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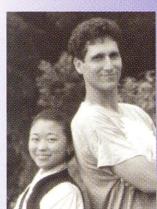
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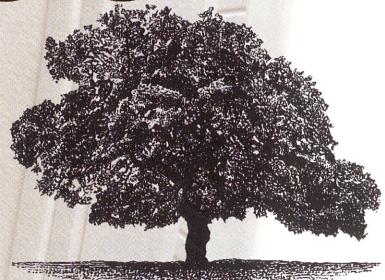
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# Oak Tree TIMES



## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

### Poly & The Internet

**I**t's been a little less than four years since the Oak Tree Times covered the technological revolution (see OTT Spring 1997), and of course in technological time, that's a millennium. During that time computers and the Internet have only become more ubiquitous not only at Polytechnic School, but in nearly everyone's lives.

Billboards, print ads, corporate spon-

sors for everything from the Olympics to public radio all feature web addresses ending in "dot.com" as part of their pitches these days.

Back in 1997 the Oak Tree Times announced Poly's first web page, which was designed by students from the classes of '96-'98, with help from Greg Feldmeth; and Poly alum and math teacher Jonathan Fay '81 interviewed

some alums working at Microsoft. Today Poly has completely redesigned and updated its web page for the third time (click on [www.polytechnic.org](http://www.polytechnic.org) to check it out) and Poly alums are—as you would expect—in the thick of all the latest Internet developments. We checked in (via email in most cases) with a representative few of them and learned first-hand what they were up to.

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# An Exciting School Year Ahead

High energy and excitement characterized the start of school this year for a number of reasons. Each of the three schools has been enlivened by the addition of experienced teachers new to Poly. We have also welcomed several staff members to the school. A new college counselor has joined the high school administrative team. And a number of our senior professionals have taken on new assignments. Our senior teachers, staff and administrators continue to demonstrate their passion and dedication to teaching Poly students. The newest members of our community recognize and communicate their appreciation for Poly's long-time professionals. In turn the ideas and perspectives they bring from various schools as well as diverse regions of the country are invigorating to everyone. School year 2000-2001 is a great time to be teaching and learning at Poly.

Among the many activities planned for the year, the school community will be reviewing and updating Goals 2000, our current Strategic Plan. As part of this process, the Board of Trustees and the administration will be seeking feedback from the many different groups that make up the Poly community -- parents, teachers, students, alumni, and friends. We hope you will respond to forthcoming requests to share your thinking.

This spring the school will also begin preparations for its periodic reaccreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The process starts this spring and continues into the fall with a self-study, which involves responding to questions on all areas of school life. This intensive process provides a wonderful opportunity to review school curricula and programs. In the spring of 2002 a team of educators will visit Poly to determine the match between our stated goals and current practices. We expect to be guided by their observations, insights and recommendations.

An excellent school looks toward the future and builds upon the past. Poly has many long-standing traditions that will be continuing this year. In addi-

tion to the hallmark of academic excellence in the classroom, Poly students have the opportunity to learn about themselves and others by participating in our well-established outdoor education program. This year, more than 600 students in grades six through twelve traveled to nine different wilderness locations. Guided by naturalists, and accompanied by faculty and staff leaders, students explored parts of central and southern California, Utah, New Mexico and the mountains of Baja.

They spent time backpacking, canoeing, hiking, rock climbing, and kayaking as well as performing community service within the Navajo nation. During their trips, students learned about their natural surroundings, about their relationships to peers and adults, and about themselves. These trips are often mentioned by Poly alumni as a seminal part of their educational experience.

School year 2000-01 has started well and promises to be a time of growth and reaffirmation. As the year unfolds, we look forward to celebrating the activities and accomplishments of our students. It is a privilege to be at Poly to witness and support the school's excellence.

—Sarah Levine

# How Does Poly Do It?

By all accounts, this year has begun in a most positive and exciting way. The new faculty has brought a fresh, innovative and new dimension to the school while the remaining faculty provides the backbone that is the excellence of Poly. This wonderful mix of younger and experienced faculty has the potential to produce meaningful benefits to the Poly students. Coupled with the academic excellence is a winning record on the sports fields. It seems that Poly is doing well on many fronts.

In my travels for my employer, I often introduce the subject of schooling to friends and acquaintances. Before long, I am explaining (with considerable pride) the excellence that is Poly. Inevitably, I am asked, "how does Poly do it?" My answer is simple, but goes to the core of what is successful education today. Poly has a unique combination of dedicated faculty, committed administration and staff, loyal alumni, and focused parents. Combine these elements with an extraordinary student body, and you have a winning formula.

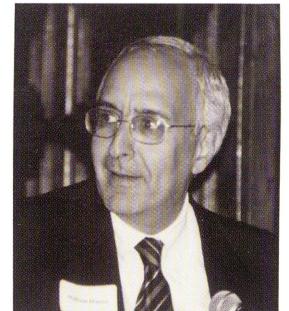
And if you dig a little further, you find two other factors that contribute mightily to the success of Poly. The first is the generosity of many, many Poly friends who have allowed the

school to build an important and growing endowment. And the second is the unique connectedness that exists

in the greater Poly family and community. It is powerful and it brings much to Poly. Try to explain this to a non-Poly person and you get a quizzical response. But it is palpable—this Poly connectedness and it is very real.

I want to close this message by introducing you to our new Trustees, Ahmed Alfi, Scott Christopher, Carolyn Denham, and Kathi Smith. All four bring unique skills and strength to an already committed group of extraordinary trustees. The many many hours spent by Poly Trustees in Board meetings, in committee meetings, on trips, attending school functions, and sometimes "being around for Poly" is momentum. They do it for one reason and one reason only—the trustees love this school. I thank them, and I ask you, in your own way, to thank them too.

—William Hanna



For an upcoming issue of the *Oak Tree Times*:

## “Outdoor Education”

If you have an unforgettable Class Trip story and photo to share, the Editors of the *Oak Tree Times* would like to hear from you.

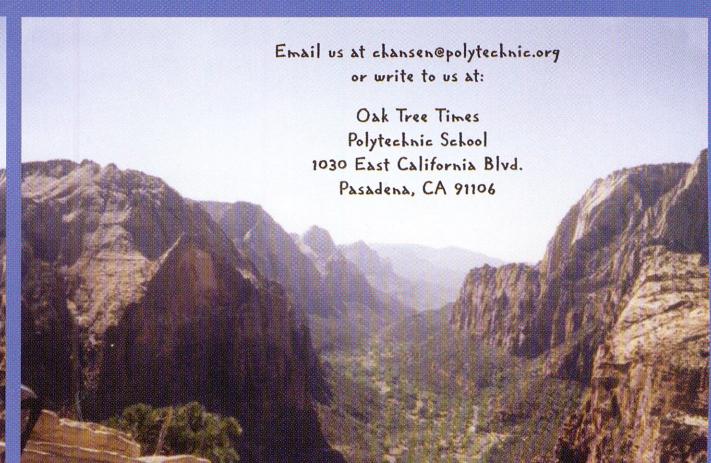


### Class Trips 2000:

This photo of Sarah Levine with Poly 9th and 10th graders was taken at Zion National Park in October of this year.

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## NEW TRUSTEES

### Ahmed O. Alfi

It's fitting in this issue devoted to "dot.com" companies that the first (in alphabetical order) of our new trustees should be a private venture investor with a focus on first round investments in "dot.com" companies. Ahmed O. Alfi is Director of Netcubator, an integrated "incubator" for identifying, creating and nurturing Internet startups.



BroadbandSports.com, an online provider of sports content and products to distinct sports communities; insureon.com, a leading online exchange for business insurance; autoMedia.com, a premier provider of syndicated and custom automotive content for the Internet; Alfigen, a genetic diagnostic company; and Carsdirect.com, an online alternative for the new car buyer.

Prior to "venturing" into the world of private investment, Ahmed was Senior Vice-President for Jefferies & Company in Los Angeles. He received his B.S. in Science, with an emphasis on Finance, from the California State University at Northridge. Ahmed, his wife Manal, son Omar '02 and daughters Zainah and Lena live in La Cañada-Flintridge.

### Scott Christopher

Investment banker Scott Christopher and his wife, Allison, are the parents of Andrew '09 (currently in Mrs. Wilson's 4th grade class) and Lauren '12 (a first grader in Mrs. Gaffney's class). Before moving to La Cañada-Flintridge in 1997, the Christophers had been living in the Bay Area for a number of years.

Scott is a senior banker for the Investment Management and Private Banking Group in the Los Angeles offices of J. P. Morgan. He's the chair of the Board's Investment Committee,

which oversees and manages Poly's endowment. He served on that committee and on the



Development Committee prior to joining the Board. Scott also serves as an advisor to the Warren Christopher Scholarship Fund, which awards college scholarships to economically disadvantaged high school students.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Scott attended Harvard High School (now Harvard-Westlake), earned a B.A. in economics and sociology from U.C. Santa Barbara, and went on to get a Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University.

Outside of banking, Scott says he enjoys skiing, ocean kayaking, surfing, running, golf, and, "riding my son's Razor Scooter."

### Carolyn H. Denham, Ph.D.

Carolyn is the seventh president of Pacific Oaks College and Children's School, a 53-year-old upper division and graduate college emphasizing early

childhood education. Pacific Oaks' main campus is in Pasadena, with a branch campus in Seattle,



Washington, and a degree program in Northern California.

Prior to becoming president of Pacific Oaks, Carolyn was Visiting Professor and Director of the National Center for Schools and Communities at Fordham University in New York City; Associate Vice President for Academic Programs and Professor at California State

Polytechnic University, Pomona; and Associate Dean, Acting Dean, and Professor at the School of Education of the California State University, Long Beach.

Carolyn is a member of the Boards of Trustees of Claremont Graduate University, the Institute of International Education, and On-the-Job Parenting. She received her Ph.D. in Educational Research from Boston College in 1971.

Carolyn is the mother of Dr. Jeffrey Denham '89 and Laura Denham '94.

### Kathryn Smith

Kathryn Smith has been a Poly parent since 1991 when her son

Matt entered as a first grader. Four sons



later, she now has five boys at Poly, Matt grade 10, Evan grade 6, Jordan grade 4 and Alex and Ben in Kindergarten. Kathryn is a registered nurse. She works at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles where she is the Assistant Nursing Director at the USC University Affiliated Program- a post-graduate training program that focuses on children with neurodevelopmental disabilities.

In addition, Kathryn is the director of three federally funded projects that focus on children with special health care needs. She teaches a course on that population in the School of Public Health at UCLA. Her bachelor's degree in Nursing comes from Cal State Long Beach and her master's degree in nursing is from UCLA. She is married to Carl Smith, an orthopedic surgeon in Upland and Ontario.

The Smiths are active in sports, music lessons and their church, Holy Family in South Pasadena. Kathryn says that in her "spare" time, she likes to read,

## Year End Gifts

**F**or many people, the end of the year is a time for reflection, for planning, and for sharing with others. If you are thinking about making charitable gifts, it's important to remember that only gifts made before December 31st will result in tax savings next April. Making certain gifts, for instance a gift of appreciated securities, can result in even greater savings. And, they can provide benefits to Polytechnic School and the other institutions you want to remember!

There are many advantages to contributing stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other properties, which have increased in value.

- The current full value of the gift can generally be deducted on federal and state income tax.
- The capital gains tax on the amount of appreciation is avoided.
- Gifts of appreciated assets are deductible up to 30% of adjusted gross income and any excess can be carried forward for a few years.

Making a gift of securities is very simple, usually "electronically" completed, requiring only a phone call from the donor or the donor's financial advisor to Poly's Development Office. Please contact Carol McCrary at Poly, 626-792-2147 or [cmccrary@polytechnic.org](mailto:cmccrary@polytechnic.org), for additional information.

