



Poly's Paper: New, Nameless

This is the first issue of Poly's new student newspaper. As you can see from the masthead, we have not yet chosen a name. If you have a suggestion, please submit it to any member of the paper staff. As our first effort, it has some rough edges, but we hope you will overlook those. If you have any suggestions as to stories to cover or would like to join the staff, please feel free to do so. We meet each Tuesday and Thursday during conference period in Room 117.



Is This Safe?--Afternoon dismissal on Catalina Avenue with double-parked cars and increased congestion has irritated Poly's neighbors and led to meetings.

Catalina Neighbors Voice Their Concerns Over Traffic Congestion, Student Behavior

By Amy Horng

Gridlock? Around Poly????

To the horror and consternation of everyone around and within Poly, gridlock is no longer an alien frustration of the Santa Monica Freeway. It is a behemoth that roams, uncontrolled, around the Polytechnic School campus, displaying its temper every morning and afternoon. It spares none in its wrath.

This gridlock dilemma has been further exacerbated by Poly's growth over the years. Every morning, Catalina and Cornell are but tests of self-control as Poly neighbors, parents, students, and faculty crawl toward the intersections.

"The lower school pickup area on Catalina poses a hassle for everyone. Parents are late getting to work, the kids are late for class, and the neighbors cannot back out of their driveways," said a spokesperson for The Catalina-Cornell Residents' Association.

The ultimate problem posed by traffic is undoubtedly that of parking. Double, and even triple, parking is common on Catalina, especially in the afternoon as parents wait for their children. When cars block and/or park in the driveways, fire engines and ambulances cannot enter should an emergency arise. The city of Pasadena has requested for 28 additional parking spaces near Poly, and the search is on for potential solutions.

Furthermore, according to neighbors, activities and social functions recently held at Poly have not taken into consideration the neighbors around Poly.

"Noise is a real problem. Buses, instead of parking on Wilson between California and Cornell, which contains no residents, have been parking on Catalina. The PA System used at football games detracts from the once-cheerful spirit of the games, and racing around the block poses a real threat to children in Poly as well as in the neighborhood," stated a neighbor.

Finally, vandalism and neighborhood security bring forth many concerns. In the past, the neighbors were often the first ones to see and thus report damage of the field and suspicious activities around Poly at night or on the weekends. However, neighbors are increasingly becoming alienated as teenagers, whether from Poly or otherwise, tear through their backyards and trash their lawns.

"There was a dance sometime ago at Poly which, because not everyone was admitted, left a lot of kids to vent their frustration out on the neighbors. I have had to call the police on weekends when kids scale the fence and heckle from the rooftops of the lower school, at 2:30 in the morning! I am convinced that these kids are familiar with Poly because they knew . . . Why this accumulation of problems?needed, the neighbors could park in their driveways and leave the roads clear. Because communication and cooperation were strong between the neighbors and Poly, problems were resolved quickly.

Both sides are eager to work on these problems, and each has produced suggestions as well as improvements. The neighbors are grateful of the fact that maintenance has kept the campus clean. Secondly, because Wilson contains no residential buildings from California to Cornell and is 6 feet wider than Catalina, the neighbors strongly urge that all the traffic and pickup area be directed onto Wilson.

These concerns as well as others were addressed at the November 16th meeting in the Flagler Learning Center. It will be only one in a series of ongoing meetings.

Poly at the Polls

Bush, Bentsen Top Student Ticket

George Bush and Dan Quayle may have won the national presidential election, but the ticket of Bush and Lloyd Bentsen was the first choice of Poly voters.

With 84% of the student body and faculty voting, Bush-Quayle won 53% of the votes, with 38% choosing Dukakis-Bentsen. Among faculty members, the Democratic ticket received 82% to just 14% for the Republicans.

Fall Play

Dark of the Moon Opening this Week

By Kelly Smith

Dark of the Moon, by Howard Richardson and William Berney, is the fall play at Poly this year. Because of the uncertainty of CIF playoff games in football, the performance dates have not been set. However, the play will be performed twice out of three possible dates of November 17, 18, and 19. Admission is free, and the play will start at 7:30 P.M. in Garland Theater.

Dark of the Moon is different from previous plays here in many ways. Director Tina Kirby says, "My main objective in choosing scripts is to provide the student actors with a different experience each show. This is why I move from Siam to the Smokey Mountains of Kentucky! This is a very earthy, lyrical drama - very different from anything we've done lately." If you've asked any member of the cast to describe the play, you've probably received a confusing response about witches, religion, premarital sex, and small town life. In fact, the play does include all of these elements, but it is not as complicated as it sounds.

Dark of the Moon is set in the Smokey Mountains of Kentucky in the late nineteenth century. It is the story of Barbara Allen, played by Catherine Baker, and John, played by Joel Wilson, who are in love with each other. However, Barbara is from a religious and strongly superstitious community, and John is a witch. The play is about how they must deal with the people around them who feel threatened by their difference.

Another unusual aspect of the play is that music and dance are highlighted. This is something that is usually reserved for the spring musical.

EDITORIAL & OPINION

FILLER BY ERIC WHITE



Photoradar Affects Pasadena Drivers

By Anne Su

One of the newest and most controversial tools that has been adopted in enforcing the speed limit in Pasadena is the Photoradar. This device, which takes frontal pictures of vehicles and their drivers traveling over a certain speed limit, has generated a lot of opposition from those who have been caught by this device. Those who liken the radar to "Big Brother" watching. Many people say that they don't like the device because they cannot immediately challenge the officers.

