

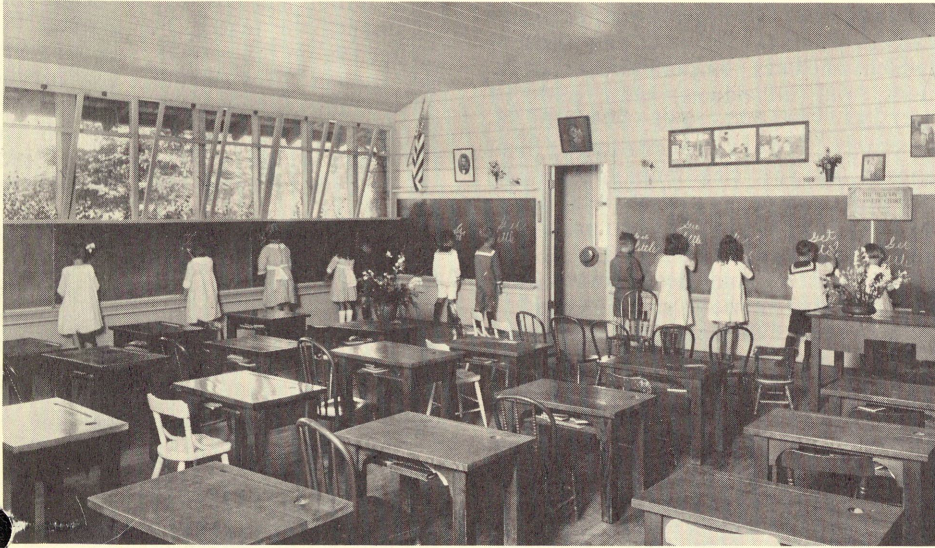


# OAK TREE TIMES

## A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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*First Graders practicing The Spencer Rhythmical System of Penmanship in the 1920s. Mrs. Rogers teaches Second Grade in this room today.*

## Polytechnic School: An Historical Sketch

What do Polytechnic School, the Pasadena Public Library and the Rose Bowl have in common? This varied group of Pasadena landmarks share the same architect, Myron Hunt. It was he who designed the original cluster of buildings that today are Gosney Hall and several second and third grade classrooms on the west side of the campus.

But when Polytechnic first opened in 1891 as the Throop Polytechnic Institute, it was housed in a vastly different type of building. It was located on the corner of Green and Fair Oaks, and is now a part of the Green Hotel. The Institute was founded by Amos Throop, a successful businessman who had moved to California upon his retirement. His dream was to start a school; at the age of 80 he accomplished this desire, and the ultimate results of his venture are Polytechnic School and the California Institute of Technology.

There were five schools in the Institute: the Grammar School, the Academy, the Commercial School, the Normal School and the College. The tuition, which was the same for all the schools, was \$75 a year. By 1907, however, the enrollment had grown to the point where

the Institute decided it must discontinue part of its program. The Grammar School would have to go.

This announcement caused great dismay among the parents, faculty and students, who decided that the Grammar School must be continued. A meeting was held in June of 1907, and it was decided to keep the Grammar School together as a separate entity from Throop, with Miss Virginia Pease remaining as Headmistress. Polytechnic School became the first elementary school in the state to be incorporated on a non-profit basis.

The next step was to find a site for the school, and money for the land and buildings. The current site became available after an unsuccessful attempt to hold an option on the southeast corner of Lake and California, then an orange grove. Myron Hunt and Elmer Grey were to be the architects, and at the moment another key figure in the drama stepped in. This was Ezra Seymour Gosney, who offered to make a gift of \$12,500 if a matching sum could be raised. This represented half of the estimated land purchase price and building costs!

The school was built with amazing speed by today's standards. Plans were

drawn in August, 1907 and school opened in October. Hunt's design was a great departure from typical school architecture of the time. His buildings featured extensive use of glass, broad overhangs and outside corridors, all contributing to a light, open feeling. Most of the buildings at Poly today are modern interpretations of this type of architecture. Poly has the oldest school buildings in Pasadena with continued occupancy.

The school was a success as a structure, an institution and as a very special bond for two people closely involved in it. Miss Pease, with whom widower Myron Hunt's two sons had been boarding and Hunt, a trustee of the school as well as the architect, were married!

Mrs. Hunt continued as Headmistress until 1915, when she was succeeded by Grace Henley, who headed the school until 1946. During this time the primary buildings were added, and more classrooms built on the west side of the campus. The lower field was purchased from the Patton family in 1921, and the original gymnasiums were built. Families wintering in Pasadena began to send their children to Poly, and names like Cudahy and Firestone joined local names on the roster.

Miss Henley was followed as Headmistress by Katharine Lee, 1946-50, Appleton Mason, 1950-55, Willis Stork, 1955-76, John Bergen, 1976-80 with of course Mike Babcock being Acting Headmaster today. During Willis Stork's term, the Upper School came into being. Morgan Adams, a trustee of the school donated the 5-acre property south of Cornell, with the exception of the house, which was later given to the school by Mrs. Pardee Erdman.

Thus the Upper School was started in the late 1950s with classes in the bedrooms of the old house, and study hall in the dining room. These classrooms were augmented by the Hixon Science Building. In 1962, Polytechnic School proudly graduated its first Senior class.

*Oak Tree Times is grateful to former Poly Headmaster Willis Stork for sharing his wealth of historical information with this reporter.*

Carolyn Volk



## Bulletin Board

### GRANDPARENTS' VISITING DAY

Grandparents of each member of the Poly student body are invited to visit Poly and join in their grandchild's day on Monday, November 24. The day begins at 8:15 am. This year Lee Thomas of the Music Department is planning a special program for the visiting grandparents featuring the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and First grade classes.

### HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT

Recycle your aluminum, glass and newspapers at Poly. Paper goes to shed at north campus; glass and aluminum to south campus parking lot. Please pitch in!

### DRAMA PRODUCTION SCHEDULED

The students of Polytechnic are being treated to a special faculty production entitled "Charlie Brown," which will be directed and choreographed by Dinah Hasburgh, with music direction by Alan Geier. The cast of 30 includes faculty members from Lower, Middle and Upper Schools, the three school Directors, and Interim Headmaster Mike Babcock.