# Livin' Large in the Dot.Com World

**Jeff Brody '77**  
**Redpoint Ventures**  
[www.redpoint.com](http://www.redpoint.com)

**T**his is how *The Industry Standard* (see next page) describes Brody: "Jeff Brody is a founding partner of Redpoint Ventures, a firm born out of the nexus between former Sand Hill stalwarts\* Institutional Venture Partners and Benchmark Capital. Jeff is seen by many to be one of the most successful venture capitalists in Silicon Valley with nearly 15 years in the industry and several very successful investments to his credit."

Before founding Redpoint Ventures back in 1999, Jeff was a general partner with Brentwood Venture Capital, a firm he joined in 1994. At Redpoint, Jeff focuses on Internet, e-commerce and next-generation software opportunities. In a recent phone interview, Jeff responded to a question about "next-generation software" by explaining, "A new area of interest is this new computing architecture called Peer to Peer—it's a kind of distributed computing software system."

Jeff has led investments in a number of prominent business-to-business companies such as GetThere.com, Concur Technologies, ePeople, and PropertyFirst.com, as well as consumer-focused commerce and media companies including WebTV (acquired by Microsoft), NextCard, Telleo, Onebox.com (acquired by Phone.com), IQ.com, ShoppingList, mySimon (acquired by CNET), Flooz, Esurance and Zatso.

"What's exciting about what I do," says Jeff, "is that I get to hear new ideas that really smart, interesting people come up with, and I get to be involved in cutting edge ventures."

When the *Oak Tree Times* asked Jeff who or what at Poly might have influenced the path his life has taken, he replied, "Mr. Fisher, the shop teacher, taught me how to build things. Mr. Babcock taught me how to build relationships with people." Post-Poly, Jeff received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and his M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

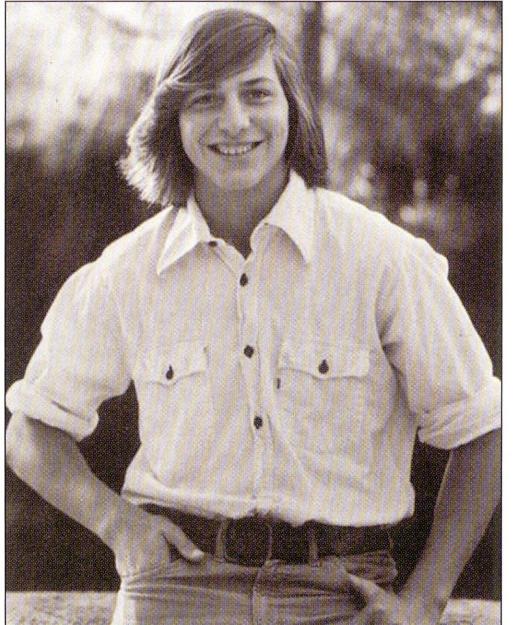
When he's not assisting in the construction of truly innovative companies, Jeff spends the precious remaining hours of the day with his family. He reports that he's married, with four children between the ages of 5 and 10. "I currently spend most of my Saturdays shuttling between four soccer games and two football games," he says wistfully. He also says that he still has some time for reading.

"I recently read *Conversations About the End of Time*," Brody revealed. "It was pretty interesting." Intended to coincide with this year's millennium celebrations, the book looks at humanity's fascination with the doomsayers and prophets predicting the end of time. The "conversations" alluded to in the title are with four scholars and cultural critics: Stephen Jay Gould, the Harvard paleontologist; Umberto Eco, Italian novelist and professor of semiotics; Jean Delumeau, French historian; and Jean-Claude Carriere, playwright and critic.

\*Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park, California is to "Silicon Valley" what Hollywood Boulevard is to "Hollywood," or what Wall Street is to, well, "Wall Street."

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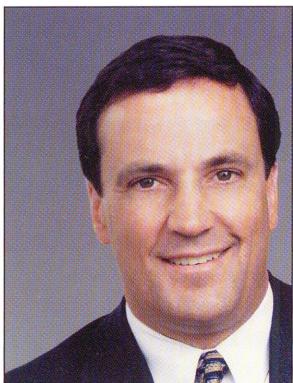
Below: the only quote that appears on Jeff's senior page in Poly's yearbook.

...(The Starchild) waited, marshaling his thoughts and brooding over his still untested powers. For though he was master of the world, he was not quite sure what to do next.  
But he would think of something.

—Arthur C. Clarke  
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**John Mack '77**  
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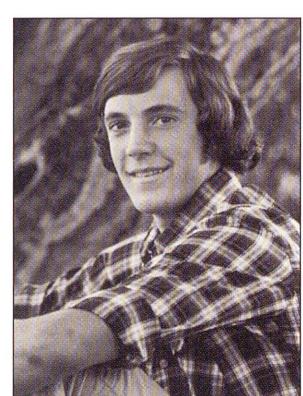
I was recruited five months ago by Jake Winebaum, a co-founder of eCompanies, to be the founder and CEO of USBX (US Business Exchange). Previously, I was the CEO of Protection One (NYSE: POI). As one of the founders of Protection One, I played a critical role in growing the business from \$10 million in revenues and 100 employees eight years ago to over \$600 million in revenues and 4,500 employees as a publicly-held company. Over the course of my tenure there, I completed over 200 acquisitions of small businesses and brought that experience to USBX.

USBX aims to be the largest and most professional internet-based provider of mergers and acquisitions (M&A)-related information and services for small businesses. The three major business units include: 1) an online Listing Exchange for buyers and sellers of small businesses, 2) a Resource Center that aggregates M&A-related content and service providers and 3) an M&A advisory practice.

eCompanies was created in June 1999 by Sky Dayton (founder & chairman of Earthlink) and Jake Winebaum (former Chairman of Buena Vista Internet Group—holding company for all of Disney's internet businesses) to rapidly launch Internet start-ups that will grow into profitable, long-lasting franchises.

Poly gave me an amazing education that allowed me to get into Stanford which only furthered the amazing educational experience. I think the confidence of a strong education and the stimulus of amazing people from my Poly days has certainly given me the impetus to pursue a more risky and challenging career.

I have three wonderful kids (Erick, Alex and Eden) and an amazing wife (Diana), whom I met at Stanford. The most interesting book I read recently was *Darwin's Finches*, a wonderful recounting of the basis for Darwin's theories.



**THE STANDARD**  
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Two years ago, John Battelle founded a business magazine about the Internet. It's already profitable, and advertising rose sixfold last year. But Battelle won't be satisfied until his company is the premier news provider for the New Economy. (Brill's Content, June 2000 issue).

**John Battelle '83**  
**The Industry Standard**

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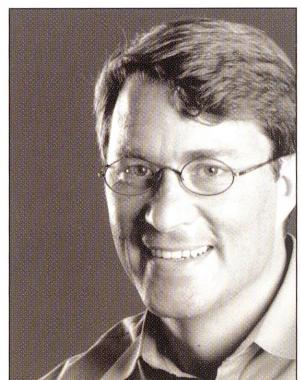
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offerings (IPOs) to Internet privacy in a brisk, wry style.

In an in-depth article on The Standard and Battelle in the June 2000 issue of Brill's Content, Battelle says he would like to take his place among such name-brand media outlets as Fortune and BusinessWeek. In addition to the magazine, The Standard has a flourishing website, a popular conference business, plans for books and expansion into Europe and Asia.

The concluding paragraph from the *Brill's Content* article gives a good snapshot of Battelle at this stage in the game:

For now, Battelle has problems a budding media titan could only wish for. In San Francisco, on an unseasonably warm Friday in March, he greets caterers setting up for yet another party—the weekly rooftop affair he has hosted since the magazine's launch. Battelle sits back in a deck chair and waves to a group of young people chatting in the late-afternoon sun. "Do they work here?" he whispers to his assistant. "I used to know everyone. We're just growing so fast." When asked what long-term role he sees for himself at The Standard, he says, "I'll be in charge of seeing stuff and going over and making it." That's what he's wanted all along. "I remember him once describing himself as being sand in the oyster," says a friend, *Wired* contributor John Heilemann. "He was the person rubbing up against everything else and making things happen." Isn't that what you want from the guy hosting the party?



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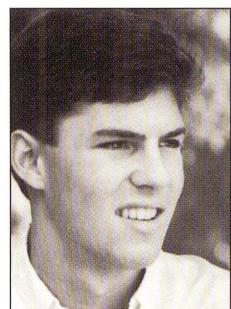
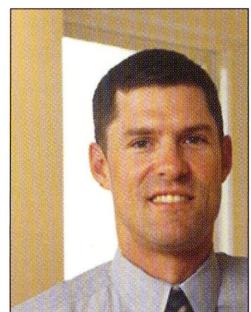
## Stephen Watkins '84

Getstartedhere.com, Inc.  
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**F**ounded in mid-1999 and based in Pasadena, California, Getstartedhere.com, Inc. ("GSH") provides business consulting, investment banking, and executive search services to early-stage private companies. The GSH venture development model is designed to assist its portfolio companies to secure the capital and human resources necessary to build a stable corporate infrastructure around innovative business concepts and proprietary technology. Accordingly, GSH provides services to both entrepreneurs and investors without the overhead or risk of the traditional "incubator" or "accelerator" model.

The education that I received as a "lifer" at Poly provided the foundation for my professional life. Poly's excellence in the foundation elements of education—Mathematics, English and History—has given me the tools for success as an adult. Poly also instilled the disciplines necessary for achievement in college and graduate school education. Not to say that Berkeley or the Anderson School at UCLA were a breeze, but I felt well-prepared for the academic challenges that I have faced as a result of my years at Poly.

Current interests revolve around family activities with my wife and two daughters. When I do get a chance to read anything besides trade journals, I find a particular interest in biographies of turn-of-the-century figures, particularly John D. Rockefeller and J.P. Morgan. As I am a student of history (BA History, UCB) and a businessman, I find great interest in the cyclical nature of business and the markets.



## Ilona Nemeth '85

DoubleClick (Director of Financial Communications)  
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have. Its real advantage is that the Internet is interactive—the viewer can choose content, build communities, and access information.

All that content is supplied to the viewer for free today because the content providers get advertising to support their businesses. We help the advertisers and the sites to connect. We help sell the advertising space (things like banner ads, text links, superstitials), and we get the ad onto the computer screen. We deliver over 2 billion ads per day in over 80 countries, which requires massive infrastructure and scale—we have over 250 terabytes of RAID storage.

I came to DoubleClick after meeting the company's president at a business school function—he was speaking about the Internet at an alumni event. After doing Strategy and Acquisitions in AlliedSignal's (now Honeywell) high-growth Electronic Materials division, I realized that the Internet was much higher growth and that DoubleClick's business model was beautiful. If this is the gold rush, we're supplying the picks and shovels.

I started DoubleClick's Investor Relations group; I'm one of the designated speakers at conferences, so I tell the story often all over the world; and I talk to all the analysts that cover us from Morgan Stanley and other institutions that invest in us.

Regarding life outside work, I manage to fit in brief trips, but they really have to mesh with work as well. For example, I went to Thailand and Cambodia earlier this year after our international roadshow for an equity offering.

## Alison Daly Van Dyke '86

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A friend from UCLA, Hiroshi Wald, came up with the idea for ZINGDATA last Fall. I joined the company on March 1, 2000 as founder and COO.

Before ZINGDATA, I worked as an investment banker in the area of Loan Syndications in San Francisco at Bank of America Securities. Before I became an investment banker, I lived in Washington, D.C. where I attended Georgetown Business School and worked as a political fundraiser for presidential and state campaigns.