Most of the cases so far in which the motorists challenged their tickets have resulted in the tickets being cancelled or reduced. Some cases have been thrown out because the pictures were too blurry or because the van in which the radar was mounted did not have sufficient markings. Some motorists have also settled for having their tickets reduced to parking violations.

The photoradar, which is being used in only one other city in the U.S. (Orlando, Florida) can be an effective tool in reducing the traffic problems in Pasadena as long as the vans in which the radar is mounted are properly marked as police vehicles.

This newspaper is a student newspaper that will be published as frequently as its staff can produce issues. There are no official editors. All articles represent the opinions of student authors. Staff members include Anne Su, Carolee Reiling, Shauna Toh, Basem Wasef, John Kenyon, Fay Lin, Tom Sitter, Felicia Williams, Alex Volk, Jimmy Ho, Alison Sargent, Mark Horng, Amy Horng, Kelly Smith, Wendy Ray, Roopal Mehta, Anne-Marie Francisco, Shabnum Matthews, Ken Iwasaki, Yenjen Chan, Michael Yun, and Joe Mathews.

Protection or Harassment?

Pasadena Police vs. Poly Student Body

By Alex Volk

If you drive westbound on Arden Road to get to school in the morning, you may have noticed the Pasadena police officer with his radar gun on his motorcycle. You may also have noticed the meter maid that drives around the school handing out parking tickets. These tickets probably are justified, but does the Pasadena Police Department discriminate against Poly drivers?

I went around the school asking people about the officer, and I discovered that Poly students weren't the only people receiving tickets. A few students told me that their parents had been caught by the officer. When I went to go and try to find the officer, he wasn't there.

Now most people would say something like "Well, there are police officers with radar guns everywhere, and you just have to live with it." What most people don't know is that this man sits in the same place, day after day, almost every weekday. This same officer has also been known to sit at the bottom of Arden and ticket people for not coming to a complete stop at the stop sign. Interestingly enough, the only times when he has been seen at these locations is in the morning, and during arts and labs and at lunch.

The weekend of October 30 when I was driving by school was really surprising. I saw a Mustang sitting across the street from Poly on Wilson. The rear end of this car was sticking out so far that it should have been ticketed for that. Also, it should have been ticketed for sitting on the street overnight several times, and also for parking over the two hour limit. As of November 13, the car was still there. This was a total of five days. The car never received a ticket.

It seems to me that if the Police department doesn't want to get a reputation for being prejudiced against Poly, then it shouldn't stay around Poly so much. I believe that the police should be protecting the community. I read an article in the *Star News* that spoke of a family in Northwest Pasadena that was moving because their house had been broken into four times, and they had lost everything. Why doesn't the Pasadena Police Department fight crime first and hand out tickets for not coming to a complete stop when they have some free time, not the other way around?

This newspaper welcomes letters from students, alumni, faculty and parents. Please address them to the school care of Poly Student Newspaper.

EDITORIAL & OPINION

Rescued Whales

Within Our Will, Within Our Grasp

By Yenjen Chan

Just a month ago, people from separate parts of the world found themselves unexpectedly drawn together in a common goal. That goal was to save two whales, trapped in ice just off the coast of Point Barrow, Alaska, from freezing to death.

The rescuers had to face a hard battle against time. The ice was forming at rapid speeds. Yet even this did not deter the men and women who, through a lot of hard work and perseverance, saved the whales. I'd like to think that somehow the outpouring of human passion and warmth for the whales played a part by slowing down the freezing process.

People from different countries helped in the rescue. Finally, an issue which all people could agree and support and was also not dependent or influenced by the person's social background, race, and/or country's political beliefs was found. Eskimos (who occasionally whalehunt), worked side by side with wildlife protectionists. Big companies supplying both financial and technological aid were matched by individuals who contributed suggestions and support. And Soviets and Americans had temporarily put aside their political differences and joined powers in what one magazine referred to as "Glasnost."

In a larger sense, the rescue wasn't just about of the saving of two whales, but it was an event which demonstrated that one man's ability is only limited to the limits he puts on himself. If there is a will to get through a problem, the person will most likely find that way.

If at any point of the whale rescue, the hope and will for the project had died, the whales would have most likely died. But the fact that the event was successful further proves that we are able to accomplish many worthwhile goals. And another great thing that was proven from the whale rescue was that though there appears to be many barriers and differences which separate each nation from each other, there still exists some inherent traits that link us all together.

New Conference Period

By Mark Horng

It is new. It is vital to many activities. It is the headache of many who want to leave early. It is the conference period. Yes, the conference period. Proposed last year by Mr. Babcock, it has been in existence for almost a QUARTER now. Surprisingly, none of the misgivings that were voiced last year has happened, yet.

It was relatively easy to enforce, and the students readily took to it after, of course, some murmuring. Why did the school institute it anyway? The main impetus was probably derived from the observation that students and teachers couldn't get together for a friendly chat or two since everyone's schedule was filled. Furthermore, some students who need extra help were having trouble seeking help because more likely than not, conflicts would arise. Thus as a solution to the above, the conference period was created. Besides, conference means 'a formal meeting for discussion.'

