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## Bob Lee '63

Lowellite, NFL Quarterback, Director of Athletics (UOP),  
Radio Announcer, TV Analyst, Real Estate Broker

by Paul Lucey

My lasting impression of Bob Lee was in the Fall of 1962 when, within the span of 8 days, Bill Feiling's Lowell Football team battled undefeated and nationally ranked (#1), St. Ignatius to a near standstill on two separate occasions. SI won the first game, for the AAA Round Robin Championship but had to come from behind twice to down the Indians, 19-13, in what was called "one of the great prep football games in the history of the AAA." Columnist Al Corona wrote: "Quarterback Bob Lee stunned the Wildcats early in the second quarter when he fired a 76 yard touchdown bomb to Louis Kirtman. Alas, the foregoing heroics notwithstanding, the lead changed hands three more times that afternoon, as a late 'Cats rally nipped the Tribe in the closing moments.



Bob Lee

This writer remembers the Turkey Day game a week later when a crowd estimated to be between 16,000-20,000+ fans at Kezar Stadium saw S.I. "cross the T," so to speak, in a bruising 7-6 victory over the Indians. Lowell's only touchdown resulted from Lee's three successive passes to Breaux, Moses & Breaux again midway through the second quarter. Lee and teammate and lifelong friend, Tim McAteer, were named to every first Team All-City Squad, and teammates, George Benetatoes, Louis Kirtman, Armand Lara and Reeves Moses were named to the second team All City.

Three players in the Lowell backfield went on to induction into San Francisco's Prep Hall of Fame, with Lee being honored for football and baseball; McAteer for football, basketball and baseball; and Kirtman for Track and Football. Kezar, the cavernous stadium is long gone, but the memory of those young athletes on those glorious November days still lingers on.

Bob was also a fine baseball player, (1.62 ERA as a senior). Steve Chensvold '62 recalled: "The early Sixties were disappointing years for Lowell baseball, but there were highlights as well, namely the great guys I played with: "John Vandenberg, a gifted pitcher; Steve Laird, with perhaps the best fast ball in the City; Dave Jones in Center field; Bob Lee, a great football player but also a solid first baseman and good fast ball pitcher; and Tim McAteer, the best all around athlete I ever saw."

Bob's Dad, Paul, was a lifelong journalist, covering major stories, including World War II, all over the world. He worked the last 29 years as the News Editor and Assistant

Bureau Chief for the Associated Press Wire Service. He turned down many promotions in the news business that would deny he and his family the quality of life that San Francisco offered.

Bob's Mother, Eleanor, was a graduate of Ohio State (PBK), at age twenty, and was working as an office manager for a law firm in Columbus when she and Paul were married. She endured the separations caused by Paul's assignments in World War II, particularly in the Mediterranean and North African campaigns. After the war Paul was transferred to San Francisco and he and Eleanor settled down to raise their family.

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## President's Message

by Lisa Coughlin Clay

In its December 3rd issue, U.S. News and World Report identified the top one hundred public high schools in the United States. Lowell ranks sixty-ninth in the country out of the more than 18,700 high schools evaluated.

The rankings are based on a formula involving several factors, the first two of which examine whether a school serves all of its students well. A school's math and reading test scores are compared with the statewide average, as are the test scores of the school's disadvantaged students against state percentages for those students. Once these thresholds are met, a school becomes eligible to be evaluated on a final criterion—whether the school produces the best college-level achievement for a high percentage of its students. This step in the ranking considers the number of Advanced Placement examinations taken by students as a percentage of the total senior class, and the number of students passing those exams.

The designation of being one of America's top one hundred high schools is an important national recognition of the continuing excellence of Lowell's students and programs.

What truly makes Lowell great is not only its tradition, but the hard work, energy and dedication of its students, faculty and administration. The Alumni Association is proud to be an important member of the Lowell community, working together to support the school's



programs and students and contribute to Lowell's success.

Anyone who has been associated with Lowell during the past fifty-three years has been touched by the commitment of Paul Lucey, our executive director. Paul is retiring from this position next summer, after serving for more than twenty years, and is moving to the East Coast.

All of us are indebted to Paul in more ways than we can count. We plan to honor Paul and thank him for his many contributions in a celebration to be held in spring 2008. The Alumni Association welcomes your tributes to Paul, which can be sent to our e-mail address at [lowellaa@lowellalumni.org](mailto:lowellaa@lowellalumni.org).

On behalf of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, I send my best wishes for a happy and safe new year.

## Ishibashi Era Starts Strong

by Terence Abad '76

For the second time in as many years, Lowell welcomed a new principal when school opened in August. Filling a vacancy created when interim principal Amy Hansen decided not to apply for a permanent appointment, Andy Ishibashi was selected from a final group of eight candidates from California, New Jersey and North Carolina. The selection process included interviews with members of the Lowell community representing faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni.

*Lowell students... named the first dance of the year the "Ishibashi Bash" in his honor.*

Mr. Ishibashi served for the past six years as principal at San Francisco's George Washington High School, where he earned high marks from both students and faculty for his open and informal style. Lowell students picked up on the new principal's gregarious nature almost immediately and named the first dance of the year the "Ishibashi Bash" in his honor.

After earning his bachelors degree in music education from Loyola Marymount University in 1985, Mr. Ishibashi spent ten years leading the band program at Hawthorne High School, earning more than 350 awards including being named the Los Angeles Dodgers Honor Band for



Principal Andy Ishibashi and the LAA's Terry Abad chat during a welcoming reception hosted by the Lowell Alumni Association at the Olympic Club this past October.

four consecutive years and 1996 Southern California Judging Association Marching Band Sweepstakes Champion. From 1997 through 2001, Andy progressed through various administrative positions including stints as a high school associate principal and a middle school assistant principal before moving to the Bay Area in 2001 to take over at George Washington.

During his tenure at Washington, he saw the school's Advanced Placement grow enough to raise the school from #455 in the annual Newsweek rankings of best public high schools to #312. Overall academic achievement also rose with Washington earning an Academic Performance Index similar schools score of 8 (out of 10), indicative of the fact that Washington's student body sig-

nificantly outperformed other schools with similar student demographics.

Although still in his first semester at Lowell, Andy has made a very positive impression upon the Lowell community and is hard at work on some personal initiatives including his plans to transform the school's former technology office/storeroom into a new teachers' lounge. His plan is to create a space that is so warm and comfortable that once you enter the room you forget that you're at a school and instead think you've stepped into someone's living room. All indications are that, with Andy Ishibashi's continued leadership, the entire campus will reflect this same inclusive and collegial atmosphere.

### Lowell Alumni Association Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

Meyer Library, Lowell High School

**Proposed Bylaws Amendment:** To reduce the number of members of the LAA Board of Directors from 32 (30 elected plus immediate past president plus Southern California representative) to 26 (24 elected plus immediate past president plus Southern California representative)

# Caught in the Headlines

by Terence Abad '76

## Dateline Washington:

Nice to see that our own **David Tseng '77** has been appointed General Counsel for the Office of the Chief Financial Officer for the District of Columbia. A former member of the Clinton administration, David also served as Chief Assistant Treasurer for the City and County of San Francisco. Best of all, he didn't have to face Congressional interrogation about his views on water-boarding . . . Jeffrey Toobin's new book about the Supreme Court, *The Nine*, has some interesting info on **Stephen Breyer '55**, including the fact that "the only one of his alma maters that [Justice Breyer] would invariably mention in speeches was Lowell High School." Toobin describes Lowell in the 1950s as a place that "sizzled with the ambitions and smarts of recent immigrant offspring" — still an accurate description today.

## Sports Page:

Congrats to **Harry Likas '41** upon his selection for induction into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Hall of Fame earlier this year. Harry was the 1948 NCAA tennis singles champ and 1947 NCAA doubles semifinalist . . . Lowell's current baseball coach **John Donohue** has been racking up the honors and frequent flier miles lately. He was honored by the National High School Baseball Coaches Association in Oklahoma City earlier this year for his 25 years of baseball coaching and will wing his way to Philadelphia in January to be honored as regional coach of the year by the American Baseball Coaches Association . . . Great article in the Portland Oregonian recently about college football's "forgotten pioneer" **Ron Stratten '60**, the modern era's first African-American head football coach at a majority white university, taking over at Portland State at the age of 29. Recently retired from an executive position with the NCAA, Ron now lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Ann. (You can find the full article by searching at [www.oregonlive.com](http://www.oregonlive.com))

## Ivory Tower News:

Word comes from the great Northwest that Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma that **Kurtis Mayer '48** and his family have endowed the Kurtis R. Mayer Professorship in Holocaust Studies . . . meanwhile, in the mid-South, Memphis philanthropist **Rudi Scheidt '41** was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree by the University of Memphis in recognition for his outstanding support for the school's music program . . . and **Dr. Lenneal Henderson '65** wrote to us from Bellagio, Italy, where he was

spending a month at the "Innovations for an Urban World" global summit sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation. Professor Henderson, who teaches at the University of Baltimore, was tasked with writing a book about the summit.

## Stage and Screen:

**Caitlin Talbot '01** recently appeared in the American Conservatory Theater Master's in Acting production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* at the Zeum in San Francisco. Caitlin comes from a family of actors, with her dad Steve having appeared on *Leave it to Beaver* and grandfather Lyle Talbot with nearly 300 movie and TV credits . . . and we almost missed the fact that **Charles Ferguson '72** earned a special jury prize at this year's Sundance Film Festival as writer and director of the powerful documentary "No End in Sight" about the Iraq war. Described as a "policy wonk-turned-rookie filmmaker," Ferguson has a doctorate in foreign affairs from MIT and currently lectures at UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism.

## Local News:

One of San Francisco's finest, SFPD Officer **Mark Alvarez '77**, was featured in a recent *SF Chronicle* story about his daily beat in North Beach dealing with his "regulars" . . . and **Al Ribaya '76** got some ink recently for his custom tailoring business — started immediately after high school — at 1314 Grant Avenue . . . but let's not forget our own LAA Executive Director **Paul Lucey**, who was honored in November by the Association of Fundraising Professionals at their National Philanthropy Day event. Also honored at that event, as Outstanding Philanthropist, was **William K. Bowes, Jr. '43**. It's worth noting that four other Lowell alumni have previously received the group's Outstanding Philanthropist award: **Warren Hellman '51**, **Louise Jankelson Rosenberg '51**, **Claude Rosenberg '47** and the late **Dr. A. Jess Shenson '38**.

## Odds and Ends:

Leading up to the recent SF mayoral election, the *SF Chronicle* mused about the odds that some famous San Franciscans could be elected. Among the group were Lowell alums **Larry Baer '75** (250-1), **Warren Hellman '51** (250-1), **Gwen Jew Chan '63** (150-1) and **Daniel Handler '88** (200-1) . . . and next time you're looking to hire a classical music trio, why not check out The Lowell Trio, featuring oboist **Janet Popesco Archibald '76**, pianist **Margaret Wong Jennings '85** and baritone **William Tull '68** — a sampler pack of alumni from three different decades! They play standards, too, so call them at (415) 668-1057.

# REUNION CALENDAR

## Classes of January & June 1943 and February 1944 – 65-Year Reunion

*Friday, May 30th, 2008 – Olympic Club (Lakeside)*

Please save the date for this reunion luncheon. More details to come by direct mail in 2008.

Contact **Alan Orr** at (408) 354-1806

## Class of June, 1948 – 60 Year Reunion

*Tuesday, June 10, 2008 – Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco*

The class of June 1948 will be celebrating 60 years since graduation with a lunch at the Basque Cultural Center on Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

Contact **Betty Weaver Glazier** at (925) 934-7371

## Classes of January & June, 1958 – 50-Year Reunion

*Friday, September 26 through Sunday, September 28, 2008 – Location TBA*

Please make plans to join your classmates for a great time as we celebrate our 50-year reunion. More details soon via e-mail and snail mail. Help us make sure everyone gets word of the reunion by sending us updated e-mail or mailing addresses for our classmates.

Contact **Lee "Peaches" Hansen Nelson** at [leejnelson2@earthlink.net](mailto:leejnelson2@earthlink.net), **Diane Peterson Sibley** at [dianesibley@prodigy.net](mailto:dianesibley@prodigy.net), **George Hansen** at [georgecj@pacbell.net](mailto:georgecj@pacbell.net), **Bobby John Guillory** at [bobbyguillory@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobbyguillory@sbcglobal.net) or **Lenore Person Weissenberger** at [sweissenberger@comcast.net](mailto:sweissenberger@comcast.net)

## Class of January 1959 – 50-Year Reunion

*Early Alert!*

The early planning has begun for this gala reunion. Paul Hoffman and Larry Miller have volunteered to work on the event and we'd love to have YOU join us! Please be in touch!

Contact **Joan Metzner Gosliner** at (415)721-0381

## Classes of January & June 1968 – 40-Year Reunion

Interested in helping to launch the planning effort for our 40-year reunion? Wendy Drefke Shinbori is waiting to hear from you!

Contact **Wendy Drefke Shinbori** at (415) 824-8658 or [wshinbori@aol.com](mailto:wshinbori@aol.com)

## Classes of January & June 1973 – 35-Year Reunion

*Saturday, September 13, 2008 – Venue TBA (East Bay)*

Classmates have asked that our next reunion be an informal event, so plans are underway for a summer barbecue. More details to come soon. Please help us update our class roster by sending address changes (including e-mail addresses) to the LAA or the Lowell '73 Reunion Committee.

Contact the Lowell '73 Reunion Committee at [lowell73\\_reunioncommittee@yahoo.com](mailto:lowell73_reunioncommittee@yahoo.com)

## Class of 1983 – 25-Year Reunion

*Coming August, 2008 – Venue TBA*

Please help spread the word and help us by updating your contact information with the Lowell Alumni Association ([www.lowellalumni.org/address.shtml](http://www.lowellalumni.org/address.shtml)) since many of you are still listed in the alumni database at your parents' address.

Contact **Lori Tisell-Graham** at [grahamsfunnyfarm@aol.com](mailto:grahamsfunnyfarm@aol.com), **Sharon Char-Tabar** at [divisflor@aol.com](mailto:divisflor@aol.com) or **Shari Jensen-Pietz** at [sbpietz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbpietz@sbcglobal.net) for more information or to help with the planning effort

## Class of 1998 – 10-Year Reunion

*Planning Underway!*

The planning committee for the Class of 1998 10-Year Reunion is being formed now with more details coming your way in 2008.

Contact us at [lowell98reunion@gmail.com](mailto:lowell98reunion@gmail.com) or join our Google Group by visiting <http://groups.google.com/group/lowell-class-of-1998-reunion?hl=en> (you can also find this link posted to the Lowell Alumni Association website on the reunion page)

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*Your Lowell Alumni Association Will . . .*

- ✓ Mail you address labels for all your class members who have a current address
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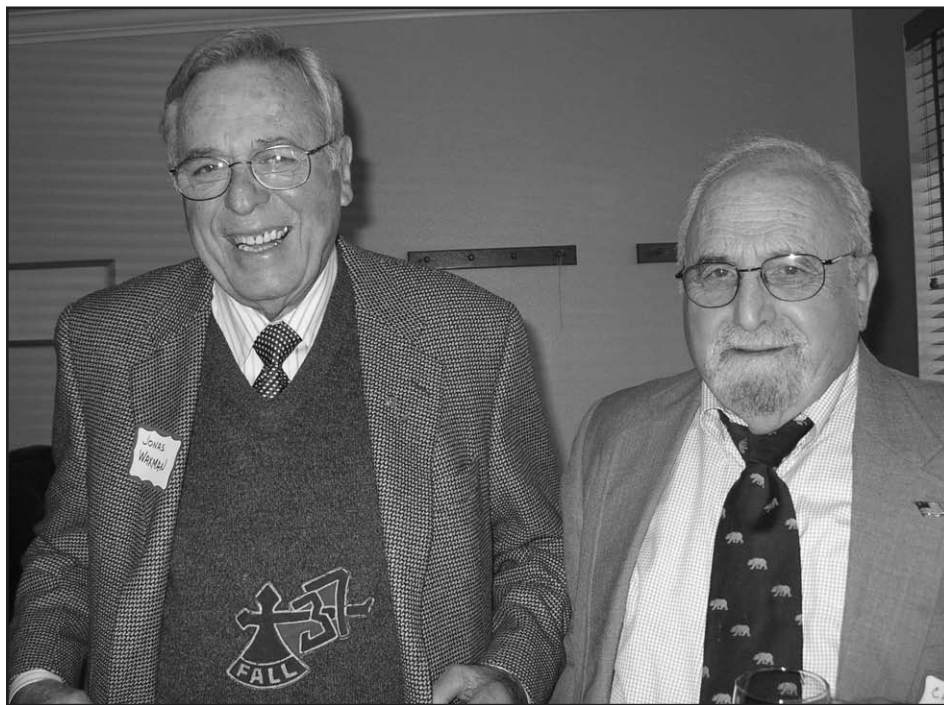
# REUNION REPORTS

## Classes of 1935 & 1936 – 72-Year Reunion

Having taken up LAA Executive Director Paul Lucey's challenge to hold the first-ever 72-year Lowell reunion, committee organizer and all-around bon vivant Georgia Heller Bellamy '35 did a splendid job of attracting a spirited group for a luncheon on October 20th at the Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. Proving that it's never too late to get involved, one alumna was attending her very first Lowell class reunion! Kudos to everyone who helped, especially Jayne Browning Squires '35 and Harvey Masonek '36.

## Classes of 1937 – 70-Year Reunion

A lively crowd of more than 50, including classmates, spouses, partners and family members gathered at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco for a luncheon on October 23rd to celebrate the 70-year class reunion for the classes of 1937. The group had such a grand time that when the irrepressible Chuck Auerbach, master of ceremonies, asked if the group wanted to get together again for a 75-year reunion in 2012, he received a resoundingly positive response. But then one classmate suggested that it might be prudent to also hold another reunion before waiting another five years, so keep your calendar open for another luncheon in 2009.



Jonas Waxman '37 shows off his Fall '37 sweater to classmate and reunion organizer Charles "Chuck" Auerbach

## Classes of '47 & January '48 – 60-Year Reunion

On October 28, 2007 forty-four members plus some spouses of the classes of January 1947, June 1947 and January 1948 gathered at Dominic's Restaurant at Oyster Point to commemorate their graduation from Lowell High School sixty years earlier. The nametags were written in a really big font with photos of people who looked sort of familiar! A 30-minute video of class photos and snapshots with '40s music in the background (produced by Jane Lowy Reber and Wandaline Carter Perelli) played over and over. Conversations were rampant about grandchildren, trips to China and other exotic places, hip operations, other operations, and middle of the night trips to the WC. Everyone was chipper and happy to see "old" friends. The banquet space was beautiful and the food was wonderful. We hope to see more of you at our 65-year reunion. If you would like a copy of the aforementioned video, please email Wandaline at [wandy571@aol.com](mailto:wandy571@aol.com).



Lowell '47 and '48 Reunion Committee members (left to right) Joan Frisbie Neff, Jane Lowy Reber, Wandaline Carter Perelli and Joan Blank Elder



Hosts Audrey Shapiro Sterling '49 and husband Barry greet guests from the classes of '49

Vineyard and brought together some 75 members of the two classes and their guests. Participants were also treated to a personal tour of the winery, which has been owned and run by the Sterlings since 1976 and produces some of California's top wines.



Alums from the classes of '49 celebrate a special reunion at Iron Horse Winery

to Association Director of Alumni Relations and Development Terry Abad. "This is a major addition to the Fund, which we use to help deserving Lowell seniors with their college expenses, and we're very grateful for it," he added.

Class members thanked the Sterlings for their generous hospitality and support for Lowell and presented a plaque marking the event. The get-together marked the mid-point between the classes' 55-year and 60-year reunions. Planning for the latter was discussed and will get underway soon.

## Classes of January & June 1957 – 50-Year Reunion

On Saturday, November 3rd the classes of 1957 celebrated their 50-year reunion in the Empire Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco. The largest percentage of classmates ever to attend a reunion were among the 250 attendees who enjoyed reconnecting with classmates, teachers and friends. The food was fabulous, the setting warm, and music from classmate Brian Gould's "Swing Fever" kept the dance floor crowded.