I keep in touch with other Poly "tech company" friends, including Ed Konjoyan '86 and Bill Onderdonk '86 (both at Idealab) and Phelps Wood '86 (Ecoupons.com). I also have gotten a lot of local support from Elizabeth Baker Halden '86, Boyd Powers '85 and Jonathan Kevles '85.

My husband, Bill, and I enjoy golf, yoga and Lake Tahoe. We love to travel—we just returned from a week of sea-kayaking in Vancouver Island, British Columbia.



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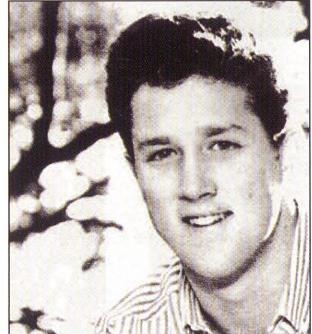


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We see the convergence of three things that create the market opportunity for our business. One, providing superior customer service is essential to running a successful business. Two, maximizing the lifetime value of a customer is critical to business profitability. Three, there are 25 million businesses with fewer than 10 employees that account for 47% of all US sales and 85% of them will conduct all or part of their business over the Internet by 2002.

I got interested in the Internet when I was product manager at Sega on Genesis and GameGear. Genesis and GameGear were businesses in "harvest mode" which isn't as fun as growth mode. It was 1996 and the Internet seemed like the place to go if you wanted to work on growing a business.

I try and spend as much of my non-work time hanging out with my wife, Diana. We like mountain biking, snowboarding (though not many free weekends since I started doing this), playing basketball, running, tennis, gardening, basically anything outdoors since work keeps me inside. Diana and I support the arts and the philanthropic efforts of friends with our time and money.



**LivePlanet**  
COMING SOON



**Sean Bailey '87 • LivePlanet (Co-Founder) • [www.liveplanet.com](http://www.liveplanet.com)**

[Adapted from the October 11, 2000 issue of *Fortune* Online]

**B**en Affleck, his pal and fellow Oscar winner Matt Damon, and two hotshot young Hollywood producers, Chris Moore and Sean Bailey [Poly Class of 1987], have created a brand new company called LivePlanet. It aims to do what no Web startup or giant studio has been able to pull off—that is, launch a successful new-media entertainment company.

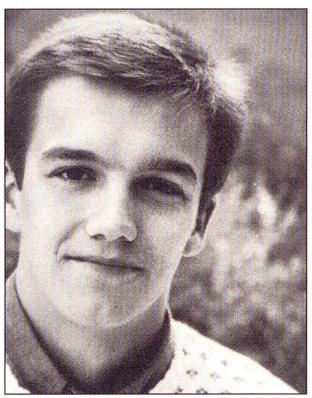
What LivePlanet is attempting to create is entertainment that will be enjoyed by audiences in traditional media (e.g., TV and movies), in the real world (like, say, a live sporting event), and on the Internet. The only way to convey this particular vision is to describe a LivePlanet project. Take *Runner*, a radical multimedia production for which ABC has agreed to pay many millions. The show goes like this:

Some person in the U.S. is selected to be the Runner. This person has to elude capture in the continental U.S. for 30 days while accomplishing 15 tasks, such as visiting a McDonald's in New Mexico during a set 48-hour period. If he succeeds, he wins \$1 million. Television and Web audiences track the Runner and try to find him, in the real world. If anyone catches the Runner, that person gets the money instead. The Runner will carry a hidden camera (and hidden cameras will follow him) as he, for instance, moves from a Caesar's Palace buffet in Las Vegas to a Miller brewery tour in Milwaukee to a rock concert in Atlanta.

ABC plans to air the show once a week starting next summer. It's possible, though, that the real action will be on the Runner Website (not up yet), which, if accessed with broadband (though you don't need it to play), will look like something out of *Mission: Impossible*. The demo has maps of where the Runner has been, his heart rate and blood pressure, his credit history, panting audio, and real-time video clips. A ticker shows how much prize money he is accumulating. "And if the show's a hit," says LivePlanet's Bailey, who came up with the idea, "what's to stop ABC from airing it more often, running 15-minute updates, or checking in with the Runner on *Good Morning America*?"

"We began to realize that if we ever wanted to build a real company with the potential to scale, we had to go to Silicon Valley both for the technology and the capital," says Bailey. Bailey had a friend named Marc Bodnick who was a partner at Silver Lake, the Silicon Valley buyout firm. Bodnick took the LivePlanet idea to Silver Lake's Dave Roux, a former Oracle executive, who is beginning to assemble his own keiretsu of companies.

Roux brought with him a group of top-tier investors—Bailey calls them "the Roux Tang Clan." These guys would provide LivePlanet not just seed capital but also experience and technical expertise. In the end, the Roux Tang Clan put in somewhere north of \$2 million; they are now 20% owners of the company. Minority holders, including ex-Disney studio chief Joe Roth and Dave Goldberg, CEO of Launch, an online music company, own about 10%. The four founders have retained about 50% of the company and have set aside the final 20% for current and future employees.



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**Mary Bourke '88**  
MTVi (Vice-President, Programming and Production)  
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**I** got my first Internet job while I was waiting for grad school to start (I was going to get my masters in journalism from American University in DC—as background, I had a couple of years of film and TV production experience after college, but I majored in Russian Area Studies). I got a part-time “data entry” job at a small Internet design firm, entering movie times and titles for 80 local theaters. The design firm was a content partner of America Online (AOL)—we helped to build AOL’s first Digital City for Washington, DC.

I had never been online before, but the production manager and other producers there taught me how to code pages in HTML, and to build AOL areas using “Rainman,” which was AOL’s programming language. I decided against getting a masters, to work at the design firm full time. They made me the “Creative Studio” producer, and allowed me to build an original fiction Web site, called Pulp City.

The company didn’t make it, however, and when it went under I returned to Pasadena. I was starting to wonder if not getting my masters had been a bad choice, when I got a lucky break—a call from the online entertainment mother ship, Disney.

I spent two years at Disney Channel as a new media producer. Over a year of that time was spent on one project: “Zoog Disney,” which is Disney’s premiere convergence initiative—what you do online affects what you see on TV. I learned a tremendous amount about business, cable TV and Web production.

I left Disney for an opportunity in New York City with MTV Networks. We’re building an entirely new business called MTVi Group, which consists of Viacom’s music Web sites—MTV.com, SonicNet and VH1.com. New Media work is fully engaging because it involves content creation, business strategy, technology, community-building, information architecture, design, entertainment, management, and countless other fields that I find fascinating.

Building databases and complex web applications is very interesting to me, but only as far as the systems are immediately applicable to engage people in online communities, increase production efficiency and build new types of businesses.

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**Carolee Reiling '89**  
**SoftCoin, Inc.**  
[www.softcoin.com](http://www.softcoin.com)

**W**HAT is SoftCoin? According to SoftCoin’s website blurb, “SoftCoin is real money you can use to purchase products and services over the Internet. You can access and spend SoftCoin money from your SoftCoin Internet account.”

According to co-founder Carolee Reiling '89, “SoftCoin is a B2B [business-to-business], e-commerce and ASP [Application Service Provider] model focused on Fortune 500 companies. Current customers include Procter & Gamble, Dole Food Co., Compaq, The Kellogg Company, Nokia Mobile Phones and Kodak. SoftCoin is venture-backed, privately-held and located in San Francisco, CA.”

**Carolee and her dog, Honey.**

**The idea for SoftCoin evolved,** explains Carolee, “when co-founder Juan Carlos Velten and I identified the need for cross-promotional opportunities between the offline and online worlds, as online ‘etailers’ faced prohibitively high customer acquisition costs, and offline manufacturers and retailers struggled to determine internet strategies and presence.” Carolee led SoftCoin’s initial round of financing, which netted \$4.8 Million in October 1999. Since then she has served in the capacities of President, Senior Vice President of Sales and Business & Corporate Development, and Chairman of the Board.

Carolee attributes her strong foundation to her experiences at Poly and with her teachers and coaches, especially Dick Sisley, Dr. Sheinkopf and Chuck Ellis. After Poly, Carolee attended Stanford University and graduated in 1993 with a B.S. in Biological Sciences. She obtained her MBA from Harvard Business School in 1998. One of SoftCoin’s newest sales associates, by the way, is Greg Dietrick '95.



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**Boris Livshitz '90**  
**Broadbase.com**  
[www.broadbase.com](http://www.broadbase.com)

**O**ver four and half years ago, I was introduced to an executive from Oracle who had just raised money for a new startup. When I spoke to him, he had no office, no employees, but was dead sure that his idea would work. After doing what little "due diligence" one can do for a non-existent company, I went with my gut instinct, dropped everything and joined the startup.

I was only two years out of college with little money saved up, but the chance to make something big from nothing was too exciting to pass up. It's a decision I've never had to regret. The early days were always a struggle, with long stressful hours, and an uncertain future, never knowing if anyone would buy the product we were building, or whether there would be any more investors to keep us going. But the excitement of working on a new product, with a hand picked crew of the best engineers, easily compensated for the difficulties and has left me with great memories of those days.

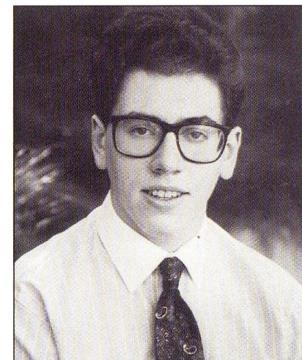
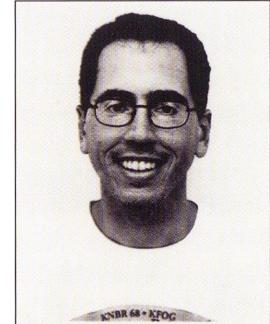
But as time passed and no one knew whether we'd make it, many employees grew fearful, leading some of them to leave the company. The dedication of those who stayed paid off, though, as sales grew, the Internet market expanded, and it all culminated in a successful initial public stock offering (IPO) at the end of last year. It's a lesson that can't be learned in school: success in startups comes not to the brightest or hardest working, but to those who can persevere through it all.

By now you are probably trying to guess which company I've been discussing. Actually, despite its success, few have heard of Broadbase Software. Broadbase sells software applications which analyze and automate a company's interaction with its customers over the Internet. This hot new market is called E-CRM (Electronic Customer Relationship Management), and Broadbase is one of the leaders in this space. Our software allows a company to know what type of people are visiting their web site, what they are doing once they are there, and why they leave the web site. After this analysis, a company can use the Broadbase product to launch a marketing campaign at the previously identified group and monitor how successful this campaign is.

As an engineering manager at Broadbase, I was responsible for building components for the new products that went to market. Despite all these exciting adventures at Broadbase, a few months ago I decided it was time to move on. Startups can be a draining experience and after 4 years it was a good time to take a break from it all and re-energize.

I'm taking a year to just travel and see the world. I spent a very hot July in Israel, and have now been in Western Europe for 2 months, seeing the sights and visiting friends. I'm actually writing this article from Barcelona, as I sit at "EasyEverything," a new Internet cafe concept here in Europe where the price varies throughout the day based on demand. Once I leave Europe, my next destinations are parts of Asia and some safari and Kilimanjaro hiking in Africa.

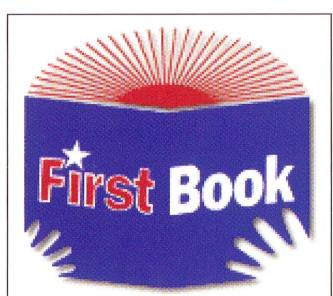
I do have to admit, it's hard now to be on the sidelines as new startups get formed and I hear about friends joining many of them. But once I get the travel bug out of my system, I'm looking forward to joining a new startup, and doing it all over again!