The conference period not only provided time for students to chat with and seek help from teachers. It has also greatly aided the various clubs and organizations by providing time for the meetings. As Mr. Gold said, "The conference period, though not essential, has helped the Debate Team tremendously." Many new clubs and organizations are also partly dependent on the conference period. Foremost in your mind must be the Poly paper that you are reading now, for without the conference period, many meetings would not have happened.

Poison Oak: Should It Be Brought Back?

By Basem Wasef

As many Poly students know, last year a publication by the name of *Poison Oak* saw its untimely demise. For those of you unfamiliar with *Poison Oak*, it is a humor magazine that has existed for some 10 years on campus, and has come out with somewhat irregular frequency- usually two or three times a year. For those of you still unfamiliar with *Poison Oak*, its final issue last year served the unlikely role of a paper constructed face-cooling device during a sweltering Honors Day.

The reason I am writing this article, though, is not to praise the virtues of using a publication as a form of body heat regulation, but rather to raise the question of whether or not the cancellation of *Poison Oak* was justifiable. My initial belief of why *Poison Oak* was cancelled stems from the subject matter that was presented in last year's issue. To clear any misinterpretations, many of the statements and/or photographs were not meant to offend anybody. However, some people thought we were insulting various people. For instance, when we gave the "Best Rapper Award" to David Fillipi, I believe many students and teachers interpreted this as an insult. Yet, the fact of the matter is that David Fillipi does indeed rap, and quite well at that. When I asked him after the publishing of the issue whether or not he was offended, he replied, "not in the least bit."

Another thing I believe was misinterpreted was the cover, featuring a censored, bikini-clad woman with a fictitious note from Mrs. Hall. Though it may have seemed derogatory towards Mrs. Hall, I later asked her whether she was offended, and she said that she wasn't. In all, she took it all very lightly.

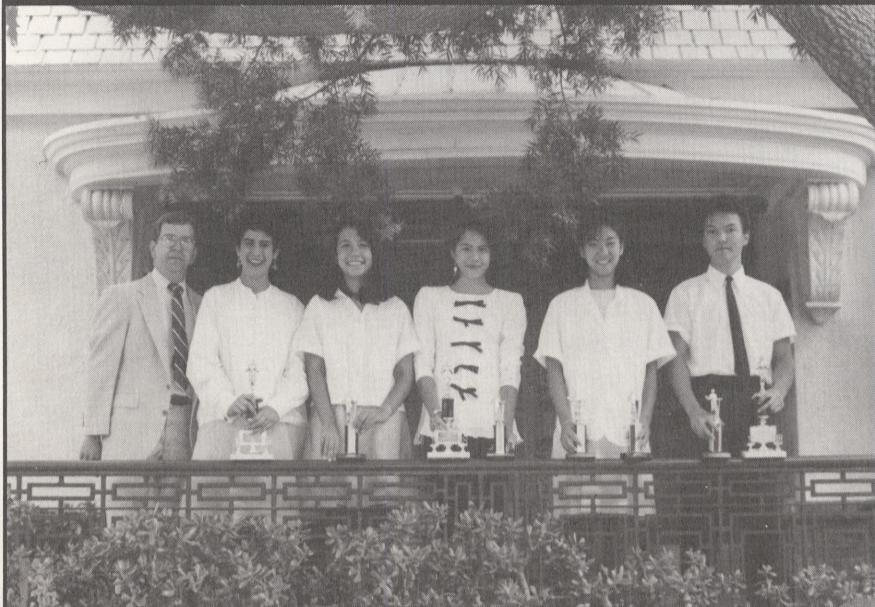
Though offensive material was not given as the specific reason for the cancellation of *Poison Oak*, an influential Poly leader did describe last year's issue as "way out of line," which I believe must have had some sway in the decision. Mr. Babcock told me that the annulment of *Poison Oak* was for several reasons: a lack of funding, in order to make room for the newspaper, and the fact that it did not have much of a 'following,' to name a few.

I believe all of the reasons can be argued. *Poison Oak*, for instance, costs a relatively small amount of money to make... a fraction of the cost it takes to bring out an issue of Polygraph. Regarding the newspaper, I believe that both *Poison Oak* and a school newspaper can peacefully coexist together, especially since their subject matter are so diverse. Finally, I believe that *Poison Oak* has been just as much a Polytechnic institution as Polygraph and the Oak Tree Times. Though it may seem somewhat like a cult, *Poison Oak* has received an overall positive response from the Poly community.

I would like you, the students of Poly, to assess the cancellation of *Poison Oak*, and weigh both sides. Be fair to yourselves and the publication, and decide for yourselves whether or not the cancellation of *Poison Oak* was justified. Who knows... *Poison Oak* may even come back!

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NEWS



Winning Debaters--Coach Steve Gold poses with five trophy-holding winners: (from l.)Cara DiMassa, Wendy Ray, Patty Seth, Michelle Hsu, and Michael Yun.

Debate Team Succeeds In Only Second Year at Poly

By Wendy Ray

Poly's debate team was started two years ago by Mr. Gold with only one debater participating. Last year, Mrs. Hamilton joined as assistant coach as the team expanded to ten members. The comraderie among the members grew as they went to each tournament. The team participated in many evening meetings at Mrs. Hamilton's apartment discussing cases and began to become quite successful. In all they won ten trophies last year.