Title roles include: Charlie Brown, Chuck Peterson; Snoopy, Dinah Hasburgh; Schroeder, Alan Geier; Pig Pen, Bill Fornaciari; Linus, Peter Vedro; Shermy, Mike Babcock; Lucy, Toni Wager; Patty, Dale Griffiths; Sally, Zeva LaHorgue; Freeda, Gretchen Gantner. Also featured will be faculty members staging three major chorus numbers.

It is hoped that presenting this production will enable the students from Pre-K through Grade 12 to enjoy the laughter and fun that the faculty has experienced in the many hours of after school practice. Productions are scheduled for Nov. 20, 9 am, Lower School; Nov. 21 at 11 am, Upper School, and 1 pm, Middle School.

Teri Taylor

## Board of Trustees Meeting Held

At the October 20th meeting of the Board of Trustees the focus was on four areas: school finances, fund and development planning for the year, the Search Committee process, and the committee structure of the Board.

The Finance Committee reported on

its review of the school's audited financial statement for the 1979-1980 academic year. The audit was accepted by the Board.

The Development Committee announced its direction for the year—to study in depth the school's long range plan and to extract from it the implications it holds for development efforts. The Committee will also study and recommend to the Board ways in which these efforts may be best met in the coming 3-5 year period.

The Annual Fund Committee announced the three categories of solicitation: Alumni, Parents, and Friends (which includes corporations, foundations, and individuals) with goals of \$40,000, \$90,000, and \$95,000 respectively. Personal solicitation, a mail appeal, five year class reunion programs, and a phonathon are part of the activities to be conducted in order to reach the Annual Fund goal of \$225,000.

The Search Committee reported it has engaged the services of Independent Educational Services, a non-profit, educational corporation, to assist in carrying out the task of the committee. I.E.S. will be used as a resource to the Committee—to assist in the search and review of candidates appropriate to and for Polytechnic School. The Search Committee includes three faculty members: Jean Hoffman, Alan Geier, and Mab Voelkel, and seven trustees: Ann Coffey, Ph.D., Harry Gray, Ph.D., Nelson Jones, Thomas Jones, Charlene Liebau, James Loper, Ph.D., and Robert Ryf, Ph.D.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the committee structure of the Board of Trustees: areas of activity and responsibility, objectives for the year, and composition. Trustees chairing committees for the 1980-1981 year are:

Merle Banta, Development Committee; Ann Coffey, Ph.D., Academic Policies Committee; Nelson Jones, Buildings and Grounds Committee; Thomas Jones, Finance Committee; John Watkins and George Hale will chair Finance subcommittees; David Robinson, N.A.I.S. Communicator; Harry Gray, Ph.D., Nominating Committee and, Margaret Cunningham, James Galbraith, and Michael Dalany will serve as Trustee liaisons to the Lower, Middle and Upper School grade parent organizations respectively.

In addition, members of the Board serve on the Search Committee and the Advisory Planning Committee for the school's 75th anniversary.

Mr. Babcock completed the discussion on organizational structure by updating Trustees on the areas of responsibility of the school's administration.

Charlene Liebau  
President  
Board of Trustees

## Development News

### ANNUAL FUND UP-DATE

By June 30, 1981, all parents, alumni and friends of the school will have been contacted on behalf of the Annual Fund. This program, along with income from the school's endowment, provides the crucial source of funds to cover the operating deficit, which for 1980-81 is projected at \$468,000. The deficit consists of the difference between income from tuition and fees and the actual cost of running the school. For this year the difference, on the average, is about \$640 per student. This shouldn't give anyone heart failure, however, because the deficit is planned: the Annual Fund and endowment income are expected to make up the deficit and the budget is made up with this in mind.

The Parents Committee is headed by Linda Moore and Frank Morse, who are enlisting team members to make personal calls on as many parents as possible. During the course of the year parents will be contacted by phone, by mail and in person, and will be asked to contribute as much as their circumstances will allow.

The Alumni Fund, chaired by Dave Davis '56 and John Romer '55, consists of a new program focusing on those classes holding reunions in the Spring. A comprehensive direct mail appeal to Alumni is also in the works.

David Partridge is heading up the Friends effort this year and will aim toward generating greater support from former parents, current grandparents and all other friends of Poly.

The challenge for all three committees is to increase levels of giving and participation in the Annual Fund on the part of all the school's constituencies. The overall goal for the 1980-81 Annual Fund is \$225,000.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Development Office needs volunteers to help with clerical chores, primarily looking up and verifying addresses for the mailing list. Anyone with the interest and a few hours a week to spare, please contact Candy Miller - 792-2147.

## Upper School News

### APPLYING TO COLLEGES — PRIVATE AND PUBLIC

Richard Moll has been Dean of Admissions at Vassar and Bowdoin and now fills the same position at UC Santa Cruz. He recently published a book, "How to Play the Private College Admissions Game," and now has the opportunity to see the process from the public university perspective. He will speak about the

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whole subject to interested parents of juniors and seniors who are at Poly or at other high schools in the area. Please feel free to invite your friends. The evening is Monday, November 24; the time, 7:30 pm; the place, Gosney Hall.

## ROOM MOTHERS' COMMITTEE MEETS

The Upper School Room Mothers' Committee began their year with an early morning meeting and discussion at the home of Carole and Mike Babcock.

Representatives from all four grade levels heard reports on the current status and operation of the Upper School from Mike and from Chuck Peterson, Acting Head of the Upper School. Dawn Cobb, College Counselor and Registrar, filled us all in on the background of College explorations (preceding applications) and the SAT testing currently high on the minds of most Junior and Senior students. There will be a meeting scheduled later for those grade level parents to deal more specifically with the details and concerns of college plans.

The Room Mothers were also privileged to hear Charlene Liebau, President of the Board of Trustees, review long range goals of the Poly Board as well as the progress of the Search Committee charged with the selection of a Permanent Headmaster. Charlene reported that there will be a current member of the Board of Trustees attending all future Room Mother Meetings in a continued effort to insure a dialogue between Board, Poly and parents.