**Roopal Mehta Saran '90**  
**FirstBook**  
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**Community Service and the Internet**

**F**irst Book is a national non-profit organization that works through a network of Local Advisory Boards (LABs) all over the country to get books to tutoring programs, after-school programs, mentoring programs, etc., which distribute these books free on an ongoing basis (usually a book a month for a year) to low-income children.



I work out of our national office in Washington, DC. I've always been very active in public service activities. After completing my undergrad degree, I got a Master's in Education at Stanford, and went straight to law school. After law school, I combined education and law at a firm in Chicago that represented over 100 school boards in Illinois.

After my husband and I decided to move to the DC area, I took a job with another education firm in DC. But I found that I spent a lot of my time doing research, and not enough time with people. So, back in March, I decided to look for work at an education non-profit. First Book was a perfect fit.

I manage our local chapters (LABs) between DC and Maine. There are about 35 of them now, but our network is constantly growing. I travel a fair amount to the various LABs, helping the local folks with publicity, fundraising, and building strong membership on their boards. Some days it's all about manual labor—moving tens of thousands of books!

I keep up with lots of my Poly friends: classmate Wendy Ray lives in DC, and I just saw Erika Katz Clowes on a trip to the Bay Area. I speak with Shabnum Matthews and Amy Horng and a few others often, as well. Lastly, I myself am an avid reader—fiction mostly, a lot of Indo-American authors.

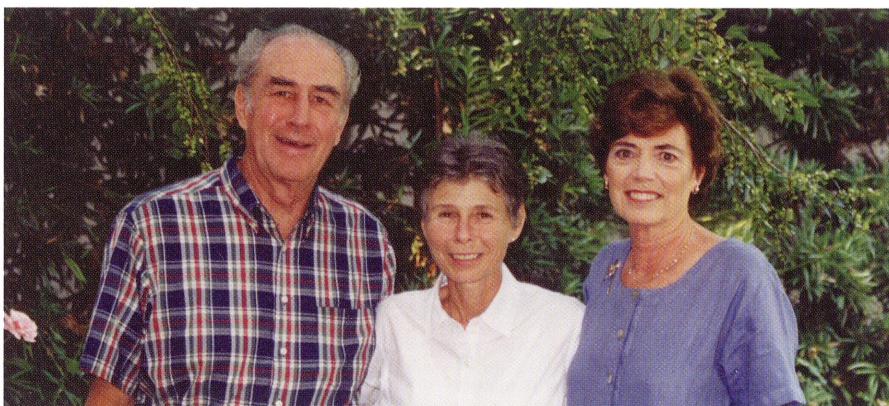


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# Teacher's Gifts Recognized

Linda Massey, first grade teacher Emeritus extraordinaire, has been honored by friends of Poly, who wish to remain anonymous. They have pledged \$100,000 to establish an endowed scholarship fund in recognition of the gifts Linda shared with our first graders for many years—her special concern and attention for every child, her ability to help anxious parents often by laughing at herself, her amazing commitment to detail which was reflected in the hours and hours and hours she spent making sure everything was just right. Many, very grown-up Upper-Schoolers, admit that one of their best Poly memories is of the pixie dust magically sprinkled in Linda's classroom!

For the donors, the diversity of Poly's student body is an essential part of what defines and distinguishes an excellent education, and they are grateful that their children are growing up with some kids who are like them and some who are not. Their gift was made to ensure that a Poly education continues to be available to talented and deserving students regardless of a family's financial status.



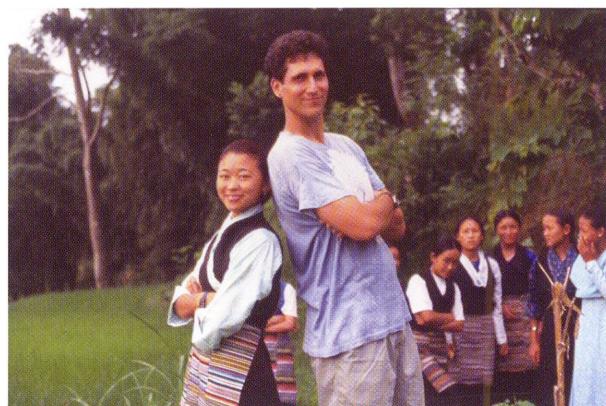
Linda Massey (right) with Sarah Levine and husband Ben Massey '46.

# Notes from Our Far-Flu

New Alumni Board Member **Ghen Maynard '84**, who is Vice President, Alternative Series Development, at CBS Entertainment, was responsible for championing and developing *Survivor*, CBS's smash hit in which 16 real-life Americans were marooned on a remote tropical island, where they lived together and competed to outlast each other in order to win a \$1,000,000 prize. The show broke several ratings records, surpassing *Seinfeld* to become the most watched summer series in modern TV history; its finale beat the Academy Awards to become the second-highest viewed broadcast of the year, next to the Super Bowl. Ghen is also the programming exec in charge of CBS's other summer reality series, *Big Brother*. Meanwhile, Ghen is overseeing the development of several new alternative programs for the network as well as *Survivor: The Australian Outback*.



Ghen Maynard '84



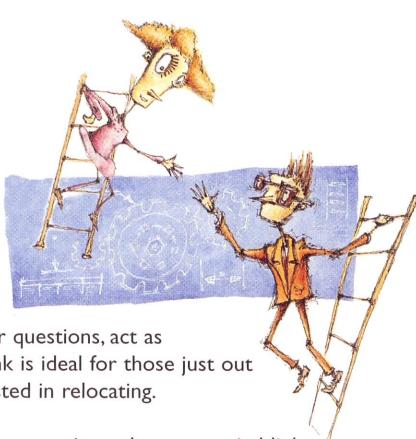
Josh Brody '90 in Nepal with some of his students.

We got an update on international educator **Josh Brody '90** from his classmate **Jordan Wallens '90** (who is doing retirement plan and insurance product marketing for American Funds Distributors, Inc., by the way). Josh heads the Nepali Tibetan Education Center (NTEC). Based in Khandbari Bazaar, the com-

## POLYLink

### The Alumni Association is re-establishing its career networking program, PolyLink.

PolyLink connects established alumni professionals with those seeking information, advice, and possible internships. Though not a job placement service, it enables Poly alums to ask and answer questions, act as resources, and share career experience. PolyLink is ideal for those just out of school, reentering the work force, or interested in relocating.



Those of you who are professionals have the opportunity to become a vital link in this networking program. As a mentor offering career advice, you will help members of the Poly community focus their direction and energies. Your advice can make a difference.

For more information on joining Polylink, please click on the alumni section of Poly's website ([www.polytechnic.org](http://www.polytechnic.org)).

Any questions? Please contact Peter Mendenhall in Poly's alumni office at 626-792-2147 or e-mail at [pmendenhall@polytechnic.org](mailto:pmendenhall@polytechnic.org).

### Career Forums

The Los Angeles and San Francisco Career Forums will be the first in a series of gatherings of Poly community members with a focus on various timely and professional themes. The events are intended to be informational and to provide opportunities for people to meet. They will stress the broad-based knowledge and expertise within the Poly community in the selected areas and themes of the conferences.

The theme for both the Los Angeles and San Francisco Forums will be "The Internet Economy: Where it's at and Where it's Headed." A panel of Poly people will give informed perspectives on the state and trends of the New Economy. A number of the alumni featured in this issue of the *Oak Tree Times* will be panelists, including Poly parent Bill Gross (founder and chairman of Idaalabs), Jeff Brody '77, John Battelle '83, Stephen Watkins '84, Carolee Reiling '89, Sean Bailey '87 and others. **DON'T MISS IT!**

**If you are interested in attending the Forums, which will be held in February & March of 2001, please check the Alumni section of the Poly website ([www.polytechnic.org](http://www.polytechnic.org)) or call the alumni office at Poly (626-792-214) for more information.**

**(See Alumni Association Calendar on page 15 for exact dates.)**



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# Alumni

mercial center of Nepal's Koshi region, NTEC includes families and communities, as well as schools, in the effort to increase the quality, relevance, and accessibility of formal schooling. There is a particular emphasis on girls' and women's literacy. Drawing upon the talents of indigenous teachers and leaders, NTEC serves the much neglected communities of ethnic Tibetans who reside in small villages along the border of Nepal and Tibet. The project area is a six-day walk from the nearest road. If you would like further information about NTEC, you can contact Josh Brody at [joshbrody@post.harvard.edu](mailto:joshbrody@post.harvard.edu). Those interested in information about supporting NTEC's efforts should contact Jordan Wallens at (626) 799-5862. Josh plans to host a Nepali-Tibetan cultural night at Poly some time in the Spring—so, stay tuned and check on the Poly web!



(l. to r.) Sylvia Hale, unidentified canine Hale, Giovanni Testa, Gavin Hale '03 and Sam Hale '57.

Lyndsay Sasaki '96 was recently awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study the influence of the Japanese on Peruvian culture (as you might recall, the current President of Peru, Alberto Fujimori, is of mixed Peruvian-Japanese ancestry). And word is that **Dan Polsby '92** has enrolled in film school in Poland. Is he angling to be the American Krzysztof Kieslowski? Perhaps, in the style of Kieslowski's "Red," "White," and "Blue" series of movies, Polsby's masterpieces will be titled "[Poly] Blue" "[Panther] Orange" and "[Oak] Green"...

**Sam Hale '57**, who is now a Poly parent—father of **Gavin '03**—fits into this international update because the Hale family is hosting **Giovanni Testa**, this year's Poly AFS student. Giovanni likes to be called "Joe," and calls Turin, Italy home. Joe is going to miss his motor scooter while he's at Poly, but he's looking forward to visiting Vegas, Yosemite, and Disneyland, not necessarily in that order.

## Letters to the Editor

Poly's Office of Development recently sent a newsletter to existing and potential members of "The Ezra S. Gosney Heritage Society" to encourage naming Poly in their will or other estate plan.

The front page of the Gosney Society Newsletter featured this 1940 photo of Poly's seventh grade wood shop, taught by Mr. McGregor. We received this delightful note from Milton Edward Bacon, Jr. '42:

I would like to thank you for sending me a copy of the new Gosney Society Newsletter.

I am especially pleased with the cover picture, which shows my fellow students in our shop class, with Sandy McGregor. It must be a Wednesday, because most of the boys are wearing their Troop 5 Boy Scout uniforms, and of course, Mr. McGregor was our Assistant Scout Master.

As 60 years have flown by since this 1940 picture was taken, and I was about thirteen years old, I can still name these classmates. The projects we were working on were for summer fun (kayaks, punts and surfboards!)

Here are my guesses: left to right (back), Eddie Ord, sanding a box or seat; Peter Andrews looks down (with glasses); Walker Smith, looking directly at camera; Sandy McGregor, arms akimbo, task master; Neil Dewitt, hammering his thumb-nail; Kenny Page, foreground, painting a monogram. I can only guess I was also there, in some corner.

Thanks for the memories!

Sincerely,  
Teddy Bacon '42



# New Faculty

## Suzane Korostoff Arthur '89

### 3rd Grade

Suzie Korostoff (sister of Alexis, a Poly 12th grader) is a 10-year Poly veteran and current alum. Suzie received her Bachelor of Arts in English and elementary teacher certification at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She earned her Masters in Education from Pepperdine, with an emphasis in educational technology. Suzie has taught both second and third grade for the past seven years, including three years as a third grade teacher at Mayfield Junior School here in Pasadena and most recently at a year-round school in Irvine, California.