This year Poly's debate team has grown from this small, relatively unknown club to a large, organized group. It now meets at conference period on Mondays and Wednesdays and has become a great deal more structured compared to years past. The topic being argued this semester is: resolved that legislating morality is appropriate in a democratic society.

As well as competing in debate some members also compete in individual speech events such as humorous interpretation, extemporaneous speaking, and impromptu speaking. This year the varsity team has already participated in an overnight tournament at Cal State San Bernardino and the novice team performed very well at a tournament at Alhambra High. The team hopes to travel to many tournaments within the Los Angeles area and the varsity team members also hope to raise money to go to a four-day tournament at Berkeley.

UC Campuses Much More Popular for Poly Students

By Carolee Reiling

The University of California system has become very attractive to recent Poly students. There are nine campuses located at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. These campuses have much to offer prospective students including varied locations, diverse student bodies, lowered tuition compared to the private colleges, and the warmth of California. Only one application is needed to apply to any or all of the campuses.

Poly is very fortunate to have acquired the talent of Mrs. Amy Harris this past year. She has become a college guidance counsellor, teaming up with Mrs. Dawn Cobb. However, Mrs. Harris has talents which focus primarily on helping the students to complete the tricky UC application form, which is due during November 1 and November 30. Mrs. Harris has had the experience of working as an admissions officer at Harvey Mudd, Claremont McKenna College, and Scripps College. Therefore, she is able to give advice from an insider's point of view.

Most of the students have readily taken advantage of her knowledge. Her office seems to be continually in use, whether it be for college information sessions with visiting admissions officers or for one-on-one reviews to the intricate UC application.

Student Newspaper Debuts in This Issue

By Basem Wasef

Welcome to Poly's new upper school newspaper. About a year ago, the concept of a newspaper may have seemed unrealistic to most Poly students. However, with the help of administration funding, twenty students, one Macintosh, and countless thoughts and ideas, the concept has finally materialized. And here it is.

As most of you might have figured out, this debut issue has served somewhat as a pilot for the newspaper staff. The masthead is absent of any logo or name, the articles and subject matter are awaiting feedback and commentary from the readers, and most staff writers are still finding their own niches in certain issues and topics. What has been established are several sections, including news, sports, commentary, and entertainment. Possible future plans may include a regular cartoon, a "Letters" section, and specialty sections such as a car column, a humor page, and classified ads.

However, as promising as it may all seem, the newspaper is almost useless without the feedback and criticism of readers. Though an editor has not yet been chosen, Mr. Feldmeth will seriously take into consideration any potential titles for our newspaper. And, more importantly, the writers are welcome to any suggestions for articles or topics, as well as constructive criticism on ways to improve the paper. After all, a newspaper is not a newspaper without its readers.

With all of the formalities aside, we at the newspaper staff feel strongly committed to our efforts, and feel that journalism deserves to become another facet of Polytechnic's curriculum through our work. So, as the newspaper starts to gain momentum, we the writers are beginning to look forward to a promising future, and

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NEWS

Poly's Faculty Disagrees Over Best Salary Program

By Anne-Marie Francisco, Ken Iwasaki, and Shabnum Matthews

Do you remember when you were seven and your allowance was thirty cents a week and your older brother would get fifty cents? But what really confused you was that every year you would get ten cents more a week, and your brother's share would increase fifteen cents. Something seemed a little fishy...

Something of the same sort has been occurring recently throughout our own school, but the allowances (on a bigger scale) are the faculty salaries. Many of the teachers are concerned about how the salaries and increases are being calculated, which have caused teachers like Mr. Norman Frank and Mr. Dick Sisley to try to understand and negotiate proper changes.

Mr. Sisley, a member of the Salary and Benefits Committee of the faculty, explained this controversial topic in easy terms. He began by explaining how promotions in a company are comparable to years of experience of a teacher. Though teachers are not "promoted" to higher ranks, it is believed that the more years one teaches, the better one becomes. So, with this improvement should also come a slight pay raise annually. Thus, by the second year of teaching, one has more "buying power", or amount of money left over after covering the basic costs of living, than the previous year. So, each year, with more experience, there is a corresponding rise in buying power. However, a problem enters here — inflation.

Every year, inflation raises the costs of living approximately 4-5%. Mr. Frank, not a member of the committee, but a faculty member who has expressed strong views about salary issues and recently has been picketing the school, argues that teachers in the lower pay bracket (in their first 18 years of teaching) are not receiving enough of an annual pay raise to deal with this inflation, and are actually losing some buying power each year.

However, Mr. Sisley believes that teachers in their early years of teaching are the ones who are still continuing to gain college credits, degrees, and changing their pay category. For example, a teacher with a B.A. and 15 credits receives a higher salary than someone with just a B.A. degree. Teachers who jump across categories like this actually receive a 6-7% pay increase.

This salary scale is not brand new. It has been in use for about 10 years, and it only seems to be getting more controversial.

It is impossible to see a clear right and wrong side to this problem. What does seem clear though is, teachers' salaries should be proportional to the quality of education they provide their students.

ASB Officers Plan School Assemblies

Hypnotists that don't show up, talent shows that run overtime, various groups that want to put on assemblies, and some students that want to get out early every Friday are some of the factors that the ASB cabinet in general and Vice-President Peter Suh in particular have to include in the planning of the upper school assembly program.