Classmates came from near and far — Japan, New York, Wyoming, etc. — and many commented on the warm feeling and camaraderie of the evening.

The reunion committee meetings of over a year culminated in a very successful evening. All in all it was an awesome affair that will be long remembered.

A 90-minute DVD by Raines Productions captured our classmates and can be purchased by calling 1-800-654-8277.

## Class of 1962 – 45-Year Reunion

Ninety classmates, two teachers and their guests gathered for a long lunch May 12, 2007 at two side-by-side Greek restaurants, Estia and Viva in North Beach, for their 45-year reunion. We are the last old Lowell graduating class. The Lowell Alumni Association supplied us with shopping bags with the old school courtyard picture printed on them, so we filled them with posters, pins, book covers, an In Memoriam page, a list of class people we couldn't find and a questionnaire to help us make a booklet after the fact and prepare for our 50th. Our farthest traveling classmate came from Austria. We all celebrated our time together by catching up on the past ten years' events. It is a blessing to be still in contact with your high school friends!



'62 classmates catching up at their 45-year reunion.

## Classes of Fall 1966 & Spring 1967 – 40-Year Reunion

The classes of Fall '66 and Spring '67 celebrated their 40-year reunion on September 29, 2007, at the Concordia-Argonaut Club in San Francisco. Planning committee members were Nancy Lee Begonia, Lynn Perazzi Dunlop, Claudia Wolf Eshoo, Jessica Kuzmanich Gaynor, Jeff Karp, Geri Keh, Andrea Keller, Patricia Pivnick Levin, Ernie Li, Elaine Wong Migliore, Patti Louis Nakano, Sylvia Parkhurst Warnes, Sandi Wong, and Yolanda Young. Rich Kemp and Ted Zouzounis ably handled Master of Ceremonies duties. A cocktail reception preceded a delicious buffet dinner and very spirited evening.

Entertainment included a band and singing performance by classmates Jon Levin, Chas Dreyfus, and Don Nguyen. A DJ provided '60s background music throughout the evening, and program highlights included a nostalgic video presentation, "Glimpses from the Past," and a "Fabulous Sixties" trivia game.

Special prizes were awarded and each attendee received a canvas tote bag emblazoned with the Lowell seal and an inscription to commemorate the occasion. Many classmates provided special touches, and the reunion committee is honored to present \$1967 to Lowell to help fund special needs of the school. All 220 classmates, spouses, and friends had a fantastic time, and we plan to meet again in five years! The classes are also planning a website for the near future, which will be linked to the LAA website. Keep in touch!



The installation crew puts the new benches to good use. Left to right: Terry Abad, Yvonne Quan-Wong and Daniel SooHoo

One of the two new eight-foot benches donated by the Lowell class of 1975.

## Class of '75 Gift Enhances New Courtyard

Thanks to the generosity of members of the class of 1975 and an intrepid group of amateur installers, the new courtyard space between the old main building and the newer science and academic wing now sports two new cardinal red benches. As part of their 30-year reunion, the class of '75 reunion committee launched a fundraising effort that brought in the nearly \$2,000 used to purchase two sturdy eight-foot metal benches. Despite various delays, Yvonne Quan-Wong '75 kept her focus on getting the benches ordered, delivered and finally installed.

On a cool Saturday morning last month, Yvonne joined forces with Terry Abad '76

and Lowell parent and all-around handyman Daniel SooHoo to assemble the benches and then drill through the asphalt surface to place steel mounting rods to secure the benches in place. The new benches are already a hit with students and have gone a long way to improving the look of this new courtyard. "I hope that other class reunion committees consider similar projects so we can show today's students, in a very tangible way, how much we appreciate the education we received at Lowell," said project leader Yvonne Quan-Wong. Future plans for the courtyard include the installation of colorful banners celebrating Lowell's history as well as improved landscaping.

## Even With Faulty Data, U.S. News Ranks Lowell at #69

In an attempt to outdo *Newsweek* while also selling a few hundred thousand extra copies, *U.S. News & World Report* recently issued its first-ever ranking of American public high schools. Although Lowell did reasonably well in the report, ending up in 69th position nationwide, it appears that Lowell should have finished in the top 30 had accurate data been used.

In essence, the *U.S. News* methodology was to begin by sifting the nation's more than 18,000 public high schools using two preliminary tests designed to filter out schools where economically disadvantaged and minority students failed to outperform their peers at other schools. Having passed those two tests, Lowell, along with nearly 1,600 other schools, was eligible for the final rankings.

Those rankings are based solely upon two statistics: the percentage of the school's 2006 graduates who took at least one Advanced Placement exam during their high school career and the percentage of the school's

2006 graduates who achieved a score of at least 3 on one or more of those exams. The percentages reported by *U.S. News* for Lowell were 69% and 61.8%, respectively. But reports provided by the College Board, which administers the AP exams, show that 78.9% of Lowell's 2006 grads scored a 3 or better on at least one AP exam — compared to the 61.8% figure used by *U.S. News*.

Had the correct figures been used, Lowell would have ranked no lower than #27 on the list, a jump of more than 40 positions. Of course, the big picture is that even using inaccurate data, Lowell remains one of the nation's premier high schools with one of the most comprehensive and rigorous Advanced Placement programs. And some good is likely to come out of this report as more attention is given to why some students spend four years at Lowell without challenging themselves at least once with an AP course, thereby proving that even a report premised upon bad data can have a positive end result.

## Help Support Lowell's Literary Magazine

The latest issue of *The Myriad*, Lowell's student-produced literary magazine, is now on sale and features nearly 60 pages of student poetry, short stories and art. A Lowell tradition for more than 30 years, *The Myriad* is an excellent showcase for the creative talents of today's students. To order your copy, please send a check (made payable to Lowell Alumni Association) in the amount of \$10 to Lowell Alumni Association, PO Box 320009, San Francisco, CA 94132. Be sure to enclose a note explaining that you're ordering *The Myriad*.

## 2008 Sports Calendar

### Battle of the Birds – Lowell vs. Washington -- Basketball

Friday, January 25 at Kezar Pavilion

*Girls JV at 3:30 p.m.*

*Boys Frosh/Soph at 5 p.m.*

*Girls Varsity at 6:30 p.m.*

*Boys Varsity at 8 p.m.*

### All-City Wrestling Meet

Saturday, February 23 at School of the Arts at 10 a.m.

### Girls Varsity Basketball Playoffs/Championship

Thursday, February 26 at Kezar Pavilion (time TBA)

Friday, February 29 at Kezar Pavilion at 7 p.m.

### Boys Varsity Basketball Semi-Finals/Championship

Wednesday, February 27 at Kezar Pavilion (time TBA)

Friday, February 29 at Kezar Pavilion at 5 p.m.

### Varsity Baseball Semi-Finals/Championship

Tuesday and Thursday, May 6 & 8 at 3:30 p.m. (sites TBA)

Championship game date/time/venue TBA

### Girls Soccer Semi-Finals/Championship

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6 & 7 at Boxer Stadium at 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 at Boxer Stadium at 1 p.m.

### All-City Track & Field Meet

Saturday, May 24 at Kezar Stadium at 9 a.m.

For complete schedules and results, visit [www.cisf.org](http://www.cisf.org) or [www.lowellathletics.com](http://www.lowellathletics.com)



The Turkey Beach Trot mascot lines up with children preparing for the Kids Gobbler Chase run.

## Turkey Trot Treats Track Team

For the fifth year running, the Thanksgiving morning Turkey Beach Trot race in San Francisco has helped to underwrite Lowell's champion track and field team. Thanks to the generosity of race organizer Steve Woo and the participation of hundreds of runners, the race has generated nearly \$10,000 for Lowell athletes over the years.

The 2007 edition of the race was a little bit different due to the November oil spill in San Francisco Bay that forced a change in venue from Ocean Beach to the Polo Field

in Golden Gate Park, but the traditional high spirits and bountiful prize table greeted this year's 750-plus runners. Prizes included turkeys, pies, wine and — for winners in the Lowell alumni division — Lowell sweat-shirts and mugs.

Top Lowell finishers this year were Andy Chan '89, Ryan Kent '94 and Ron Dorey '78 in the men's division and Jessica Huang '02, Eileen Quan '92 and Madeleine Kornfield '03 in the women's division. For information on Turkey Beach Trot VI, visit [www.turkeybeachtrot.com](http://www.turkeybeachtrot.com).

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## 1933 JUN & DEC

**AL & DOROTHY PRAETZEL MAGGIO** send "our best wishes to all!"

**GRACE BUXTON BISHOP** updates "Still on my own, walking every day, reading book after book and active in church and club activities. Play bridge twice a month. Lots of family near by. I am happy."

## 1935 JUN

**GEORGIA HELLER BELLAMY** wishes "By the time this is printed, I hope to have had the combined classes of 1935/1936 Reunion Committee agree to hold a historic Lowell 72nd reunion for our classmates. We still are young thinking adults and have thoroughly enjoyed our reunions since our 50th in 1985."

## 1936 JAN & JUN

**CLIFFORD BARBANELL** brags "I have had several poems published by The International Society of Poets and received from them a silver trophy inscribed 'For Outstanding Achievement In Poetry.' He also explains "To be a member of The Queens Club one must have fought for the Queen and be a combat unit commander. At one point in combat, my company was adjacent to the British. The commanders decided that my company comes under British command. Field Marshal Montgomery introduced himself and stated that we were in a defensive position and our orders were to hold. At 2 p. m. the Germans attacked. We forced them back. After the war, I received a necktie with many crossed flags and the initials "Q" "C" where the flags crossed. I was told I was the only American that is a member of the Queens Club. I am proud of that distinction."

## 1938 JUN & DEC

**DOROTHY THURMOND SHANNON** informs "Both my husband and I are retired and living in Las Cruces N.M."

**GEORGE DONOVAN** passed away in 1983. His family knows that his Lowell High School years were fondly remembered by him through all of his life. Thus, they would like to share that "George continued his education by graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Cal Berkeley with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1942. He served as a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve and first went to work for Caterpillar Tractor in Peoria, Illinois during the war years. In the post-war years he moved back to the Bay Area where he took a job with Tidewater Associated Oil at their Avon refinery which was located just outside of Martinez, California. Tidewater produced and marketed the old west coast brand of Flying A gasoline and lubricants. Tidewater's Avon Refinery was later purchased by Phillips Petroleum and George was transferred to the corporate office located in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. His main career focus was on lubrication formulation and the production and application of lubricants and hydraulic fluids. George married his wife Ruth in 1950 and they had two children named Mike and Jan. Ruth now lives in Boulder, Colorado near both Mike and Jan's families and George's four grandchildren."

**ROBERT & JEAN RILOVICH BOEDDIKER** greet "Hi to all our old classmates."

## 1939 JUN

**JOHN SHINKAIH** says "Although I travel in Japan many times each year, my May 'bikkuri II' (surprise II) tour covered many new places like Shodo Island, Uesugi Family Mausoleum and various temples and shrines which I have never visited before."

## 1940 JAN & JUN

**CAROL MCKENZIE REDUS** recounts "Wonderful time at our 67th reunion!"

## 1941 JAN & JUN

**LESLIE EUGENE KEISLING** emails "Hello,

I'm not sure if many of my classmates are still around, but I graduated in January 1941, and would love to hear from any of you! I'm living in Portland, Oregon with my wife of 54 years, and have two grown children, and four grandchildren."

**STODDARD 'TOD' H. KNOWLES** describes "Marion and I live in an 'over 55' community (Heritage Harbour) just outside of the small city of Annapolis, MD just west of a wooded ravine so we have shaded mornings. Heritage Harbour (not in UK) is on the South river which forms the western boundary of a peninsula, the eastern boundary of which is the Severn River. The city of Annapolis is on the Severn and includes the Naval Academy. It is a vigorous area with many retired navy types."

## 1942 JAN & JUN

**PHILIS LUDLAM GOLD** shares "Caesar, my Yorkshire terrier, is a certified therapy dog — both he and I greatly enjoy our visits to Greenwich Hospital."

**JEAN RILOVICH** news — see class of 1938.

## 1943 JAN & JUN

**FLORENCE RIZA BAGGETTA** sighs "Went to both functions from my 50th reunion but didn't see any of my classmates. Hopefully, the 65th will be better."

## 1944 FEB & JUN

**RAFAEL PISCITELLI KASTL** expresses "I was moved to read of the passing of two of my favorite classmates: **Audrey Barthold '44** — always bright and sunny in a low key manner. **Sheldon Kully '45** kept me company during my volunteer work in the library with lots of jokes."

**MARILYN 'LYN' WILSON** sends a note to "say hello to my friends in the class of 1944" and claims "Occasionally I meet an old Lowell school chum that I haven't seen in ages and the question is always the same, they say "so, what have you been doing lately?" I say, "I have started an ancient coin collection, and the history of Byzantium has caught my interest." If that doesn't make their eyes glaze over I go on to tell how I had been warned away from buying antique coins with the threat of being caught and imprisoned by the Turkish government. From my hotel in Istanbul I looked out upon the remnant of the Byzantine world and I couldn't buy a coin. Angst was upon me! What to do? I decided to search for the most outrageous fake I could find. I looked in strange places for something equivalent to an Indian Head penny with Kennedy on the reverse. A few days later while in Perge while looking at an amphitheater, admiring an excavation near a collapsed aqueduct, a young boy came up to me holding a coin between his fingers. Upon inspection I thought I could see Justinian 1st 527 A.D. and on the reverse a little owl, which would be Greek B.C. at least 1000 years separating heads from tails, I had found my fake."

**HANS C. VETTER** says "After graduating and a short stint in army — and thanks to the G.I. Bill — I enrolled at the San Francisco City College and then matriculated to Cal where I majored in Physics. With Bachelor and Master Degrees, I joined the aerodynamics group at Douglas Aircraft. After a couple of job changes — including four years at North American Aviation to work on the X-15 research aircraft — I was back at Douglas until the merger with McDonnell Aircraft. That got me to St. Louis, MO, where I reside to this day. I retired in 1987, after 35 years in the aerospace business."

## 1945 FEB & JUN

**GLORIA DEMARTINI BENSON** greets "Hello to my classmates from the class of '45. I am currently living in a residence in San Carlos, CA. I am busy directing many of their activities here. Last year I edited a book that has been published. I am now editing another book by the same author. I am fortunate to have a piano and a computer in my room. I recently gave a piano program along with a friend who is a singer. I would love to hear from my classmates of '45 and

my sorority sisters from the Phi Alpha Chi. You can reach me at (650)592-9211 or [gbenson15@mac.com](mailto:gbenson15@mac.com). Please get in touch."

**REED O. HUNT, JR.** sends "Sorry to see that **Warren Simons '45**, **Peter Black '45**, and **Rainer 'Bumps' F. Baldauf '46** have passed on. Didn't know them well, but we all knew them then. Strange how the teenage years stand the test of time."

## 1946 JAN & JUN

**MARIAN BOLLIER MCCLEARY** screams "Loved being a part of the 'great' 1946 class. Sixty years later, still treasure special friendships."

**VIRGINIA 'GINNY' HOYT COWIE** updates "I am widowed, healthy and active. Enjoying life in El Dorado Hills, where one of my kids lives."

**MARSHALL L. ZEMON** exclaims "I continue to enjoy my retirement years."

**LOU BANTLE**, a former tobacco executive, has established (1997) a 30-bed Alcoholics Anonymous center called House of Hope on the Hill, situated in a rural setting 45 minutes outside of St. Petersburg, Russia. He has spent \$2.5 million over the years on the home that has treated 2500 people from across the country. His son and daughter oversee a foundation he endowed with \$10 million that could take over a good portion of the home's expenses after he dies. The 20 staffers include a doctor and two nurses as well as social workers and counselors.

## 1947 JAN & JUN

**GEORGE KUWATANI** informs "Earlier this year, my wife Sachi and I moved to The Sequoia San Francisco, a life care facility. We are delighted both with the location which is close to many cultural venues and so many friendly residents with diverse backgrounds and interests. Also special is the number of Lowell graduates residing here. In fact, under consideration is a Lowell reunion in near future."

**WILLIAM & JOAN FRISBIE NEFF** write "Hope lots of our Jan '74, June '47, & Jan '48 alums come to our 60th reunion on October 28, 2007. See you there!"

## 1948 JAN & JUN

**LAWRENCE & CAROLINE BRETT GRAUBART** (voted 'Cutest Couple' in the Fall 1948 Senior Poll) send "To our former Lowell classmates: HI!!! How are y'all? I am happy to report that my wife and I celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary at Alfred's Steak House in the city. Caroline is down to her high school weight (and figure). How did she do it? Well, unhappily, Caroline was stricken with Lymphoma in the neck last year and after weeks of chemo and radiation, was felled by a stroke. She has made quite a come back so this old footballer/basketballer/track man has to hustle still to keep up. Also, as a minor aside, the Society of Television and Motion Picture Engineers have elected me to Life Membership in recognition for my contributions to the Emmy Award international working committee on broadcast digital HDTV standards last 1987. Better late than never for this old Blue out of Chem Engineering of all things. We were

very saddened by the passing of our old Presidio Jr. High and Lowell good friend and N. Cal tennis champ. **Jack Hymes '49**. His winning smile and infectious laugh will be sorely missed. In the good ole days, Jack, myself, **Marvin Hoffman '48**, **Bud Figel**, **Marvin Cohn '49**, **Hal Messenger**, **Lynn Champman '48** used to meet regularly for poker. Twenty-five cent limit and 3 raises! I always was cleaned out of at least \$2.75 by these card sharks. We have finally moved from Westlake Daly City after 50 years to an apartment complex in San Mateo. I really miss the fog, the wind and Joe's of Westlake. The week after we sold our house, they started razing the old Westlake Shopping Center and building a new one complete with Home Depot etc. Timing is everything! We are hoping that **Marv H.** calls to order the reunion committee for the class of 1948's 60th reunion in the 2008. **Marvin**, we'd volunteer again (1988 and 1998). Ciao, classmates and we don't have to say 'Beat Poly' anymore, do we?"

## 1949 JAN & JUN

**ALBERT JOSEPH BACIOCCO JR.** sends an update "Still a retired Vice Admiral of the Navy; still living in Mt. Pleasant, SC; and still reasonably active in government, industry and academe; and still flunking retirement. So far, nine grandchildren ranging in age from 21 to 1. I am honored to have received several awards and recognition since last corresponding. They include: Honorary Doctorate of Engineering from Florida Atlantic University; Honorary Doctorate of Science, honoris causa, from the Medical University of South Carolina; Inducted into Tau Beta Pi, a national engineering honor society as a life member; designated a Lifetime National Associate of the National Academies by the Council of the National Academies of Science, Washington, DC.; designated a Senior Fellow and elected to the Board of Regents of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Arlington, VA; received The Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian award of the State of South Carolina. Greetings to all my Lowell Classmates who graduated in January 1949!"

**DONNA PARRISH HONEY** greets "Hi to all! Good to hear from old friends. We are still traveling when we can. Neil and I will be getting our 2nd great-grandchild in October. What joy!"

**DONALD PLATT** emails "Currently residing in Winter Haven, Florida. I am delighted to announce the November 2007 publication of my novel, *A Gathering of Vultures* (not subsidy, not vanity, not POD), inspired by my experiences as an amateur ballroom dancer and other adventures while living in Florianopolis, Brazil. Also, my magnum opus historical novel set in 17th century Spain is scheduled for publication in 2008. I invite classmates, friends, acquaintances, and all other Lowellites to visit my website at [www.donaldmichaelplatt.com](http://www.donaldmichaelplatt.com) and to contact me at [donaldmichaelplatt@gmail.com](mailto:donaldmichaelplatt@gmail.com) or [dplatt24@aol.com](mailto:dplatt24@aol.com)"

## 1950 JAN & JUN

**HARRY K. WONG** sends "**Marvin Hoffman '48** and his wife, Susan, took my wife and I to a Mi-We. A Mi-We is short for a mid week vaca-

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The Lowell '50 Tahoe group was discussing the meaning of Fiat Scientia as shown on the Lowell Sweat Shirt. Illustrious grad **Jerry Ambinder** suggested smelly Italian car. Failing to reach agreement, we Googled it: "Let there be knowledge." This confirmed the translation provided by **Jackie Goldberg Feinstein**, the one Lowelite present who had made it through Latin with Ms. Barrett and Mr. McCarthy. The first four entries on Google for Fiat Scientia were for Lowell High School, including a Wikipedia article listing 35 notable Lowell alumni. The second google entry for Fiat Scientia was for Lowell Baby Doll T Shirts.



