



Panther Postscripts



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You are all amazing and so committed to supporting BHS alums! We could not do what we do without you. We offer you all of our appreciation and a big cheer as we complete 2015-2016 and look forward to a big year ahead!

Judy Chiasson, '59 and Terry Naylor, '59, Co-Presidents

Principal's Message

By P. Di Yim



Dear Panther Alumni,

With the whirlwind of activities that occur on campus in the spring, it's easy to go from one event to the next without a chance to reflect on how special our annual events are to our students and school. These are defining moments when we reminisce about high school.

The weeks leading up to Spring Break are full with athletics and student-driven activities. This past week was particularly pleasing and enjoyable because of the much-anticipated International Week that has become an annual tradition at BHS. Our Leadership class organized this event with a special activity every day to celebrate the diverse backgrounds of our students. One of the highlights was the Cultural Assembly, which showcased a series of short routines where students offered musical performances in our theater. To the enthusiastic applause of the audience, the Cultural Assembly began with an electrifying guitar rendition of the Star Spangled Banner and finished with an energetic Bollywood dance by our Leadership class. Other delightful acts included Poly dances, American tap dance, Chinese fan dance, Irish dance, Tahitian Dance, Russian dance, American pop culture dance, and Hawaiian dance. We staff are privileged to share these formative and wondrous years with our students. Go Panthers!

BHS Alumni Website Is now "OFFICIAL"

We have made the move to an "Official" BHS Alumni Website, which is where you will get the newsletters, reunion information and all things assigned to Burlingame High School. Don't be fooled or confused with other sites like Classmates.com or AlumniClass.com. By their own admission, they are not affiliated with BHS. Please follow your alumni and school activity on the only sanctioned Website dedicated to Burlingame High School Alumni. If it doesn't say, "**Official Website Of The Burlingame High School Alumni Association**", then it isn't. You will find us on the website listed below at <http://burlingamealumni.org/> Please sign in and register on the BHS Alumni site today.

Past Alumni Newsletters (called Panther Postscripts) can also be found online as well as Hall of Fame inductees, Alumnus of the Year, In-Memory of alumni and soon the Photo Gallery section. We also have a new Reunion Guide that gives many ideas and suggestions, including a timeline if your class is just starting to plan its reunion. Find more under Reunion Section on page 3.



CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Return to Burlingame!

As we wind up an exciting school year, the activities at the Burlingame High School Alumni Association ramp up. We'll hold Board elections on May 16, when we present our Alumni Scholarships and Alumni of the Year Award, consult with upcoming reunion committees, hold our golf tournament, promote our Alumni apparel, expand our website and publish our exciting and newly expanded Panther Postscripts.

What many people don't realize is that all of these activities - all of the organization, all of the recognition of outstanding alumni, all of the fundraising, all of the reunion support and high school tours, all of the writing, publishing, website producing, alumni tracking and communication - all are done by a relatively small group of hard working, volunteers dedicated to the only OFFICIAL BHS Alumni Association.

The Board meets monthly in the Alumni Room at BHS, but much of the actual work is done by individual committees throughout the year. With gratitude to all, we honor the following BHS grads and members of the BHSAA Alumni Board of Directors: Arleen Hipsher, '53, Peter Cleveland, '58, Connie Mills, '59 Secretary, Len Lubrano, '64, Linda McLaughlin, '67 Historian, Dianne

Panthers In The News

Doc Scheppler class of '72, has been coaching basketball for many years. His latest stint as coach finds him at the southern tip of the Peninsula in a small quiet town called Los Altos. Similar in many ways to Burlingame, both have populations of about 30k people, both are very affluent and diverse cities and both boast beautiful downtowns. Oh and both High Schools share the same mascot, "Panthers".

Doc has thrived as the Girls Head Basketball coach at Pinewood School, a 210-student private school in Los Altos Hills California. He has won (6) six state championships while the head coach at Pinewood and he was also recognized as State Coach of the Year in 2014.

This year Doc took his team to the State Championship again. And although they did not win their 7th Championship, this was one of those seasons where the journey **was** the reward.



Doc is in Back Row arms outstretched

Doc's girls made it to the playoffs, and with two double digit loses late in the season at home to Miramonte and in a section championship against Archbishop Mitty, they found themselves winning the Northern California State quarter finals vs Bishop O'Dowd placing them against the #1 seed in the tournament and the #1 nationally ranked team, St Mary's of Stockton, California.

St Mary's came into this game as the heavy favorite as they were the defending state Open Division champs and were on a 57 game winning streak. But that's why you play the games. Doc's girls rallied and drained their 3's, (reminiscent of the GS Warriors) hitting on 19 that night to prevail in a shocking 72-69 upset win at San Joaquin Delta College, prompting one

Cal-Hi Sports editor to comment, "it probably is the biggest upset in state history".

Congratulation's Doc. Job well done.

