Jack Bogel</i>	<i>George Ford</i>

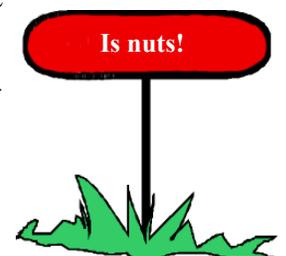
1945 YEARBOOK; the war ended the summer after their graduation;

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Your graduation will be a memorable occasion because it will occur while a great historical event is taking place, namely the United Nations Conference to establish world security and peace. These are stirring times in which we live. You are leaving high school when the world is on the threshold of great happenings.

Your generation will live in a world which will be determined largely by events not taking place. We hope it will be a better world than we have yet known. In a short time, your influence will be felt in the affairs of our city, state and nation; and we know that you will strive to perpetuate the great principles of freedom, democracy and world peace.

As you leave Polytechnic, we extend to you our best wishes for your happiness and success. Sincerely, C.A. Anderson, Principal



Welcome To our Gang



Jerry Crabtree
Class of Spring 1955

The old saying “It’s a small world” really comes into play here. Jerry found us one day while on the internet looking for “Polytechnic” and found this newsletter. After exchanging a few emails we discovered that before we moved to the Rio Grande Valley from Austin, TX we lived, for many years, only about 60 miles from Llano, TX where Jerry and his wife Cheryl live. Can’t tell you how many times we have driven through Llano on our many trips to and from California & Colorado and passed within two blocks of their home. Won’t miss them this trip.



Reg 204 ... F'55/S'56 Yearbook:
Bottom Row: G. Applewhite, M. Bennett, D. Barsi, D. Barbour, N. Barsekian, T. Africana ... Top Row: E. Baker, B. Altendorf, F. Bender, D. Bennas, J. Alaniz, P. Bartholomew

Maydean (Bennett)
Grundstrom
Class of S 1957



Maydean was unable to complete her Senior year at Poly due to her parents relocating out of San Francisco. However, she is a TRUE Parrot ... as the man sang she *Left her heart at Polytechnic* ... Well, if he didn't he should have!!! Maydean will be joining us at Gathering 2014 this June. She has not yet officially joined *Our Gang* as of this printing but by the time we all get through with her in June ...

May The Parrot Be With ALL Y'ALL

To The Shacks

Though to the shacks we've grown accustomed,
Rough hewn boards and seats of pine,
Still when we at last are settled,
Luxuries will seem quite fine.

We adore our good old building,
Even the cracks in every room,
And we'll always love her dearly
As a bride does love the groom.

When we're once inside the spacious
Walls of learning, great and strong,
We shall loudly, with thanksgiving
Raise our voices, then, in song.

Thanks to those who've toiled so long,
Thanks to those who've laid the stones;
They have been the bees of labor,
Not the fat, good-natured drones.

Farewell shacks! We soon must leave you
For a finer, larger home.
Still I know we'll never forget you
Though we many miles should roam.

Desks of polished wood and handsome,
Ceilings bright with fresh paint
Do not make a boy more clever,
Ne'er have made a rogue a saint.

We have grown both wise and healthy
In our shacks of wood so mean,
Wisdom has been heaped upon us,
Doleful times we've never seen

Evelyn Blair



Name: Evelyn Blair
Alias: Ev
Class: Spring 1915 ... Poem above from the Spring 1914 Yearbook
Appearance: Dignified
Disposition: Studious
Favorite Expression: Oh, my prophetic soul!
Principle Occupation: Acquiring 1's and 2's
Ambition: To write poetry.

**Arguing with a WOMAN
Is like getting arrested.
Everything you say
Can and will be
Used against you.**



Gathering 2014

From Bob (S'55) & Carolyn (Bier, S'57) Ross, Perennial Parrot Staff

We have received several information requests from folks who have never been to a *Gathering* wanting to know the “Who, What, When & Where” as they are thinking of joining us in Reno this coming June 6, 7 & 8. We sincerely hope that after reading about *Gathering* that they will decide to join with us for a week-end of fun, school friends (old & new) and great memories.

Gathering was born at a party following the 1984 30 year reunion hosted by the Class of 1954. A small group tried to meet the following year in Las Vegas but it just didn't come together. On our way home we thought that maybe a newsletter might help get everyone together and so the Perennial Parrot Newsletter was born. A second attempt at a *Gathering* was made the following year, 1986, in Reno, NV and has been a bi-annual event ever since. Attendance is usually around 35, warm and friendly, folks.