*Ambinder, Anderson, Feinstein, Gold, Green, Hanson, Koppich, Mortimer and Rising and their respective wives.*

— Don Green

# KEEPING IN TOUCH...

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tion. We had a wonderful time in the Carmel-Pacific Grove area with two of the nicest people we have ever met. They then came to our home for a dinner cooked by television chef, Joey Altman. My wife, Rosemary, and I are the authors of *The First Days of School* that just sold its 3-millionth copy, more copies sold than any other book in the history of education."

**JOHN RISING** and Ellen took their 10-year old grandson, John S. Bird, to Holland to see where his grandmother grew up and to Italy to see his Aunt Cynthia and his cousin Ian.

**ESTHER GREENBERG DAVIS** notes "Living in Texas now. Would love to attend a reunion, but need to have more notice. I joined a 'California Club' here but so far, no Lowellites. Life is good!"

## 1951 JAN & JUN

**FREDERICK 'RICK' BRADLEY** informs "Finally retired on 4-27-2007 from civil trial practice at 75. I am enjoying adult resort living, tennis, boating (Tahoe Yacht Club), and not commuting to work. Staying in touch with Lowell & DKE Cal friends. Looking forward to 60th reunion in 4 years. Go Lowell 'Indians'."

## 1952 JAN & JUN

**JAN POLISSAR** recounts "Spent 4 weeks in China this spring (3rd trip — favorite country of 30 I have visited). Chinese New Years in Beijing is something to behold. Last summer spent 3 weeks in El Salvador building a school and living in the community — got to experience life in average world poverty. I Contra dance twice a week. Looking for a life partner! Email me — [jpolissar@yahoo.com](mailto:jpolissar@yahoo.com)"

**ANN KALECHMAN BLUMENFELD** greets "Life is good in Petaluma. Hello to all my old pals."

**HORTON P. SCIONEUX** writes "I am currently teaching for Sylvan Learning in Lancaster."

## 1953 JAN & JUN

**NEIL BLUMENTHAL** hollers "Still retired and living in Alamo with wife Elaine and visiting the grand children often. A big hello to **Phillip DeAngelo '55**, who I met and played golf with in Lake Tahoe. For an old man (2 years younger than me), he hits the ball a long ways."

## 1955 JAN & JUN

Associate Justice **STEPHEN BREYER** (Eagle '52) received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award of the Boys Scouts of America at a reception held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on August 8. It is awarded to an Eagle Scout for distinguished service in his profession and to his community for a period of at least twenty-five years after attaining the level of Eagle Scout. Other requirements include significant accomplishment in one's career and a solid record of continued community involvement. Recipients are known as Distinguished Eagle Scouts and Troop 14 is the only troop in the country with three: Stephen Breyer, Richard Goldman, Ernest Hueter.

## 1958 JAN & JUN

**BETSY HERBERT DE MARTINI** updates "Retired Intensive Care Nurse. Married, mother of four and grandmother of 9. Living in rural Oregon near Portland. Hobbies: traveling around the world, garden designer and cooking. Greetings to **Carolyn Greenberg Freidman '58**, and **Keiko Yamagumi '58**."

**LOIS HELEN HORENSEIN GILBERT** informs "My husband, Peter and I moved away from the Bay Area three years ago and settled in Lincoln, CA. We're in a beautiful retirement community, Sun City Lincoln Hills, and are loving it. Three of our four grandchildren live near by in Roseville and we of course see them often. Our newest, born May 28th, lives in Burlingame. We are still in touch with many of our friends from Lowell and see them a few times a year. Looking forward to our 50th reunion!"

**LILLIAN GARDNER GIBSON** brings up to

date "Hi Lowell, I go to IVC College in Irvine, Ca. My major is child development. I get a certificate on May 20, 2009. I want to work with babies and toddlers."

## 1960 JAN & JUN

**GLORIA KAY KORNGOLD** sends "After life abroad and in Southern California, still happy to encounter former Lowellites."

## 1961 JAN & JUN

**JOHN F. KLEIN** writes "Has been living in Concord for 32 years. Married to Susan Becker for 25 years — she went to Washington High, but did not tell me until after the wedding. I retired in 2002 after teaching and counseling for the S.F.U.S.D. 32 years. Son David, 30, is a capitalist in San Francisco and engaged to be married this year. Son Joshua, 26, is a humanist and is engaged in his studies for an advanced degree at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Love to all."

## 1962

**DAVID GUGGENHIME** would like to hear from Lowell grads who were ever members of the Grant Elementary School class of 1958. He is planning on holding a 50-year reunion in 2008 and would like to hear from those who were ever a part of the class of '58, including those who transferred out before graduation. Contact David at [dmgugg@comcast.net](mailto:dmgugg@comcast.net).

## 1963 JAN & JUN

**GEORGE GERASIMOS BENETATOS** summons "To the members of the January 29, 1963 class: A few of us have meet each year since 2003, on January 29th. We intend to do so each January 29th, to the last man (or woman) standing. If you have not attended, call me at (415) 398-2296 or email to [ggbenetatos@yahoo.com](mailto:ggbenetatos@yahoo.com) for information. No spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends, pets, etc. allowed; only members of our class, the first to graduate from the new Lowell."

## 1964 JAN & JUN

**PAUL WOLLANGK** comments "I was leading a discussion about how animals exhibit human characteristics with my 4th grade reading class and found myself thinking about Mr. Fast's English History class in which we discussed the genesis of Mother Goose as a way to have political discourse in dangerous times. I commented to my class about the human characteristics of animals in Mother Goose rhymes in passing. After 39 years in the classroom it is fascinating to find that my high school teachers are still affecting my day to day professional life."

**CHERYL B. WILLIS** writes "I have been hired in a substitute teacher position with S.F.U.S.D. I now begin exploring my second career."

## 1965 JAN & JUN

**LEANNEAL J. HENDERSON** details "Just back from China as a delegate to the People-to-People Ambassador Program led by Robert Axelrod, President of the American Political Science Association. We had intensive seminars in Beijing, Guilin and Shanghai. Among the delegates was a distinguished graduate, **Dr. Jack Goldstone '71** of George Mason University. My one-man play as Thurgood Marshall is doing very well. I have performed the play in Maryland, North Carolina, Texas, Colorado and California. It is available to any institution interested. Will be in Italy the month of July 2007 as part of the Citistates Group monitoring the World Summit on Cities funded by the Rockefeller Foundation."

## 1966 JAN & JUN

**MARK HARRIS** jokes "I enjoyed the 40th reunion very much, except for the fact that the

organizers let in so many old people. Best regards to **Mr. Lucey**, a fellow Brown Alum."

## 1969 JAN & JUN

**SHELBORNE FUNG** posts "Older son is 1st year grad student in Mechanical Engineering at Stanford. Younger son will decide between Davis and Berkeley for this fall. Wife and I are evaluating our options; lots of possibilities. Greetings to all!"

## 1971 JAN & JUN

**HELEN M. SOLLIE GALLAGHER** greets "Hi to all my friends and classmates . . . What a strange trip it's been! I don't remember if I told you, but Dave and I have been living in Arnold, Ca for the past five years. Dave will be taking early retirement in about three months. Besides working on the house, he'd like us to go camping to Maryland and Colorado . . . to visit his kids and six (soon to be seven) grandkids!"

**WENDY NELSON TOKUNAGA** announces "My new novel *Midori by Moonlight* was published by St. Martin's Press in September 2007." [www.WendyNelsonTokunaga.com](http://www.WendyNelsonTokunaga.com)

**GLENN DAVID LOUIE** emails "Married with 2 teenage daughters living in Portland Oregon. I've acquired an Economics degree at USF. Twenty years as a commercial real estate broker, VP for Merrill and currently Director of RE for OSU Foundation. I am into golf, tube audio gear, and electric guitars. Have fond memories of all my Lowell friends during the 70s and I wonder about them often."

## 1973 JAN & JUN

**LISA KUHN** says "Hi everyone! I've been living near Paris since 1998 and married a Scot, Jack, in 2000. We built a lovely wood house where we do b&cb . . . so we hope some of you Lowellites will come visit! I was teaching English, French, and Spanish in the Bay Area before leaving . . . did my student teaching at . . . Lowell! See our site at [ibbp.com](http://ibbp.com); search Dormouse House in Paris area b&cb or google Dormouse House."

## 1974 JAN & JUN

**LEIKO NAKAZAWA DAHLGREN** confirms "They are right — 50 is the new 40! Still in S. Cal, still at Beckman, still married, just my kids keep growing: 18 & 15 years old now."

**DOUGLAS RYAN** states "Our son, Jeremy, starts high school in the fall! It really does go by too quickly. I have been elected as vice-president in the Thousand Oaks Kiwanis Club which supports his school with a Key Club; so, I am involved with him for the next four years whether he likes it or not!"

## 1975

**ALEXANDER VON HAFFTEN** screams "Best regards to all from Alaska."

## 1976

**SUSAN SIMPSON** writes "Regrettably, I missed the 30 year reunion, where I could have seen so many of you. I read about the events of the day in the alumni newspaper, and participated vicariously."

I am nearly 50 now, as many of you are, and battling a chronic illness, Primary Lateral Sclerosis, related to the dreaded and usually fatal ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). The disease has rendered me nearly speechless, or unintelligible, except to my close family and friends. However, I am able to communicate with a Palm Pilot that has a voice/speech program installed in it. I am "Rita" by voice, but still Sue by all other characteristics. (I go by Susan now, a deliberate change I made after Lowell — time to embrace my birth name). I use a walker for stability. PLS has given me spastic

muscles, making my once flowing gait now akin to a drunkard trying to pass the DWI "line" test. I have 2 lovely, flower decorated canes, but I opted for the walker after I broke my nose not once, but twice, last year, tripping over my own feet. Thankfully, no surgery was required, but I have a few scars as lasting reminders. PLS is very rare. I think there are just 600 reported cases. My first symptoms started after my 3rd child, John Henry, was born in 1999. I couldn't run when I tried, and the stairs were hard to maneuver. By process of elimination, I was diagnosed about a year later, after several referrals and many tests. I am blessed to have an MDA clinic (they specialize in treating and researching MD, MS, ALS and PLS) at the University of Washington in Seattle, where I now live. There is no treatment for ALS or PLS, just support. I made the exodus from "The City" 25 years ago, looking for greener pastures and affordable real estate. I found both, and have made my home here, with a loving husband, 3 wonderful children and enjoying several careers — chef, private tutor and insurance executive. I took an early retirement due to my PLS — I could no longer speak well enough to succeed in business, and made the transition to stay at home Mom in 2001. I write this long dissertation now, because I am feeling sentimental about my high school days. My daughter, Rosanne, graduated in June and now attends the University of Portland, OR. My second child, Sarah, is a senior this year, and I will relive, again, my graduation and reminisce my happy days at one of the most prestigious schools in the land! Do you all realize the privilege we were afforded to be able to attend Lowell? I am often in awe of my good fortune to have gone there. I make my way back to San Francisco about once a year, and will salute you all when I am there next!"

## 1978

**SCOTT S. FONG** brings up to date "After spending time in China traveling and teaching business courses at Soochow University, my wife and I came back to California to start our family. The twins arrived in 2005, and I accepted the finance director position at a Santa Clara non-profit (AACI.ORG). I left AACI in early 2007 to join UCSF in a management position. I'm glad to be in the US and back in the SF Bay Area. The environment, weather, and people here are much friendlier and enjoyable than elsewhere."

**CLAYTON LEE** news — see class of 1983

## 1979

**ANDREA WIDBURG** is living the soccer mom life in Marin in a lovely community straight out of Leave it to Beaver. I work part-time as a lawyer, but seem to spend most of my time taking care of my two kids (8 and 10), and my husband, a physician who manages information systems at Kaiser. Twenty-eight years ago, when I was imagining what it would be like to be a real grown-up, I certainly didn't imagine this life. I'm not complaining, though, since it's a truly good life and a daily reminder that the Stones were right: You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometimes you might find, you get what you need."

## 1980

**NICHOLAS SHIHADDEH** mails "I was sorry to hear about the passing of **Tryphon Nichols** earlier this year, as I really enjoyed having him as an art teacher back in the day. I don't think many people knew that he played for the San Francisco Clippers football team back in the early '40s which was the closest thing to pro football in 'The City' during that time. When it comes to 'Keeping In Touch', I'm still a member of the SFPD with over twenty years of service. Also, I'm living in Marin County and have an eleven-year old son named Nico, of whom I'm very proud. Otherwise, I hope for nothing but good things for all the Lowellites out there."

## 1981

**BETH SALTZMAN** updates "Whew! Graduated University of New Mexico, School of Medicine in May 2007 and have now moved to Burrrrlington, Vermont to complete an Internal Medicine

Residency program . . . big change from Santa Fe, NM! A far cry from both SF's! Still very happy to be 'following my bliss' and extremely happy to have my life partner with me for the journey. Still blessed, and sure, I owe it all to being a Lowell Alum. Peace."

## 1982

**BARBARA ANN JOHNSON NESBETT** reacts "I received the newsletter today and love reading the updates about everyone. I live in Colorado now with my husband and daughter and am a middle school special education teacher. I miss regular get togethers with **Trudy, Debbie [STRACH GERMENIS] '82, Camille [Morsello] '82, Cheryl,** and **Ricardo** now that I am gone. Thanks to Debbie for keeping us all in touch!"

**LAWRENCE LOO** exclaims "Two big changes this year: 1. We're expecting our first child this summer — a baby girl. 2. Just took on a new role as a CEO for a start-up health plan in Washington called Puget Sound Health Partners."

Congratulations to **PAUL SETO** for winning one of three open seats in Millbrae City Council race.

## 1983

**LUCY FONG LEE** updates "Clayton Lee '78 and I are celebrating our 15th wedding anniversary! Our kids are ages 11, 7, 5 and they sure keep us busy! Clayton has been a Forensics Engineer at Aptech Engineering Services, Inc. for over 22 years. I am still enjoying practicing immigration law and managing Fallon, Bixby, Cheng & Lee."

**SHAWN MELIKIAN** solicits "Unemployed for going on six months. Anyone want to hire me?"

## 1984

**LISA SLIFER-MBACKE** e-mails "Am doing well in Washington, DC — with three beautiful kids and frequent trips back to S.F. If anyone is doing international development work or wants to break into the field, I would be happy to talk with you."

## 1986

**ROGER LIM** emails "Hi, just an update on me: I just shot a small role in N.C.I.S. playing a character named David Wong who is murdered, then set up to make it look like he hung himself; aired on CBS May 1st. I also recently completed shooting my second feature film 'American Asian', a college baseball drama, intended for the film festival circuit in 2008. More info can be found at [www.AmerAsianFilms.com](http://www.AmerAsianFilms.com). . . Thank you so much for throwing such a great 20-year reunion!"

## 1987

**ERIC J GOLDBERG** lives with his family in Cambridge, MA. and he is an associate professor of late antique and early medieval history at Williams College. He fondly remembers his coursework with **Dr. Glander, Ms. Lewis,** and **Ms. Stewart,** and he keeps in touch with classmates **Matthew Hollis '87, Dave Katznelson '87,** and **Robert 'Bob' Travis '87.** When not researching the early Middle Ages, Eric surfs along the coast of New England.

**BETH HUEY-LEVINE** reveals "Heading to Africa with my husband in the Fall, but will be back in time for our 20th reunion! Congrats to **Barnaby Payne '87** on his marriage and new baby! And, to **Erik Olsen '88** on his new baby boy! Isn't life amazing!"

**ERIC YEE** notifies "Greetings to the Lowell High School Class of 1987! My wife and I are now living in Belmont California and expecting our first baby (a girl) in early August. We're really excited and have been doing quite a bit of work to prepare for her arrival. I hope to see everyone at our 20-year reunion."

## 1988

**EVANTHIA PAPPAS** is currently undergoing experimental medical treatment for a rare, aggressive form of breast cancer. With her medical insurer refusing coverage, she needs to raise \$235,000 to pay for the treatment at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. You can read more about Evanthia's story at [www.sfgate.com](http://www.sfgate.com) (search on "Evanthia Pappas"). To donate,

send checks (made payable to Evanthia Pappas Transplant Fund) to: San Francisco Police Credit Union, 2550 Irving St., San Francisco, CA 94122.

**ADELBERT ALANO** notes "Living in Sin City isn't so bad if you like scorching summers and almost freezing winters. Can you tell I miss San Francisco? I have been here in Las Vegas for almost five years now with my wife, Bernadette, and my two kids, Justine and Jeremiah. My goals in life now are getting my daughter to the Supreme Court and getting my son ready to play left field for the Giants. Considering my kids are only 9 and 6, I have a ways to go but you could never start too early. I miss our high school days and I know our reunion is coming up. If anybody wants to contact me, my email is [aalano2@yahoo.com](mailto:aalano2@yahoo.com). To all my companions in drill team, "Red beret shows the way." Take care and God bless."

## 1990

**ANLIE HAN REICHEL** sends "Hello everyone. I wanted to add an update for the class of 1990, seems scarce all the time. I am living in Oakland trying to finish my Ph.D. in Clinical Child Psychology while raising 4 amazing children, Hanalie (4), twins Riley and Della (almost 3), and newborn Ezra born on March 5, 2007. Still hanging out with Lowellites all the time like **Lecia Smith '90, Mae Tai '90, Catherine, Tenley Harrison '90, Jeff, Alicia, Matt, Kelsey Siegel '90,** and keeping in touch with many more out of towners. I think I am going to set up a Class of 1990 website, what do you think? Let me know if anyone wants to help. Email me at [hanreichel@yahoo.com](mailto:hanreichel@yahoo.com). Hope everyone is doing well!"

## 1991

**SAMI KAY RANK** updates "My family recently moved to Phoenix, AZ, where I opened my Chinese Medicine clinic. My son Ananda is 2 1/2 now. [www.3treasuresacupuncture.net](http://www.3treasuresacupuncture.net)"

**JEAN RILOVICHHEATHER ROBISON TANNER** greets "Just wanted to say hello to all my friends. I have been busy with the two kids and my new contract attorney business. Carl (hubby) is still doing website design if anyone needs help. My son starts kindergarten next fall! Time flies."

## 1994

**PETER MORROW** posts "I am very happy to announce that after finishing my Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Michigan, I have accepted a job as an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto starting in the fall of 2007. Kind of sad that I will not be coming home but very excited to start a new chapter in my life." [peter.morrow@utoronto.ca](mailto:peter.morrow@utoronto.ca)

## 1995

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## 2000

Congratulations to **CLAUDIA JOHNSON** and **JOSH-BOGUE.** They were married on May 25, 2007 in Sacramento, CA.

## 2001

Promising nanotechnologist **DARIO AMODEI** has recently been awarded a special grant by the Fannie and John Hertz Foundation to pursue a PhD in biophysics. With this rare award, Dario joins the rank of the nation's most famous scientists including the 2006 and 2001 Nobel Prize winners in physics. Dario started his academic studies at the California Institute of Technology in 2001 and finished college with a physics degree from Stanford University in 2006. While as an undergraduate, he proposed a unique cost-saving design for the 30-Meter Telescope, the largest optical telescope in the world, and he published a paper on the subject in a prestigious scientific journal. After his sophomore year, he took time off for hands-on learning at an oilfield services company in Cambridge, England. There, Dario worked on improving the modeling of seismic waves in the earth, which could help improve the understanding of earthquakes. He is now attending Princeton.