For more on this game, please check out the link below of an article written in the San Jose Mercury Newspaper. You'll be glad you did. It is a great read. http://www.mercurynews.com/high-school-sports/cj_29646985/norcal-girls-basketball-pinewood-coach-doc-scheppler-floating



BHS ALUMNI APPAREL

We are pleased to announce that you can show your spirit by purchasing apparel from our website and the BHS Alumni Store. There you will find Pro-Celebrity Polo Shirts, ¼ Zip Sport-Tek Sweatshirt and Black Hoodies from Port and Company along with Baseball style hats in Red and Black. The proceeds will support our scholarship program and other student activities. Thanks to BHSAA Board Member Len Lubrano '64 for championing this effort.

Below is a picture of the actual Logo



<http://burlingamealumni.org/catalog.php>

To place your order, go to the site above. Please look at the approximate measurements to determine size. All items are unisex. There is a slight variation between brands and it seems the t-shirts run a little small. The qualities of the shirts are very good. We hope to see you wearing your BHS Alumni apparel at all the BHS events.

BHS Alumni – Lifetime Members

Lifetime membership donations to the BHS Alumni help support your Alma Mater in many ways. The fees collected go towards funding Hall of Fame and other Alumni events that help raise money for athletic programs as well as provide funds used towards scholarships that are awarded each May to a select few students.

BHS would like to acknowledge the Newest Lifetime BHSAA Members as follows:

Eileen Cairns '76, Carla Demas Farris '74, Valerie Fick '58, Elizabeth (Betsy) Fowle '60, Margaret Giuntoli '58, Roger Graham '67, Louise Marie Hall '62, Tracy Hazlett Scheck '84, Micki McCloskey Kell '73, Dianne Ragozzino Knudsen '74, Sue Kell Peletta '74, Richard Sherrod '73, Jeff Tateosian '74 and Steven Taylor '63.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF BHS.

To be a lifetime member, please register and join the dedicated BHS Alumni web site at <http://www.burlingamealumni.org>

IN MEMORIAM

Dottie Lawson Sherman '77.....	11/15
Ted Glasgow '53.....	12/12
Jeanette Beggs Conroy '56.....	1/16
Chuck Harrison '73.....	1/16
Thomas Kimbrell '76.....	8/13
Chuck Lawson '73.....	6/15
Lorne Chisholm '40.....	N/A
David Slate '60.....	1/16
Chuck Bayse '52.....	5/15



BHS Alumni Reunions
Coming this Fall & Next Fall

Did you know you could schedule a tour of the school as part of your reunion? Most reunions tour on Friday afternoon. **Linda McLaughlin** conducts the tours. She is BHSAA's 2014 Alumni of the Year, former BHS teacher and she is Mrs. Beeman's (Dean of Girls in the 1950's and 1960's) granddaughter. You can contact her at bhs_turns100@burlingamealumni.org.

We urge you to visit if you haven't recently, especially if your BHS class is having a reunion in the upcoming year. 2016 will represent reunion possibilities for the following BHS classes:

5 year for 2011	10 year for 2006
15 year for 2001	20 year for 1996
25 year for 1991	30 year for 1986
40 year for 1976	50 year for 1966

And the big 60 year for the class of 1956!

Have a reunion coming up? **Laura Hesselgren**, Class of '75 is the Reunion Committee lead and can be reached at ReunionAnnouncements@BurlingameAlumni.org to help you plan your next reunion.

BURLINGAME Class of 1966 The planning for your 50th class reunion continues. Here is the proposed itinerary for the October 14th weekend:

Friday, October 14th, with a Kick-off gathering at the **MARRIOTT** in Burlingame lobby bar from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Then off to the Burlingame varsity football game at home vs Hillsdale at 7:30pm kickoff.

Saturday, October 15th. A Guided tour of Burlingame High School is scheduled for the afternoon is TBD. Golf at the Peninsula Country Club is still a TBD also. Champagne reception/Banquet dinner at **POPLAR GRILL**, San Mateo 5:30-11:00.

Sunday, October 16th, A Bay Cruise (San Francisco) option in the afternoon. Our banquet on Saturday evening includes Champagne reception, sit-down dinner, local wines, live band, and no-host bar for those looking more powerful libations. To provide Oldies but Goodies, atmosphere, and dancing, under consideration is "**The Funtouchables**," a five-piece band with a female vocalist. They play 60s - 70s music. You can check out their website at www.funtouchables.com

Cost for this monumental 50th reunion evening is **\$150.00** per person. Please now indicate by return email your

The Committee for the 50th Reunion of Burlingame High School Class of 1966

Jlm Boswell, Cindy-Biggs Weiss, Barry Frazier, Betty Biglin-Stoddard, Steve deLaet, Nancy Chandler, Carol Daniels, Fritz Ericksen, Devlin Harless. Please continue to supply us with any emails, phone numbers, or addresses or missing classmates. Bozdog36@aol.com nancychandler@yahoo.com bary650@att.net email us your intentions.

The 50th Reunion Committee for the Class of 1968 has started planning a gathering for the fall of 2018. Please check our Facebook page, **Burlingame High School Class of 1968**, for updates. You can send your email address to Melissa Kurtz via a FB private message if you would like to receive our email notices directly.