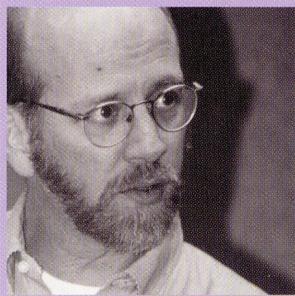
## Julie Bengtson 3rd Grade

Julie taught third grade for five years at High Point Academy in Pasadena, and fifth and sixth grade at a public school in Shoreline, Washington. She's also been a bilingual (Spanish) teacher of sixth grade in the Alhambra school district. She earned her B.A. in political science at USC and her M.A. in education from Claremont Graduate University. She has attended conferences in Building Character in the Classroom, What's New in Children's Literature, Using the Internet to Enhance Student Learning, and Integrating Technology into the Curriculum.



## Brent Block Instrumental Music

Brent came to us from Campbell Hall, where he was Director of Instrumental Music from first through twelfth grades, directing performance ensembles and providing instruction on various instruments, reading music, style and improvisation. Brent also served as the music director for such theatrical productions as "Working," "Godspell," and "Once Upon a Mattress." He's studied conducting with David Aks, and in addition to teaching guitar privately for a number of years, Brent is the author of nine guitar books published by Warner Brothers Music.



## Linda Breen 5th Grade

Linda comes to Poly with 20 years of teaching experience at the elementary level. Previous schools include St. Matthew's Parish School in Pacific Palisades, Holy Family School in South Pasadena, and St. Brendan's School in Los Angeles. Non-classroom experiences include a stint as Theater Manager and Director of Sales and Marketing for the Bob Baker Marionette Theater and membership on the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee. She and her husband, Tom, have two sons. Matthew 8 and Michael 5-1/2.



# Class Notes

### Class of '39

**Lucy Welles Harrell:** I want you to know that this has been the rainiest, windiest "summer" since I moved to Alaska.

### Class of '50

**Cynthia Berne:** We had a memorable 50th reunion weekend with 18 class members! Tom and I enjoy Poly all over again with two grandsons in Pre-K and Grade 1. Though not retired, Tom finds time (with me) to go on scuba diving trips whenever possible.

## 50th Reunion Celebration Class of '51 May 12th, 2001

### Class of '53

**Jane Chai:** I am commuting to Monterey for two days a week where I'm teaching (Southeast Asian history, culture, government, economics) in National Security affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey.

### Class of '54

**Lorraine Panos Clearman:** Here is an update for 1954 class notes from **Andrea Hansen Hobbs** comes an account of her and husband Walt's trip to northern Italy. Remembering artistic Andrea we can understand how she was absorbed by the art and architecture, and, she adds, the people and the food! Flying the other direction was **Jennifer Hamilton Patterson** who went to China. **Mary Boone Windfield Cate** can outclass us all and our pitiful garage sales. She has donated much of her family memorabilia, portraits, original pictures, silver and more to her mother's family home in Corinth, Mississippi, known on the National Registry as the Curlee House. You can visit it as a house museum, complete with docent tour. She reports that some Poly memories turned up during the same spring cleaning. Ask her about it.

### Class of '56 REUNION

May 5, 2001

### Class of '62

**John Hutchinson:** Linda and I are still in Washington Grove, MD. My son is entering Colgate University this fall. Daughter Whitney has one more year at University of Colorado, Boulder. Empty-Nesters at last. (We'll miss them.)

### Class of '64

**Quinlan Brown:** "Re-discovered" several grade school buddies thru your alumni web site. Thanks so much. We've been E-mailing.

### Class of '65

**Joan Hilgers:** Still teaching 4th grade—enjoying an "empty nest" at home. One daughter in Morocco, the other back to Southern California at Pomona.

### Class of '66 REUNION

May 5, 2001

### Class of '67

**Heather Kurze:** I have taken the position of Dean of the School of Architecture and Design at Woodbury University. I am enjoying the involvement with the applied design departments (animation, graphic design, interior architecture, and fashion design).

### Class of '68

**Doug Weymouth:** Daughter Malia graduated cum laude in chemistry from Wesmont College...Son Dana just finished freshman year at Westmont...playing striker and defense for soccer team.

### Class of '70

**Samuel Magrill:** Samuel serves as Professor of Music and Composer-in-Residence at University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) in Edmond. He has received a Campus Funded Research Grant and a Merit Credit Award, both for 1999-2000, from UCO, as well as his 12th consecutive ASCAP award. He was elected president of the College Music Society South Central Chapter

### Class of '71 REUNION

May 5, 2001

**Richard Loomis:** My wife Joni, and I now live in Pasadena, and would like to tell everyone of the birth of our son, Matthew Joseph, on September 30, 1999. Eric '71 and Kim Remelmeyer are his godparents.

### Class of '72

**Janis Driver Treworgy:** After 25 years as geologists at the Illinois State Geological Survey in Champaign/Urbana, Illinois, my husband, Colin, and I are moving to St. Louis. I will be on the faculty, teaching geology, at Principia College in Elsah, Illinois. Our two kids, Bonnie and Eric, will be attending Principia Upper School in St. Louis. Colin is going to get the family settled before he decides what his second career will be. This is an exciting new opportunity for the whole family!

### Class of '73

**Carolyn Kressen Butler:** It was comforting to walk the Poly campus with my brothers last summer as we gathered to attend Dad's memorial service. What a

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flood of memories we had of our Poly years! We moved to MN a month later, and enjoy it here. We were spared a bitter first winter, though. Time will tell!

**25th** Reunion Celebration  
Class of '76  
May 5th, 2001

**Class of '76**  
**Karen Kiefer Katz:** Living in Stuttgart, Germany for 3 years—great travel opportunities!

**Class of '77**  
**Tara Newirth:** My husband, David Tokofsky and I live in Eagle Rock with our almost 2-year old daughter, Rebecca. Rebecca is a multimedia artist specializing in pasta, spaghetti sauce, and the entire human body. She currently has a wall-installation in our kitchen which may be permanent. Viewers welcome!

**Meg:** I've seen a lot of old (nothing personal) faces so far this year and thought I'd pass on the news. **Ann Murphy's** marriage to Gary Kelley's on St. Patrick's Day was spectacular! She always was an overachiever. No detail overlooked and more fun than any typical 40-year-old can handle. Lot of OLD (oops, there I go again) faces there. **Caroly Sadler Kyne, Tara Newirth, Valiere Byrnes, Shaun Grady '78, Maureen Grady Reed '75, and John MacIniff.** In April I had a really fun time with **Susan Sitkin Geraghty** and had the pleasure of meeting her two daughters. Both Lena and Eva were really fun, smart, and very cool for kids. I also wanted to report that I received an email virus Love Letter from **Eric Fry**, which I think means he opened it, thereby sending a note to me. Eric, you need to be more careful!

**Earle Miller:** My second daughter, Caroline was born in February. My first, Rachel, will be starting at Poly in September.

**Class of '79 & '84**  
**Ann '79 and Karen Mitchell '84:** Ann and I will be celebrating our tenth company anniversary for Ankara Designs in December 2000. We published our first article for jewelry crafts magazine in February 2000 and demonstrated polymer clay techniques on the Carol Duvall Show on HGTV, with plans for three more episodes this year. If you are local to Pasadena/LA, please keep in touch, ie., Karen@Ankara Design

**20th** Reunion Celebration  
Class of '81  
May 5th, 2001

**Class of '81**

**Ann Battelle Bool & Amy Talbot Roediger** (Class Reps): In mid-October a group of our bay area classmates met to begin planning our 20th reunion. In attendance at the meeting were **Ted Russell** currently working at Listen.com and living in San Francisco. Ted will be spearheading an effort to put together a web site linked to Poly's main site for the reunion. Watch for more info on that. Also in attendance were **Lisa Terbell LaHorgue** who lives in San Rafael and is a full time mom to three kids; **Kerin Cantwell** who is recently back in the U.S. after a five+ year stint in Hong Kong and living in Orinda is also a full time mom to two kids; **Kathleen Peck Tandy** who is living in Los Altos and juggling her high tech marketing consulting business with her job at home with two kids. Amy and Ann were also in attendance. **Ann** is busy managing her design and architecture business and a family of two in San Rafael; **Amy** is a full time mom of three in Tiburon. We couldn't resist finding out who knows what about whom. This is what we learned from each other. Let us know if we're way off base!

**Larry Jackson** and his wife and family are living in Oakland. Ted tells us that he spotted them on the broadcast of the Golden Globes as his wife was the recipient of a statue for her work on Toy Story 2. **Diana Gilmore** is living in Mountain View, California and just had her third child. **Marissa Banks** lives in Mt. Shasta with her husband and two children and has a passion for flamenco dancing. **Odile Amalric Grand-Clement**, mother of three, lives in Long Island, New York. **Larry Wayte** and his opera-singer wife are currently living in Los Angeles while he pursues his Ph.D. in music at UCLA.

**Chris Teaford** is living in San Luis Obispo with his family of three. **Joyce Lee** is also the mother of three children and living in La Cañada. **Jim Hall** is the Assistant Athletic Director at Georgia Tech University living in Mableton, Georgia. **Josiah Friedlander** was last seen living in Pacific Palisades and teaching medicine at USC. **Joey Miller** is still surfing and living in Laguna Beach and is the doting father of three children. **Bob Ward** just returned from the Sydney Olympics where he was reporting for the Provo, Utah paper he works for. He and his wife just had their second child in early October. They live in Salt Lake City. **Ann Babcock** is living in Pasadena area and is a math teacher

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## Clarissa Brooks

### Learning Specialist/Student Support

Prior to coming to Poly, Clarissa had been an educational consultant for a number of years. She has worked as a resource specialist and teacher at several schools, including Ribet Academy (now in Los Angeles), the Dannon School (which is now Hillsides Developmental Center in La Cañada), and Anoakia in Arcadia. Clarissa attended Cal State L.A. and is trained in the Montessori method.



## Alice Cotti

### College Counselor

Alice was most recently director of college counseling at the Buckley School in Sherman Oaks. Previously, Alice was dean of students and director of student activities at Immaculate Heart High School in LA and college counselor at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy in La Cañada. Alice has her B.A. in World Arts and Cultures with an art history concentration from UCLA and an M.S. in College Counseling along with a credential in California Pupil Personnel Services from the University of La Verne.



## Michael DiNardo

### Upper School Science

Mike is teaching a 9th grade general science course, introducing physical science and chemistry and also teaching a physics course. A graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania where he received his BA, Mike went on to the University of St. Thomas, where he received his Masters. Prior to Poly, Mike taught physics and physical science at Burbank High School. He holds a coaching certification from the National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches' Association, and is assistant coaching varsity football coach at Poly.



## Rebecca Figueroa

### Middle School English

For the past twelve years, Rebecca has taught at the Oakwood School: eleventh and twelfth grade electives in journalism, expository writing, creative writing, contemporary poetry and women's literature; composition, creative writing, grammar and vocabulary as components of all humanities, and regular ninth and tenth grade English classes. For the past seven years, Rebecca has taught seventh grade English (Introduction to Literary Genres), and eighth grade American Literature. Rebecca holds a B.A. in Liberal Studies with an emphasis on English from Cal State, Northridge.



# New Faculty

## Laura Holmgren

### Upper School English/Journalism Advisor

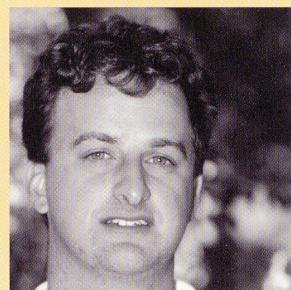
Laura comes to Poly after having taught upper school English at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana. Laura also taught at Alverno High School in Sierra Madre, where she served as English Department Chair for two years. In addition English, Laura has taught Video Production and Video Journalism; she initiated, coached, and recruited faculty for an Academic Decathlon team; served as co-athletic director and coach for Girls' JV and Varsity Basketball and Fencing. In her spare time she likes archery, competitive fencing, and reading.