The Room Mother Representatives, selected annually by The outgoing and incoming Room Mother Chairman, the Headmaster, and the Head of the Upper School, serve as a link between parents and Poly. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference room of the Administration Building. The Agenda normally includes reports from the Academic Administration as well as discussions of current activities at the various grade levels.

These monthly meetings are *open* and any parent is encouraged to attend. Particularly at the high school level, it is another good way for parents to be in touch with the school. It is also a good way for Poly to stay attuned to the concerns and, we hope, satisfactions of Poly parents. We look forward to seeing you!

Jill Smith

## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS VISITORS

Autumn is the time of year the college admissions people are on the road visiting high schools all over the country. While their prime purpose is to inform students about the specific strengths and appealing Oak Tree Times

qualities offered by their own institutions, they also provide the valuable service of helping students to formulate a set of criteria for selecting the colleges to which they will eventually apply. Poly juniors and seniors are fortunate in being able to meet informally with representatives from the following colleges and universities:

Washington Univ. (St. Louis, MO) . . . . .	8:30 Mon. Nov. 3
Columbia Univ. . . . .	8:30 Tues. Nov. 4
Whittier College . . . . .	9:30 Tues. Nov. 4
Colorado College . . . . .	1:30 Tues. Nov. 4
Harvard Univ. . . . .	9:00 Wed. Nov. 5
UC San Diego . . . . .	10:30 Wed. Nov. 5
Trinity College (Hartford, CT) . . . . .	12:30 Wed. Nov. 5
Sarah Lawrence Coll. . . . .	11:30 Thurs. Nov. 6
Univ. of the Pacific . . . . .	1:00 Thurs. Nov. 6
US Santa Cruz . . . . .	8:30 Fri. Nov. 7
Yale Univ. . . . .	10:00 Mon. Nov. 10
Tufts Univ. . . . .	2:30 Mon. Nov. 10
Wellesley Coll. . . . .	2:00 Tues. Nov. 11
Rice Univ. . . . .	12:00 Tues. Nov. 11
Dartmouth Coll.* . . . .	10:30 Wed. Nov. 12
Brown Coll. . . . .	1:30 Thurs. Nov. 13
Vassar Coll. . . . .	11:30 Fri. Nov. 14
Willamette Univ. . . . .	8:30 Mon. Nov. 17
Menlo Coll. . . . .	9:45 Mon. Nov. 17
Lewis & Clark Coll. . . . .	9:30 Tues. Nov. 18
Barnard Coll. . . . .	12:15 Mon. Nov. 24
St. Lawrence Univ. . . . .	9:45 Tues. Nov. 25

\*The Dartmouth representative will hold a second meeting at 8:00 pm on Nov. 12 in Gosney for parents and students, (Juniors & Seniors). This meeting will be open to the community; friends are cordially invited.

## COMMENDED STUDENTS

In October the National Merit and National Achievement Scholarship programs conferred more honors on additional Poly seniors. On the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test which they took as juniors in October 1979, the following people scored among the percentages which bring them Letters of Commendation:

Julie Allen	Theodore Russell
Kerin Cantwell	Philip Sanders
Elizabeth Cole	Tiffany Smith
Friedrich Eicke	Michael Speiser
Jonathan Fay	Glen Tanksley
Larry Jackson	Christopher Teaford
Marcus McCowan	Lawrence Wayne
Kathleen Peck	Millicent Wilson
Jane Picker	

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP

As a public service provided by Scripps College where she is College Financial Planning Advisor, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson will come to Gosney Hall at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 18, to present a workshop for parents concerned about the high costs of college in this inflationary age. She will talk about eligibility, how to apply, the sources of aid (federal, state, and institutional), loans, and those indecipherable clusters of initials (PAF,

SAAC, BEOG, NDSL, etc.). Her information will be comprehensive, not confined to the procedures used at Scripps, where she has gathered her experience over several years in the financial aid office. However, she does offer this interesting statistic about students on aid at her college last year: One-third came from families with incomes under \$20,000; one-third \$20,000-\$40,000; and one-third above \$40,000. If you are serious about how grants, loans, and jobs-on-campus are obtained, this should be a very informative evening.

## SENIOR PARENTS MEETING

On Tuesday, November 11, at 7:30 pm in Flagler Learning Center on the north campus, senior parents will meet with members of the upper school staff to talk about "the senior year"—senior projects, the senior trip, college applications, etc.

## GIRLS' SERVICE LEAGUE

The G.S.L., established in 1923, raises money by sponsoring a number of activities during the year. Membership is open to all Upper School students interested in School and Community Service Projects.

Mrs. Sally Hall is advisor to the group which is headed by Poly senior Dierdre Kennedy. Sitting on her board are Yvette deBeixedon, Vice-President; Jennifer Wolcott, Head of Concessions; Christen Lathrop, Ways & Means; and Anne Battelle, Secretary-Treasurer. These young women will select a student to receive the Outstanding School Service Award at the end of the school year.

The League helps to serve punch and cookies at Open House, run the food concessions at all Poly sports events, hold bake sales, feasts, etc. The monies raised help support the A.F.S. program and the Poly Student Fund. However, this year the League wishes to make its mark in the community by donating to some worthwhile cause outside of Poly. There are several under consideration.

The next big event sponsored by the G.S.L. is their annual Fashion Show. This will be held on Nov. 21 at 4 pm in Gosney Hall. The tickets are \$4 and the show will feature fashions from fine shops in the Pasadena area.

This year the girls will give point credit to each member for the amount of work she contributes to each activity. Those receiving the greatest number of points will be awarded a snazzy T-shirt with a distinctive design.

This year the girls also hope to have a giant picnic in a spot off campus. This will have to be approved by the administration.

The students love the G.S.L.—feel free to call upon them for their assistance at all Poly-related social functions.