So far this fall, assemblies have included the clubs presentation, the AFS slide and talk show, the Community Outreach assembly, the election debate and the Talent Show. Planned for the rest of this quarter are a speaker from Amnesty International, a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, the hypnotist again, and "something light."

Any students or faculty members with suggestions of good assemblies should direct them to any of the ASB officers. Besides Judy and Suh, they are Pier Kuehn (Secretary-Treasurer), Tom Sitter (Chief Justice), and Jeff Henigson (Community Outreach).



Senior Patty Seth is surrounded by new friends during the October trip to Tijuana.

Community Outreach Offers Many Options

By Roopal Mehta

All of us here at Poly hear a lot about community service. Wait! Don't stop reading yet! I know everybody gets tired of hearing about it from teachers, students and club leaders during morning meeting, but nobody seems to know what's really going on in the program, so not many people are interested. But there are ways to enjoy filling your requirement, like . . .

Tutoring at Hillsides Home for abused and abandoned children. There, you can either have the experience of spending one hour in a room with a terrifying little monster, or, much more likely, you can spend an enjoyable hour playing games with a cute little kid who is so happy to have you as a friend and thinks you're absolutely wonderful.

If you enjoy working with children but are too young for Hillsides (you must be a junior) then you can go on the famous Tijuana Orphanage Trip. There, you have the choice of organizing kids activities all day Saturday or putting your carpentry skills to use building homes for people who live in the slums. And if you like working with children but can't commit an entire weekend or an hour every week, there are plenty of tutoring opportunities in public schools and Headstart. The only requirements are that your math and reading skills are above about a fifth grade level.

Well, if you don't qualify to be a tutor, or just don't like children, you can always make use of your writing and composition skills! Groups like Amnesty International, which works to free political prisoners being unjustly held, or Results, which works to end world hunger, are always grateful to people who will write letters to government representatives. And in case you're not a fantastic writer, they're willing to give you a form with instructions on how to compose the letter!

Well, suppose you don't like writing, building, or working with children. Have you ever considered going into medicine? There are plenty of hospitals in the Pasadena area which are willing to train volunteers and have them work for an hour each week. If you're into sports, volunteers are needed for the Special Olympics, for the handicapped, in spring. If you enjoy driving the streets of Pasadena at 2 a.m., help with Saferides, an organization that takes teenagers home from parties where either they or their ride isn't safe for driving. (Saferides needs non-drivers, too.)

And if you aren't interested in children, studying, sports, construction work, writing, hospital work or driving - don't worry! There is still a place for you in the Community Service program, no matter what you're interested in. Take a look around in the Community Outreach room, or talk to Mrs. Pendorf or one of your class representatives. Contrary to popular belief, it is not impossible to fill your community service requirement and (surprise, surprise!) it is even possible to have fun doing it!

SPORTS

Pigskin Out, Hoops In As Basketball Nears

By Tom Sitter

As we approach the end of a successful football season, it's time to move indoors and start thinking about basketball. In a few weeks pigskin will be out and hoops will be in. Get ready for roundball, folks, because it will be here before we know it.

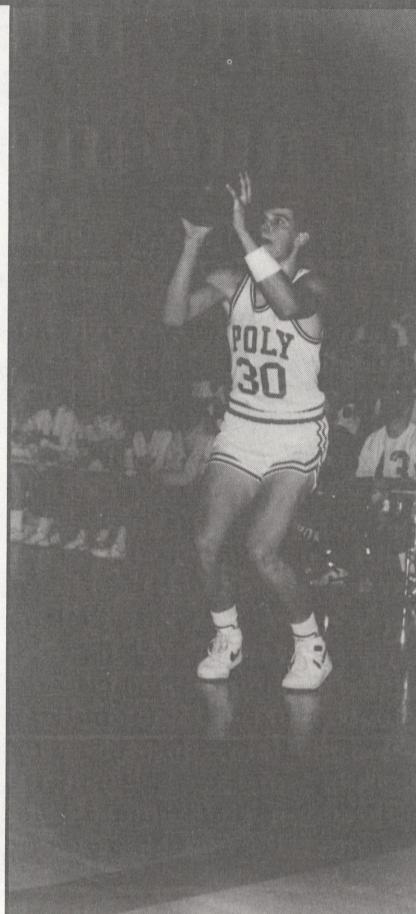
This year will definitely be an exciting one for the Varsity boy's basketball team, after having one of their best seasons ever. They will be trying to defend their league title and better their 19-4 record of a year ago.

Hopes are high and expectations great for a team that has already defeated a number of larger schools this summer. Poly's summer victories included South Pasadena, La Canada twice, Chadwick, and a 117-59 routing of Marshall Fundamental.

In addition, coach Brad Hall's Panthers return six solid players from last year's squad, including four starters. 6'4" center Carter Judy will definitely be a force for Poly inside, coming off an excellent season in which he was voted first team all-Prep League. At the perimeter Poly will be led by 6'3" guard Ryan McKee, who returns after being named MVP of the Prep league, all-CIF and all-State. Recognized as one of the best guards in the San Gabriel Valley, McKee says, "We're going to try and take one game at a time this year and not get ahead of ourselves. It's important that we get off to a solid start." Of course, last year Poly got off to an excellent start, as they scored a dramatic one-point victory over 2A San Marino in Poly's annual tournament. This year the tournament will begin the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Key games this year include 2A powerhouse Duarte at home, and both South Pasadena and Chadwick on the road. Poly should have an edge in their home games, considering the strength of last year's crowds. According to McKee, "The enthusiasm and support of last year's fans played a big role in our perfect record at home during the regular season." The team hopes that this enthusiasm will carry over to the upcoming season.