## Douglas Jolly

### Upper School History/Soccer Coach

Doug is teaching U.S. history and economics. Doug holds an A.B. in Religious Studies from Occidental College as well as a single-subject social science professional credential. Doug has taught Honors U.S. History and Principles of American Democracy at John Marshall High School. At Saint Francis High School in La Cañada, Doug taught AP European History and World History, and was assistant varsity soccer coach (1996 CIF SS Championship). Doug brings seven years of high school soccer coaching experience to Poly.



## Nancy Lieggi-Ammirato

### Upper School Spanish

Nancy received her "laurea" (Italian doctorate) in Italian and Latin Language and Literature at the University of Bari in Italy and her Masters in Spanish Literature and Language from the University of Illinois. Nancy has taught Spanish and Italian at Nobel Junior High School in Northridge, Chatsworth High School, Pierce College in Woodland Hills, Corvallis High School in Studio City (where she was also department chair), and Triton College in Illinois. She received the Mayor's Certificate of Commendation as one of "LA's Most Inspirational Teachers."



## Raymond Marcus '80

### Upper School History

Ray is teaching at Poly for fall semester, filling in for Carol Pixton during her sabbatical. No stranger to the community, Ray spent his junior and senior years at Poly after moving out from Illinois. He got his B.A. in history from UCLA; later worked in New York and D.C.; got his M.A. in history from Indiana University; and hopes to complete his doctoral dissertation this spring. "I am locked in mortal combat with inner demons," he said. "I will either finish this thing or be destroyed."



# Class Notes

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## Class of '91 REUNION

May 5, 2001

**William "Bill" White:** The adventure continues...after finishing the summer on the beach, I'm headed for nine months overseas, including three weeks in Malaysian Borneo working as safety officer for the Eco-Challenge. A little over two months in mainland China on a grant from the Durfee Foundation ([www.Durfee.org](http://www.Durfee.org)), then Vietnam, Thailand, a train down the Malaysian peninsula, Singapore ...It all finishes up with another four or five months life-guarding in Australia. See you in the spring!

## '84

**Stephanie Fox Harvey:** Oh—I have a daughter in Pre-K at Poly. Are we that old? I had a great summer catching up with **Jill Clayton Read** and her family who plan to move back to San Francisco this fall from London. I've also seen **Ghen Maynard** a lot lately. Support his latest endeavor and watch the next *Survivor* show on TV beginning January 2001—it's terrific Ghen.

**Katie Shea** and I are all on the Poly Alumni Board so you'll no doubt hear from us this fall. I promise to still try and get pictures of our 15-year class reunion online somehow this fall—it can't be that difficult to do.

## Class of '86 REUNION

May 5, 2001

## '88

**Alyson Montgomery Opsahl** has moved with her husband, Alan, to Tucson, AZ. On September 8, 2000 Alexander Christian was born, and his parents are having a delightful time with him.

## Class of '94

**Kenneth K. Lao:** I am now living in NYC. Followed my heart and my stomach. I work for the restaurant group that owns Tribeca Grill, Montrachet and Noyu. I do corporate work, business development and new openings.

## Class of '95

**Eric Newman:** Hey everyone, hope all is well. I graduated (finally) in December from Cornell with a degree in film. After taking a break for a couple months I got a job at Columbia Tristar Interactive at the Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City. It's going really well. Meeting lots of cool people and having a good time. Plus I'm getting married! Just kidding.



(l to r) Caroline List '97, Jennifer Myers '97 and Jennifer Halferty '97 pose for this photo in Firenze last April with the Ponte Vecchio in the background.

## Dina Mokhnatkin

### Upper School Russian



Dina is teaching students continuing in the Russian program. She holds degrees from the University in Leningrad, Russia, and has been teaching Russian Language and Literature for over 25 years. She is currently on the faculty at Pasadena City College and is teaching Russian at Claremont-Pomona College.

# 2000—2001 Alumni Association Calendar

## December

21st (Thursday) Noon  
27th (Wednesday)

**Young Alumni Reunion ('97-'00) (Babcock Field)**  
**5th Year Reunion (Class of 1996)**

## January, 2001

11th (Thursday) 7:00 pm  
30th (Tuesday) Noon

**Alumni Board Meeting (North Campus Library)**  
**Poly Elementary School Lunch (Athenaeum)**

## February

1st (Thursday)  
13th (Tuesday)

**Los Angeles Luncheon**  
**San Francisco PolyLink Career Forum**

## March

14th (Wednesday) 7:00 pm  
20th (Tuesday)

**Alumni Board Meeting (Boswell Library)**  
**Los Angeles PolyLink Career Forum**  
(Garland Auditorium)

## April

12th (Thursday)  
28th (Saturday)

**Santa Barbara Reception**  
**Community Service Day**

## May

5th (Saturday)  
24th (Thursday)

**Class Reunions**  
**Annual Meeting and Dinner**

Mark your  
calendar or "PDA!"



Class of '97

**Robert Reeder** received one of the most coveted titles given to Midshipmen athletes. He was named Navy Men's Basketball 2000-01 Captain, following in the footsteps of some noteworthy past captains of the 90s—Victor Mickel, Wes Cooper, Mike Green, Brian Walker, Hassan Booker, Michael Heary, Skip Victor and Savane to name a few. "Robert Reeder is a fine young man who I think will provide this team with great leadership next year,"

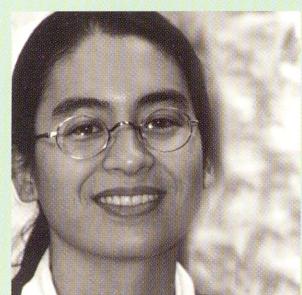
said DeVoe. Robert was also named to the Commandant's List and to Patriot League academic awards.

**Jennifer Halferty, Caroline Liset** and **Jennifer Myers** studied abroad last year. (Jennifer Halferty lived in London while Caroline and Jennifer Myers were in Italy [Florence and Siena respectively]). They were able to spend time together in Florence. (see photo on previous page)

## Andrea Nuneviller 8th Grade Science

Andrea took over Middle School human biology from Ellen Hervey, who moved to the Upper School campus. A graduate of Brown University

with a BA in Biology, Andrea has taught middle school students in Life Science and Earth Science as well as high school students in AP Bio and 10th grade Biology at the American International School in Mallorca, Spain. She has also worked with middle school students in five Rhode Island school districts as coordinator for career awareness programs.

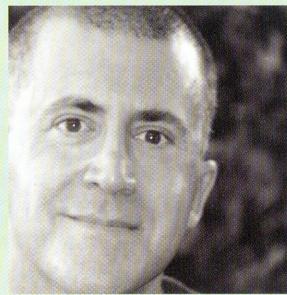


# New Faculty

## Stuart Silverman

### Kindergarten

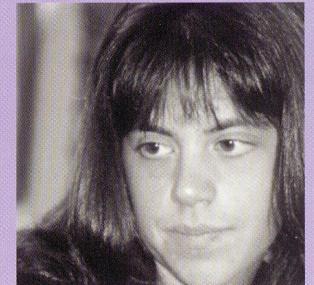
Stuart comes to Pasadena from New York, where he was lead teacher at Little Missionary's Day Nursery School, a non-denominational school located in the heart of the East Village in New York City. Stuart has previously taught at the United Nations Child Care Center, and Westside Community School. In addition, Stuart has worked with developmentally disabled children and adults, children with physical and emotional disabilities, and mentally challenged adults. Stuart has a B.A. in social services from Quinnipiac College and a Master's in early childhood education.



## Ann Sulzer Middle School English

Ann hails from Florida, where she taught seventh grade English literature and tenth grade writing at Donna Klein Academy. She has served as Dean of Faculty at Kent Denver Summerbridge in Colorado, training college and high school students to teach a six-week summer school for Denver-area middle school students.

Ann has served as a teacher and residential assistant at Salisbury Summer School in Connecticut and English teacher at Notre Dame High School in Illinois. Ann holds a B.A. in English and teacher certification from Northwestern University.



## Armelle Webster Middle School French

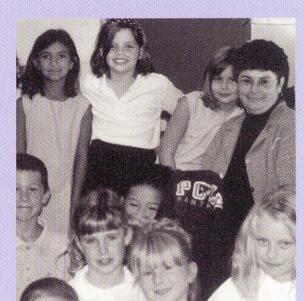
Armelle has been teaching French language and literature for 18 years in England, Germany, Kenya, and most recently at the Waverly School here in

Pasadena. Prior to moving to California, Armelle taught French to grades K-8 at the Country School in Madison, Connecticut. She holds a Master's Degree in English from the Université du Maine in Le Mans, France, and Bachelor's Degrees in English from Université du Maine and in Scandinavian Languages from the Université de Normandie in Caen, France.



## Deborah Youngstrom Lower School Science

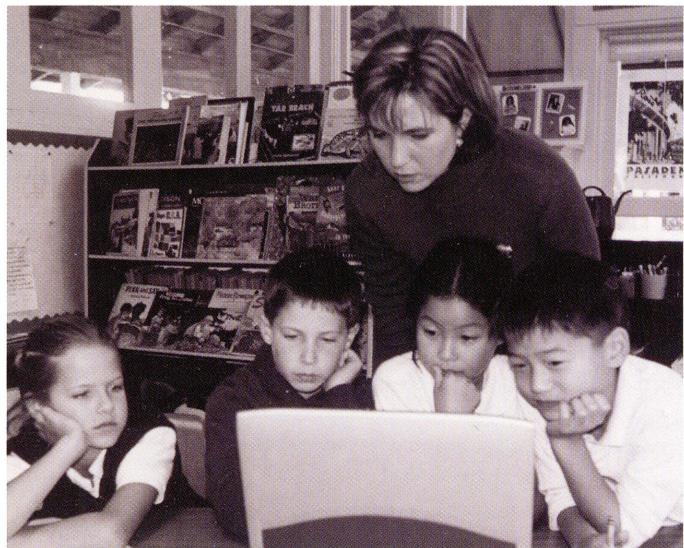
Previous to Poly, Deborah taught 5th and 6th grade in the Los Angeles Unified School District, at both the El Sereno Middle School and Murchison Elementary School. She received her Bachelor's Degree and Elementary/Multiple Subject Teaching Life Credentials at UCLA after studying primate behavior (among other things) at UC Berkeley. Professional Affiliations include membership in Greater Los Angeles Teachers of Science and the California Association for the Gifted. Deborah is the mother of Jonas '97, Gabriel (a senior at Waverly High School), and Zeke '05.



# Technology at Poly

## An Update from the Assistant Head of School

by Greg Feldmeth



Julie Bengtson's third graders use laptops that connect to the Internet and the school network "through the wonder of wireless technology."

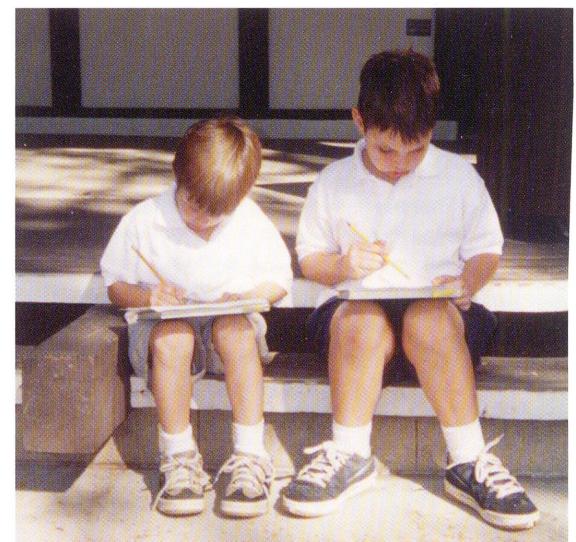
Peter Mendenhall

cabling providing each teacher and classroom with computer and printer access. Lower School classroom teachers in grades two through five each have a set of six laptops that connect with the Internet and the school network through the wonder of wireless technology. Using radio-frequency transmitters, students can conduct research, print reports, and work on their projects in their classrooms without the restrictions of power cores, cables, or mice. In addition, Lower Schoolers learn keyboarding and work on projects in the Kressen Computer Lab under the direction of Jane Soloway.