Debora Weiss



# Middle School News

## SEVENTH GRADE OFF-CAMPUS WEEK

On the week of November 3-7, the Seventh graders, along with several talented and interested faculty members, will have a chance to explore the natural and historical resources of Catalina Island for their annual off-campus class trip. They plan to take full advantage of the Island environment with informally scheduled hikes, overnight campouts, launch trips, boating, swimming (maybe), and visits to the USC Marine Lab and the Museum of Indian Culture in Avalon. The wild buffalo herd, wild goats and shore birds are a part of the environment and hikes are usually planned to locations where this wildlife may be sighted.

Students will be staying in cabins at YMCA Camp Fox where their meals will be provided in the large dining hall. Evening activities will include a lecture on Indians, a dance, a skit, and games of various sorts. Some of the faculty who plan to accompany the Seventh graders are Celinda Brouhard, Dinah Hasburgh, Alan Geier, Ann Riordan, Barry Haff, and Mona Hayles, the woodworking teacher who also has an educated interest in deep sea diving and marine biology.

## SOCIAL EVENTS COMMISSION

The Middle School Social Events Commission began the year with a dance in Gosney Hall on Friday, October 3 for the entire Middle School. The commission is composed of several 8th grade students advised by Miss Levine, Mr. Haugh and Mr. Kressen. The Commission charged \$1 admission to the dance which featured dancing to records supplied by the Commission and free Cokes supplied by the school's machine. This was a "closed" dance which means that it was only open to Poly students; some dances in the future may be "open," which would mean that the students could invite friends from other schools to join them. There were 125 students in attendance. Greatly encouraged, the Commission has scheduled another dance for November 8th. Monies collected will go into a Middle School treasury which the students hope will swell enough to finance an end of the year beach party and a gift to the school.

Elizabeth Weiss

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE PARENTS MEETING

A Middle School Grade Parents Meeting was held on October 8. In attendance were Mike Babcock, Dave Kressen, Chairperson Jane McAniff, 20 room parents and three guests.

Among the many items discussed was the proposed 7th and 8th grade ski trip in January. Costs have escalated appreciably which is posing a problem in finding a suitable location. Bobbie Wilsey is actively pursuing alternatives and will keep the Middle School posted on new developments.

Dave Kressen mentioned that he would appreciate a parent volunteer for the Middle School publication. Marie Assaf would also like a parent volunteer to help with the Middle School Community Service Commission.

Some discussion was held on dress regulations. Short tennis socks which do not cover the ankle are not permitted. Several parents proposed a uniform skirt, in lieu of the jumper, to be worn with an optional style blouse. No decision was reached on this matter.

Mr. Kressen encouraged parents to come and see him if they are interested in knowing more about achievement and IQ tests for their children.

## SIXTH GRADE HISTORY FIELD TRIPS

The Sixth grade history classes under the direction of Mr. Farer and Mr. Hansen took two local field trips during the month of October. The first excursion was to the Webb School in Claremont, where the classes visited the Alf Museum which houses the fossil collection of Dr. Raymond Alf, a noted paleontologist and collector. Dr. Alf conducted the tour of the dome-shaped building which exhibits along with artifacts of evolutionary change, his well-known collection of fossil footprints. The classes then continued on to the "In Her Image" exhibit at the Pomona College Art Gallery for a docent tour of the exhibit on religious art. The second trip, to the Hall of Evolutionary Life and the Hall of the Pleistocene Era at the Los Angeles County Museum of National History, provided the students with a chance to visually enlarge upon their classroom work on various aspects of prehistoric life.

# Lower School News

## ROOM PARENTS MEETING

The Lower School Room Parents met on September 24 at the home of Mike and Carole Babcock. Highlights of the meeting: 1. Charlene Liebau, President of the Board of Trustees, reported on the first Board meeting of the 1980-81 year; 2. Jolly Urner discussed community service activities consisting primarily of preparing baskets of food for the needy at holiday time and welcomed any ideas parents might have for other services

appropriate for Lower School children that would increase their awareness of community needs; and 3. Mike Babcock spoke to the group and stressed that Room Parents meetings serve as a forum for new ideas and suggestions as well as a time to report on routine business. The next Lower School Room Parents meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on November 5 at Poly's Flagler Learning Center. All Lower School parents are invited.

## FACULTY

On November 3, Patti Smith, a consultant in the area of learning disabilities, will present a program at Poly for pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers on the development of auditory and visual perceptual skills in young children. Mrs. Smith has a Masters degree in Special Education from Boston University and was the Coordinator of the Pasadena Junior League's Learning Skills Assessment Project which evaluates the learning skills of kindergarten children in the San Marino school district and then works with teachers in developing remedial programs for children found to have learning problems. She continues to be a professional consultant to that project.

## HOLIDAY ANNOUNCED

Note change on your calendar: January 30, 1981, will be a Lower School holiday. The Lower School schedule will then coincide with the schedules of the Middle and Upper Schools which are closed on January 30 for semester break.

## THE LOWER SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Physical Education program in the Lower School is designed to introduce the children to many sports and activities, rather than to provide intense training in only one or two athletic endeavors. Shirley Heublein, Director of Physical Education, believes that this type of program encourages interest in all sports and provides a child with the experience necessary to select one or more athletic activities he or she would like to continue in later school years.

From pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade, the children learn ball handling, soccer, gymnastics (includes use of the apparatus room with a wonderful collection of gymnastics and tumbling equipment), rhythmic movement, and track and field. Tennis is added to the program in the 3rd grade and net ball, football and basketball are added in the 4th and 5th grades. Ms. Heublein, Mr. Yezerski, Dal Rasmussen, and Kate Moulder all have teaching responsibilities in the Lower School program. Creative dance taught by Holly Davis is also part of the program. Shirley Heublein considers dance to be an

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important aid in developing the agility and timing needed for athletics.

The Lower School classes have recently completed the Nabisco-Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Physical Fitness Test consisting of sit-ups, pick-ups, running and other specified activities. The results of these tests will not be submitted to the AAU, but in the Spring the children will be tested again and the results will be submitted to the AAU and compared to the national norm.