Other key players include 6'2" forward Lance Gravely, 6'4" forward Scooter Hollingsworth, and the 6'0" guard tandem of Mike Femino and David Thomas.



Shooting for Three--Senior Ryan McKee, last year's league MVP, will again lead the Panther backcourt.

Opening Action
Poly Invitational
Tournament
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December 1-3

Varsity Tennis Girls Earn 4th Place In League

By Alison Sargent

The girl's Varsity Tennis team had a fine season this year, and placed 4th in the Prep league. Beginning with impressive victories over La Reina and South Pasadena and a close loss to South High, the players had an optimistic attitude going into their league matches.

However, the Panthers were plagued by mid-season injuries and the loss of an important doubles player. The result proved to be two weeks of inconsistent play and important losses to Mayfield, Westridge, and Chadwick.

The positive aspects of the season included outstanding singles play from J.J. Ryan and consistent doubles play from Anna-Marie Wood and Natalie Hopfield. Anna-Marie and Natalie qualified to play in the CIF individual postseason tournament which is scheduled for Saturday, November 19.

Off the court and on, the girls on the team had a lot of fun in the process. The highlight of their season off the court was their trip out to dinner at Islands, which they all enjoyed.

Loss of Ruddock Gym Adversely Affects Poly's Physical Education, Sports Programs

The demolition of the Ruddock (Girls') Gymnasium which took place immediately after the close of school last June has left a large dirt area between the tennis courts and the Gamble Gym. While plans have been developed for the construction of a new gym, building has not begun yet and this will be the second year of operating the physical education and sports programs with just one indoor gym.

The problem of too many teams and too few facilities becomes particularly bad in the winter, when six upper school and two middle school basketball teams must all practice and play either inside or on the asphalt courts outdoors. Poly has varsity, junior varsity, and freshman teams for both boys and girls in the upper school and seventh and eighth grade teams in the middle school.

Athletic Director Chuck Ellis is responsible for handling all of the scheduling of these games and practices and making sure all coaches and teams receive fair treatment in terms of the facilities. Upper school basketball teams will be involved in 104 contests, not counting tournaments.

Building a new gym is part of the capital fund drive organized by the Board of Trustees. If construction can begin soon, the gym could be used sometime in the 1989-1990 school year.

SPORTS

JV Football

Webb Falls 50-0; Poly Takes League

By Jimmy Ho

Poly's junior varsity football team has had an incredibly successful season this year, finishing 6-1 overall with a 4-0 record to win the league championship. The only loss of the season was to Francis Parker by a margin of two points.

Practice started three weeks before school opened, during which the team conditioned and learned basic techniques. On the first day, it looked as though our JV team had little potential, and the idea of winning the championship was hard to picture, even for Coach Brad Hall. But, slowly, every member of the team improved, and on the last Saturday of the summer, a practice scrimmage was held against Pilgrim School.

Since then, the team has shown its true ability, defeating teams from Pacific Christian, Chadwick, Flintridge, Rio Hondo, and Tembleton. The arrival of Coach Irwin Gersh in last two weeks of the season also sparked motivation among the players and saw even more improvement.

The season ended with a bang, a 50-0 championship victory over Webb, ending the game early in the third quarter due to the CIF 45-point rule.