Sixth graders are currently taking a computer literacy class from Kelly Ward. Middle Schoolers also have access to a "computer classroom on a cart" which provides wireless access. A large computer safe on wheels rolls from classroom to classroom throughout the Middle School and provides eighteen laptops, a laser printer, and Airport base stations to any teacher or class that would like to make use of computer resources.

In the Upper School, each student uses a graphing calculator to compute math and science problems. In addition, teachers in several departments use LCD projectors to supplement their lessons, sometimes with multimedia presentations. If a teacher wishes to utilize a computer lab for a class exercise, three fully-equipped rooms are available. Jon Fay teaches programming in

Visual BASIC, while Jim Barry provides computer art instruction. In addition, students use digital video cameras and computers to compose and edit movies.



Second graders (and other Poly students) still spend the majority of their Poly days the old-fashioned way: reading and writing on paper.

## Notes from the Tech Support Underground

by Patrick Carpenter, Information Services Manager

The Poly Technology Support and Computer Services Department got a BIG boost this summer when we landed the services of Computer Resource Specialist Santos Robles, a 6' 3" basketball terror known on the court as "Santos Rodman." Santos is a Novell-certified systems engineer with over ten years experience managing PC and Macintosh systems in an academic environment. Santos can be seen wandering the byways of the North Campus in the afternoons carrying screwdrivers, network cables, and an infectious grin.

With our increased compliment of support personnel (Santos and I are joined by Poly's water polo coach and veteran

tech support guru, Ryan Katsuyama '90), we were able to implement several needed enhancements to our computing and network infrastructure. This includes a new, "combined" lab in the Upper School, a wireless network on the North Campus, a new website, a new server, and integrated digital printer/copiers.

The Fullerton PC lab has been moved to a new, combined PC and Macintosh lab in the



Santos "Rodman" Robles (Poly's newest Computer Resource Specialist).

Language Arts building in rooms 405 and 406. A section of wall was removed between 405 and 406 and a small technology office was constructed. Windows looking out into both rooms make it possible to supervise both labs from a central location, and it's our hope that students, faculty and staff will be able to use the office as "one stop shopping" for their support needs. The former Fullerton lab site is now being used as a classroom.

The combined lab received an immediate hardware upgrade as we replaced many of the aging Pentium 166 MHz computers with small "footprint" 500 MHz PCs. By requisitioning the parts and building the computers in-house, we were able to fit the much-needed upgrade—a year ahead of schedule—into this year's budget.

Computers on the North Campus received a nice boost as well. In addition to the new wireless laptops and hubs in many of the classrooms, many of the administrative computers were also upgraded. New computers were installed in the Development and Business Offices in efforts to smooth the transition from our older PICK

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database to the latest database software from Blackbaud.

We gave the Poly website a major facelift this summer. The content and structure of the site has changed a great deal. It's our hope that the Poly website will become a resource to the whole Poly community. To further this end, we installed a replacement web and email server. The new server (which can still be found at: [www.polytechnic.org](http://www.polytechnic.org)) (see the sample web page to the right) allows us to develop a much more advanced internet presence. Look

for web-based email, daily bulletins, form-based web page creation for the faculty, Online Giving, and Panther Wear Online in the near future. We hope to have live web broadcasts from performances and sporting events in the not-too-distant future. To keep track of up-to-the-minute information about technology issues at Poly, "bookmark" the Technology and Computer Support web page at: [www.polytechnic.org/academics/techresources.html](http://www.polytechnic.org/academics/techresources.html).

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About Poly

The Polytechnic School community is a unique blend of tradition and innovation, making it an exceptional place for children to learn and to grow. Founded in 1907 as the first non-profit independent elementary school in California, Poly today has a total enrollment of 840 students organized into three divisions — lower school from prekindergarten through fifth grade, middle school from sixth through eighth grade, and upper school from ninth through twelfth grade.

Poly families are encouraged to participate in all areas of school life and volunteering is a habit formed early for parents and students alike. Alums continue their close association with the school through serving on the Alumni Board, attending various functions throughout the country, and serving as mentors to other members of the community.

Poly emphasizes the skills necessary to critical and creative thinking, ethical reasoning, effective leadership, and commitment to community. The school offers an atmosphere of rigorous academic challenge and a breadth of opportunities in the arts, athletics, and service. A Poly education is based on the belief that high expectations encourage academic and personal excellence and that a balance of support and challenges optimizes learning.

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## In Memoriam

**Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. '24**  
May 7, 2000  
New York, New York

"Young Doug," was born December 9, 1909 in New York City. Fairbanks attended Poly in 1923 during the filming of "Stephen Steps Out." About six years ago, in answer to an alumni questionnaire, Fairbanks wrote, "Since my Poly days are more than 70 years in the past, there is not much I remember. However, I will never forget receiving my first kiss in the orange groves behind the school from a girl upon whom I had a mad crush."

**Arlis Cowan Mattison Morton '28**  
August 28, 2000  
Pasadena, California

Born Arlis Brodtbeck Cowan January 6, 1915, in Los Angeles, she was the respected founder and/or charter member of numerous community service organizations and an ASID Interior Designer. She is survived by her daughter Avon Mattison '56 and son and daughter-in-law Raymond '55 and Ursula Mattison.

**Peggy Wheaton Gowen '36**  
December 1999  
New York, New York

Peggy is survived by her husband, William E. Gowen, son Gregory Gowen Hamilton, and daughter Gwenhwyfar. She was fluent in French and attended Vassar College.

**James G. Macpherson '36**  
July 22, 1999  
Southwest Harbor, Maine

**Margaret Turner Newton '38**  
September 18, 2000  
Laguna Beach, California

Margaret resided in Pasadena and Laguna Beach for the past 60 years and is survived by Harold R. Newton, husband of 55 years; her children Elizabeth Caton '66, Nancy Faoro '69, Turner Newton '72, Priscilla Newton '73, and Barbara Newton White '80; and her grandchildren.

**Dr. Seeley Wintersmith Mudd, II '40**  
September 21, 2000  
Big Sur, California

Dr. Mudd was born in Boston, Mass., raised in San Marino, CA and lived on the Monterey Peninsula for the last 38 years. He will be remembered as a unique individual who touched many people in different ways. A graduate of Stanford Medical School, he served in the US Navy during the Korean War. Dr. Mudd was an original supporter of the Big Sur Land Trust; a member of the Old Capital Club, the Cypress Point Club, and the California Club. He practiced urology on the Monterey Peninsula for over twenty

years. He is survived by his sister Elise Marvin '44 and his five children Elizabeth, Katherine, Seeley '73, John, and William as well as five grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia.

**Laura Ann Link '69**  
October 8, 2000  
Pasadena, California

Laura died of metastatic breast cancer in her home, surrounded by family and friends in Pasadena, where she has lived since birth. She graduated from Occidental College in 1973. She is survived by her mother, Clara Link; brother, Marc Ladewig; and children Gwen '97, John '99, and Lizzie '01 Graney. Laura was an avid supporter of the arts, especially A Noise Within Theater Company in Glendale, and several social causes including Planned Parenthood, City of Hope, Wellness Community, Southern Poverty Law Center, and the Neighborhood Church.

*The Oak Tree Times In Memoriam column lists obituaries, as space allows, when we receive information about deceased alumni. If we have neglected to list a member of your immediate family, we would ask that you send us any pertinent biographical information, which we will print in subsequent issues. This information means a lot to classmates and friends.*

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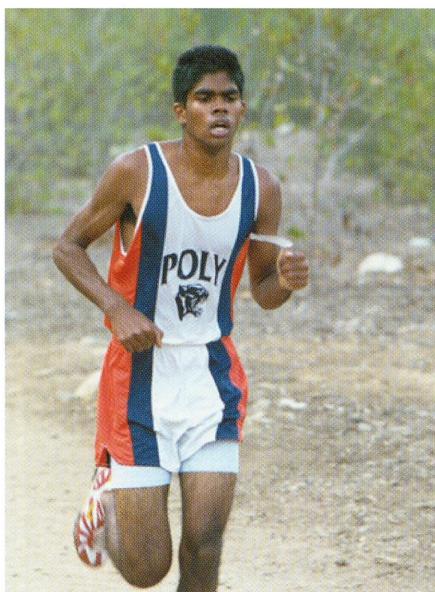
# Fall Sports Roundup

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thrilled the fans that packed Scott Gymnasium.

Two-time returning all-CIF player senior Ashley Weber, and juniors Tasha Monroe and Katrina Damasco make up the only returning starters. "Those three give us a great foundation, that with the improvement of the rest of the girls, this year's future is bright", said Beerman. Senior Ashley Wellinger is a newcomer to the team, and has stepped in to contribute quickly. Juniors Katherine Toland, Meagan Middleton, sophomores Catherine Stephens and Tory Molner, and freshman Andrea Monroe round out the strong squad.

This young team has propelled themselves to a number 3 ranking in CIF.



## Cross Country

Talk about quality over quantity: Despite having only 13 runners on the roster, Coach Rick Caragher has high expectations for the girls team. "They're very good", he says. "This could be one of Poly's best girls teams." Caragher's optimism stems from past and recent performances by seniors Courtney Cox and Marisa Broudy. "Courtney is a very strong number one", says Caragher. "And Marisa is our most improved runner. We also have some great young talent in (sophomores) Reena Magsarili, Elizabeth Dooley, and freshman Mallory Wilder." With junior Becca Robinson as the number five runner, the team has a great balance of underclassmen and senior leadership.

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"We will compete and battle for a state finals berth, which could be the second in the school's history", Caragher adds. "The runners are starting to come together and gain a lot of confidence."

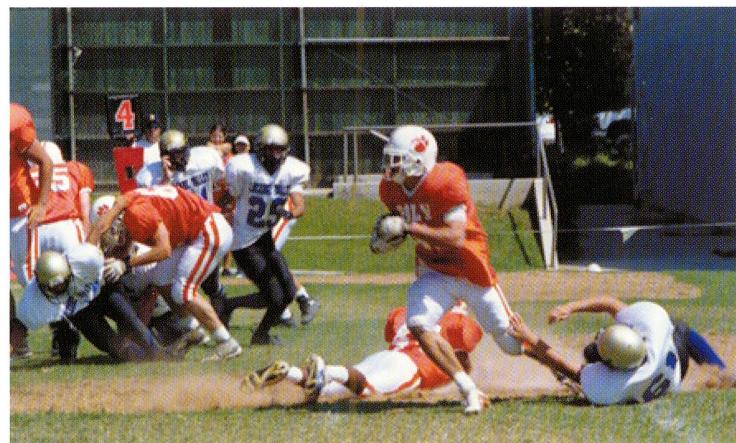
The boys' team is much younger this year. Sophomore Evan Stone and senior Andrew Lee lead them.

Caragher considers Lee his most improved runner and recently commented that he "will be the surprise of the Prep League."

"Because the boys are so young, this is more of a rebuilding year", he says. "But I've been very pleased with their growth over the past few weeks."

## Football

Once again, co-head coaches Steve McDonald and Grant Oldfield have brought a high-powered offense and a hard-hitting defense to Babcock Field. In defense of Poly's first ever CIF football championship, McDonald and Oldfield have the Panthers riding a



17-game winning streak—dating back to last season—with a record of 7-0.