Dianne Magee

## Alumni News

In October the first meeting of the 1980-81 Executive Committee of the Alumni Association convened, chaired by George Hale '43. The committee, charged with planning, organizing and implementing alumni programs and services in order to strengthen alumni ties with the school, proceeded to launch a year brimming with events.

For the first calendar occasion, to be held at Poly, 5:00 pm, Wednesday, November 19th, there will be a workshop involving Alumni Class Representatives, who are co-chaired this year by Carl West '69 and Jenny Jones Rutt '70. Spouses will join the representatives in Flagler Learning Center after the meeting at 7:00 pm for the Annual Class Representatives Dinner. Lorraine Panos Clearman '54 is planning this marvelous affair where usually wonderful "Poly tales" emerge from recollections of representatives.

The rest of the year has been organized to sustain existing alumni programs. These include Polijob, Alumni Game Day, *Polygrad*, and Alumni Day.

A new objective to be met by the Alumni Association this year is the publishing of the first Alumni Directory. John Cairns '57 is in charge of compiling an Alumni Questionnaire and Survey of Alumni attitudes to be used in the compilation of the directory.

With all of the above to be accomplished this year the Alumni Association is indeed an active and integral part of Poly.

The first reunion of Poly Alumni from the Santa Barbara area was held on October 24 at the home of Gunnar and Judy Kimball Bergman '44. The cocktail party gathering included a slide show presented by Mike Babcock. Accompanying Mike and Carole for the trip to Santa Barbara were Priscilla Flynn, Lou Brown and Candy Miller.

## Scouting News

### BOY SCOUTS

Troop 5 is continuing its activities and has scheduled many trips as outlined in the Poly Days Calendar.

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*EAGLE SCOUT DAVID TRINKLE - An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held for David Trinkle on October 7, 1980. David is a member of BSA Troop 35.*

Boy Scouts are rewarded for their endeavors in Scouting by advancing through the various Ranks which include Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Scout. This Fall 15 boys advanced in Rank with Bill Jameson receiving his Eagle Badge, the highest award in Scouting, at the Court of Honor held on Oct. 22nd. Also included in the Honors Court Ceremony was the awarding of over 100 Merit Badges to Scouts who were active throughout the summer. Ninth grader David Trinkle, a member of BSA Troop 35, San Rafael, was also made an Eagle Scout this Fall at his Troop's Court of Honor on Oct. 7.

Troop 5 has selected its officers for this year in elections held Oct. 15. The new Senior Patrol Leader for the Troop is P. J. Haring. Dennis Thurston will serve as the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. The Patrol Leaders for the next six months are:

Bear Patrol	..... Bill Plunkett - PL
	Rich Cronshey - APL
Cobra Patrol	.. Warren Techentin - PL
	Ranjit Sinha - APL
Eagle Patrol	..... Wyatt Johnson - PL
	Dan Hennessey - APL
Flaming Arrow Patrol	
	John Cleaves - PL
	Patrick Farrand - APL
Panther Patrol	..... Carl Stahmer - PL
	Scott Bourke - APL
Wolf Patrol	..... John Kassabian - PL
	Eric Muntz - APL

The upcoming events include a cycle trip on the Santa Monica Beach cycleway, from Santa Monica to Redondo Beach and return, on Nov. 15. This trip will be a good opportunity to break in equipment for the more strenuous rides planned later in the year. For the more experienced

hikers in the Troop, the annual 20-mile hike will take place on Nov. 22. This trip traditionally starts at sunrise and ends an hour or more after dark.

### CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 5 went on their first pack overnight on Oct. 25th at McCurdy Nature Center at Eaton Canyon Camp. At present there are 42 boys in Cub Scouts. Any boy who would like to join may still do so by calling F. X. Cloran or Judy Waller. The theme of November's Pack Meeting will be "Indian Lore."

### BROWNIES

The new Brownie Troop of 22 enthusiastic 3rd grade girls will have their Investiture Ceremony into Girl Scouts on Nov. 22. The Brownies are developing their singing skills to become a chorus of good cheer with plans to visit convalescent homes, shut-ins, and a Children's Hospital during the Christmas Holidays. Also planned is a camping overnight in the Spring. The leaders include the following Poly parents: Tina Diver, Barbara Poer, Dawn Bazler, Shirley Myronowicz, with Evelyn Lieberman and Dori Devereux assisting.

### JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

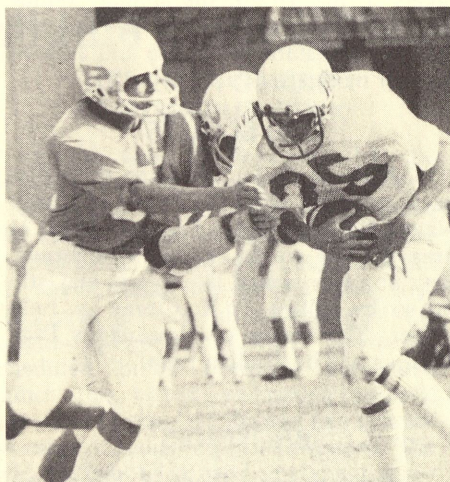
Troop 645 of the Girl Scouts with 15 members from the 4th Grade is led by Lila Garner. They began their year with a camping weekend to Camp Singing Pines on Oct. 14 & 15. They are also planning to begin work on earning their First Aid Badge.

Troop 210 has 16-20 members of the 5th Grade this year. Their leader is Janet Langford. They began this year working on their Cycling Badge which included a visit from the Pasadena Police, who presented a Bicycle Safety Program and gave them a Safety Test. They were then ready to conduct a Bike Hike on Oct. 20th. Other plans include earning a Book Badge, a visit to the Huntington Library and ice skating lessons to earn their Ice Skating Badge.

### CADETS

The Girl Scout Cadets had their first meeting at the end of October with their leader Linda Haque. They include 6-8 members of the 7th grade. Last year the Troop traveled by Amtrak to the San Diego Zoo and began work on a special project for the Zoo. This year they plan to complete that project and earn the San Diego Zoo Badge awarded to Girl Scouts for this service. Their plans also include many outdoor activities, especially camping.