## Young Alumna Volunteers in India



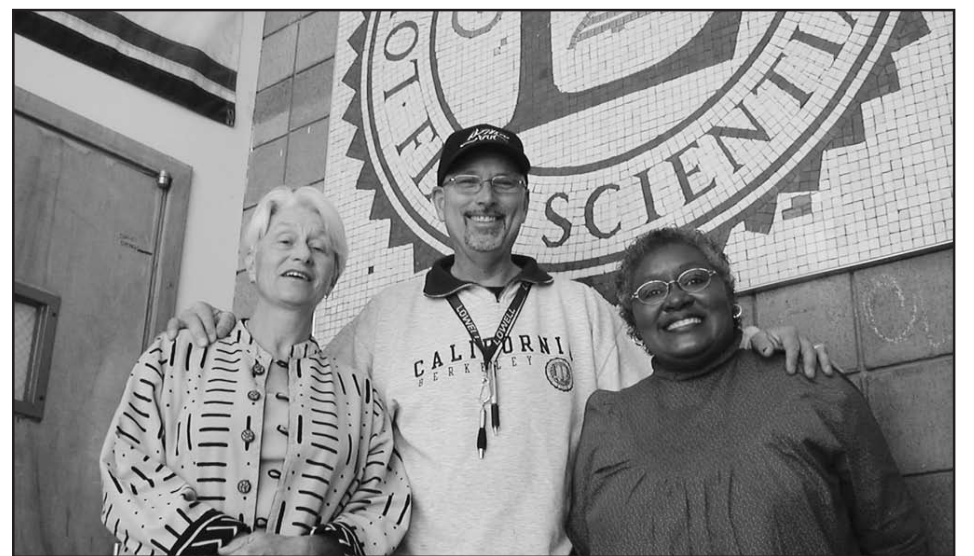
*ChiWing "Jessica" Qu, a 2006 graduate and recipient of a Lowell Alumni Association scholarship who is now studying at Yale University, wrote to update us on her latest accomplishments.*

This past summer, I spent two months in Chennai, India, working with various medical teams and a partnered eye clinic through an international non-profit organization called Unite for Sight. As a volunteer at the eye clinic, I worked closely with the director to plan and organize "eye camps" that took place at various villages, orphanages, and schools. At each camp, I was responsible for overseeing and facilitating the distribution of free eyeglasses, visual acuity examinations, and consultations for surgical procedures. In addition to running these eye camps, I attended a couple of medical conferences and shadowed physicians at various hospitals and clinics. I was also able to serve as a surgical assistant during cataract extraction and retina reattachment surgeries. With the knowledge that I gained from observing these procedures, I was eventually able to practice cataract surgeries and suturing on goats' eyes, which I considered to be

the most valuable part of my entire summer experience!

As a sophomore biology major interested in patient care, I plan on attending medical school and eventually becoming a doctor. However, my interests in business administration and public health made me realize the importance of keeping an open mind. With all the possible career options, there is still a lot to decide for my future. I hope to be able to take a few years off after graduating from Yale and work abroad, either in China or India. This will not only reinforce my interest in the field of medicine, but also allow me to explore other medical or even non-medical fields. I believe my work experience will be an invaluable asset for whichever career that I choose in the future.

Once again, thank you very much for the scholarship award. I hope to one day be able to give back to my community, as your association has been contributing to ours.



*Together on their last day on campus are, from left to right, Elizabeth Rogers, Peter Van Court and Gwendolyn Fuller.*

## Lowell Bids Fond Farewell to Favorite Faculty

This past June saw the retirement of three distinguished long-time members of the Lowell faculty as well as the most senior member of the school's administrative team. English teachers **Gwendolyn Fuller** and **Elizabeth Rogers** along with Social Studies teacher **Steve Granucci** retired after a collective 87 years of teaching at Lowell. (Rogers is the relative newcomer of the group, having joined the Lowell faculty in 1985 while Fuller and Granucci began at Lowell in the 1970s.) Miss Fuller plans to relocate to suburban Atlanta while Ms. Rogers and Mr. Granucci will remain in the Bay Area. Mr. Granucci has recently agreed to help coordinate Lowell's Advanced Placement program while Ms. Rogers has been helping with special projects at school.

The other departure was that of Assistant Principal **Peter Van Court.** During his five years at Lowell, Mr. Van Court earned praise for his work supervising various annual academic testing programs, the school's technology infrastructure and various large-scale facilities improvement projects. Mr. Van Court's leadership was instrumental in transforming room 110 into a new black box theater space as well as the ongoing reconstruction of the Lowell football bleachers. He left Lowell in order to accept the position of Principal/Executive Director of the Carden West School, a private elementary school in Pleasanton.

The entire Lowell community thanks all four of these outstanding educators for their service to Lowell and its students while wishing them all the best for the future!

# Bob Lee

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Bob recalls his Lowell days with great pleasure. His class spent two years at the Old Brick pile on Hayes Street and their senior year at the New Lowell. He recalls with fond memories some of the teachers who meant much to his growth as a person: Maurice Argent, Edward Crossley, Jack Anderson, Greg Collins, Jim Livingstone, Paul Lucey, Noval Fast, Barney Wolf, Bill Feiling, Bob Braunreiter and Andy Korba, et al. But without a doubt, his favorite teacher was and still is: Janice Delfino '64 whom he married (37 years) and shares the joy of rearing their children: Matthew, Jennifer (Jenna), & Zachary. (Bob was in the teaching trenches himself after earning his Master's Degree and Secondary Credentials from UOP, when he worked not only at Lowell, but other City schools as a substitute teacher, during the off seasons of 1972-74, and a City College Instructor, 1974-76).



Janice Delfino Lee '64

He also recalls his life being enriched by the lifelong friends he made at Lowell: Lisa Clay, Bill Cosden, Tim McAteer, Gary Joe, Sandy Turk Prusiner, Diane Jacobson Richman, Marty Cherin, George Benetatoes, Ken Atterman, Milt Franke, Frank Haildorson, Pat Murphy, the Rubin Twins and a host of other schoolmates.

Upon graduation from Lowell, Bob decided to accept a football scholarship at Arizona State. There, for the first time, he encountered a reality of his chosen profession, namely, a surfeit of aspiring quarterbacks. He had a great spring game, but the coaches tried to convert him into a defensive back in the Fall of 1964. He gave it a try, but his heart wasn't in it, and so he stayed in school until January of 1965, resigned his scholarship and transferred to City College of San Francisco. Five games into the season (F '65) he took over at Quarterback and never looked back. Another player who was initially a substitute on that team, a young man from Galileo High School, O.J. Simpson became a star, and helped make the offense go. Bob was also the punter, kicked off, and even blocked for O.J. on some of Coach Dutch Elston's sweep plays.

As the City College season was winding down in the winter of 1965, Doug Scovil, (Lowell '46), who had coached at Navy and helped Roger Staubach win the Heisman Trophy, returned to his alma mater, the University of the Pacific, to redress the sagging fortunes of the Stockton school. He recruited Bob, (along with Lowell and CCSF teammate Reeves Moses). Bob enjoyed two very good years, and also became a place kicker of note, which earned him, along with his punting duties, a spot on the West team in the 43rd East-West Shrine Game. He was scouted by the Minnesota Vikings who liked what they saw of the rangy 6'2", 195 pounder. They drafted Bob in the very last round (17th) of 1968 and then snuck him through waivers and on to the "taxi" squad for seasoning. In 1969, Bob was the regular punter and 3rd string QB behind veterans

Joe Kapp & Gary Cuozzo. The Vikings went to the Super Bowl only to be upended by the Kansas City Chiefs. Bob made the longest "gain" of the day, a 15 yard penalty for roughing the punter. Kapp left the Vikings after that season, and Bob moved into the number two spot behind Cuozzo.

In 1970, with only two quarterbacks on the roster, Cuozzo was injured, and Bob was the starter for two games down the stretch when the Vikings again clinched their division title.

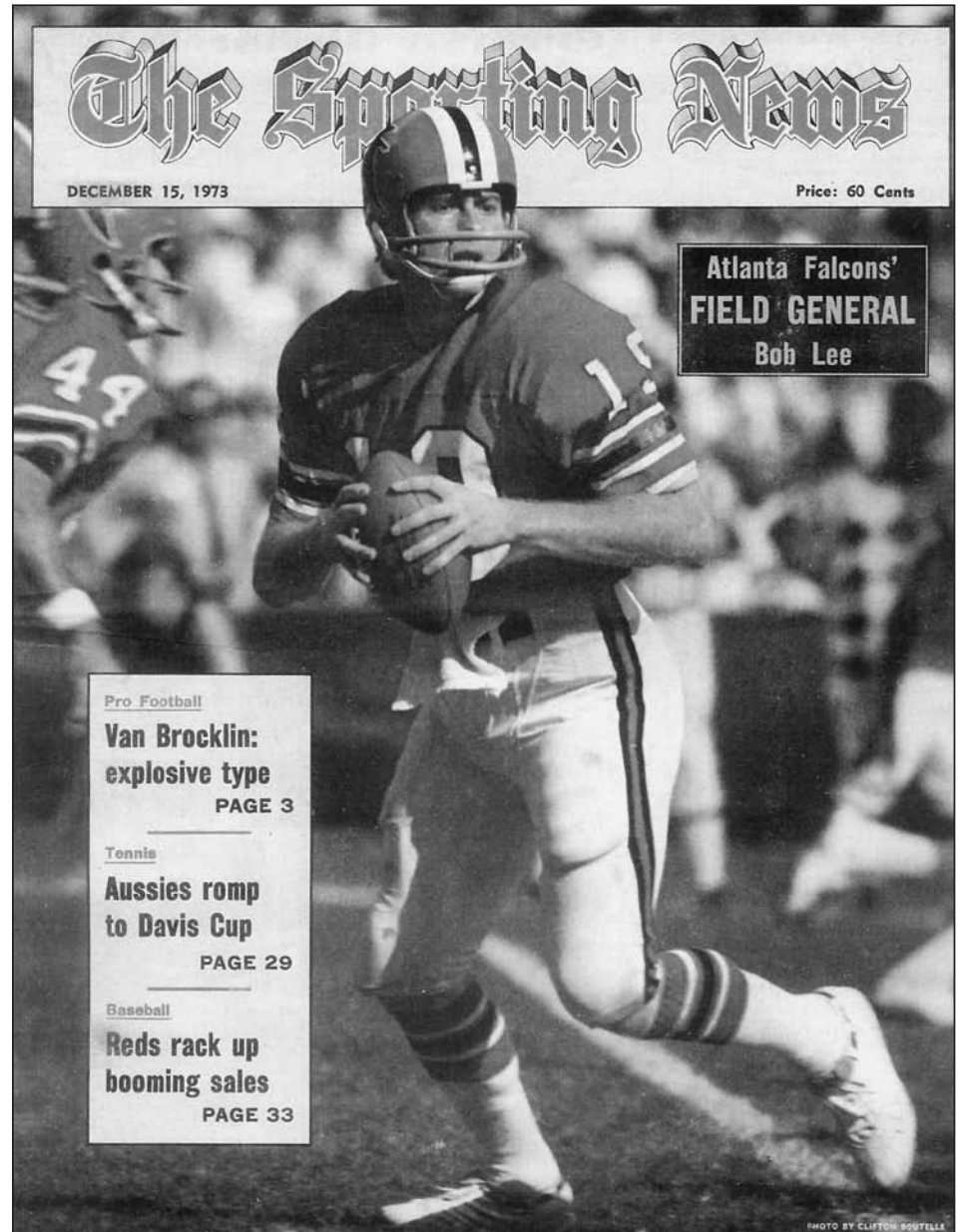
In 1971, the Vikings tried to rotate 3 quarterbacks, having also acquired veteran Norm Snead, (who would later play for the 49ers), but they eventually settled on Bob, who again started Division clinching victories down the stretch run of the season, but the year ended with a loss to eventual Super Bowl Champ, Dallas. Prior to the 1972 season, Minnesota reacquired the services of future Hall of Fame QB, Fran Tarkenton, and traded Cuozzo and Snead, both of whom went on to start for the Cardinals & Giants respectively, while Bob languished on the bench in Minnesota throwing just six passes all season, cleaning up games either already won or lost.

Even though there was no free agency in the NFL at that time, Bob played out the option year of his contract, and signed with the Atlanta Falcons. It was left to Atlanta Coach & GM, and Hall of Famer himself, Norm Van Brocklin, to work out a trade with Minnesota, even though Bob had already signed an Atlanta contract. Van Brocklin remembered: "Lee beating us here in the mud and up in Minnesota in the snow." Ah, the life of an NFL Quarterback! Atlanta traded a number one draft choice and their starting QB for Bob, and his prospects looked good for starting, until he took a blow from a helmet as an over zealous teammate dove head first into Bob in a "live" scrimmage in training camp, damaging the ulnar nerve and ligament in his right elbow, causing excruciating pain that sidelined him indefinitely. Bob kept working out, refusing to surrender to injury and eventually began to heal. In the 4th game of the season, the favored 49ers were beating on the Falcons, 10-0, at halftime. Bob was given the ball to open the second half and the Falcons began to move with purpose and precision, galvanizing the stadium into standing cheers. They came within one play of pulling off an upset, (a dropped touchdown pass), losing by the final score of 13-9, but Atlanta had a new leader General Lee.

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The dramatic turnaround was evident to everyone. Van Brocklin had the final word: "Lee, be ready to beat the Bears next Sunday."

Bob was ready and the Falcons did win, 41-6. Bob started the last ten games of that 1973 season, of which Atlanta won eight. Those victories including a convincing conquest of the 49ers before a packed Candlestick Park, and an extremely sat-



The Sporting News, December 15, 1973

isfying overthrow of the then undefeated Vikings in what was the most watched Monday Night Football game at that time. A play Bob made that night was voted, years later, as the "greatest scramble in the history of Monday Night Football" and is still shown to this day.

After seven victories in a row, Bob ran into his onetime CCSF teammate, O.J. Simpson, on his way to an all-time single season rushing record. O.J. and his Buffalo Bills teammates ran past the Falcons, bumping them out of the playoffs.

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Lee went back to Minnesota, as a player, in 1975, and again helped the Vikings win key games in both 1976, and another playoff run in 1977 when Tarkenton was injured. Locked in a salary dispute, after the 1978 season, Bob stayed out of camp and finally joined the Los Angeles Rams midway through the 1979 season.

Bob came off the bench against both the 49ers and the Vikings to throw TD passes to win both games that were in doubt. The Rams went on to become the first 9-7 team to make a Super Bowl, losing a wonderfully played game to the last of the great Steelers Super Bowl Champions. Bob reinjured his elbow in 1981, which required surgery and heralded the end of his 14-year professional football career.

The life of an aspiring NFL quarterback is a roller coaster ride: long, slow climbs and with luck, the glory of starting an NFL game. Bob's professional career could serve as a model for the triumphs and disappointments inherent in the profession. I liken it to the ambitions of a young actor with the exception that the athlete is likely to be 6'2" tall and weigh 195 pounds. Both are surrounded by talented peers, each striving for a starring role. Each possesses a degree of talent displayed in auditions or try-outs where sharp-eyed directors and coaches make decisions that may make or break their own careers. It's an unforgiving world where winning is everything and losing is "out of bounds," so to speak. That was Bob's world

for 14 years, full of high hopes, anxieties, frustrations, disappointments and triumphs. Out of that crucible emerged a man ready for the relatively benign challenges of a job in the workday world.

Bob had prepared for that world, having worked in real estate sales and development since 1974, and owning his own company since 1979. But a challenge arose in 1991, when his alma mater, UOP, was looking for an Athletic Director to replace Ted Leland who was hired to run Stanford's program. Bob did not seek the job, and in fact turned it down twice when it was offered by UOP President, Dr. Bill Atchley. Atchley had been a professional athlete himself, (baseball), before turning to college administration and had been President at Clemson University before moving to California. Atchley had followed Bob's career. He knew that Bob was about to start broadcasting UOP's football games on the radio and he knew that Bob had done regional telecasts of college football all over the country for ABC. But more importantly, he knew the Lowell graduate had a respect for teaching and academics, based on his years spent teaching in the 1970's and Bob's wife, Janice's twenty plus years of teaching. There were 100+ candidates, some with great credentials, competing for this job to "quarterback" UOP's athletic department. In this case, not unlike Van Brocklin with the Falcons, the "coach" came looking for Bob and he became UOP's Director of Athletics in September of 1991.

It was a good "fit" from the start. Bob brought to the job a vast knowledge of college and professional athletics. His colleagues in the sporting world were legion: head coaches, fellow athletic directors, and contacts in athletics and the world of print and television /radio journalism. He brought leadership skills with him, but honed them to meet a variety of demands that his new job brought with him. And he would find that he would develop skills in fund raising, championing women's sports, and working with faculty and university administration and the university's regents as a member of major planning and governing committees. He became the first Athletic Director in school history to serve on the Faculty's Academic Counsel. And, all during his five

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## *On the State of Schools and Schooling –*

# A Fond Farewell to San Francisco Public Schools

*By Janice Wright and Mike Sugerman*

June 7 is graduation day for our high-school senior, Max, and for us. After 17 years in the thick of the San Francisco public school system, with two sons, five schools, one year of running a Parent-Teacher-Student Association and uncountable field trips, we're getting out.

Maybe that's not the best way to put it. Getting out implies you want to make a break for it, like from prison — or a bad marriage. We, instead, are bidding a very fond farewell, with many thanks. San Francisco public schools don't work for everyone, but they worked for us. They might work for others, if they would only give them a try.

Commodore Sloat Elementary, Herbert Hoover and Aptos middle schools, Lowell and School of the Arts high schools. Those who know the city school system know we got very lucky. We didn't have a clue though when we bought our then-\$175,000 house that it would put us in one of the finest grammar schools in the city. That's where the luck came in. Hoover took a little of that negotiating public school parents learn to be adept at. Aptos was a chance to be part of a transformation of a school that had risen from hard times. Lowell and SOTA were out of our hands; purely the talent and hard work of our boys got them in there. (OK, maybe a few private trumpet lessons helped.)

But walk the school hallways, spend an afternoon in the classrooms of any or all of the public schools around the city and you'll find a version of our story. So, for the parental graduating class of 2007, let us say, "Thanks:"

- For teachers and principals who give their all. Who stay late and arrive early and spend their own money. Yes, there were a

few who should have retired long ago, but, as we told the boys, you're going to have some bad bosses, too. Deal with them.

- For parents who give their all, stay late, arrive early and spend their own money and spend nights and weekends working on the endless fund raisers to make more. Thanks to the parents who do this, when at home they're just trying to make ends meet. Thanks to the parents who have plenty of money and could send their kids to private schools, but choose not too, and who instead use their talent and checkbooks to help push those fundraisers over the top.

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- Thanks for all the families from so many different cultures who bring their customs and, more important, their food to classroom parties. Imagine the delight of our boys when they found out those red envelopes being passed out at Chinese New Year had money in them.

- Thanks for inclusion, for schools where a wheelchair is simply another kind of seat at a desk.

- Thanks for teaching our boys how to make new friends wherever they go. When your best buddy since grammar school ends up going to another high school in a school system that scatters students everywhere, it teaches you true friendship is more than just a habit.

- Thanks for teaching our kids, on those endless field trips, that public transit is a

perfectly fine way of getting where you need to go.

Most of all, thanks for teaching lifelong lessons about the real world:

It's not the classroom (with maybe a leaky roof), but what you choose to learn in it.

It's not the auditorium (with the broken seats), but what kind of music you choose to play in it.

It's not the perfect sports equipment, but how you play the game.

It's not friends who look just like you,

dress like you or talk like you, but what you learn to share with them, and what you learn from your differences.

It's not the prestigious name of your school, but the heart in your school.

It's not where you go to school, but how you go to school.

But as we graduate, we still are raising our hands with a few questions. In this little city of 49 square miles, where no neighborhood is far from another, why can't we get it right for everyone in our public schools? This isn't a giant system like Los Angeles. Admissions, of course, are a nightmare — trying to get the right balance at each school. More magnet schools, we think, would help on that score, drawing in families and kids with special talents and interests.