The BHS Class of 1956 has scheduled their 60th Reunion. Details as follows:

Date: Saturday September 17th 2016
Place: Poplar Creek Golf Course 1700 Coyote Point Dr, San Mateo CA 94401
Dress: Casual
Cost: \$65pp before July 1st, \$75pp after
Send Check to: Gail (Anderson) Strickrod, put BHS reunion in memo space and mail to Gail at 805 E. 16th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 95502

No Host Reception starts at 6:00pm with dinner to follow at 7:00pm

"What's Going On?"
An Alumni Update
By Dianne Knudsen '74

We want to know what **you and your classmates have been up to, have done or are doing now!!** Please send your stories to **Dianne Knudsen** at the following: dknudsenalumni@gmail.com or mail them to Burlingame High School Alumni Association, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010 c/o Dianne Knudsen or at the following email pantherpostscripts@burlingamealumni.org

40's

Al Facchini, Class of 1948 is the featured Alumni in our "Where Are They Now" segment and can be found on page 8 of this Newsletter.

Herb Hart class of '40 asked, please record the passing of my life-long classmate. I knew him from grammar

school. His name: **Lorne Chisholm class of '40**. We learned to fly at Mills Field (SF International) in 1942, graduated as pilots, flew in WWII, and had a couple flights together as civilians in recent years.

50's

Barbara Duncan Hewitt, class of '55 wrote in to say: "My husband, **John Basye, class of '55, was the brother of the late Chuck Basye, class of '52**" His obit tells us: Charles Edmond Basye, M.D., passed away on Friday, May 8 of natural causes. He battled multiple medical problems, but he lived each day to its fullest until the very end. Charles was born in Kansas City, MO on August 28, 1934. He graduated from Burlingame High School in Burlingame, California and then attended Stanford University for his undergraduate and Medical Doctor degrees. Chuck will be greatly missed by family and friends, as well as countless patients and families. He took special joy in providing superior medical care for the entire family from cradle to grave, in the fine tradition of the town doctor. For Chuck's complete obituary please go to: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/azcentral/obituary.aspx?pid=174846838>

60's

Wendy Brainerd class of '60 wrote: For those of you that didn't know, our wonderful friend, **David Slate class of '60**, passed away in January. His wife Joan and their family had a lovely tribute for him in Tiburon. David was on our 55th Reunion committee. He was the only male and his input was well received. All of the "girls" on the committee were having a hard time trying to decide what to put on the invitations under what to wear. Should it be dressy cocktail, casual, etc.? David was quiet and just listened then said, "How about clothes optional!" And that is what we put on the invitation! He had a great sense of humor and was truly a gentleman and great human being. He will be so missed. For his story go to: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?pid=177234082>

70's

Creighton Fung class of '77 reminds everyone for the Class of '77 and anyone else that would like to join up to meet. There will be a get together at the Steelhead Brewing Co on California Drive across from Royal Donut Shop. Time is 6:30pm and the date is Saturday May 7th. Come meet up with BHS Alums. And classmates.

"Going to the Movies In Burlingame"

BHS Remembers

The Fox Theatre



This majestic theater opened on October 12, 1926. It was grand in style and grace. It was first known as the Peninsula Theater and lit up downtown Burlingame with a 3,500-bulb marquee. The ticket booth stood alone in the middle of the covered marquee reminiscent of the day. It was absolutely beautiful. The architecture outside was stunning. But the real beauty was found on the inside.



The majestic staircase drew you up to the balcony. It had a concession counter for it's time that made every kid envious with the smell of fresh popcorn emanating throughout the huge lobby entry summoning you to rush to see what other delights awaited your salivating mouth.

It was truly an event to go to the movies as a kid growing up in this town. It was renamed Fox Burlingame Theatre on August 16, 1954. It only had 1 screen and had a seating capacity of 1,808. It closed 20 years later in 1974 and was finally destroyed in 1975. It was replaced by a shopping mall called Crosby Commons.

Here's some shared memories from our alumni of their times at these theater's..



Shirley Morse, Class of '68 writes: *"I have so many memories of the Fox Theater as well as the Drive-In. As young kids, the Fox had a summer movie series with films such as Francis the Talking Mule. All the kids in my neighborhood would walk uptown, stop at the Smoke Shop on the corner and buy candy, then go to the show. Great fun because it was during the day and we could all go without an adult along. Such freedom! I was so sad when they closed the Fox."*

Derek Barton, Class of '70 writes: *"I remember in grade school, walking up Burlingame Avenue with Bob Jacobson and Mike Morales going to the Fox Theatre. It was 50 cents to see a movie. I would throw a handful of those small red hot candies off the balcony and it sounded like hail on the back of those metal seats."*

Dianne Ragozzino Class of '74 writes: *"I Loved going to the Fox Theater when I was little! 50 cents to get in, 75 cents to sit in the Loges! I remember the dramatic staircase, everything decked out in what looked like red velvet! Buying charm suckers, sugar daddies and flicks at the snack bar, seeing 101 Dalmatians! I also remember senior year, sneaking in to see "The Way We Were" with Rusty".*

Frank Holloran, Class of '68 writes: *"My sister and I walked to the Fox Theatre on Burlingame Ave many Saturday afternoons. The movie I remember is "The Blob" because it scared me so much! We could get into the show and buy a box of candy for less than 50 cents. We were about 12 & 14 years old. In 1964!"*