First off, tuxes and evening gowns are strictly forbidden. Even if you bring them, there will not be an occasion to wear them as there are no fancy dining rooms or ball rooms for you to wear them. What should you plan to wear? Why RED & BLACK of course! We even know that “Billy Joe” still has his original senior hat and it still fits.

No, *Gathering* has no Pomp & Ceremony nor is it a reunion in the true sense of the word even though some folks insist on calling it that. It is simply a *Gathering* of folks from Poly who come together every two years to renew old school friendships and remember the great times we had at Poly. The original group was comprised of folks from the '55 ~ '57 classes but over the years “younger” folks from the early 50s to the mid 60s have joined us with their memories and new school friendships. All classes are welcome and whatever class you are from, you will find a warm welcome and leave with new memories and friends.

For the first several *Gatherings*, we would set up a block of rooms, usually at the Circus-Circus. Eventually, folks grew unhappy with that hotel and we relocated to the Peppermill Hotel. After a few *Gatherings*, the hotel started wanting a good sized deposit as our group is small and they wanted a guaranteed number of rooms which none of us were willing to do. We still center activities around the Peppermill Hotel, however, everyone is on their own for accommodations (at whatever hotel suites them). For those coming in an RV (trailer or motor home) there is the Silver Sage RV Park directly across the street from the Peppermill Hotel.

As for *Gathering* activities ... well, some might say we are stuck in a rut ... but it seems to be a smooth running rut. As folks arrive on Friday evening they find their way to the Fireside Lounge in the Peppermill Hotel. We pretty much take over one corner of the lounge and before the night is over a robust Poly cheer is heard issuing into the casino.



Saturday morning finds the early risers strolling down the street to the Black Bear Restaurant at 7AM and usually disturbing the morning diners with the Poly cheer. Then the Red & Black head several blocks in the opposite direction to the High Sierra Lanes for 9AM bowling and conservation ... YES, another Poly cheer vibrates the walls.



Saturday afternoon finds folks shopping, dropping coins in the one-armed bandits and/or sight-seeing. Come 5PM and you'll find us at the home of Charlie & Noreen (Crowden, F'57) in Sparks, NV ... it's PARTY TIME! There is usually a yearbook or two floating around to stir the memory nodules. The food is good and the memories created are unmeasurable. It's also time to elect new club officers for the coming two years, well ... not exactly elect, if you get my meaning. No, I didn't forget ... yet another Poly cheer



echoes through the back yards of Charlie & Noreen's neighborhood ... they do warn the neighbors ahead of time.

Sunday, late morning, for those you have not hit the road early we *Gather* at the Island Buffet in the Pepper Mill Hotel for BRUNCH ... you better be hungry! Ya know ... there

always seem to be a few more of those “OH, do you remember”. And YES ... there is always that finale Poly cheer to send everyone on their way home, with great memories.

SO ... want to spent a fun weekend with us old Poly folk? Then pick up the phone and make a room reservation at the Peppermill or any other area hotel of your choice and come join us in Reno, NV over the June 6-7-8 weekend. We would all love to hear your school days memories.

Look at the back of this newsletter for a *Gathering 2014* registration form. Hope to see ya there ...

HAIL POLY ...

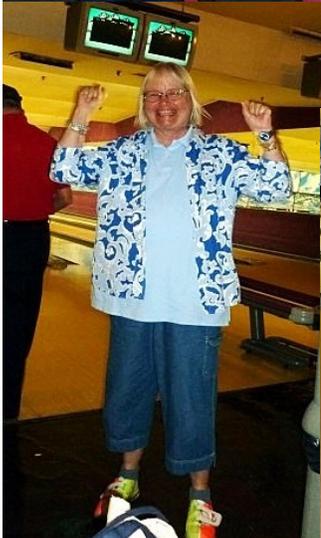
Bob & Carolyn



Gathering 2012

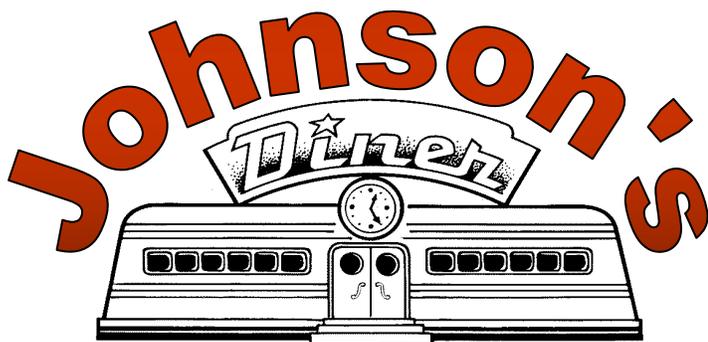


**Remembering
the smiles of
Gathering 2012**



Gathering 2012





Where the elite meet to eat



Favorite Baked Spaghetti

Ingredients:

- 1 package (16 ounces) spaghetti
- 1 pound ground turkey or beef
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 1 jar (24 ounces) meatless spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 5 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 cups (16 ounces) 4% cottage cheese
- 4 cups (16 ounces) part-skim shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions:

Cook spaghetti according to package instructions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce and seasoned salt; set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, Parmesan cheese and butter. Drain spaghetti; add to egg mixture and toss to coat.

Place half of the spaghetti mixture in a greased 3-qt, baking dish. Top with half of the cottage cheese, meat sauce and mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers.

Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Uncover, bake 20—25 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.

Yield:

10 servings.

Editor:

If Johnsons had served something like this at lunch I would probably have missed all my afternoon classes!

George "High Pockets" Kelly

From Kathy Compagno, S'64 (Research by Kathy and Bob Ross)

A long, long time ago Vince Aguiar told us about George "High Pockets" Kelly, a Poly Grad who is in the Baseball Hall of Fame. George was born in 1895, and left poly to play pro baseball, so he is not listed in any of our graduate listings and presumably pre-dates our previously known copies of the Poly journals. I recently spent an afternoon at the SF Public Library and methodically photographed six old journals which are new to their collection now. Finally, I've got a chance to see just what I found, and here's a surprise from December 1912; Seems one George Kelly was captain of the basketball team !!! And he would be age 17 at the time.



George Kelly
1912 Yearbook



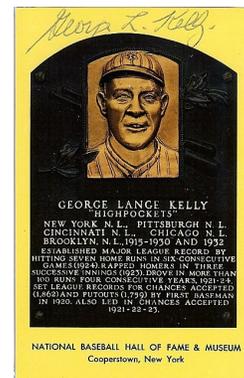
George Kelly
1st Basemann

Growing up in San Francisco, George watched the city blossom in the years after the earthquake of 1906. He rooted for the top pro team, the Wasps, who were champions of the California League in 1901. The Pacific Coast League, formed when George was 9 years old, displayed the talents of several future major leaguers, many of whom played for the hometown Seals. Ping Bodie was among the many memorable hitters on those early San Francisco clubs.

Kelly was long and lean. He stood 6-feet-4 as a teenager and could pitch, hit, and field with strength and a grace that was unusual in a boy of his build back then. George was good enough on the diamond to drop out of high school and make a buck playing semipro ball around the city and across the Bay in the Oakland area.

Nicknamed "Long George" and "High Pockets," he was a Major League Baseball (MLB) first baseman. He played most of his MLB career for the New York Giants (1915–1917, 1919–1926), but also played for the Pittsburgh Pirates (1917), Cincinnati Reds (1927–1930), Chicago Cubs (1930), and Brooklyn Dodgers (1932).

Kelly is a two-time World Series champion (1921 and 1922). He led the National League in home runs once (1921) and runs batted in twice (1920 and 1924). While playing for the New York Giants in the 1924 season he became the first player to hit home runs in six consecutive games. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973. However, his selection is regarded as controversial, as many believe he is undeserving of the recognition and was only elected by the Veterans Committee because it consisted of his former teammates. Baseball historian Bill James, while ranking Kelly as the 65th greatest first baseman of all-time, also cites Kelly as "the worst player in the Hall of Fame."



In Memoriam

Malcolm A. Thompson

Class of Spring 1936

7-1-1917 ~ 12-13-2013

Received the Distinguished Flying Cross Air Medal with Three Oak Clusters during WWII while serving with the USAAC 8th AF, 352nd Bombardment Group known as "The Liberators from Wendling".



Henry Carl Henning

Class of Spring 1933

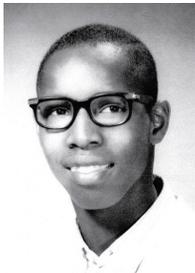
1913 ~ 12-14-2013



Duane Madison Jr.