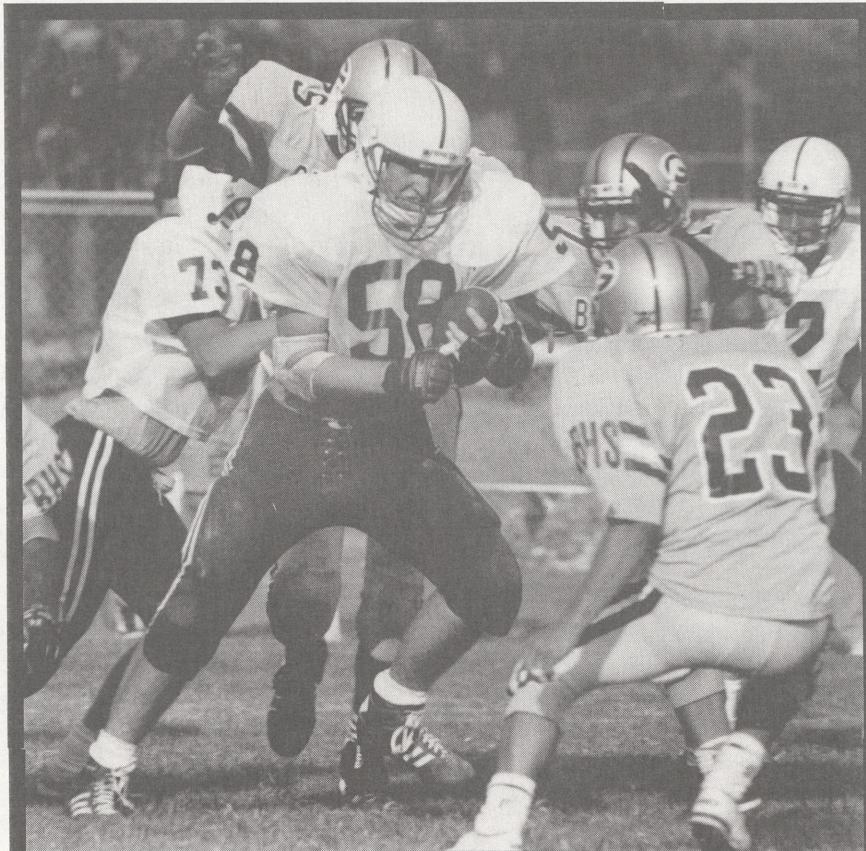
JV Tennis

Record: 4-10

By Felicia Williams

The Polytechnic Junior Varsity Tennis Team, consisting of twenty-three enthusiastic young women, ended their 1988 fall season with an overall score of 4-10, and an official league score of 1-5. Ms Wickem, the team's coach, has enjoyed working with the team and also adds, "They know how to have fun on the court!"

Outstanding singles players include Colleen Chien, Gavi Yariv, and Elise Pomerance in her debut.



Bulling Ahead--Dierk Esseln (58) picks up tough yardage in one of Poly's victories. (Photo by Jerome Barnum)

Varsity Football

Wins Prep League

By John Kenyon

Capping off an unbeaten pre and regular season, the Poly football team beat Webb 42-0, to gain its first outright league championship since 1975.

Poly's offense was led by seven completions by junior quarterback David Thomas, and 122 and 56 yards rushing by seniors Mike Franke and Dierk Esseln. Esseln also led the defense with fourteen tackles, followed by senior John Waller and junior Todd Dietrick with ten and seven tackles respectively.

Mike Franke, who has had an outstanding senior year with over a thousand yards rushing, had this to say about Poly's Cinderella season, "I'm very happy about this season. We took a team that everyone thought wouldn't do real well and ended up winning league and hopefully CIF."

Poly goes into CIF playoffs rated number one, thus getting to play the number eight ranked team, Coast Union from Tri-County league, at home.

Varsity Water Polo

Last-Minute Goal Defeats Chadwick, Earns CIF Spot

By Michael Yun and Phil Grant

Three seconds left. Two seconds left. One second left. Goalie Pier Kuehn receives the ball and shoots just as the timer blows. We all watch as the ball sails through the air. Then, by a miracle, the Chadwick goalie doesn't even attempt to stop the ball and it hits the back of the goal with a monstrous "BAM!!!" We look to the referee and in what seemed like an eternity, he puts his thumb up. Everyone goes crazy. Poly Water Polo has just beaten Chadwick 15-14 in overtime.

Despite two heartbreaking losses for the Varsity team to Chadwick, 10-9, and Webb, 4-3, the team has had a magnificent season.

Cross-Country

Corey Evans Qualifies for CIF Prelims

By Carolee Reiling

Headed by Coach Steve Beerman, the cross country team raced its way through an exciting season. The team was composed of three divisions: Boys Varsity, Boys Junior Varsity, and Girls Varsity. However, the great quantity of eager participants did not guarantee a winning season.

The boys' division was headed by Jeff Denham, who suffered back problems midway through the season. He was closely followed by Jordan Karp, John Borovicka, Joe Mathews, and Jeff Rakow.

The girls' team was led by an outstanding performance from Corey Evans. She was followed by Carolee Reiling, Jennifer Tolo, Devon Danz, Marcy Shugert, Alison Huff, and Kim Preston.

Corey Evans was the only member of the entire cross-country team to qualify for the CIF Preliminaries. She personally finished second in the Prep League meet, leading the race until the final few seconds.

The effort of the cross country was definitely first-rate. This great motivation, along with the enthusiastic support of the many new freshman, make the the team's outlook for next year very promising.

Girls' Volleyballers

Finish Season Well

By Alison Sargent

The Girls Varsity Volleyball team finished off their season on Nov. 2 with a game against Westridge. Their record stands at 6 wins, 8 losses in league and 7 wins, 12 losses overall. The team was strong on individual talent this year, and under the leadership of team captain Jennifer Bennett played very well.

Said the team's coach Tracy Koehn, "[the team] had the potential to beat any team in our league." The girls did have one strike against them, with only two players, Meghan Howard and Jennie Bennett, returning from last year.

ENTERTAINMENT

Music Review

Bobbie McFerrin's *Simple Pleasures* Sure to Please

By Basem Wasef

The background sounds hum and pop. The voice reverberates in rhythmic percussion as some barely comprehensible words and noises oscillate and hum.

When you hear these trademarks of Bobby McFerrin's music, you will most probably be reminded of the Levi's commercial where a man beats on his chest and forms bluesy melodies, or the music in the opening scenes of *The Cosby Show*. The man is Bobby McFerrin, and his new release, *Simple Pleasures*, will most likely change the way people look at a capella singing for a long time.

The record consists solely of the sounds, voices and noises of Bobby McFerrin. "Don't Worry Be Happy," the hallmark of the album, is the first a capella song to ever reach number one. The concept is a bizarre and original approach: take one man's voice and create with it the bass lines, the harmony, and the melody, and record it onto separate tracks. The product? Such catchy tunes as "Drive My Car," a great remake of the Beatles' hit, and a "Good Lovin'" rendition so fast paced it sounds like it's on amphetamines.