*Poly Panthers practice*

## Sports News

The Fall Sports Program has persevered despite the difficulties encountered due to the serious smog conditions this month. Coach Farer's girls Varsity Tennis team has scored victories over Marshall (7-0) and Mayfield (5-2) and suffered only one defeat in a close match with Chadwick (3-4). The Junior Varsity girls team remains undefeated with wins over Marshall (6-1) and Mayfield (4-3). The coed Middle School team is also victorious with its one win over High Point (3-2). The remaining season is heavily scheduled because of postponements due to smog.

The coed Cross Country team, combined Middle and Upper Schools, has grown to 20 members with equal distribution between boys and girls! They have participated in three meets. Coach Hansen reports that our superstar, Jean Kutner, placed first in her events in two meets and, in the largest meet, was second in a field of 90 with her time in the 2 mile run clocked at 12:13! In Poly's last meet, another star emerged as Miller Newlon ran 3 miles in 19:24.

Coach Yure's Varsity football team has suffered almost as many injuries as the Dodgers. At press time there are three players out for the season: Bruce Coffey, Tom Bakaly, and Richard Mayne. Their present record stands at 2 wins and 3 losses. The victorious games were Brentwood (28-0) and Flintridge (25-8). The losses were Rio Hondo (37-7), Maranatha (28-13), and Pacific Christian (30-18). Three players from the Junior Varsity will join the Varsity for the remainder of the season. They are Jeff Blatt, Iain Smith and Scott Wilson.

Coach Rasmussen's JV football team has lost the services of Berne Evans due to injury. The team record stands at 1 win and 2 losses. They defeated Flintridge and lost to Rio Hondo and Maranatha. While Coach Hansen's Middle

School football team has not recorded a victory, they have played 2 very close games which were lost in the last seconds. Coach Hansen considers this to be a year of development and is pleased with their spirit and progress.

Girls Volleyball is alive and well—to be reported next month!

Everyone is encouraged to attend the last football game of the season. It will be a festive day featuring a raffle and lots of food! Mark it on your calendar—Chadwick at Poly, November 8!

Elaine Reeves

### LAURA CAMPUZANO OLYMPIC CLASS SWIMMER

Laura Campuzano, 16-year old Poly junior is all wet—usually! The bubbly teenager, who is a native of Pasadena, learned to swim at the age of 4 and has felt right at home in the water ever since. Laura related that her competitive swimming career began in Miramonte, California at age 6, quite by accident. She was visiting a swim club and the swim team's coach, thinking she was a member, asked her if she wanted to swim for the team. It sounded like a great idea to Laura and she begged her mother to let her be a competitive swimmer.

The family soon moved to Monrovia where Laura swam for the Monrovia Dolphins. When she was 12 she entered the Jr. Nationals in Huntsville, Alabama, placing 2nd in the 1650 meters and setting a new record for that level with a time of 16 minutes 52 seconds.

She swam in her first Senior National competition in East Los Angeles when she was an 8th grader, placing 6th in the 1650. She moved to a third place position in the 1650 when she entered the Ft. Lauderdale Senior Nationals in the summer between 9th and 10th grade.

In September 1979, now an Olympic hopeful, Laura moved to Ft. Lauderdale to train under Coach Scott McFarland. She felt this was quite a maturing experience for a 15-year old as she was on her own while her family stayed in Pasadena. After rigorous training, Laura was tremendously depressed in February when President Carter announced the Olympic boycott. Her swimming was affected and for a time Laura says she "decided to hang it up." Her new coach, Ed Spencer, of the Industry Hills team, encouraged her and bolstered her sagging ego. This was a turning point for Laura. She says that now a poor performance inspires her with greater incentive to improve! Laura feels politics and sports should not mix. Many team members rationalized that if they had gone to Moscow, they might have been given a hard time emotionally by the Communist Bloc. Laura still has the Olympics as her goal and her age is in her favor.

Laura swam in the Olympic Trials at



*Olympic Class Swimmer, Laura Campuzano*

Irvine in August 1980. She placed 7th in the 800 meter and 5th in the 1500 meter. As a member of the USA Team she travelled to Hawaii for a 2 week International meet. The USA team won with Laura placing 7th in the 400 free style and 3rd in the 800 free style.

Laura's training program begins at 3:45 every morning in order to drive 25 miles to Industry Hills to swim for 2 hours. She comes back to Poly for school, then returns to Industry Hills for a 2½ hour workout. She returns home at 7:15, has dinner, does homework and goes to bed. She also works out on weekend. Meticulous organization is the key to Laura's life. How else could she find time to volunteer on Thursday afternoons at the Hillside Development Center, work on the Yearbook staff and attend football games on Saturday?

Laura says "it feels great to be in the water!" She says it is a fabulous feeling to know that you have done something better or faster than the competition and this feeling keeps you striving for more.

With such a positive attitude about life and an obvious desire to participate in it actively, Laura is a credit to herself and her family. And we are indeed fortunate to have her at Poly.

Debora Weiss

### WOOD DESIGN CLASSES

On the corner of Catalina and California, in a spacious skylit building which once housed the print shop, one can now find the well-worn tables, cabinets, tools and power equipment of the Woodworking Shop. A light film of sawdust coats the mellow maple floors and flavors the air with a spicy wood smell. Mona Hayles, a young woman who has recently earned her Master of Arts degree in Furniture Design and Production from Cal State Northridge, presides over this slightly secluded corner of campus.

In some schools, Woodworking would be called 'Shop' and would be treated as a course in which the student would be

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expected to learn the skills of a trade. At Poly, Woodworking is a part of the Middle and Upper School fine arts program. Conception, design, and drawing, as well as the final execution of a wood project are all important aspects of the learning process. A knowledge of different types of softwoods and hardwoods, their workability and use, is part of the woodworking curriculum and is introduced to the students as they progress in years and skills through the program.