Class of 1967

19 ?? ~ 1-8-2014



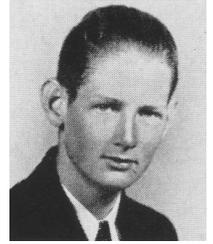
As a student at Polytechnic High School, Duane received several awards in track and field: First Place Award in Relay, 14 March 1964; Fall 1965 Cross Country; Spring 1965 and 1966 Varsity Track. Duane was inducted into Polytechnic High School Hall of Fame during their August 2013 high school reunion.



Kenneth T. Small

Class of Fall 1938

7-10-1921 ~ 11-11-2013



Bessie (Wong) Kodis

Class of Fall 1944

11-20-1926 ~ 1-16-2014



Alfonso "AL" Meillon

Class of Spring 1944

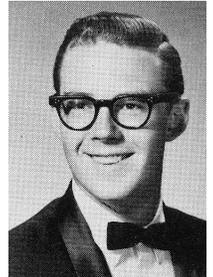
10-27-1926 ~ 1-23-2014



Dennis Garden

Class of Fall 1962

7-10-1945 ~ 3-12-2014



John Elvin Christensen

Class of 1934

12-8-1916 ~ 1-20-2014

Marie (?) Horton

Class of 1941 (?)

1923 ~ 2-10-2014

John Henry Bower Sr.

Class of 1965

1948 ~ 2-12-2014

Nancy (Erickson) Kraemer

Class of 1951 (?)

7-10-1945 ~ 3-12-2014

May the Parrot be with them on their journey



Don't you just love it when the drugstore clerk wraps up your aspirin, your truss, the Kaopectate and the hemorrhoid medication ... and then says, "Have a nice day!"

Orbean's Current Comedy

Kibbles And Bits And Pieces

from Bob (S'55) & Carolyn (Bier, S'57) Ross
The Perennial Parrot Staff



Well, we're only about 8 or 9 days (+/- a few days) late but we did, AT LAST, find the LAST PAGE!!! Seems like we are always looking for that page.

No, we are not lazy, just heavily involved since the middle of January in forming a Remote Control Car Club here in the RV Resort where we live. It's like any other thing you start ... you are the "GO TO" person and getting others to pitch in is a major effort. But success is at hand as our club has grown from eight members to 29 with more "Winter Texans" planning to join when they return next season and with that support the park manager is putting in a 60' by 120' track for the club. Now that the major work is done all I need to do is convince someone else to take over so I can go play with my car ... easier said than done!



If you are planning to attend the "Our Gang" Gathering in Reno this June you had better get busy ... make your hotel reservations (June 6-7-8) NOW and get your registration to our Class Collector NOW! Registration form at the back of this issue. Have already seen a couple of names that have never attended before and are excited to welcome "new blood" to the event. OK Nancy Shellhammer ... haven't seen your name pop-up yet ... "The time has come, the walrus said"



More important than our Gathering is the Poly Cornerstone Project. This is really a major project that will ensure the folks of San Francisco will always remember that a GREAT high school once stood there, tall and proud and had a great influence on the history of the City. This project is about OUR SCHOOL, boys and girls. It is a memorial to our school that we will all leave behind us. It is a memorial to be cherished, a memorial that your children can point to with pride and say "My mother (or my father) went to this high school. One of your grandchildren may one day stand before this memorial and say "My grandfather was the

quarterback of the Poly Parrots!" It's up to us, all of us, to make this project a success. It's up to us, all of us, to help keep the memory of Polytechnic alive for generations to come by supporting the efforts of the Poly Cornerstone Committee. You will find a pledge form at the back of this issue. PLEASE, even if it's only \$10 or \$20, make a donation and help this project to its completion. And your donation is tax deductible as the committee has established the project as a non-profit organization. Got a question? ... You can email the cornerstone committee at Polycornerstone@aol.com

We have also added a page to the Perennial Parrot web site just for the Poly Cornerstone project and will be posting updates to the project as we get them. Please help, send in your pledge/donation today.



OK ... I'm down off my soapbox. Time now to start getting the RV ready to head for Reno. It's in the shop at the moment for some needed repairs, one of which we thought was going to be very costly but turned out to be no where as bad as we thought. Good thing about the RV is that it will be paid off come October ... all 8mpg of it!!!