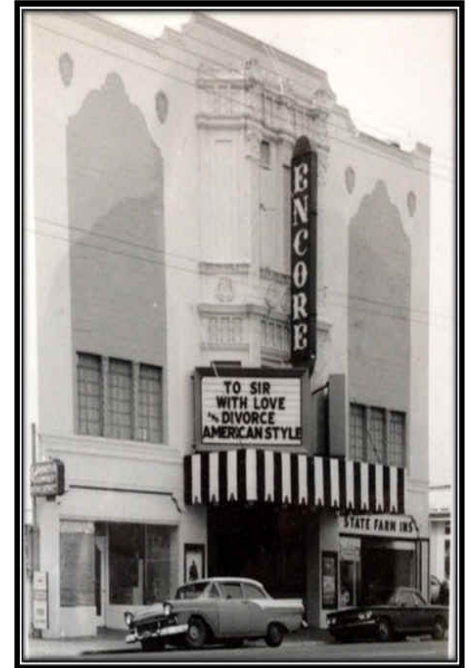
Patty Barrett-Mugge, Class of '82: *"Balcony of The Fox, "1000 Leagues Under The Sea", and The Great Gatsby with Robert Redford thinking that was really a cool movie at The Hyatt"*

Todd Fry, Class of '74 writes: *"I was a crossing guard at McKinley School. Our reward was to go and see Robinson Caruso on Mars at the Fox. Kermit (the cop) worked the door."*

Rick Sherrod, Class of '73 writes: *"I remember seeing Clint Eastwood flicks and Bond movies with the Jacobson's"*

Glenn Mendelson, Class of '73 writes: *"I remember going to the Burlingame Fox Theater as often as I could. It was a treasure for us as kids. I really miss it."*

The Encore Theatre



Located on California Drive it was a wonderful quaint theater, seating 300 with red carpets, a mural of the daytime sky on the ceiling, and angels looking down from their perches high above the floor. The outside of this theater gave no indication of what was on the inside. It closed in 1972. For years this theater lay dormant while a man known as 'The Rev' worked inside restoring this old structure for church use. The Marquee would have messages posted by The Rev. The messages were always positive and upbeat and always inspirational.



Despite its adornments, one thing this theater lacked was luck. The city of Burlingame deemed it unsafe and condemned the Encore saying it would not survive an earthquake. Despite its supposedly flimsy construction, it took the city a full three days to demolish the bldg.

Terry Naylor, Class of '57 writes: "I recall going to the Encore on California near Broadway to watch the serials each Saturday in the 1950's. It cost a quarter to get in, and we brought our own snacks. There was always a cartoon first. The movie was usually a western or that pre-Star Wars thriller, Flash Gordon! Each episode left off with an exciting cliff-hanger, to assure that we would return the following Saturday to see what happened to our heroes."

Joan Russell, Class of '74 writes: "English class field trip to see Romeo and Juliet at the Encore"

The Hyatt Cinema



The Hyatt Music Theatre was built originally as a "live theatre in the round" venue. It became the Hyatt Cinema Theatre on March 29, 1966. It was an "Ultramodern" theater shaped like a big spiked salad bowl with a marquee out front. It screened the roadshow versions of movies in the mid-1960's. It later became a triplex and was closed in 2008.

Christine Colladay, Class of '75 writes: "My best memory was going to see JAWS at the Hyatt Theater in Burlingame. I went with the Crosby kids and we got the best seats in the house! That was cool!"

Patt Sheldon, Class of '66 writes: "I also remember seeing Ice Station Zebra on my birthday in 1968 at the Hyatt with my family. It had been a very warm Nov. 1 day, so I didn't even have a sweater and froze watching the movie."

Rusty Knudsen Class of '74 writes: "Who can forget the many times we'd sneak into the Hyatt. My friends and I would wait for my mom to open the back door and we would sneak in. Our record was 28 people for one showing"

Alan Lancendorfer, Class of '73 writes: "Going to see the movie "Grand Prix" in the 60's with my dad at the Hyatt. It was projected in "Cinerama" mode on the big curved screen there. It felt like you were right there at the races. Also, years later going to the drive inn and backing my

pickup truck up the ramp backwards so my girlfriend and I could lay in the back with sleeping bags and watch Joe Cocker in Mad Dogs and Englishmen. Didn't watch much of the movie though.

Dianne Ragozzino Knudsen, Class of '74 writes: "I remember going to the Hyatt with my sister to see the re-release of "Gone With The Wind" on that huge screen! My best friend (Rusty) would make it a challenge to see how many he could sneak into the Hyatt Cinema. I think he snuck in 14 of us in to see Jaws one time. I ended up marrying that crazy guy"

Nadine Panos, Class of '75 writes: "I had a tool kit in the trunk of my little BMW 2002 back in my high school days. On nights my friends & I were bored, we'd go down to the Hyatt theater, park around back & slyly wrench open the side door with a screwdriver, then run back to the car to: 1) return the screwdriver 2) make sure no one was on to us. Then, when the coast was clear, we would sneak in the door & nonchalantly walk right into the theater. We must've seen "Young Frankenstein" and "Tommy" ten times before quitting our prankster ways. We never got caught, though! And, I will always remember those movies, and that theater, fondly!"