How about giving new meaning to

the term "neighborhood" schools? Let's really get the neighbors involved. With the wealth of brains, talent and money in this city, no school should be without ardent fundraisers, whether or not those fundraisers have kids at the school or any kids at all. As we wring our hands about families leaving the city, let's look at who they're being replaced by, and cash in. Who's taking their place? It's the young, the well off, those who might have kids of their own some day. Our challenge to this generation of San Franciscans is to step up to the plate for public schools now, while you have the time and the money; make an investment of cash and talent so that when it's your turn, every public school will be the gem it deserves to be. San Franciscans are willing to vote for better schools with generous measures such as Proposition H, but as a community we could take that one step further, with an army of young, smart volunteers pitching in who have — let's face it — some leisure time on their hands.

But, enough of the lecture. As the class of 2007 fans out to UC and CSU, to Stanford University and MIT, and to so many other university campuses, we say, "Good job, students, good job, SFUSD. Good grades with, of course, room for improvement."

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years on the job, he also served as the radio broadcaster for all UOP's football games — the only such person in the country to perform both tasks at the same time.

The athletic facilities at UOP were in disrepair when Bob arrived, and before he left every sport had improved places to play and practice. Training facilities were constructed and an academic center for student athletes was remodeled. Endowments were begun for women's sports, and a student athlete council was formed to meet with Bob and his senior staff to make suggestions and open lines of communication. Sports were added along with participation opportunities and UOP moved much higher up the ladder in the Sears Cup competition for overall achievements in national collegiate athletic programs. All this on a very modest budget.

As mentioned earlier, Bob was no stranger to journalism and reporting. His background included working as a writer stringer for the Associated Press, beginning at the tender age of eleven when those assigned to post game interviews at CAL and Stanford football games in subsequent weekends were no shows. Bob filled in and one of the first people he interviewed was Joe Kapp who 11 years later would become his teammate with the Minnesota Vikings. Along the way he interviewed and took post game comments from every major professional and college coach that came through the Bay Area. Men named Vince Lombardi, George Halas, Don Shula, Paul Brown, John McKay, Al Davis, and his Coach of later years, Norm Van Brocklin, just to name a few.

Bob continued with his writer-stringer duties right on through his years at Lowell, stopping only during the two fall seasons he spent at Arizona State. He commenced again when he came back to CCSF, and while he

was at UOP. So, when his playing career was over it was only natural that Bob would find his way back into the media business, first working for ABC on their regional college football package in those days of pre-cable. Over the years he worked on PacTen game of the week telecasts, including two Big Game presentations; he also worked for KNBR covering the East West Shrine Classic, 2001-2005, (which included the

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first football game ever played at what is now AT & T Park); The Silicon Valley Bowl games of 2001-2005, along with broadcasts of selected pro football games.

Bob had always been involved in charity fund raising during his playing days, but it was during his first year out of professional football, 1982, that Bob got even more actively involved in community service. He has served on City, Neighborhood and Charity Boards since that time, and for those years of service he was honored with a "day" when Mayor Newsome declared February 9, 2004, as "Bob Lee Day in San Francisco." Proclamations from Senators Feinstein and Boxer were included with their thanks for a job well done.

This writer bears witness to having watched Bob become the consummate Master of Ceremonies for various awards dinners, honoring others for their achievements. I have also marveled at his skillful

handling of the annual Prep Hall of Fame awards, especially at the 2006 dinner, when Lowellite Marc Christensen and coach Jim Thomas were honored. He has become a fixture as Master of Ceremonies for the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Banquet for the top twenty-four prep scholar athletes in the Bay having served in that same capacity since 1983.

Like his father before him, Bob is a

good family man. He and his wife, Janice, have three children: Matthew, Jennifer, and Zachary. Matthew, the oldest, is working in the automobile business; Jennifer, Jenna, is working as an anchor for Fox's new Business Network (FBN); and Zachary, (Zac), is a quarterback at Nebraska where he is undergoing the same introduction to college athletics that his father did forty three years ago.

There is a life after football as evidenced by Bob's thirty-three years in the residential real estate business as the owner and proprietor of Legion Properties Brokerage Co. I imagine that he found making the first team in business is just as demanding as the starting quarterback's job. But you know what, I bet Bob misses the dubious thrill of those 300 pound linemen charging the quarterback while a stadium full of spectators brings even more energy and excitement to the field of play.

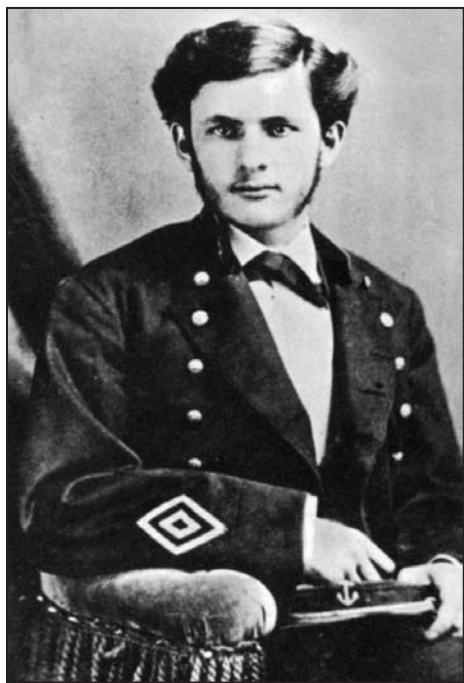
Bob was honored this past spring with the National Football Foundation's prestigious Distinguished American Award. President Bob Keropian, (the former Principal at El Camino High School in South San Francisco), made the following statement: "We give this award out only about once every five years. Bob isn't deserving because he played in the NFL. He's someone who gives amazing amounts back into the community." Bob Lee's comments in the acceptance are yet another example of giving credit to others and being a team player, two traits he says he learned first from his parents: "What distinguishes me, is not my talent, but my luck to have been surrounded by people who have distinguished themselves with their work ethic, their honesty, and the great friendship they have bestowed on me and our family. I was blessed to have been surrounded at Lowell by outstanding teachers, coaches and teammates the team concept was at the very core of all their decisions I had a pro coach many years ago who told me that the hardest working and most dedicated folks he knew were his friends and former teammates who had the courage and integrity to go into the inner city schools day after day and year after year to try and make our world a better place when it comes to Distinguished Americans, the one in our house who deserves this award is my wife, Janice. She is the one who has gone into the toughest sections of San Francisco for the last 30 plus years, trying to make a difference in the quality of life of those young people who have been lucky enough to be her students. Those teachers like Janice and her peers are the real Distinguished Americans."

## Master of Light

# Albert Michelson, Class of 1869

December 10, 2007— Centennial of the first U.S. Nobel Prize in Physics

Albert Michelson was born in Strelno, Prussia, son of a Jewish merchant, and brought to America as a small child in 1855. The boy grew up in the rough mining towns of Murphy's Camp and Virginia City, Nevada where his father had a dry goods store. We can imagine the excitement of the thirteen year-old boy as the side wheeler from Sacramento churned into the Bay past Mare Island. As Alcatraz island and the Golden Gate hove into view, the on-shore breeze brought the smell of the ocean to him. Yerba Buena island was off to his left as the steamer neared the shore to dock at the Broadway wharf, one of the busiest on the burgeoning waterfront at the time. Even though their heyday was over, clipper ships rode at anchor firing the imagination of the boy. The Michelson family disembarked at the base of Telegraph Hill where the scenic delights of hillside living were beginning to attract the more adventuresome homeowners.



Albert Michelson 1873, age twenty

When the Michelsons stepped ashore, they were entering a port through which the manufactured goods of the world reached Northern California in return for its gold, farm and ranch products. The country was in the third year of civil war. When in 1861 the Pony Express brought word of the firing on Fort Sumter, the city held a patriotic mass meeting and pledged loyalty to the Union. The State's greatest contribution to the war effort may have been the heavily-guarded shipments of yellow metal sent to St. Louis on the Butterfield stagecoach line.

Albert enrolled in the city's Boys High School which offered a rigorous routine of study, patterned after the schools the teachers had known in the East. The course of study consisted solely of academic subjects—a legacy that characterizes the main emphasis of today's curriculum. A mixture of Latin and Greek, French, German, chemistry, physics, Ancient and European History, and mathematics attested to by an examination of the three years of study in order to graduate. He lived at the home of the school principal, Mr. Theodore Bradley, who recognized the boy's exceptional mechanical abilities and encouraged him.

An important point stands out in early writings about the school: As expressed in the San Francisco Bulletin of April 9, 1861, "The High School is the crown of the Public School system in our city. This idea occurs over and over again in educational speeches and reports. There is no thought of college preparation. For twelve years the public high school of San Francisco was independent of any university. College preparation was incidental and not the primary object of the school."

—Principal Clark, 1930.

After trudging up the planked sidewalks

of streets leading up Nob Hill, the young scholars entered a building where neither plant, nor shrub, nor blade of grass disturbed the Spartan surroundings. Small comfort to the boys that it would be nearly one hundred years before their successors enjoyed such civilizing influences. A photograph taken in 1870 shows the school was a brick, two-story structure fronting west on Powell Street, (in the shadow of today's Fairmont Tower) cheek by jowl to wooden buildings on either side. The hillside site commanded a breathtaking view of the City and the Bay.

Albert Michelson, Class of 1869, was one of seventeen boys in his graduating class. Five years had passed since that exciting day when the side-wheeler tied up at Broadway wharf. He returned to Virginia City, now the family home, to decide his future. His father had a modest business to provide for a family with six children. The established colleges were in the East and expensive. One possible solution was a military Academy. The Naval Academy had been established twenty-four years earlier. Albert and nine other Nevada boys took the written exam for cadet midshipman in June, 1869 in the Virginia City courthouse. He tied for first in the examination but the appointment went to the other boy.

Albert was not easily discouraged and appealed through his congressman to the President of the United States for any vacancies that might occur. He decided to buttress his appeal with a personal interview and traveled by carriage, horseback, and by rail to the nation's capital. President Grant listened to the boy's request and turned him over to a naval aide who sent the youth to see the Superintendent of the Naval Academy.

A few days later, he received news that an additional opening had been created. The Academic Board examined him in reading, writing, arithmetic, and English grammar and found him duly qualified. Aged sixteen and a half years, he was admitted officially to the Naval Academy as cadet midshipman.

He took lessons in fencing and boxing and became the Academy's best lightweight boxer. Michelson and twenty-eight others received their diplomas on May 31, 1873, all that were left of a starting class of eighty-six. He ranked ninth in overall standing and ninth, too, in number of demerits. Nevertheless, he ranked first in optics and acoustics and second in dynamics, mathematics, heat and climatology. In chemistry and statics he ranked third and near the bottom of his class in history and composition. Albert was really not interested in warfare, gunnery, or seamanship and upon graduation ranked twenty-fifth in seamanship. Characteristically, when he was not interested in a subject, he neglected it. The young midshipman was not destined to distinguish himself as an officer of the line.

After graduation and two years at sea, he stayed on at the Naval Academy as a physics and chemistry instructor. The young ensign was a striking figure. About five feet eight inches tall with a trim physique. His forehead was broad, his features finely chiseled. It was his flashing, deep-set hazel eyes that first attracted Margaret Heminway to the shy, rather quiet young officer. They were soon engaged and in the spring of 1877 were married and settled into the family life of an Academy instructor. During this time he conducted his first experiments on the velocity of light (1878), submitted to the American Journal of Science, *Experimental Determination of the Velocity of Light*.

"The scientific world of America is destined to be adorned with a new and brilliant name, Ensign Albert A. Michelson, a graduate of Annapolis, not yet twenty-seven years old, is distinguishing himself by studies in the science of optics in measuring the speed of light."

—New York Times, spring 1879.

"Ensign Albert A. Michelson, a son of Samuel Michelson, the dry goods merchant of this city, has aroused the attention of the whole country by his remarkable discoveries in measuring the speed of light. — Virginia City newspaper.

In 1881 he resigned from the Navy to pursue a career in physics and went to Europe for graduate study in Berlin, Heidelberg, and Paris.

Although no longer on active duty, he remained dedicated to and involved with the Navy. From 1891 to 1919, Naval Reserve LtCmdr. Michelson designed for the Bureau of Ordnance optical range-finders and ear protectors, which were patented and later used for ear protection during gunfire. During WWI, he was head of the scientific research committee at the U. of Chicago and was promoted to Commander in 1919.

In 1883 he accepted a position as professor of physics at Case School of Applied Sciences in Cleveland. In 1887 he and Edward Morley carried out the famous Michelson-Morley experiment. It was this experiment measuring the speed light that won him worldwide renown (the Michelson Interferometer was designed by him to measure the velocity of light; his Stellar Interferometer measured the diameter of distant stars). In this regard, his work with Professor E.W. Morley (Michelson-Morley Experiment in 1887) was called one of the outstanding scientific achievements of the Nineteenth Century and a cornerstone of modern physics.

In 1883, he accepted a position as professor of physics at the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland. In 1889 Michelson went to Clark University, and three years later moved on to become the first head of the physics department at the University of Chicago. He was able to help physics teaching and research flourish at Chicago, and was among the founders of the American Physical Society, becoming its second president.

In 1907 the scientific world conferred its greatest honors upon him—the Copley Prize awarded by the British Royal Society and the Nobel Prize by the Swedish Academy of Science (joining Roentgen, Becquerel, Madame Curie, et al): "The Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences during its session of 12 November 1907 reached a decision . . . to confer the prize awarded this year . . . to Albert A. Michelson for his precision optical instruments and the spectroscopic and metrological investigations conducted therewith." — the Swedish Royal Academy, 10 December, 1907. His experiments triggered a progressive chain of advances in physics which helped to unravel and unify often opposing theories. It began with the properties of light and laid the groundwork for Einstein's Theory of Relativity as well as contemporary exploration of outer space and atomic energy.

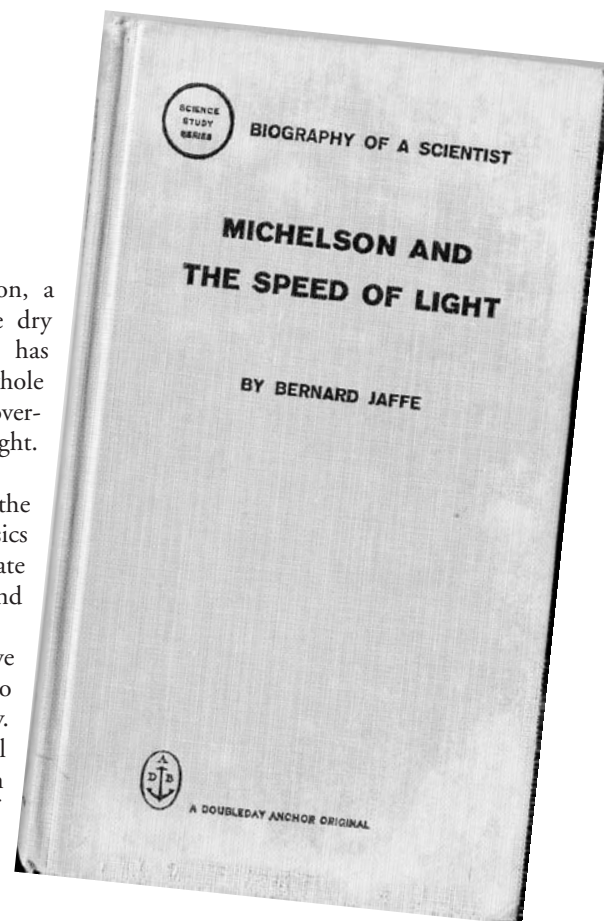
In 1931 at a testimonial dinner at Cal Tech, Albert Einstein said of Dr. Michelson:

Your experiments were of considerable influence upon my work insofar as they strengthened my conviction concerning the validity of the principle of the Theory of Relativity.

Without your work this theory would today be scarcely more than an interesting speculation; it was your verification that set the theory on a real basis.

You led physicists into new paths and through your marvelous experiments paved the way for those who followed . . .

Seventeen years after his death in 1931 the United States Navy paid a rare tribute to one of its sons. At China Lake, California,



a laboratory for basic and applied research in physics was named for Albert Abraham Michelson. In the main foyer of the laboratory is the Michelson Museum containing medals, awards, documents, equipment and models used in his experiments. On May 10, 1969, the U. S. Naval Academy dedicated the Michelson Hall of Science, cheek by jowl to Admirals Nimitz and Rickover Halls, so he is in good company.

Tributes accruing to him defy description in this brief article. Suffice to say, he is the namesake for medals, awards, lectures, fellowships, buildings, ships, laboratories and was the recipient of numerous honorary degrees.

Throughout his career, Michelson taught and inspired people who would themselves become successful teachers, physicists and inventors: Dr. S.W. Stratton who later became the Director of the National Bureau of Standards and President of MIT; George Ellery Hale, famous astrophysicist noted for his discoveries about the surface of the sun; Robert A. Millikan, a former student and second American to win the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1923; Arthur Holly Compton, the third American Nobel Laureate in 1927; and Edwin Hubble who would have a telescope in space named in his honor.

"The whole development of our modern physics is intimately bound up with Albert A. Michelson's precision of measurement."

—Robert A. Millikan, 1931.

The Nobel Laureate had many interests outside of the realm of physics and science, including music and art. His interest in the violin began when he was a child, grew during his years at the Naval Academy, and eventually led to musical composition. He expressed his interest in art through sketching, and painting watercolors, mostly of California landscapes completed in his retirement.

At the University of Chicago, Michelson was known for his love of chess and tennis, but mostly for his skill at playing billiards. While at the University he became co-founder and a Vice President of the Renaissance Society in 1916, a society for the "cultivation of the Arts."

One hundred years after he received the Noble Prize he would be pleased to know that his high school is still producing young scholars who aspire to the distinctions he achieved. In 2001, Dr. Eric A. Cornell '80 received the Nobel Prize in Physics just as his illustrious schoolmate had done ninety-four years before.

—PAL

(Major excerpts of this profile are reprinted from *Michelson and the Speed of Light* by Bernard Jaffe.

# A Thanksgiving Story

It was the fall of 1951 and I was a Lieutenant in the Marines serving with the 1st Marine Division in Korea. The snow was starting to fly, the temperature was heading north, and we were beginning to experience the “joys” of living in a tent.

I was a pilot flying one of those new-fangled helicopters that would one-day revolutionize warfare. But for now, it was a dove with no armament, unlike the ferocious hawk it would become in Vietnam. No one had more than a few dozen hours in the machines so, in a sense, it was on-the-job training, especially in mountain flying. It could fly straight up and down, sideways, and even backwards, for goodness sakes. We were barely considered pilots by the Corsair jockeys until we rescued a few of them who were shot down behind enemy lines. Got more respect after that. No need for runways, just a cleared spot where the helo could touch down and lift off without endangering the whirling rotors blades.

My squadron was called VMO-6, a Marine Observation Squadron equipped with both light, fixed-wing planes and helicopters. We had several Bell evac helos and one large Sikorsky (HO3S) equipped with a hoist for rescuing downed pilots. A call to go on one of those “North of the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel” missions could spoil a helo crew’s whole day.

The light, maneuverable Bell helicopters were ideal for mountainous terrain. Their main task was to fly into small landing spots,

often primitive in nature, carved out by the troops, usually near the crest of a ridgeline out of sight of enemy spotters. Wounded Marines would be strapped into “pods” on both sides of the helo for the flight to a MASH. Twenty minutes later they were in the hands of our doctors and nurses.

It was Thanksgiving Day and I was the standby pilot should a mission come down from Division. About two o’clock in the afternoon, I was in front of the Operations tent, with coffee mug in hand, shooting the breeze with the guys and looking forward to my Turkey Day dinner.

A loud call, “Lieutenant!” came from Ops. Sounded urgent, reminding me that was do not stop for holidays. The Operations Officer, a Major, asked, “Have you been up to Hill 881?” I studied a map of the front lines on the wall, located the hill with its landing spot and remembered a couple of evac missions up there. “Yes, Sir, I know where it is.”

“Good, how long to get there?”

“Twenty minutes,” I answered.

“OK, warm up the helo. You’ll lift off in half an hour.”

“Wounded Marines, Sir?”

“Hell no, you’re taking a couple of birds to them. Marines up on the hill haven’t got their turkey dinners. The mess sergeant is wrapping two of ours for them.”