Want to thank Kathy Compagno for all her research about people, things and events having to do with Poly. Also to the folks in the research group in the shadows behind Kathy ... you folks are, as Tony the Tiger says, GREAT!!! And please don't forget, we welcome **your** input about Poly friends and memories, especially with photos ... don't be shy, we are only an email away.

Off to drive my little race car ...

ZOOM! ZOOM! ZOOM!

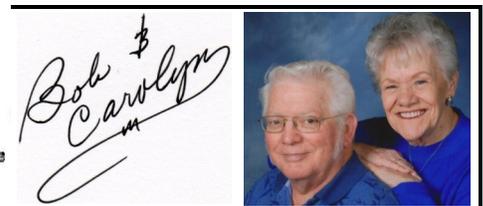
P.S.
Hey Nancy, got your reservation in yet???

A Think To Thought On ...

Sometimes the thoughts in my head get so bored they go out for a stroll through my mouth.

This is rarely a good thing.

Scott Westerfield



May The Parrot Be With You

HIGH SCHOOL -- 1957 vs. 2014

You know by today's standards none of us was supposed to ever make it.

Scenario 1:

Jack goes duck hunting before school and then pulls into the school parking lot with his shotgun in his truck's gun rack.

1957 - Vice Principal comes over, looks at Jack's shotgun, goes to his car and gets his shotgun to show Jack.

2014- School goes into lock down, FBI called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again. Counselors called in for traumatized students and teachers.

Scenario 2:

Johnny and Mark get into a fist fight after school.

1957 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up buddies.

2014 - Police called and SWAT team arrives -- they arrest both Johnny and Mark. They are both charged with assault and both expelled even though Johnny started it.

Scenario 3:

Jeffrey will not be still in class, he disrupts other students.

1957 - Jeffrey sent to the Principal's office and given a good paddling by the Principal. He then returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

2014 - Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin. He becomes a zombie. He is then tested for ADD. The family gets extra money (SSI) from the government because Jeffrey has a disability.

Scenario 4:

Billy breaks a window in his neighbor's car and his Dad gives him a whipping with his belt.

1957 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college and becomes a successful businessman.

2014 - Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse, Billy is removed to foster care and joins a gang. The state psychologist is told by Billy's sister that she remembers being abused herself and their dad goes to prison. Billy's mom has an affair with the psychologist.

Scenario 5:

Mark gets a headache and takes some aspirin to school.

1957 - Mark shares his aspirin with the Principal out on the smoking dock.

2014 - The police are called and Mark is expelled from school for drug violations. His car is then searched for drugs and weapons.

Scenario 6:

Pedro fails high school English.

1957 - Pedro goes to summer school, passes English and goes to college.

2014 - Pedro's cause is taken up by state. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that teaching English as a requirement for graduation is racist. ACLU files class action lawsuit against the state school system and Pedro's English teacher. English is then banned from core curriculum. Pedro is given his diploma anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he cannot speak English.

Scenario 7:

Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers from the Fourth of July, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle and blows up a red ant bed.

1957 - Ants die.

2014 - ATF, Homeland Security and the FBI are all called. Johnny is charged with domestic terrorism. The FBI investigates his parents - and all siblings are removed from their home and all computers are confiscated. Johnny's dad is placed on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

Scenario 8:

Johnny falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Mary hugs him to comfort him.

1957 - In a short time, Johnny feels better and goes on playing.

2014 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in State Prison. Johnny undergoes 5 years of therapy.

This should hit every email inbox to show how stupid we have become!

Dec 2013 - A six year old in Canon City, Colorado is charged with sexual assault for kissing the hand of classmate and suspended from school ,,,, and the beat goes on.

PLEDGE



FORM

Donor Information (please print or type)

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Mail to: Polytechnic Cornerstone

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POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL - OUR GANG GATHERING 2014 JUNE 6-7-8, 2014 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 7th, 2014) 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, 2014.**

Friday, June 6th:

Fireside Lounge, Peppermill Hotel/Casino

6 PM until ...

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

Saturday, June 7th:

7:00AM ... Breakfast at the Black Bear Restaurant, about a block and a half North of the Peppermill on Virginia Street, same side of the street.

9AM ... 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 2014. 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 8th:

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

What's next

SEE YA IN JUNE 2014! . . HAIL POLY!