The Burlingame Drive-in Theater



A four-screen drive-in built around a central concession stand. It seemed more than likely that the reason the wallpaper in the concession booth was on upside down was because somebody had mis-installed it in the initial construction and no one had ever bothered to fix it. As of 1999-2000 it was in dire need of a paint job, and most of the ticket booths were falling apart. Sound was broadcast on a local station, which you picked up on your car's radio. Although lots of high school kids went to the drive-in, the general theme here is not too many actually watched the movies.

Derek Barton, Class of '70 writes: "In High School, One guy would drive through with 5 guys in the trunk. When we took our dates, everyone parked in the very back. Some cars were not even facing the screen; others didn't even have the speaker on the window."

Hal Ramsey Class of '73 writes: "Ha ha ha, I have many! But the best was going to drive in to see Animal House. Friends asked (if) I liked it. No I didn't, well why? I went with a date. She and I never saw the movie."

David Steil, Class of '74 writes: "One of many...sneaking friends into the Burlingame Drive In by hiding them in the trunk of the car, along with plenty of refreshments. And ahhh yes, forgetting to remove the speaker from the window as I pulled away and struggled to see through the steamy windows. Great Times!"

Anonymous, Class of '74 writes: "We were at the drive in and were so high we couldn't figure out why the speaker wasn't working until half way through the movie we realized it was the heater and it wasn't even attached. The movie was The In-Laws."

Lisa Hom Class of '77 writes: "It was always a treat to go to the drive-in. My parents would pile us in the station wagon with blankets, pillows and snacks. No seatbelts required! They took us to see all the James Bond movies and others that came out. These were fun family nights for me. We would pull out the newspaper to check the listings. I was sad when the billboard was destroyed in a big windstorm (don't remember the year) and not rebuilt. Always enjoyed being able to see what was playing when I drove by the sign when it was on 101".

Barbara O'Connor, Class of writes: "Grease was the movie I saw at the drive in. But I remember taking the truck with my friend Vince and putting lawn chairs in the back and sleeping bags to stay warm. I dishonestly remember hiding under blankets in my parents station wagon to get into the drive-in free"

Hanau Falcons, Class of '80 writes: "Family night with a round table pizza...can still remember my sister and I going in our footie PJs. Remember High School and hiding in the trunk to get in for free."

Siri Nelson writes: "Somehow my dad had passes to the Hyatt... we used to go there all the time. We were actually told to go to the drive in by a security guard that caught us parked out by Anza parking on a weekend night! He told us no one would bother us there. Then there was the night when several girls and I saw some really scary movie at the drive in on a fairly deserted Saturday night. We were so scared we wouldn't even leave the car to go to the bathroom. "Have you checked the children?" Still gives me chills."

"But Did You Know?"
A BHS Teacher Alumni Update
 By Rusty Knudsen '74

Marshall Umpleby

Most of us know Mr. Umpleby as a teacher at BHS. **But Did You Know**, he was a retired Naval Commander and fighter pilot prior to teaching? He flew F9-F8 Cougars on and off aircraft carriers.

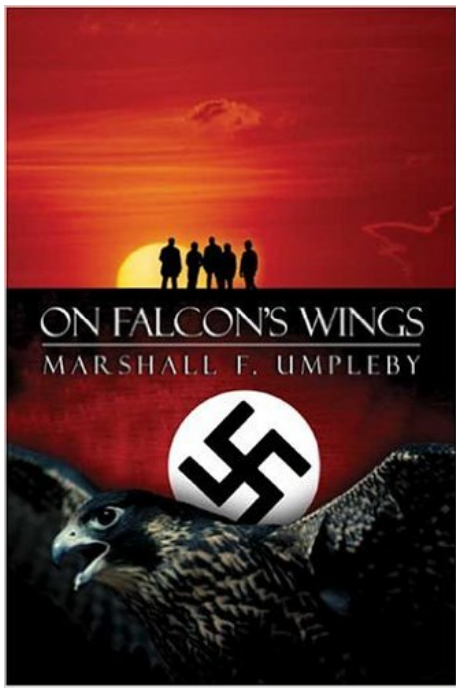
The Mr. Umpleby we know taught English at Burlingame High School in 3 different decades, the 60s, 70s and 80s. **BDYK**, he later became the principal at Mills High School and joined the Millbrae Rotary Club where he was a member for many years.

The students of the 60's-70's still refer to their teacher's as Mr. Ms. or Mrs. **BDYK** Mr. Umpleby was also known as (Umps) by some of his students in the '80's.

After retirement he moved to Ashland, Oregon, where he has enjoyed the 3 season long Shakespeare festival. **BDYK** As part of the OLLI program of self-enrichment classes for seniors, he has taught Faulkner and his beloved Melville at Southern Oregon University.

Mr. Umpleby was a favorite among all generations of students, **BDYK** he also has published two books, *On Falcon's Wings* and *Delayed Steal: Baseball Stories*, both available at amazon.com.