Now the squadron C.O., a light Colonel, ambled over. “You know where you’re going, Lieutenant.”

“Yes, Sir, been into the spot twice.”

The C. O. was nervous. The order from Division had come down over the General’s signature. Part of our Corps heritage is an unwritten dictum that on Thanksgiving Day every active-duty Marine, regardless of station or billet or hillside bunker would have a Turkey Day meal. The Division commander took this responsibility very seriously and when this cry of neglect was brought to his attention he took it as a personal affront to his leadership. No turkey for his front-line troops! “Not on my watch!” as the stuff began to hit the fan at Division headquarters. From the ruckus it was causing, you’d think someone had tweaked the Marine Commandant’s nose.

Because of a supply boondoggle, the company on the hill had just plain run out of turkeys. No more birds!! My goodness, this screw-up jeopardized the very motto of the Corps, “Semper Fidelis”. The first thing to be faithful to is a Marine’s stomach. To make matters worse, the General had just enjoyed his meal so could be caricatured smoking an after-dinner cigar while his Marines were eating rations out of a can. He could see his third star going a’glimmering. That’s when his aide, a young Captain, suggested an air-delivery of turkeys to the troops. VMO helo’s could fly them up there. “Affirmative!” the Division Commander agreed enthusiastically as he reverted to what Generals do best . . . giving orders.

His memo to the helo squadron read, “Turkey rations to Hill 881. Execute” The word “execute” in an order means NOW, get moving, like ten minutes ago!

The C.O. took the order literally . . . He was in motion, so was his Ops Officer, I was moving, and the mess sergeant and his cooks were beautiful as they prepared two fat birds with vegetables, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pies. Wrapped in

foil, the turkeys were placed in the pods on either side of the helo, and I lifted off on the strangest mission I have ever flown.

I was flying north, keeping clear of artillery batteries, when two Long Toms went off about twenty-five yards to my left, KA-BOOM!!, scaring the “bejabbers” out of me. Calming down, I continued looking for the jeep road leading to Hill 881. Located it and flew low to avoid being seen by enemy spotters occupying high ground. All movement had disappeared: no jeeps, no trucks, no Marines. It’s like that within mortar range of the enemy. I touched down on a roughly-hewn clearing and for a few moments saw no Marines. They were hunkered-down in their bunkers. That’s bad, meant they were getting “incoming.” I kept the rotors turning and in a few moments four Marines burst out of a bunker, took the turkeys from the pods, and ran off, giving me a thumbs-up as they dove for cover. This Marine lifted off and was “outta there” as fast as his whirly-bird would go, relieved and exhilarated that the honor of the Marine Corps had been preserved. The General’s third star came back into focus, the squadron C.O.’s Eagles were soaring again, and I might even see “railroad tracks” — Captain’s bars.

I landed at base to be greeted by handshakes and a “Well Done” from Division, but more importantly, my Thanksgiving Day meal had been kept warm by the mess sergeant.

Since then, I have often wondered if those young Marines ever held their grandchildren on their knees and told them how Thanksgiving turkeys had been air-delivered to their grandpa long ago on a forgotten hill, in a forgotten war, on the other side of the world.

—PAL

## Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 769

### 232nd Marine Corps Ball

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Guest Of Honor

### Colonel (USMC Ret.) Paul A. Lucey

Colonel Paul A. Lucey, a Taunton, Massachusetts native, began his military career following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. A student at Brown University, he dropped out his sophomore year in order to join the Naval Air Corps, beginning his career as an aviator in February, 1943. Following indoctrination and cadet training in Texarkana, Arkansas; Athens, Georgia; Dallas, Texas and finally, Pensacola, Florida; he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in April, 1944. After operational training in the Grumman Wildcat at Naval Air Station Daytona Beach, Florida and squadron training at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, California he was deployed to Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific as a Corsair pilot, joining VMF-323 on Okinawa preparing for the Battle of Japan. Preparations ceased when the United States dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6th, 1945 and two days later on Nagasaki, Japan which brought about the surrender of Japan several days later.

Colonel Lucey returned to Brown University, and after receiving his degree in 1948, embarked upon a civilian career. At the outbreak of the Korean War, he was recalled by President Truman’s activation of the Marine Corps Reserve. Initially reporting for duty as a fighter pilot, Colonel Lucey volunteered for transition to the newly established helicopter training program.

In 1951 he was designated a helicopter pilot following completion of training in Pensacola and reported to MCAF Santa Ana (which later became MCAS Tustin, CA) for advanced training. Upon completion of this training, he was deployed to VMO-6, 1st Marine Air Wing, FMF, Korea, flying the Bell HTL-4 and Sikorsky HO3S-1 helicopters. In 1952 he was honorably discharged from active service at Treasure Island Naval Station, San Francisco, California.

Colonel Lucey joined HMR-769 at NAS Alameda in 1960 and served as Commanding Officer from 1963 to 1966, flying the HSS-1N and UH-34D. Promoted to the rank of Colonel on 20 November 1968, he served as Executive Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 42, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, and finally as Commanding Officer of VTU-5.

Colonel Lucey transferred to the Retired Reserve in 1974 with 31 years of satisfactory service. During his 31 years of service, he flew over seven different fixedwing aircraft to include the Stearman “Yellow Peril”, SNJ T-6 Texan, the Grumman F4F Wildcat and F6F Hellcat, the F4U Corsair, the McDonnell F2H Banshee and the F9F Panther jet. Rotarywing aircraft he has flown include the Bell HTL-4, HTE Hiller, Sikorsky HO3S-1 and the H-34. His personal decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals earned during his service in Korea.

Colonel Lucey has completed 53 years of association with Lowell High School in San Francisco as teacher, administrator, and Executive Director of its Alumni Association. He has been married to Patricia Lucey for 57 years and is the father of two children and grandfather to three.



## CAMPUS News Briefs

### 2006-2007 Sports Summary

Lowell sports teams recorded another banner year in 2006-2007, racking up a total of 28 Academic Athletic Association championship titles. Championship teams include the following: Badminton (5th consecutive year); Varsity Baseball; Varsity Girls Basketball (2nd consecutive); Girls JV Basketball; Boys Varsity Basketball (2nd consecutive); Boys Frosh/Soph Basketball (2nd consecutive); all four Cross-Country titles (including the 30th consecutive girls team championship and 28th consecutive overall championship); Fencing; Varsity Football (winning the regular season title but not the Turkey Day game); Girls Golf (5th consecutive); Girls Soccer (10th consecutive); Softball; all four Swimming championships (11th consecutive boys varsity and 18th consecutive girls varsity); Girls Tennis (9th consecutive); Boys Tennis (17th consecutive); all five Track & Field titles (including 20th consecutive team championship and 21st consecutive girls varsity championship); Girls Varsity Volleyball (11th consecutive); and Girls Frosh/Soph Volleyball (3rd consecutive). For complete results and schedules, visit [www.lowellathletics.com](http://www.lowellathletics.com).

### AP Program Leadership Changes

After many years of distinguished service running one of the nation’s largest Advanced Placement testing programs, coordinators Bob Jow and Rosemary Dacanay have chosen to return to full-time counseling duties while assisting with the transition of the AP duties to current faculty member Ellen Reller and retired teacher Steve Granucci. With nearly 3,000 AP exams expected to be administered at Lowell this coming May, Ms. Reller and Mr. Granucci will have their work cut out for them.

### Campus Construction Projects Wrap up Early

In what may be a first for a public school construction project in San Francisco, virtually all of the upgrade work that was scheduled to last throughout the current school year has been completed nearly six months early. A dozen additional portable classrooms were placed on the basketball courts last summer so that sections of the old building could be vacated in phases for work to improve access for the disabled. Classroom entryways were widened, sinks were lowered and new door handles installed inside the building while new ramps were installed outside. The project also included transforming room 110 into a new black box theater with 70 seats and the ongoing demolition and replacement of the football bleachers. The final phase of the project will take place next summer to avoid any additional disruption.

### New AP Chinese Exam No Match for Lowell Students

Nobody knew exactly what to expect when the Advanced Placement Chinese Language & Culture exam was offered for the first time this past May, but Lowell teacher Xiaolin Chang – who taught all four sections of AP Chinese – did her best to prepare her students. All their hard work paid off when the test results came in: Of the 126 Lowell students who took the exam, 116 earned a perfect score of 5 with the other 10 receiving a score of 4.

2007 Report to Donors

# Lowell Science: Building on a Strong Foundation

Last year, Lowell alumni and other friends once again showed their continued appreciation for the principal mission of the Lowell Alumni Association: supporting and preserving the continued existence of Lowell High School as a city-wide academic high school of the highest order. The generosity of more than 1,200 donors allowed us to accomplish both of the critical goals of our 2006 Annual Fund Campaign — supporting the ongoing response to the state budget crisis by providing \$100,000 in funding for faculty and staff at Lowell while funding another \$100,000 of high priority projects in the Lowell science department. Thanks to all who played a part in the great success of our 2005 Annual Fund Campaign!

### Budget Crisis Response

Due to the need to fill teacher and counselor positions prior to the start of the 2006-2007 school year, the LAA's first priority was meeting our commitment to provide \$100,000 to fund these important staffing needs. When combined with more than \$300,000 in funding from our strong partners and close friends at the Lowell PTSA, these funds paid the salaries and benefits for several counselors and teachers.

Beyond the \$100,000 in budget crisis funding, the LAA is also fortunate to have — for the fourth consecutive year — the strong support of the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund. In 2006, the Goldman Fund granted another \$25,000 to fully fund Lowell's Hebrew program for the 2006-2007 year, which enabled the World Languages department to offer two sections of Hebrew, enough to accommodate 100% of student demand. And thanks to a unique partnership between Lowell and the Jewish Studies program at San Francisco State University, these Lowell students are earning college as well as high school credits for these courses.

### Science Department Projects

The heart of the 2006 Annual Fund Campaign was a set of projects chosen as the highest priorities by the science faculty. In total, the enumerated projects added up to \$155,000 and touched upon every facet of the science curriculum at Lowell, from marine science to physics and biotechnology. Although we weren't able to fund all of these projects, we managed — with the strong help from two very important alumni — to fund 85% of the projects.

Funding for some of these projects has already been spent, so that the chemistry program now benefits from a mobile laptop computer lab boasting ten laptop computers and a full complement of data collection



Mobile laptop computer lab provides secure storage for laptops while allowing them to be shared easily among different classes and teachers

probes that Lowell students are putting to good use on a regular basis. Thanks to the mobile design, this equipment can easily be shared by multiple classes, thus multiplying the impact of this equipment. New lab benches and stools have been purchased and installed in another classroom, the third to be outfitted by the alumni association with appropriate lab furniture to conduct experiments, thus allowing us to scrap the inadequate, uneven and worn-out tables that have been used for far too many years. Several new LCD projectors have also been purchased so that we are now close to reaching our goal of fully outfitting the department with what has become standard equipment for high school science classrooms.

### Alumni Donors Provide Microscopes and More

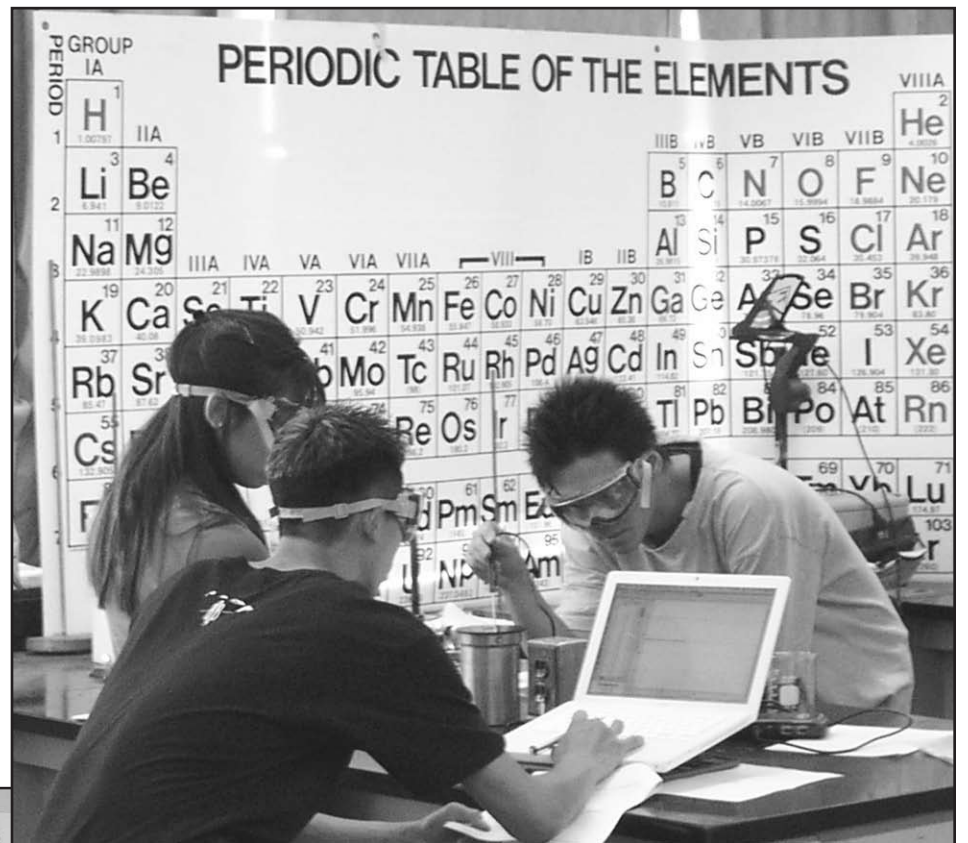
Thanks to the efforts of alums Dr. David Lieu '73 and Fran Vickter Feinman '62, we have been able to outfit Lowell science classrooms with over \$45,000 worth of new microscopes. Dr. Lieu directly donated



New lab tables provide greater space for experiments

two classroom sets of high-quality Olympus CX21 binocular microscopes, worth more than \$35,000. As Lowell science teachers have been reminding their students, this equipment is likely superior to what they will find in their college science labs. "We are truly grateful for Dr. Lieu's continued generosity in support of Lowell's science program," said department chair Dacotah Swett.

Fran Feinman, as co-director of the David Vickter Foundation, was instrumental in earmarking \$15,000 of the foundation's 2006 grant to the LAA for the purchase of additional compound microscopes. The balance of the Vickter Foundation's 2006 grant was shared by Lowell's journalism and year-book programs, thereby allowing them to purchase important computers, software and



Students using new laptop computers and data probes funded through the 2006 Annual Fund Campaign

44% of Lowell students achieved the highest rating of advanced, compared to only 13% statewide.

Although the greatest share of the credit for these improved test results is owed to Lowell's talented students and dedicated teachers, alumni support has played a small role. In 2005, a grant from the David Vickter Foundation allowed the science department to fund a multi-day summer institute where Lowell teachers spent time together developing common lab experiments and working to better coordinate curriculum across the department. It is clear that this common planning time, which is almost non-existent during the regular school year, helped to improve student achievement.

### Grants and Scholarships

Even in the face of the continuing budget crisis, the Lowell Alumni Association has been proud to continue its grants program as well as its ever-expanding scholarship program. Under the grants program, teachers submit requests for specific programs or projects during one of three grant rounds each year. Last year, we provided more than \$60,000 in grant funding for a broad range of projects, from \$2,700 for electronic balances to \$1,300 for new library furniture and \$700 to purchase dance costumes.

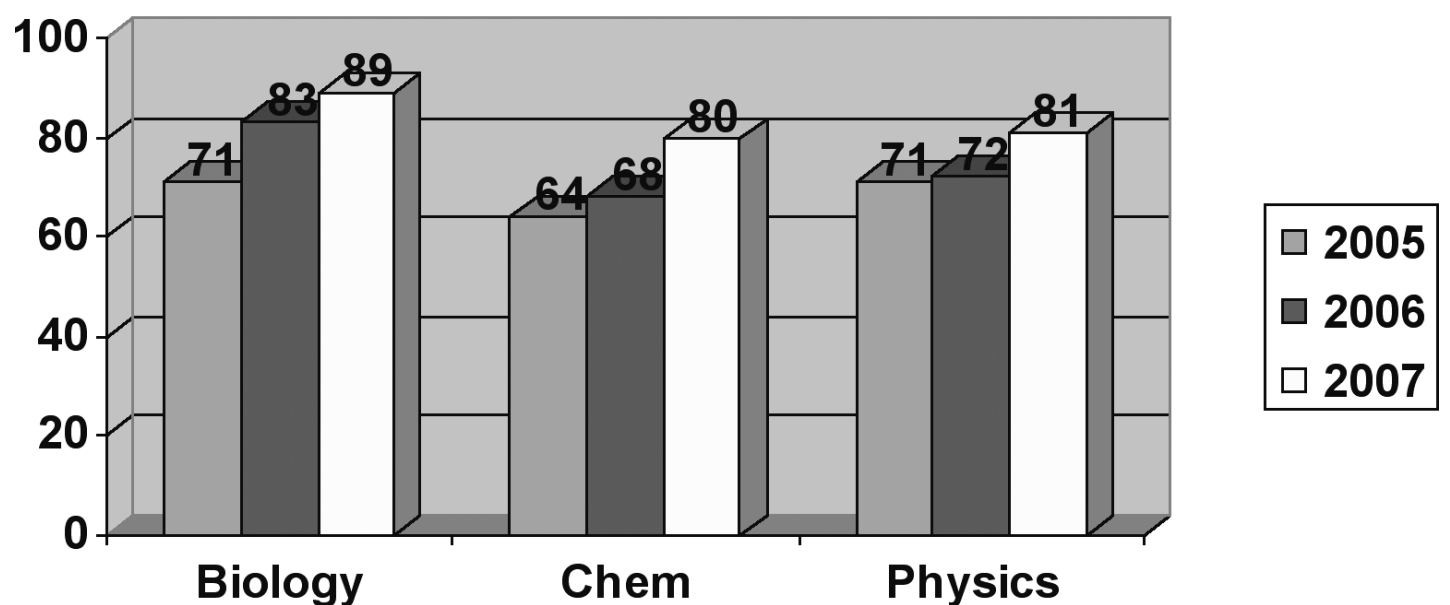
And our college scholarship program, with more than \$1 million in endowed funds, continues to help dozens of deserving seniors each year, as is described more fully elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter.

printers needed to prepare these outstanding publications.