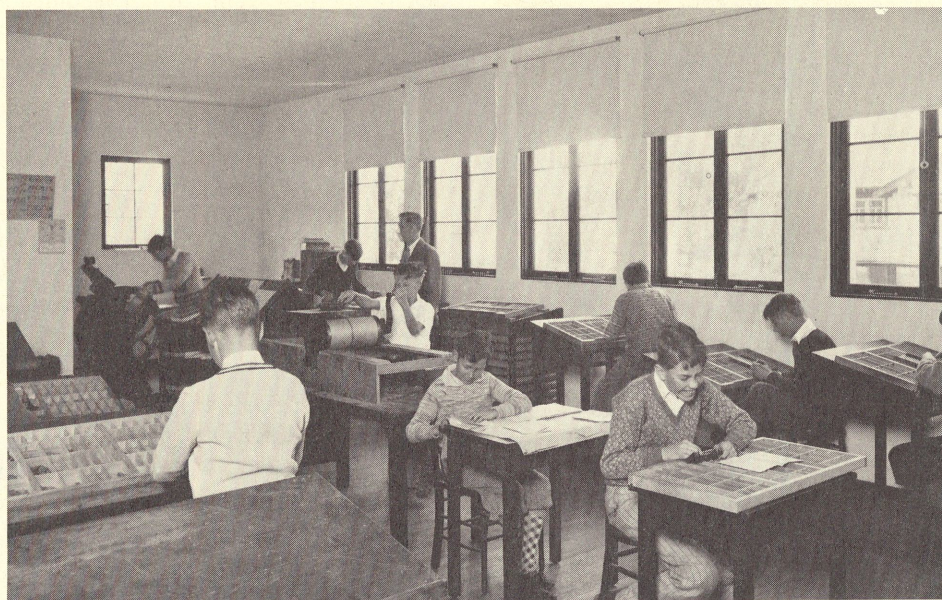
All Sixth graders are introduced to Woodworking for one trimester during their first year of Middle School. Much to the disappointment of some, their first class starts not with banging and hammering, but with drawing. They design their initial project, usually an animal figure, transfer the drawing to their block of wood, and then are instructed by Ms. Hayles in the correct and safe use of the hand tools they will use to bring their design to a completed state. In subsequent projects, the Sixth graders are introduced to some of the easier power tools. A deeper understanding of types of hardwoods, finishes, glues, power tools, and jewelry-making are introduced to the Seventh graders, who continue on with Woodworking as an elective after the first trimester. Eighth graders and Upper School students may select Woodworking as a Fine Arts elective. The well-stocked wood storage room allows the students much opportunity to work with hardwoods as diverse as willow and alder and allows them flexibility in their choice of projects. A field trip to World Timbers/Wood Gallery and the Cutting Edge, is planned for the Seventh graders this fall. There is a large selection of rare and exotic hardwoods for sale here, as well as a power tool display and a gallery of wood design. For those who choose to learn jewelry-making, Ms. Hayles instructs in fabrication, cutting, soldering, casting, and copper enameling.

Currently the best opportunity to see the products of the woodworking classes is at the Poly Pet Show in May, where there is usually a handsome and impressive exhibit of the talents and skills of the students.

Ms. Hayles welcomes visitors to view the completed projects of the different classes and promises to put a notice in this newsletter when such times are best.

Ms. Hayles is an enthusiastic and dynamic teacher with a strong talent of her own in furniture design. She is a member of the Guild of Designer Craftsmen in Northridge, and has exhibited her works at FCC, Cal State Northridge, and Westwood. She is anticipating having a booth at the Pasadena Harvest Days, a Christmas fair and art exhibit to be held inside the new Plaza Pasadena Mall from November 28-31.

The woodworking shop is a sometimes tranquil, sometimes noisy corner of Oak Tree Times



*Today's wood design studio was a printing room in the 1920s. Here students work on "Patio Pages," a student newsletter.*

campus, but always busy with that special aura of artistic creativity. As Ms. Hayles states, she hopes that when the students have completed woodworking they can expect to approach a problem or project at home, conceive of the solution and

then perform the task with the skill necessary to solve that problem. So, for all Middle School parents, save those broken chairs, and doors, and . . . .

Sally McQuilkin

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM INVOLVES ALL POLY STUDENTS

When a Poly prekindergartner chooses a can of fruit from his mother's pantry to take to school for a needy family, he has begun to participate in the Community Service Program at the school. This far-ranging program is accomplished in varying ways at all grade levels.

In the lower grades, the idea of sharing with others in the community is done in ways meaningful to the children's age levels. Canned foods are brought at Thanksgiving, and at Christmas the children are asked to bring a toy suitable for someone their own age. Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts are planning to participate by helping to sort the donations. Recipients are found through Friends in Need, and we hope this year to be able to deliver complete Thanksgiving dinners to the families selected, possibly even with homemade pies.

Middle School students will play a part in the Thanksgiving program as well, for it is their bake sales which help to raise money to buy the turkeys. But Middle School activities go beyond the holidays, and involve students themselves in the community. It is estimated that approximately 15 students last year participated in the Community Service Students group on a regular basis, with others helping at specific events. Their activities were varied and imaginative, ranging from helping organize Halloween festivities at Villa-Parke to participating in a Pasadena City College Wheel-a-thon, a marathon for the handicapped.

A considerable amount of money was

raised at the Middle School's popular bake sales, and the students made a donation to the Braille Institute after a visit there. Bake sale proceeds of \$300 went for a Cambodian Relief fund. Middle School Community Service students vote on the activities they will support, and plans are already in the works for this year's program.

Perhaps the most extensive and varied Community Service efforts take place at the Upper School level. Twenty-four students have been trained in "Peer Service," concentrating on drug abuse and counseling skills. They are working in local schools on various programs, including the Pasadena Council on Alcoholism's Sunrise course. Polytechnic students work with children at McLaren Hall in art and recreation activities, and another group tutors one evening a week at Hillside. In addition, at both these locations they must be able to relate in a personal way to the children they are helping. A few Poly students also work with abused children at Foothill Family Service, while others are doing individual studies at the Well Baby Clinic and Haven House.

Donna Woolard is Community Service Chairperson for the Lower School. Faculty member Marie Assaf, serves as Advisor to the Middle School and Upper School Community Service efforts are coordinated by individual teachers depending on the project being undertaken.