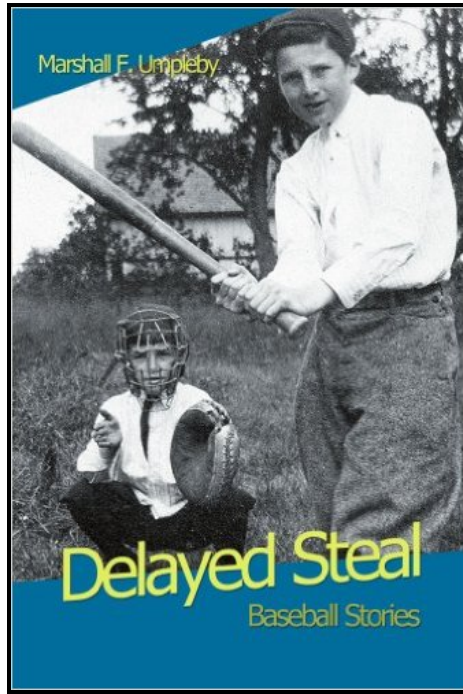
On Falcon's Wings



On Falcon's Wings is the heart-breaking story of five teenagers in Prague, Czechoslovakia,

during World War II. In the tragic aftermath of an assassination of a Gestapo general, the boys are kidnapped by German soldiers and sent by troop train to the Eastern front. Realizing that they will most likely be killed some of the teenagers manage to escape. During their perilous trip home, the boys are rescued by partisans, aided by sympathetic Ukrainians, and brutalized by Nazis. Scarred and traumatized, the boys who survive the harrowing journey back to Czechoslovakia must search for their loved ones and rebuild their lives in war-ravaged Prague.

Delayed Steal



Baseball is life, or so the saying goes. In this book, a man's relationship with his father coincides with the twists, turns, and surprises experienced in the game of baseball. On his lifelong journey the man learns the lessons his dad tries to teach him on the diamond: discipline, obedience, loyalty, teamwork, curiosity, and respect. Steady and detailed as the game itself, Delayed Steal is a book for anyone who once sat in the stands as a kid, rooting for the home team.

Mr. Umpleby just celebrated his 80th birthday this past January. He and his wife Mimi celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary the end of March. They have two daughters, Sarah and Amy.

Mr. Umpleby was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), a precursor to leukemia, four years ago, and weathered the chemo treatments extremely well. On a brief trip to Seattle to investigate clinical trials for his leukemia,

BHS alumnus Kim Gold, served as Mr. Umpleby's personal taxi service.

Pete Fena class of 1974 writes: "It's been 42 years since Sports in literature. I loved having you as a teacher. I know you are up against it. You had an impact on my life and I will never forget you. Your life and giving spirit literally helped thousands of kids find their way in this world. God bless you Mr. Umpleby. Job well done..."

Mike Floyd class of 1980 writes: "Mr. Umpleby (we referred to him as "Umps" in 1980) was one of my favorite teachers. He made Senior Literature really fun. I remember looking forward to his lectures and how Umps would make all those famous novels come alive. He loved it that's a talent! He was truly my favorite English teacher at BHS. Umps, I hope you keep eating ice cream or whatever it takes to feel better!"

Kent Demas, Class of '81 writes: "I've been following his battle and he is dealing with it with amazing grace and dignity. A very good man."

Barbara Norton O'Connor, Class of '83 writes: "Mr. Umpleby was a wonderful teacher. I couldn't wait to be in his class. He taught me how to write with passion and to take chance. His comments were always positive. He found the right words to build a shy student's confidence. I am very thankful to have been taught by him. He lets us into his life especially now. That's how special he is as a man. May God give you strength because he has already given you grace"

Prudence (Shepherd) Pigott, Class of '74 writes: "Dear Mr. Umpleby, I am sending you good wishes from the entire Shepherd Family. You were such an important part of my time at BHS. I remember well how encouraging you were, especially over those busy junior and senior years. Thank you for writing my college recs and for having my back when the deadlines piled up! You taught me to write and how to think about and enjoy literature. I will always remember your Advanced Composition class - no better preparation for college! Mr. Ump, you made an important impact on my life for which I will always be grateful. Know that you are on my mind and in my prayers. With appreciation and devotion"

Don Crosatto, Class of '80 writes: "One of the best classes I ever had at any level was an AP English class on Existentialism. He made French Philosophical novels fascinating. A great teacher."

"Where are they now?"

An Alumni Update

By Jeff Tateosian '74

Al Facchini

Class of 1948

"Baseball been berry, berry good to me" - the famous Saturday Night Live signature phrase by character Chico Escuela - reminds me of my godfather, Al Facchini. Baseball was his life. He played professional ball with the Milwaukee Braves alongside the likes of Hank Aaron, Warren Spahn, and other Hall of Famers. Al's story is an inspiration to all past, present and future BHS athletes.

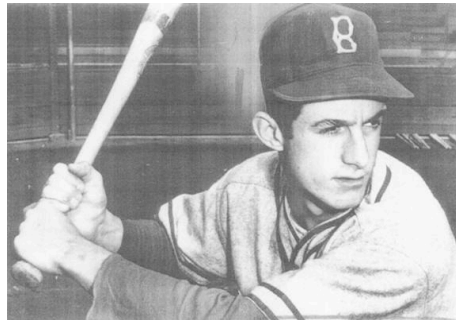
He was raised in Burlingame and attended Washington Elementary School. In 1946, Al entered Burlingame High School where he was a two-sport athlete and started for the BHS baseball and basketball varsity teams each of his four years. Baseball was always his love. During WWII, high school baseball was suspended. When it resumed in 1946, money was tight and the school district did not have enough money for new uniforms, so players had to use the uniforms from the 1939 team, the last organized team to play. Al vividly remembers "the moths and the smell" after opening the metal trunk where they were stored for seven years. The uniforms weren't in terrible shape, but because the fabric had deteriorated, they tore easily when sliding into a base. New uniforms were purchased in 1947, which brought a whole new vitality to the program.