### Science Achievement Test Scores Soar

The Lowell Alumni Association's recent investment in the science program has come at a particularly opportune time because the most recent California Standards Test results show marked improvement in student achievement at Lowell, particularly in science. As indicated in the accompanying chart, the percentage of Lowell students rated advanced or proficient in biology, chemistry and physics now tops 80% in each area (with a high of 89% in biology), up by 10 to 18% over just the past two years. Statewide, less than 40% of students achieve such ratings in these areas. Particularly impressive are the results in physics, where

## % Rated Advanced or Proficient



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### 1940

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Joe Lyon  
William Neff  
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Marilyn Schneider Mogelberg  
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Douglas Dickson  
Bock L Dong  
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Amy Edgerley  
Don Feinstein  
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Con Glafkides  
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Benita Ruero St Amant  
Nick St Amant  
Jeanne Tobin Bush

**1960**

Julia Chang Bloch  
Sunny Du Puis  
Herman Fruchtenicht  
Theodora Hom Teng  
Tony Ivelich  
Andrea Jacobs Elzie  
Marlene Oppenheim Ross  
Daniel W Roberts  
John Roberts  
Leslie Robinson Carroll Modahl  
Theodore G Tong  
Lloyd Wood

**1961**

Claudia Conklin  
James Fowler  
Robert Friend  
William Graff  
Gene Kaufman  
Marilee Konigsberg Gardner  
Timothy Leach  
Ina Levin Gyemant  
Marshall Ow  
Susan M Scurich  
Salvatore Spinella  
Melanie Stoff Maier  
Richard Terry  
Wesley Tom

**1962**

Kenneth Baron  
Calvin Chew  
David M Epstein  
Richard Brent Faye  
Richard Fuller  
Lynn Gok  
David Guggenhome  
Lori Jacobs Horne  
Robert Leeds  
Jon Leong  
Jane Liebman Goichman  
Patricia Morehen  
John Petrovsky  
John Plough  
Owen Raven  
Penny Young Wood

**1963**

Catherine Bane Topham  
Donald Bohn  
Diane Bonfigli Lobo  
Ernest Chan  
Armand Lara  
Helen Morgan Bohl  
Martin Neely  
Marilyn Noda Swartz  
Carolyn Relei  
James Douglas Ripley  
Susan Saxe Kaufman  
Jill Schoenfeld White  
Dewey Seeto  
Larry Zemansky  
Barbara Zipser Shapiro

**1964**

Dennis Arellano  
Carole Babow Florian  
John Becker  
Denis Binder  
Joseph Blum  
Suzanne C Chausse Mowbray  
Carolyn Dorr Higgins  
Garith Garibaldi  
Michael Groza  
Linda Johnson Hmelo  
Adrienne Morales Reeves  
George E Reinhardt  
H Mark Schulz  
Janice Sonoda Fujikawa  
Cheryl Willis  
Sidney R Wong  
Lynn Zalkind Baron

**1965**

Christine Bernstein Rodriguez  
Helen Chung Kishi  
Francisco Grijalva  
Isac Gutfreund  
Nancy Kahn Stanton  
Jerilyn Keyak  
Eric Leong  
Joel Lurie  
Michael D Mason  
Laura Rosenman Ghielmetti  
Gary Thompson  
Sandra Wara de Baca  
Norman Westhoff  
Helen Mar Wong Lee

**1966**

Allan Alcorn  
Catherine Battaglia Samollow  
Bertil Bergstrom  
Fred G Bowe  
James E Brodie  
Virstan Choy  
Catherine Cicerone Fawcett  
Judith S Clarke  
Joyce Collins Weiss  
Lawrence Davis  
Roger Dondero  
Elizabeth Erikson Marnul  
Hennili Falldorf Munden  
Patricia Fiuren O'Neill  
David Gabriel  
Jeffrey Gaynor  
Steven Hahn  
Leon Hallacher  
Tom Inouye  
Daphne Luke  
Alan C Mendelson  
Melody Moss Pagee  
Nancy Nelson Butler  
Gregory Pantages  
Vicki Porter Wittrock  
Louise Rain Gross  
Susan Renna Grijalva  
Norman Ronneberg  
Paul Samollow  
Walter C Scott  
Morton Stein  
Edward Tang  
Pamela Tau Lee  
Valerie Waidler  
H Ward Wolff  
Cheryl Wong Ng

**1967**

Deborah Ellingsen Stebbins  
Janet Engelbrecht  
Vincent Fong  
Adrienne Jacobs Miller  
Georgia Johns Esteves  
Robert Keeney  
Andrea Keller  
Jeffrey Keyak  
Jessica Kuzmanich Gaynor  
Wilbert Lee  
Linda Lee Fong  
Victor A Merolla  
Allen Ng  
Janice Ogi  
Judy Ann Oman Wesch  
Patricia Pivnick Levin  
Peter Siegel  
Sherrill Rae Stern Laszlo  
Rhoda Tang  
Vallery Tennenbaum Feldman  
Stanley Toy  
Robert Wagner  
Olga F Woo

**1968**

Robert Arrick  
May Choi  
Stephen M Dolgin  
Craig Duling  
Sherlyn Hu Leong  
Bonnie James St James  
Janet Lee Tse  
Russell Leong  
Stephanie Pantages Trapalis  
Alice Pong Tom  
Robert Sakai  
Deborah Schafer Ballati  
Bruce Alan Spiegelman  
Boris Leon Vilner  
Gary S Wolf  
Albert Wong  
Jay Zemansky

**1969**

Carol Breman  
Eric Dale  
Shelborne Fung  
Homer Gee  
Esther Koch  
Paula Lee Mahoney  
Jeremy Levin  
Maura Mack  
Robert Mattox  
Jean Pao Ng  
Linda Powell McMillan  
Janet Surkin  
Lisa Tartikoff Rosenthal  
Christine Weinstein  
Gayle Willard Higaki

**1970**

Jeffrey Friedman  
Sidney M Gospe  
John Handa  
Susan Hornstein  
Peter Kwok  
Diane Lee  
Warren Leong  
Gary Leung

Nancy Lim-Yee  
Cheri Pierre Dale  
Mark Scardina  
Melinda Joy Seid  
David Shapiro  
Janice Steiner Freeman  
Janet Weisenburger Giannini  
Sharlene Wong  
Shirley Yee Kwok  
Carol A Yuke

**1971**

Ralph Bigarani  
Calvin W Chu  
Lynn Dehnert Miller  
Melvin Gonzalez  
Philip Scott Hara  
Paul Heller  
Susan Herman Johnston  
Helene Hong-Panado  
Om P Lal  
Michele Nickel Bigarani  
Henry Obana  
Diana Staring  
Tim White  
Maria Wong White

**1972**

Joseph Afong  
Debra Babcock  
Allen Friedman  
Antonia Hall  
Arthur Nichols Hoppe  
Allan Horn  
Joanne Sem Ja  
Robert Lee  
Larry Low  
Anson Lowe  
Patrick A McKay  
Michael J McQuaid  
Gregory Short  
William Wertz

**1973**

Linda Arcellano-Shaw  
James Baer  
Catherine Cereske  
Jeanette Chittum Langdell  
Kelly Cline  
Denise Fahey Erickson  
Lili Feinstein  
Amy Fink  
James Fong  
Pamela Greenwood Shallbetter  
Timothy Hanford  
Jonathan Hoff  
Trudy Hom Gee  
Robina E Ingram-Rich  
Nadine Kalinin  
Anil Lal  
Bill Langdell  
Donald M Lee  
David Lieu  
Linda Nanbu  
Thomas Peterson  
Mark Ruben  
Marcia Schnapp  
Marianne Stewart Wilson  
Michelle Terris Herrera  
Rita Yee  
Ivy Yee-Sakamoto  
Maggie Yue Yee-Chu  
Amy Yui

**1974**

Bruce Batten  
Lorna Chee  
Aliena Cheng Chin  
John Crittenden  
John T Dean  
Alberto Elizalde  
David Fellows  
Koon Lau  
David A Lee  
Judy Lee  
Martin Lew  
Leiko Nakazawa Dahlgren  
Don Ng  
Peggy Peterson Bley  
Ro-Anne Poverello Tom  
Douglas Ryan  
Talha Serang  
Rande Spiegelman  
Deborah Suslow  
Brenda Taylor Johnson  
Angelo Tom  
Ray Van Der Horst  
Richard Ward

**1975**

Larry Baer  
Mark Bley  
Peter Bransten  
Claudio Chiuchiarelli  
William Davidovich  
Lyn Eisenhower Riemers

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Adam Fink  
Katherine S Fong Taylor  
Kenneth Gee  
Robert Hauser  
Sandra Huey Jeong  
Paul Kozachenco  
Lynette Lee Seid  
Judi Leff  
Gary S Louie  
Paul M Nauman  
Kenji Spencer  
Stanley F Tom  
Nora Woo Gee  
Betty Yee  
Cynthia S Zamboukos

**1976**

Terence Abad  
Charlene Aguilar  
Joceline Boucher  
Flora Burger Kupferman  
Paul K Chan  
Elaine L Chan-Scherer  
Cherrilynn Chan Lee  
Lena Chen Lee  
Sandra Chiang Yee  
Tom Childers  
Moon Chong  
James Duarte  
Miriam Ducoff Smolen  
Steve Emerson  
Shari Eng Phillips  
Helen Goldsmith  
Leo Halog  
Peter Herzstein  
Irene Hilton  
Victor Kong  
Donnie Lam  
Kathleen W Lee  
Maria Lee Sohnlein  
Jeffery Louie  
Pamela Mann  
Wilson Ng  
Lucy Nguyen O'Connor  
Lori Poon Lam  
Janet Popesco Archibald  
Patrick F Quan  
Mike Susoev  
Hector Tam  
David Thompson  
Norman Toy  
John Travina  
Michael Ugawa  
Sheila Walsh Yeh  
Francis Yeh

**1977**

Kirsti Aho  
Wendy Bailey Crisafulli  
Theresa Cannon Stynes  
Susanna Chu  
Michael Lee Fong  
Hector Hernandez  
Jetson Lee  
Lawrence Louie  
Philip C Mezey  
David Clark Tseng  
Catherine Yee

**1978**

Richard Andaya  
Victoria Au Yeung  
Eric Bier  
Sid Burger  
David Fink  
Sandra Folena-Schauchulis  
Nancy F Fong  
Jeanette Gizdich Reynolds  
Benjamin Leung  
Ricardo Novoa  
Duke Otoshi  
Chris Paszty  
Gerald Tom  
Margaret Wilson

Craighton Woo  
Christopher Young  
Hugh Yup

**1979**

Vincent Anderson  
Karen N Asahina Lee  
George Ishikata  
Cynthia Lee Lieu  
Mabel Lee Abellera  
Damon K Lieu  
David Nakai  
Perry Pong  
Dana Tom  
Paul Tsien

**1980**

Maria-Lisa Abundo  
Sophie Breall  
Chazzerrina Concepcion Pono  
Elizabeth P Fung  
Rachel Gordon  
Marlene Keyak Smith  
Edna Fay Lee  
Andy Leong  
Guy Leung  
Edward Louie  
Thomas C Park  
Karen Shibata Nixon  
Alan Chau Tak Sun  
Annie Takeuchi  
Shelly Wentker Taylor  
Lauren Elaine Wonder

**1981**

Maya Ching Ando  
Brenda Hui Lam  
Susan May Chiu  
John Lam  
Susan Leong  
Uday Mathur  
Gin Yong Pang  
David Smith  
Ronald Szeto  
Rex Tam  
Judith Tick  
Shuji Yamada  
Lucy S Zee Lee

**1982**

Ann Allison  
Gustavo Estrella  
Steven Ganz  
Steven J Hill  
Alexander Kami  
Helen Lee  
Lawrence Wing Loo  
Marcus Louie  
Patricia Moreno  
Yvonne Wah Ng  
James Chinsoo Park  
William Sze K Tam  
Sally Tam Screven  
George Wong  
Su-Tsen Wu

**1983**

Theodore Chan  
Robert Cornell  
Hayley Green Smith  
Charles Hultgren  
Jocelyn Kei Schauer  
Susanna Kim Bracke  
Diana Loo  
Flora Anne Lucas-Quesada  
Lambert Ma  
Christina Q Salinas  
Diane Woo Chan  
Joseph Yeun  
Stephen Yuen

**1984**

Norman Caba  
David Chang

Rose Chang  
Rogelio Dawkins  
Sarah L Hudson  
Andrew Lam  
Joel K Lym  
Agnes Wong  
Steven Wong  
Tony Woo

**1985**

Stanley Con Hon  
Florence Chi Fong  
Daniel Harrington  
Cynthia Ikeda  
Vincent King  
Calvin Lee  
Gloria Lee Yan  
Katherine Loo  
Samuel Nakhimovsky  
Noreen Quimson  
Lee Anna Schwartz Botkin  
William Singleton  
Candy Tam  
Richard Weeks  
Denise G Wong  
Nelson Bradley Wong  
Peter Woo

**1986**

John W Chan  
Tracy Albert Chan  
Eric Fastiff  
Matthew K Fukuda  
Irene C Kuo  
James Kwan  
Howard S K Lee  
Raymond K Louie  
Sharon Low Wong  
Michael Medina  
Vivi R Mosher McCabe  
Dean M Poulakidas  
Judy Sing Sing Wang  
Mario Trujillo  
Lea Yeung  
Tina Yu Lee

**1987**

Eleanor Pat Chan  
Elizabeth Huey-Levine  
Deborah A Hull  
Dee Hung Lau  
Kenny Mok  
Adam Oberweiser  
Celeste Sollod  
Jerre Winder Maurer  
Ho-Man Wong

**1988**

Kathy Choi  
Laura Lane  
Ana Lau  
Gilbert Niwa  
Georgene Poulakidas Kromydas  
Andrew Tolson

**1989**

Celia Alcantar Barnes  
Robert Gee  
Jonathan E Heuser  
Steve Songwuth Hung  
Janice Kam  
Adam Maass  
Kenneth Quon  
Ramon Romero  
Nanah Suk Park  
Ellen Tang  
Roland Tang  
Robyn Wu

**1990**

Stacie Dong  
Sandy Sin Lee  
Daniel S Reid  
Jimmy Wong

**1991**

Susan Betfarhad  
Shea L Bond  
Paul W Chan  
Michael Wayne Chee  
Cinnamon Howell Chu  
Jonathan J Jiang  
Kevin Michael Lee  
Natasha Litt  
Sharianne G Louie  
Mimi Nguyen Luc  
Hai Nguyen Tang  
Shereen P Yee

**1992**

Antonio P Garcia  
Lillian Trac  
Brian Yee  
Jose Zelidon-Zepeda

**1993**

Jeffrey Byrnes  
Hoon Hyo Kim  
Linda Hui Jun Liang  
Ryan K Louie  
Edith Ostapik  
Rupert Tagnipes  
Ashley Walker

**1994**

Kaoru Aono Pang  
Zachary Berman  
Quyen Boi Le  
Jean Lee  
Adam Noily  
Matthew Tevenan

**1995**

Jonathan Curtis Fong  
Serena M Gee Zhao  
Nicole Alexa Victoria Jung  
Anna Y Nhu Lao  
Christina Jan Lee  
Edwin Leynes  
Kimberly Jie Y Louie  
Eugene Moy  
Aron Joshua Nussbaum  
Sherman Hang Yip  
Susan Shing Yan Yung

**1996**

Jenny Chan  
Scott Pisit Jriyasetapong  
Ken Y Lee  
Charles Levinson  
Jonathan Tsang Louie  
Syra Saephan  
Rennie Soohoo

**1997**

Maureen A Barrios Bongato  
Ronald Bongato  
Edison Thor Keh Cayabyab  
Michelle Karen Chu Hoyt  
Rebecca Dratva  
Ivy Ching Yu Lau  
Orlando Leon  
Maria S Shim  
Dana Siu  
Joscelyn Tham Wong  
Linda Bikyee Tsang  
Benson Wong

**1998**

Sabrina Castillo Thompson  
Karen You Chuan Wang  
Roland Tang  
Michael Stephen Yee

**1999**

Mai Xuan Huynh  
Heidi Shadel

**2000**

Nora Donovan Devine  
Stephanie Mabel Guaman  
Alexander Ip  
Gordon Lee  
Derek Aaron Van Orden  
Alvin Jason Yee

**2001**

Jin Daikoku  
Deniz Efendioglu  
Elianna Louise Goldstein  
Fontaine Lam  
Kate Ellis Lazarus  
Sarah Jean Pearce

**2002**

Meredith Boyd Allen  
Devin Padraic Kelly-Sneed  
James David Lee  
Paul A Thomas  
Melinda T Yee

**2003**

Morgan Vincent Allen  
Erol Zihni Efendioglu  
Carla Maura Faraguna  
Nicole Jean Lazarus  
Michael Yeusing Lee  
Isaac Joel Melamed  
Carlos Quezada

**2004**

Mara Parks Allen  
Max Jacob Bien-Kahn  
Erin Elizabeth Calhoun  
John-Paul Farsight  
Kate Olivia Hahner  
Joshua Moses Miller

**2005**

Daphne Wai Ping Chan  
Lina Kan  
Michael Pearce  
Janet Yam

**2006**

Vincent K S Chan  
Vanessa Wing Cheng  
Agustin Feliciano  
Alexander O Gong  
John Joseph Lazarus  
Andrew Scott Lee  
Jacob Leland Rogers  
Kimberly Miya Sasaki  
Shelley Song

**FACULTY**

Larry Bettencourt  
Doug Bullard  
Thomas Greg Collins  
Rafel Cons  
Peter A Dahl  
Loys Daskarolis Rodatos  
Dan Devitt  
Ernst M Feibusch  
Alan Fibish  
Karl Hoffman  
Jerilyn Keyak  
Barton H Knowles  
Philip Lum  
Sandra Mack  
Victoria Maquinana  
George Moore  
Christopher Newhouse  
Maryann Rainey  
Sandra Shure  
Lee S Silverstein  
Ko Takemoto  
Michele Winter

## Last-Minute Budget Cuts Force Hard Choices

After several consecutive years of budget shortfalls at Lowell, the annual process had nearly become routine. Each January the school district would provide us with a preliminary budget for the next school year that would be insufficient to retain all the school's current staff, but it allowed us to calculate the amount of the gap and then work, along with our Lowell PTSA partners, to bridge that gap. And that's exactly what we did for the 2007–2008 school year — or so we thought.

In the late summer, after the Lowell PTSA had approved the expenditure of more than \$400,000 and the Lowell Alumni Association another \$100,000 to

maintain Lowell's full staffing levels, the SF Unified School District announced that it was projecting an additional budget shortfall. Every school in the district would suffer what would average out to a 2% cut, but high schools were hit hardest and the Lowell budget was slashed by an additional \$250,000.

The Lowell Alumni Association's original plan to focus our 2007 Annual Fund Campaign on equipment upgrades and expansion for the World Languages department's computer lab went out the window as we scrambled to find a way to address this unexpected additional budget gap. Lowell's administration was faced with an

impossible situation because it was too late under state law to issue layoff notices to teachers who had already been promised positions for this school year, yet the only other way to balance the budget would be to eliminate the school's entire equipment and supplies budget, which is already as stripped-down as possible and only covers the absolute basics.

As things stand right now, thanks to a few additional funding sources and some creative reallocation of the original budget, there still exists a minimum level of funding for supplies and equipment but at the cost of reducing funding for the library and the Visual and Performing Arts depart-

ment. In order to restore basic funding for these important programs, we are asking every alumnus and friend of Lowell to participate in our Annual Fund Campaign this year. If you haven't yet received our solicitation mailing, you can donate online at [www.lowellalumni.org/donate](http://www.lowellalumni.org/donate). Please help us address this urgent and unexpected budget shortfall this year and help us prepare for what is already shaping up to be a very bleak outlook for next year's budget, given the state's recently-announced estimates for a \$14 billion state budget deficit in 2008-2009. Thanks for your generous support for today's talented students and hard-working teachers and staff!



# Seniors Awarded More Than \$50K in Alumni Scholarships



Despite a bumper crop of Ivy League-bound scholarship recipients this year, UC Berkeley still won 7-4, but everyone involved in this year's Lowell Alumni Association scholarship program ended up a winner. Whether you were one of the alumni volunteers who helped conduct screening interviews, a proud parent attending our annual scholarship reception or one of the talented scholarship recipients, this year's program was a smashing success and a powerfully positive experience.

Wendy Drefke Shinbori '68 and her scholarship committee had their work cut out for them as they sifted through an impressive number of scholarship applications and then spent long days interviewing more than three dozen students. The committee weighed a variety of factors, including financial need, academic merit and service to Lowell.

The selection process culminated in a special reception and awards ceremony held May 24th in the Lowell library before an enthusiastic throng of alumni and students, along with parents, faculty and other friends. We were particularly honored to have representatives of the Barsotti, Ng and Sherman families in attendance to see the scholarship funds established in memory of their loved ones awarded to graduating seniors from the class of 2007. Thanks to all who have supported this important alumni program that does so much to help so many of Lowell's most outstanding students!

Student	Scholarship/Award	College
Douglas Albert	Chapman	MIT
Katherin Canton	Anino	--
Connie Chung	Ng	UC Berkeley
Angelina Clay	Harris/Neff/Voyne	UC Berkeley
Gaston Guibert	Shafer	UC Santa Barbara
John He	Channing	UCLA
Maria Keylin	Sesnon/Tolson/LAA	UC Davis
Mary King	Repp	UC Berkeley
Jacky Kwong	Barker	Harvard
Helen Lam	Pence	UC Davis
Cynthia Leung	Spangler	UC Irvine
Zack Liu	Dealtry	UC Berkeley
Elisa Lo	Lucey	UCLA
Matthew Ng	Harris/Neff/Voyne	UCLA
Miranda Sachs	Dealtry	Princeton
Diana Suen	Sherman	Harvard
Marianna Tishchenko	Masonek	Harvard
Winnie Tse	Barsotti	UC Berkeley
Madina Tugizova	Levin	Stanford
Kelley Yee	Quan	--
Jennifer Yen	Classes of '35 & '36	USC
Thomas York	Repp	UC Berkeley
Diana Youn	Chin	N/A
Lifan Zhang	Dealtry	UC Berkeley
Crystal Zhou	Yoshida	Case Western Reserve

## 2008 Performing Arts Calendar

**Les Miserables**  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday,  
April 10-12 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m.