Carolyn Volk



# POLY-DAYS

A CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



November, 1980

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
CEEBS Testing  
8:30 a.m., Gosney

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14  
End of First Quarter  
Middle & Upper Schools

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21  
Girls Service League Fashion Show  
4:00 p.m., Gosney Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
Grandparents Visiting Day  
8:15 a.m. - 12 noon

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
Noon Dismissal for  
Thanksgiving Holiday

## ASSEMBLIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- SATURDAY 8 - Upper School dance, 8:00 - 12:00 p.m., Gosney.
- WEDNESDAY 12 - A representative from Dartmouth College will talk to juniors, seniors, and their parents - from area schools, 8:00 p.m., Gosney.
- FRIDAY 14 - Upper School theatre workshop.  
Middle School dance, 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., Gosney.
- SATURDAY 15 - Upper School car rallye, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY 19 - Alumni Class Representatives meeting and dinner, 5:00 p.m., Flagler.
- THURSDAY 20 - Faculty presentation of "Charlie Brown" for the Lower School, 9:00 a.m., Gosney.
- FRIDAY 21 - "Charlie Brown" for the Upper School, 11:00 a.m., Gosney.  
"Charlie Brown" for the Middle School, 1:00 p.m., Gosney.  
Girls Service League Fashion Show, 4:00 p.m., Gosney.
- MONDAY 24 - Grandparents Visiting Day, 8:15 a.m. - 12 noon, both campuses. All grandparents are invited to spend the morning seeing the school, attending classes, and meeting faculty and administrators.
- WEDNESDAY 26 - Fourth Grade (Wickersham) play, "African Trio," for Lower School, 11:10 a.m., Gosney.

## PARENT ACTIVITIES

- TUESDAY 4 - Upper School Room Mothers meeting, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room.
- WEDNESDAY 5 - Lower School Room Parents meeting, 7:30 p.m., Flagler.
- THURSDAY 6 - Fourth Grade parents party, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Korostoffs.
- TUESDAY 11 - Meeting for parents of seniors, 7:30 p.m., Flagler.
- WEDNESDAY 12 - Middle School Grade Parents meeting, 7:30 p.m., Flagler.
- SUNDAY 16 - Fifth Grade parents party at the Sweeneys, 6:00 p.m.
- TUESDAY 18 - Special workshop to discuss application for financial aid for college, for parents of juniors and seniors, 7:30 p.m., Gosney.
- THURSDAY 20 - Sixth Grade parents party, 6:30 p.m.
- MONDAY 24 - Meeting for parents of juniors and seniors with Richard Moll, Dean of Admissions, UC Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m., Gosney.



### SCOUTS

- SATURDAY 15 - Boy Scout bicycle trip, Santa Monica.  
SATURDAY 22 - Boy Scout 20-mile hike.

### OFF CAMPUS TRIPS

- MONDAY 3- - Seventh Grade trip to Catalina Island, leaving at 7:00 a.m. Monday,  
FRIDAY 7 - returning at 3:00 p.m. Friday.  
WEDNESDAY 5 - Eighth Grade French class to the Esquire Theatre to see "Le Roi de  
Couer," 10:00 a.m.  
THURSDAY 6 - Fourth Grade (Ellis) to Judson's Stained Glass Studio, 10:00 a.m.  
Fourth Grade (Wickersham) to Judson's Studio, 1:00 p.m.  
SUNDAY 16- - Tenth Grade trip to Yosemite.  
FRIDAY 21  
SUNDAY 16 - Junior Classical League's Day at the "Circus Maximus," (Santa Anita).  
TUESDAY 18 - Third Grade (Simon) to Los Angeles Children's Museum, 8:50 - 11:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY 19 - Third Grade (Nootbaar) to Children's Museum, 8:50 - 11:30 a.m.  
Fourth Grade (Wickersham) to Pacific Asia Museum, 1:00 p.m.  
THURSDAY 20 - Fourth Grade (Ellis) to Pacific Asia Museum, 1:00 p.m.

### SPORTS

- SATURDAY 1 - Football at Francis Parker, JV, V, 1:00 p.m.  
MONDAY 3 - Tennis at Buckley, V, 3:00 p.m.  
TUESDAY 4 - Tennis, Westridge at Poly, V, 3:00 p.m.  
Volleyball, Chadwick at Poly, JV, V, 3:00 p.m.  
C volleyball, Brethren at Poly, 3:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY 5 - Middle School cross country meet finals in the Arroyo, 3:30 p.m.  
Middle School tennis, Mayfield at Poly, 3:30 p.m.  
THURSDAY 6 - Tennis at Westridge, JV, 3:00 p.m.  
Cross country league meet in the Arroyo, 3:00 p.m.  
FRIDAY 7 - Volleyball at Maranatha, JV, V, 3:00 p.m.  
SATURDAY 8 - Football, Chadwick at Poly, V, 1:00 p.m.  
MONDAY 10 - Tennis, Buckley at Poly, JV, 3:00 p.m.  
THURSDAY 13 - Tennis at Chadwick, JV, 3:00 p.m.  
FRIDAY 14 - Tennis, Chadwick at Poly, V, 3:00 p.m.  
Middle School basketball at Heritage, 3:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY 19 - Middle School tennis at Flintridge, 3:30 p.m.  
FRIDAY 21 - Middle School soccer at Flintridge, 2:30 p.m.  
Middle School basketball at Chandler, 3:15 p.m.  
MONDAY 24 - Middle School soccer at Chadwick, 3:15 p.m.  
TUESDAY 25 - Basketball vs. La Canada, 3:00 p.m. JV, V at Poly; freshmen and  
sophomores at La Canada.  
Middle School soccer at Chandler, 3:30 p.m.

### REMINDER

Please be sure not only to clear, but also to confirm  
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Greeting each other at the Poly Family Picnic left to right, Dave Davis and son Jason, Mike and Debby Smith. (Photo by Carole Babcock)



Relaxing during the Poly Family Picnic, Carmie Rodriguez and Mara, Susie and Sarah. (Photo by Carole Babcock)



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