BHS Varsity Baseball Team - 1946

Al was one of BHS's two starting pitchers, as well as its shortstop. He was chosen to the All-County team three consecutive years. He played in the Babe Ruth American Legion All Star game at Seals Stadium in 1947 with Babe Ruth in attendance. In 1948, Al was chosen the MVP of the Examiner All Star game and was awarded a trip to New York to play in a top prospect game at Yankee Stadium. While there, he got to personally meet the World Champion New York Yankees.

Upon graduating from BHS, Al signed with the Boston Braves (soon to be the Milwaukee Braves). He started out in the California League and led the league in stolen bases in 1951.



Al Facchini with the Boston Braves

Baseball was going great until he was drafted into the Korean War in 1952. He served on the front lines with Fox Company until the branches of the military formed baseball teams for the benefit of soldiers' entertainment. Instead of fighting on the front lines, Al and his new teammates' responsibilities included loading ammunition onto transport trucks, and other "hands on" work. One day, Al got the heart wrenching news that his former unit was ordered to take an enemy hill and were all either wounded or killed in action. In fact, Hollywood made the movie, Pork Chop Hill, starring Gregory Peck, about the infamous battle. Incredibly, the game that he loved since he was a kid probably saved his life.



Al with his BAR rifle in Korea

When the war ended in 1953, Al resumed his baseball career with the Milwaukee Braves. He eventually made the

Milwaukee Major League club, where he played with Brave greats, Hank Aaron, Warren Spahn, Eddie Matthews, Del Crandall, Lew Burdette, Don McMahon, Bobby Thomson and Frank Torre (brother of Joe Torre). Warren Spahn was Al's roommate. One of Al's memorable moments was being called to pinch hit in a spring training game and face the Brooklyn Dodgers Hall of Fame pitcher, Tommy Lasorda. It was the bottom of the ninth, and Al's pinch-hit single won the game for the Braves. He was the last cut that spring for the major league club but played seven more years on AAA teams.

In 1957, Al's baseball team went to Cuba to play against the Cuban national team. Tensions were high between both countries and the team was surrounded with armed guards at all times. Al led off their first game and singled. The next batter hit a ground ball and Al slid into second and took the second baseman out with a hard slide. The fans got riled up and Al was taken out of the game for his own safety. Because of the threats, he didn't get into the other two scheduled games. A few months later, a ballplayer was shot and that was the end of baseball in Cuba for the United States.

Al married JoAnne Hamilton in 1954 and had two sons. They have lived happily in Napa for the last thirty years. Al is still active in tennis and his community. He still keeps in touch with his three living teammates from his 1949 team - Al Stein, Al McClennan, and Gus Suhr.



L-R; Bill Beaman, John McClellan & Al Facchini

Al had the privilege of being the first baseball player to be voted into the Burlingame High School Hall of Fame. Asked about his favorite teacher, without hesitation he mentioned Vic Mangini (**yes, that Vic Mangini**). Vic was a P.E. and math teacher in 1948. He took interest in Al and no doubt saw what a special player and person he would become. Yes my friends, Chico Escuela was definitely channeling Al Facchini when he repeated, "Baseball been berry, berry good to me."



**7th ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF
TOURNEY**
May 6th at Poplar Creek

This year's Alumni Golf Tournament will be held at San Mateo's Poplar Creek Muni on Friday May 6th. BHS Alumni spanning 1957- 2014 are invited to play a scramble format.

Golfers of all experience levels are welcome and are promised a great experience. Low pressure and guaranteed laughter & stories to last you another year.

Please contact me as we usually plan of 48 players. But something tells me this year may bring more. We'll need 80 to go for a shotgun start, which would be the goal. So please get back to me a.s.a.p. Rusty Knudsen email address is BHSALumni74@gmail.com

Last year Matt Hesselgren '80 and his foursome (pictured below) took the tiebreaker from the Williams', Danny Williams '80, Denny Williams '80, Dave Williams and Barney Malpass. Team Hesselgren were aided by Tosoni Lavulu's Hole-In-One on the par 3 177 yd. 4th hole which catapulted this team to victory.