Who could ever forget all the excitement and triumph from the 1999 squad? For a first time effort as coaches, McDonald and Oldfield seemed to exceed all expectations.

But neither elects to rest on the laurels of last season's success. "We never talk about last year as a comparison to this year," said Oldfield. "But we do recognize that our success was a result of a

lot of hard work and that we need to work just as hard, if not harder."

And work hard, they've done.

Seniors QB Ben Imhoff, RB Mike Caldwell, WR Kirk Herald return to help produce one of the area's most high-powered offenses. "Imhoff is gaining experience

every week and improving dramatically," said Oldfield. While the hard running Caldwell continues to show the kind of skills solidifying his All-CIF status. Said Oldfield, "Mike is one of the best backs this school has ever had." Caldwell's punishing style allows the offense to simply wear down opposing defenses, opening up the passing game for Herald and sophomore WR Ryan Black. Junior WR Scott Scharlach has also contributed to a unit that has averaged 30.0 ppg in the 4-0 start.

While the skill position players produce the points, Oldfield points out, "We also have an experienced and strong offensive line, which we consider one of our biggest strengths."

The Panthers have an intense, aggressive defense led by returning seniors, LB Chris Dillavou, DL Trevor Garlock, DL Brendan Cochran-Bond, DE Ini Archibong, DL Jeff Nickerson, S Kirk Herald, LB Mike Caldwell, and junior DL Brett Nungesser. Junior CB Robert Small and CB Ryan Black round out the defensive secondary.

In yielding only 14.2 ppg, the Panther defense is quick to the ball, and has already produced over 15 sacks, plus a number of interceptions and fumble recoveries.

During the 4-0 start, Poly fans were treated to a thrilling, 29-28 victory over Blair High. "Beating Blair was a big win for our program," said Oldfield. "We don't get to play many local schools, and it's always fun playing under the (Friday night) lights against bigger schools."



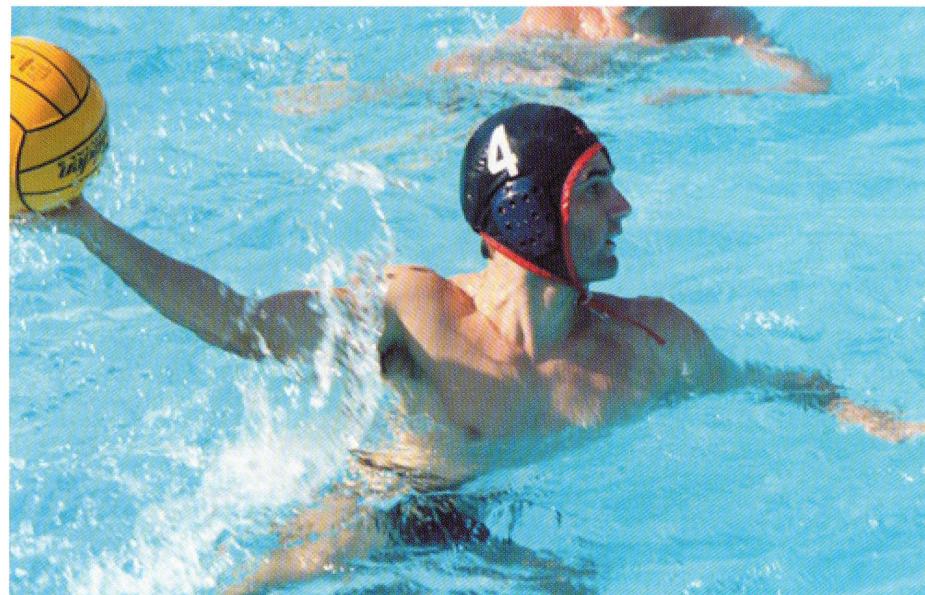
## Water Polo

What's the best way to follow up the greatest season in Poly water polo history? Follow it up with one that's even better.

The 2000 Boys' Water Polo squad came

into the season with eyes set on the Prep League championship. Along the way, they would have to play games in tournaments and against strong non-league opponents that would prepare them for the tough Prep League schedule. So how did things go early in the season? The Panthers came away with the first ever Varsity Tournament Championship (Pacific Tournament), beating two ranked teams from Division V along the way. The season has also seen the first appearance by a Poly water polo team in the CIF top-10 poll.

Leading the way are a host of players who are all coming back next season. Junior Whit Gilfillan and



Sophomore Duncan Hedges are a deadly 1-2 goal scoring combination. You stop one of them, the other will come through in the clutch. Junior goalkeeper, David Carlson, is the anchor of a very strong defense that also features great play from primary 2-meter defender, junior Matt Milich. Juniors Paul Karayan, Charlie Varner and Sam Lee round out the starting seven, giving us a team with great speed and goal scoring in the clutch. Seniors Tim Wang and Andrew Hwang are spot starters who, when healthy, give us another speedster (Wang) and a left-handed arm (Hwang), so valued in the sport of water polo.

## FROM THE PAW PRINT

# Alumni Athletes Excelling in NCAA

*[Adapted from an article that appeared in Spring 2000]*

By Adele Bergstrom '01 (Paw Print Editor) and Stewart Dorsey '02 (Sports Editor)

**D**espite Poly's small enrollment, the Upper School has produced some top athletes currently participating in NCAA competition.

Brian Nickerson '96, captain of the Dartmouth baseball team, was the Ivy League's player of the week last spring. He led the Big Green in batting average (.387) and home runs (10). In 1997, he led the Ivy League in hitting and was a Freshman All-American.

Chelsea Thoke '97, the number one pitcher for the Harvard softball team, was named Ivy League Player of the Year last season. She pitched a one-hitter last spring in a shutout over Rhode Island to improve her record to 10-8.

Erin Sones '97 was named the Pac-10 Women's Diver of the Year competing for Stanford. A two-time All-American, she was one of 20 divers nationwide who qualified for this summer's Olympic Trials.

Ray Bergstrom '97, a high jumper on the Stanford track and field team, cleared the Pac-10 qualifying mark of

2.05 meters (6' 8-3/4") both indoors and outdoors last season. He finished sixth in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Indoor Championships and was named to the MPSF Academic All-Conference Team.

Also at Stanford, Sarah Barnum '97 was a backup catcher, pinch hitter and pinch runner for the softball team, which was ranked in the top ten in the nation for NCAA Division I. As a freshman, she was team manager and was honored as a scholar athlete her sophomore and junior years.

Reunited on the Yale volleyball team are high school teammates Betty Picinic '99 and Vanessa Herald '98. Picinic has filled in as a defensive specialist and outside hitter for the Bulldogs. Herald, a starting outside hitter, is back in action after suffering a broken arm and dislocated elbow. She was instrumental in the team's success in last year's Ivy League Tournament.

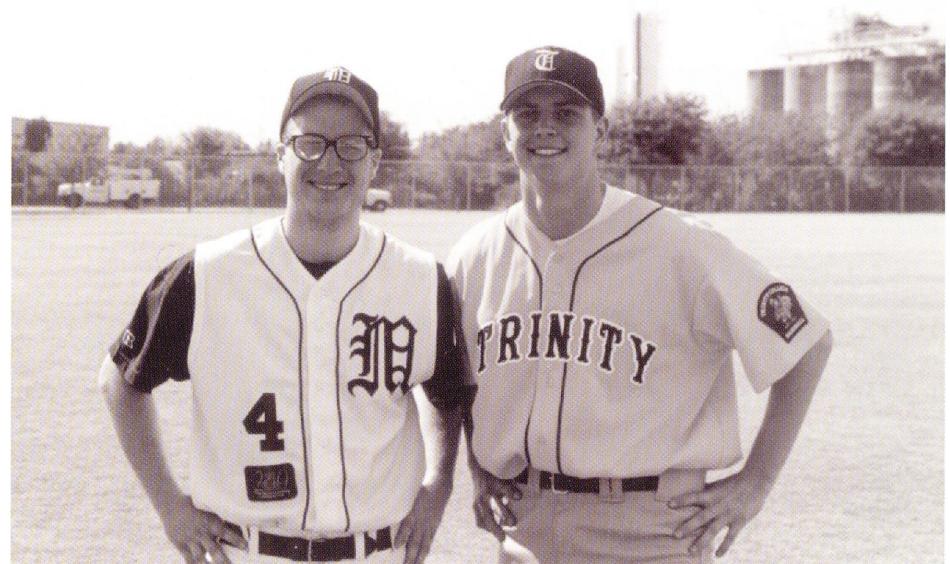
Former teammates John Prescott '99 and Sumner Hollingsworth '99 met again when their respective baseball

teams played a doubleheader in Florida in March. Prescott plays first base and is a designated hitter for Middlebury College while Hollingsworth is a pitcher in the Trinity College program, ranked 22nd nationally in Division III.

Ryan Nungesser '98 is a defensive end for the Vanderbilt football team. After

redshirting as a freshman, Nungesser played in 10 games in the 1999 season.

In Division III competition, Lisa Caldwell '99 is a middle blocker for the University of California, San Diego, volleyball team and Brooke Cutler '98 is one of the top runners on the cross-country team at Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburgh.



Alums John Prescott '99 and Sumner Hollingsworth '99 last spring.

# Fall Sports Roundup

by Kevin L. Jones



## Girls' Varsity Tennis

**T**alented, determined, and hard working, the Girls' Varsity Tennis Team gets out to a start of 5 wins, 2 loses overall. With mostly inexperienced players, Coach Howie Farer considers this an impressive start.

Giving praise to his players, regarding this young team's early success. "I would like to think it was good coaching, but this group of girls is very determined to succeed. They work hard in practice, and it has paid off in their matches.

"We have good leadership, especially (in) captain Adele Bergstrom, who has set an excellent example for the other girls."

Bergstrom leads this team that includes freshman standout Molly Easterlin, who paired with Bergstrom, are 18-3 in doubles match sets. Sophomores Kim Prater and Jill Sharp make up the other dynamic duo, posting a record of 19-2.

Junior Julia Wirjo, the team's number one singles player has shown more of that leadership, with an 11-4 set record. Sophomore Katie Helfgott,

and juniors Dana Heatherton and Amy Pomerantz are showing improvement as the season moves along.

Farer adds, "We have the largest number of girls playing varsity that we've ever had. At this point, everybody is contributing."

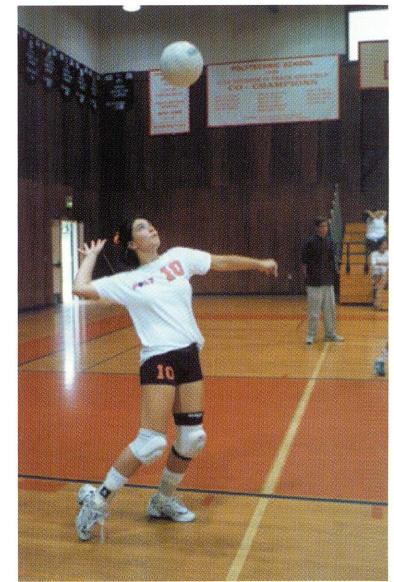
The team currently has a record of five wins and 2 losses overall. In Prep League play, they are 2-1, with victories over Westridge and Flintridge.

## Girls' Varsity Volleyball

With seven new players, this year's Girls' Volleyball Team sets out to build on a winning tradition.

Coaches Steve Beerman and Laurianne Williams are masterfully mixing the new and veteran players to produce a fast start.

The team has spiked their way to a record of 7-3 overall, 3-0 in Prep League play, featuring an exciting, two-hour and forty-minute, five-set match over top ranked Chadwick, which



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