When *Simple Pleasures* is good, it is very good. But unfortunately, this album also suffers from several painfully tedious songs which detract from the rest of the album. Another thing I noticed about this type of music was that you can only listen to it for so long; after a while, the noises and sounds can get downright aggravating, which makes the album low on long-term listenability. Despite its shortcomings, "*Simple Pleasures*" is an innovative album that features some truly remarkable songs that are a pleasure to listen to. But if you're contemplating buying the album, you'll have to decide for yourself whether or not the nature of this music is an equal tradeoff for its temporary appeal.

Restaurant Review

Barney's In Old Town: Jelly Jars, Varied Menu

By Felicia Williams and Tanya Russin

Barney's is located at 93 West Colorado, near Delacey street and the United Artist's Marketplace Theater. The atmosphere is casual with two television sets, a full bar, and no reservation requirement. However, the wait is often rather long (from 15 to 45 minutes), so early arrival is suggested if you are following a schedule. Besides the wait, the service is speedy.

The setting is cozy with house plants, neutral colours, and even water served in Jelly jars upon request. The atmosphere provides privacy, but the constant hum of conversation allows one to relax as well.

The menu has much variety and a wide range in both selection and price. Some of the more expensive, and gourmet dishes include the daily special (@ \$12), Halibut (\$9.95), Teriyaki Chicken (\$8.95), and "Pasadena Ribs" (\$10.95). The sandwiches are satisfying, as well as inexpensive for a full meal including the Cheese Steak Hoagie (\$5.50), "Delacey's Beef Dip" (\$5.25), the Rueben (\$4.95), and the Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich (\$4.95). They have bowl (\$2.50) and cup (\$1.50) sizes of their soup of the day, as well as exotic choices of hamburgers (\$3.95-\$4.95), salads (\$5.25-\$5.75), and "The Dogs" (\$3.95-\$4.95).

We were a bit reluctant to try their daily special, which was shark, so we followed the waitresses' suggestion and sampled their Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich, which she labeled as their specialty, and the Rueben Sandwich. As well, we ordered cups of Italian Sausage soup, and beverages.

The Teriyaki Chicken sandwich was unique due to the exotic blend of different flavours. The chicken was juicy and tender with just the right amount of teriyaki sauce, along with tomatoes and shredded lettuce on sourdough with mayonnaise and melted Jack cheese. The special ingredient was a thin slice of pineapple which added a sweet, but not too overdone texture.

The dessert selection only consisted of two choices: Blackout cake and cheesecake, neither of which were that appetizing. Overall, the dinner was very satisfying in a comfortable atmosphere with speedy service, wide selection, generous portions, and more than reasonable prices. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the best), we gave it an 8.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November/December 1988

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Girls Basketball Scrimmage vs. South Pasadena, JV 3:00, V 4:00	Noon dismissal	Thanksgiving Day 		
20	21	22		23	24	25
		Boys Basketball scrimmage vs. Faith Baptist, JV 5:30, V 7:00 Boys Basketball scrimmage at LaSalle, frosh, 6:30 Boys Soccer scrimmage vs. LA Baptist, V #15 Girls Soccer scrimmage at Saugus, V 3:30	Boys Soccer scrimmage at Marshall, JV 3:15	Girls Basketball at St. Monica, V 3:45, JV 5:15 Boys Basketball at LA Baptist, JV 4:30 Boys Basketball, Poly Invitational Tournament, V 7:30 Boys Soccer vs. Campbell Hall, V 2:30, JV 4:00 Girls Soccer at San 1	Girls Soccer at Marlborough, V 3:15 Boys Soccer vs. La Canada, V 2:30, JV 4:00 Boys Basketball, Poly Invitational Tournament, pm Boys Basketball at La Salle, Frosh 3:00, JV 4:30	SATs, Achievement Tests Boys Basketball, Poly Invitational Tournament, pm
27	28	29	30		2	3
Hanukkah begins 	Girls Basketball at Marlborough, V 3:45, JV 5:00 Boys Soccer vs. Whitney, JV, V 3:00	Girls Basketball vs. Village Christian, JV 3:00, V 4:15 Girls Soccer at Alverno, V 3:30	Boys Soccer at South Pasadena, V 3:15, JV 4:30 Girls Soccer vs. South Pasadena, V 2:30, JV 4:00 Girls Basketball at Foothills, Frosh 3:15	Boys' Basketball at Harvard, JV 5:00 Boys Soccer at Pater Noster, V 3:15 Girls Soccer vs. La Canada, V 2:30, JV 4:00	Amnesty Assembly Boys Basketball at South Pasadena, JV 6:00, V 7:30 Girls Basketball vs. San Gabriel Mission, JV 3:00, V 4:30 Girls Soccer vs. Temple City, V 3:15 Girls Soccer at Temple City, JV 3:15	Poly Basketball Tournament, evening
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Girls Soccer at Ontario Christian, V 3:30 Girls Soccer vs. Ontario Christian, JV 3:30 Girls Basketball vs. Alverno, JV 3:30, V 4:30 Boys Soccer vs. Oakwood, V 3:00	Boys Basketball at Village Christian, Frosh 4:00 JV 5:30, V 7:00 Boys Soccer vs. San Marino V 2:30, JV 4:00 Girls Soccer at Mayfield, V 3:15	Girls Basketball at Westridge, JV 3:30, V 5:00	Boys Basketball vs. Duarte, Frosh 4:30, JV 6:00, V 7:30		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Boys Basketball at La Canada, Frosh 3:15					