*Tickets \$10\**

**Lowell Bands – Spring Concert**  
Friday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

*Suggested donation \$10 per family*

**Lowell Orchestras – Spring Concert**  
Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

*Suggested donation \$10 per family*

**Lowell Dance – Spring Concert**  
Friday and Saturday,  
May 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m.

*Tickets \$8\**

**Lowell Choirs – Spring Concert**  
Friday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m.

*Suggested donation \$10 per family*

All events take place in the Carol Channing Theatre

*\*Ticket prices subject to change*

For more information, contact the Lowell Alumni Association or visit our website:

[www.lowellalumni.org](http://www.lowellalumni.org)



## Debaters Win in Walla Walla

Four members of Lowell's speech and debate team traveled to Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington to face off against some of the finest debaters from the Pacific Northwest in November. Pictured doing a little sightseeing between rounds are, from left to right, Kenneth Kozakura '08, Mindy Huynh '09, Justin Vuong '09 and Vivien Chau '08. With a challenging schedule of more than 20 tournaments, it is anticipated that nearly 100 Lowell students will participate in forensics this year. Lowell will be hosting a national qualifying tournament on March 1 and the California state tournament will be held at Santa Clara University in April. If you are interested in helping to judge at either tournament, please contact Terry Abad at the Lowell Alumni Association.



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# IN MEMORIAM

**JEROME W. BETTMAN, B.A. & M.D. UCB,** Residency in Ophthalmology at Stanford, died last July at the Stanford Medical Center. He was 97. He enjoyed a private practice and teaching at Stanford, UCSF, and the Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. Dr. Bettman loved Shakespeare and attended the Shakespeare Festival at Ashland annually for many years. He was predeceased by his wife, Amy, and is survived by his daughter Jean, son Jerome, five grandchildren and five great-granddaughters.

## 1932

**JOHN JACOB HALE, M.D., B.A. U. of Oregon,** Ph.D. St. Louis University, Great Generation WWII Navy veteran (Purple Heart), died last July. He served his residency at Columbia University and thereafter practiced obstetrics and gynecology for nearly 40 years in the San Fernando Valley. After his retirement, he and his wife, Mary Louise, retired to Ventura County.

**HARRY R. GOFF,** a Stanford graduate, Harvard and Cambridge graduate work, and World War II Great Generation Navy Veteran, passed away in Palo Alto at 92 years of age. He had numerous business associations and memberships in clubs including the Bohemian Club and the S.F. University Club. Mr. Goff was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Kathleen (Kay), three daughters, and four grandchildren.

## 1933

**JUDGE LAWRENCE M. MANA, M.A. St. Mary's college, J.D. UC Boalt Hall School of Law.** Served as a judge of the Superior Court from 1969 to his retirement in 1984. Judge Mana was active in a wide variety of community activities for which he received many awards. Family and friends attended a memorial Mass at SS Peter & Paul Church before his interment at Holy

Cross Cemetery, Colma.

## 1934

**DORIS GERTRUDE TOFT MORRIS,** a UCB graduate, died peacefully at the age of 89. She and her late husband, William, were owner/operators of the Durant Hotel in Berkeley. In 1981, they retired to Columbia, CA. Doris is survived by children, Jerrie and Robin, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## 1935

**BRUCE CALVIN JANG,** a Cal graduate, died peacefully last May surrounded by his family. He enjoyed a dual career as a successful businessman and as a real estate broker. He was an avid fisherman whether fresh or salt water. Bruce is survived by his wife of 62 years, children Crystal, Calvert, Corey, Craig and eight grandchildren.

**JACK FRANCIS MURPHY,** UCB, Harvard Business School, and WWII Great Generation Navy veteran (Cmdr.), died last September in Mill Valley. He was an accomplished tennis player, winning senior championships in five states. He was a member of the Mill Valley and Mann Tennis Clubs. Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Ann, two sons, and three grandchildren.

## 1936

**ROWENA ISSERLIS GANZEL,** passed away last August at the age of 89. She was the devoted wife of Simon "Bud" Ganzel. With her husband, Mrs. Ganzel was a generous supporter of the Calif. Med. Center, UCSF, St. Ignatius College Preparatory School, Jewish Home for the Aged and Disabled American Veterans. She is remembered fondly by her family and numerous friends.

**REX E. SHOOP,** BA & JD Stanford, a WWII Great Generation veteran died Sept. 28th. He was a sports enthusiast: Stanford Buck Club, and S.F. Olympic Club. He practiced law in S.F. for 50 years. Mr. Shoop was predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Marian. He is survived by three children and five grandchildren.

## 1937

**JOHN MARKLEY DENNIS,** Stanford and UOP, graduate work at U. of Michigan & Stanford, renowned teacher at SFSU & the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning, died last September two weeks short of his 87th birthday. He taught and served as the director of the Fromm Institute (USF) from 1979 until 1988. His remarkable career spanned 60 years of teaching, including sojourns in Europe and Japan. Professor Dennis is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nona, two daughters, a son, and four grandchildren.

## 1938

**BARBARA ANNE DYER CASEY** died peacefully last September. She was a third-generation Californian. Barbara was a mother and homemaker who raised five children with husband, Thomas. She was a volunteer at numerous functions of the St. Matthew Catholic Church Mothers' Club. Mrs. Casey is survived by an extended family of children, grandchildren nieces and nephews.

**WILLIAM COWDEN,** BA Stanford, died surrounded by his loving family. He was All-City on Ben Neff's 1938 AAA champion basketball squad and captain of Stanford's 1942 NCAA national basketball champion team. As director of Pan American Airlines in Southeast Asia for many years, he enjoyed worldwide travel with his family. He was an inductee into the Lowell Sports Hall of Fame.

**JAMES HERRON GRAHAM,** B.A. Stanford, died last November at the age of 85. He flew 40 combat missions in the South Pacific, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

## 1940

**KATHLEEN KELLAR POND,** a Walnut Creek resident, died last May surrounded by her family. She met her husband, Bob, at Cal where they were married. Her life as a Navy wife carried her around the world and was especially fond of their tour in Japan. They retired to Walnut Creek and became very active in community affairs. Kathleen was predeceased by her husband and is survived by children Allison, Judith, Robert and several grandchildren.

## 1942

**ELLEN LARKIN** died peacefully in early November surrounded by her loving family. She earned her nursing degree from St. Joseph's Hospital. Ellen raised a family and practiced her profession until retiring at 70. She is survived by four daughters, eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**HERBERT LEVY,** a Cal graduate and WWII Great Generation U.S. Army veteran (LtCol), died at the age of 82. He was multi-talented: television station director, avid Cal football fan, gourmet cook, and editorial writer for KGO & KRON TV. He is survived by his longtime companion, Marian, and son, John.

## 1945

**SHELDON DAVID KULLY,** BA UCB, MA Georgetown, and a Navy veteran of 37 years (rank of Captain), died last December. He served in Europe and Asia, captained a destroyer, and served as an Attache in Taiwan and Hong Kong. Sheldon was a graduate of the Navy Language Institute in Monterey. He retired to Sonoma County where he enjoyed a reputation as a wine

connoisseur. Captain Kully is survived by his wife of 35 years, Barbara Sacks Kully, two children and three grandchildren.

**FLORENCE DeMARTINI ZOLEZZI,** UCB, passed away on October 1, age 79. Mrs. Zolezzi was predeceased by her husband, Stephen. She is survived by two sons, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

## 1947

**RONALD REUTHER,** BA UCB, former S.F. Zoo director, Air Force pilot, founder of the Oakland Aviation museum, an Amelia Earhart enthusiast, and president of the American Zoological Society, died of colon cancer. He was 77. Mr. Reuther is survived by his wife, three children, and three grandchildren.

**MARK OWEN KASANIN,** BA Stanford, JD Yale Law School, and Navy veteran, died last May. He was a partner in the law firm, Bingham McCutchen, specializing in maritime law. Mark had a great love of boats and the sea, and grew up sailing and racing on San Francisco Bay. He was a respected leader in many aspects of the legal profession. Mr. Kasanin was married to the former Anne Wimbish and is survived by her, two sons, and a grandchild.

## 1948

**ELIZABETH (BETSY) DUNNE SKEWES-COX,** a fourth-generation San Franciscan and Mount Holyoke College graduate, died in September in Sonoma. She enjoyed a 50-year association with numerous city civic endeavors: San Francisco Spinsters, Junior League of S.F., Children's Theater Association, Calif. Pacific Medical Center, Children's Ball, Alumnae Board of Burke's School, Edgewood, San Francisco Symphony, Sonoma Museum of Art, and the Fine Arts Museums of S.F. (Pres. of the Museum Society). After a career as a real estate broker, she and her husband retired to Sonoma in 1993. She is survived by her husband Martin, three children and eleven grandchildren.

**DREW FITZGERALD TURNER,** a St. Mary's College graduate, died Oct. 18 in Napa. He played basketball and baseball for St. Mary's and was also an avid golfer. He was an Army veteran and a Reservist. Drew and his wife, Beatrice, were Burlingame residents for many years before moving to Napa. Beatrice predeceased Drew. His is survived by two sons, a granddaughter and an extended family of family and friends.

## 1949

**WALTER J. MARTENSON,** a SFSU graduate and Korean War Navy veteran, died in October in Burlingame. He is survived by his sons, Dennis, Gerard, and Thomas.

## 1951

**MORLEY HART SHAPIRO,** a graduate of Ohio State U., champion diver and noted defense attorney, died peacefully in October of a long illness, surrounded by his family and friends. He was a diving prodigy, winning childhood awards and going on to Lowell and Ohio State where he was a four-time All-American and NCAA National Champion (1954). On the local scene he was inducted into the Lowell Sports Hall of Fame and the SF Prep Hall of Fame. He also enjoyed a successful stint coaching at Cal. Mr. Shapiro was a successful attorney, practicing in S.F. for many years. He is survived by his sons, Nicklas and Tony, a grandchild and three brothers. A celebration of his life was held at the Washington Square Bar & Grill.

## 1957

**STANLEY H. JACKSON,** a SFSU graduate, died in Daly City at the age of 66. He loved music and was a disc jockey in several NorCal towns including Mt. Shasta, Lake Tahoe and Sonoma. Stanley raised his family in Pacifica where he was active

## Marty Links Arguello '36

**MARTYLINKSARGUELLO,** talented cartoonist, died in San Rafael at the age of 90. She is best remembered as the creator of a comic strip and cartoon called "Bobby Sox", and later "Emmy Lou" which ran in the Chronicle for 35 years. At the height of its popularity, Bobby Sox ran in close to 100 newspapers. The cartoons represented the life of teenage girls as it was two generations ago.

By 1946, Marty Links had drawn over 600 cartoons for the Chronicle, mostly about teenagers, and had signed-up with a syndicate, becoming a local celebrity. She was a pioneer — a woman cartoonist at a time when the cartoon business was really a boys' club.

Late in the 1950s, Marty decided bobby sox — ankle length sox always worn with clunky shoes — were passé, and Bobby Sox became Emmy Lou, after the principal character. She drew strips and cartoons that ran seven days a week, working 10 hours a day, and raised three children at the same time.

Toward the latter part of her career. She made ceramic sculptures and drew greeting cards, for her own company and for Hallmark Cards. After retirement from the greeting-card business, the indomitable Marty continued to paint watercolors.

Several years ago she donated a number of her original Emmy Lou sketches to Lowell. They are now in the alumni archives. A collage of her cartoons is on display in the Meyer Memorial Library. A photo of Marty in the main hall has her in good company with thirty-four of her famous Lowell schoolmates. Among them is Rube Goldberg '00, a fellow cartoonist of some note.

Marty Links Arguello is survived by two daughters, Victoria and Elizabeth, and six grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 25 years, Alexander Arguello, descendant of Luis Arguello who was commandant of the Presidio and a governor of California in the Mexican era. Arguello Boulevard in the City is named for the family.

### Former Lowellite Cartoons The World of Teenagers

"Kids don't change, although fads may—I can see that in my own children," declares Marty Links, nationally syndicated creator of the "Bobbysox" and "Emmy Lou" cartoon series.



A Marty Links Sketch

lo home in the exclusive Sea Cliff residential area; its walls are covered with "Bobbysox" cartoons.

By more juggling, Marty Links (often receiving mail addressed to "Mr. Marty Links") finds time to work on her house projects and hobbies. In between gradually remodeling the house, which her family moved into one and a half years ago, she dabbles in watercoloring and painting landscapes.

*The Lowell, April 8, 1964*

in many community endeavors. He is survived by his wife, Jackie, daughters Missy and Beth, a grandson, and many beloved friends.

## 1963

**CHRIS THOMAS BANIS**, a CCSF/SFSU graduate, died in October in Boise, ID. For almost 30 years he was a customs broker and international freight forwarder, owning his own company. He was an active member of the Mariposa Hunters Point Yacht Club, serving as Commodore for four terms. Chris is survived by his wife Judy, three brothers and numerous nieces and nephews. A Celebration of his Life was held at the Yacht Club.

## 1964

**KAREN KROLOFF FARNHAM**, a sixth generation San Franciscan, died last September at the age of sixty. She was an active member and leader in the Concordia Club and served on the Board of NAVH. She is survived by her sister, Susan.

## 1973

**BELLA JUNG**, a SFSU graduate, died of cancer last October. She enjoyed an eight-year career as head cashier at Macy's and a 27-year career as treasurer and CFO at the Marine Memorial Club. Bella is survived by her loving husband of twenty-five years, Horatio, and two daughters, Stephanie and Kristen.

## FACULTY

**JENETTE ADAMS**, longtime GPE and science teacher has passed away. She began teaching at Lowell in 1961. Ms. Adams was a pilot who taught aerospace science and gave flying lessons at Half Moon Bay airport. She also taught typing.

Former students will remember fondly **MR. ROBERT BUCKLEY**, World War II Great Generation Navy Lieutenant, a SFSU graduate and Social Studies teacher, 1952-1979. The Yearbook staff of the 1956 Centennial Red

& White will recall Bob Buckley's patience in advising them in their tremendous undertaking. Editor Gwen Davis spoke for the staff, "If there is one person who deserves the credit for the book it is Mr. Buckley, our advisor. It was his idea to have a book commemorating Lowell's one hundred years, and in carrying out the project he has devoted not only his school hours but countless weekends and vacations. Any questions that arose, he answered, any task too difficult, he did. The staff and I feel greatly indebted to Mr. Buckley and we would like to express our inadequate thanks here." - Yearbook Acknowledgements. The Centennial Yearbook was an amazing achievement, published entirely by the yearbook staff. It has been, and continues to be, one of the seminal sources of information about Lowell High School.

Bob was a mainstay of the Social Studies Department for twenty-seven years. He and Ray Milton, Frank Driscoll, Earl Minkwitz, Jack Anderson, Phil Cooper, Steve Granucci, Bob Sturtevant, Wilfred Strong, Norval Fast, Peter Zasso, Norman Durieux, Bob Leudtke, Jack Meier, Paul Lucey, Don Brillhart, Margaret Scanlan, Eleanor Cross, Bob Bahnsen, Ernie Feibusch, Nancy Hayes, James Goldsborough, Tom Harrison, Bob Jow, et al, were colleagues for three decades at Lowell. During most of his teaching career he lived on Meadowbrook Drive near the school. Bob is survived by his sister, Claire, and an extended family of nieces and nephews.

**JANICE D. PIVNICK**, a Cal graduate and former Lowell teacher, passed away Nov. 13th after a long battle with cancer. Former teachers and students will remember Janice as a good teacher and an amiable colleague. She was a George Washington graduate and served on its Alumni Board. Janice taught at several schools including Presidio, Horace Mann, Aptos JHSs, and her alma mater, GWHS. This writer considered this dear woman a friend and valued colleague. She especially enjoyed the annual Lowell retired teacher luncheons. We shall miss her. She is survived by her husband of sixty years, Charles, daughters Patricia Levin and Barrett Lucero, mother-in-law of Gary Levin, and grandmother of four. Rest in Peace.

# Alumni Participate in 2007 Commencement

Continuing a new tradition begun as part of Lowell's 2006 sesquicentennial celebration, a convivial band of alumni gathered in the early morning hours of June 8th at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium to don caps and gowns in preparation for joining the members of the Lowell Class of 2007 in the school's commencement exercises.

Attracting the most attention were two alumnae celebrating the 70th anniversary of their Lowell graduations, June de Ganna Adams (Fall '37) and Barbara Holt Heckly (Spring '37). Ms. Adams explained that she was delighted to finally wear cap and gown at a Lowell graduation for the very first time because Principal Leroy Stephens told her class that they would earn the right to wear academic regalia only upon graduating from college.

Other participants included Martin Rypins '47, Clement Kwong '57, Nathan Dwiri '57, John Minjiras '57, Claudia Wolf Eshoo '67, Pat Pivnick Levin '67, Georgia

Johns Esteves '67, Evanna "Lynn" Perazzi Dunlop '67, Silvia Zamudio '82, Lauren Choi-Dea '97 and Benson Jung '97.

Another special guest was Peter L. Stein '77 who helped present the Karpenstein Award for Academic Excellence, the same award he received exactly 30 years earlier. Peter's remarks were both humorous and inspiring as he explained to the new graduates that, back in his Lowell days, the Stonestown shopping center was so named because it was literally a town made of stone. (A flash poll immediately after the ceremony revealed that fully half the new grads believed Stein.)

Following the ceremony, many of the alumni shared memories and swapped stories during a luncheon hosted by the Lowell Alumni Association. If you're a grad from '38, '48, '58, '68, '78, '83, '88 or '98, please plan to join us for the 2008 Lowell commencement exercises this coming June. Contact the Lowell Alumni Association office for more information.

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### Janice Devorah Pivnick

July 4, 1922 – November 13, 2007

#### The Years Tiptoed In

*The years tiptoed in and stole your vigor,  
But not your beauty, nor your brilliance,  
Never your goodness, your dignity,  
The depth of your courage.*

*You fought the enemy without complaint,  
With head held high you savored your days,  
Quietly striving to move forward,  
To stay in our midst.*

*It's time to rest now, you ran the race,  
We understood you had to leave,  
To catch your breath, to nurse your wounds,  
You sang the Shema through the pain  
and the fear,  
And you answered the call.*

*Clear cornflower eyes,  
So like your father's, so like mine,  
Finally you saw beyond the anguish,  
Saw a place we could not see,  
And you soared.*

*You the woman of valor,  
You who know no equal,  
You the precious jewel.  
I praise you today and forever.  
Rest now, dear mother,  
You have found your peace*

— Patricia E. Levin '67  
November 14, 2007

### In Loving Remembrance Jennette Sears Adams

September 20, 1938 –  
November 17, 2007

*Jennette departed upon the wings  
of an eagle. As she gently glided over  
the pathway she tipped her wings in  
acknowledgement. Her destination  
is the California Redwood forests; to  
abide among the ferns filtering the sun.*

*Jennette will be remembered for her  
sincere love, loyalty, determination, self  
disciplined organization and ever-present  
dignity. Jennette exemplified empathy  
for both children and animals. Her  
service to others was displayed through  
her membership in the Civil Air patrol  
Search and Rescue, half Moon Bay and  
forty years teaching at Lowell High  
School.*

*Jennette taught us to be kind, helpful  
and polite, never wishing to intrude  
upon the boundaries of others. We will  
miss the joyful lift of her voice and wry  
sense of humor. Jennette cherished her  
family and friends, and wished to convey  
this to each of you personally.*

*No act of kindness, no matter how  
small, is ever wasted.*

— Aesop

*Out of the clutter, find simplicity.  
From the discord, find harmony.  
In the middle of the difficulty, lies  
opportunity.*

— Albert Einstein

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