Winning foursome; L-R Matt Hesselgren '80, Rick DelGeatano, Tim Hesselgren '72 and Tosoni Lavulu '80



L-R, Dan Quinn '74, Mike Mahaffey, John Quinn '72, Bob Mahaffey



L-R, Bernie Heckenkemper '57, Seamus Murray '73, Gary Heckenkemper '67, Steve Connolly '67



Team shot from 2015



The guys having a laugh between innings



Steve Mahlstedt and Jack Barton With Nancy Knudsen



**9th ANNUAL ALUMNI
"Field of Dreams"
BASEBALL GAME**
May 7th at Washington Park

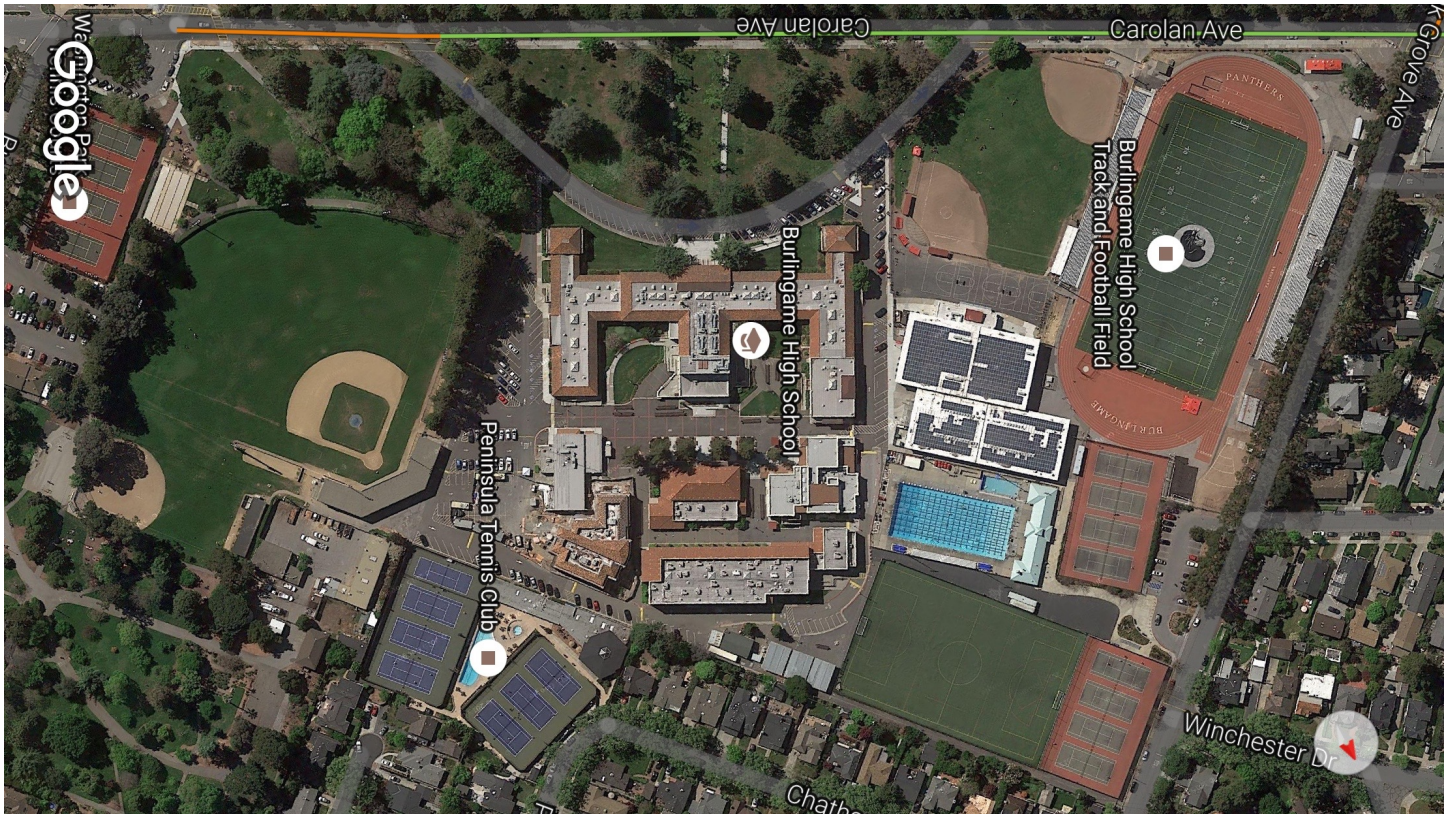
This year's Alumni Baseball Game will be held at Washington Park on Saturday May 7th. BHS Alumni spanning 1957- 2014 are invited to play or just come out and re-connect with past teammates and classmates.

Come on out and "PLAY BALL!" Players of all experience levels are welcome and are promised a great experience. The old timers game is low key, low pressure and virtually a glorified softball game. But what other event allows you to hit a hardball on the diamond and run 90' bases. Everyone has a great time and enjoys the camaraderie and friendships re-established at this event. Coaches Bob Milano, John DeVos, Terry Christman and Rich Scuitto have graced this event and always look forward to attending and sharing stories with fellow players.

We have no problem fielding an old timers game but the youth have been tardy. Let's get the turnout this event deserves. Come on out and "Let's Play Ball!"

Please contact me with your intent to play. We're looking to hold two games this year again. The first game with the "older" Alumni is a low-key baseball game followed by the younger alumni in a more competitive format. So please get back to me a.s.a.p., so I can start setting up the teams and venue Rusty Knudsen my email address is as follows, BHSALumni74@gmail.com the games are usually followed by dinner, venue for this years event is still TBD.

Burlingame High Aerial View



This aerial view shows the upgrades BHS has gone through over the years. It is a campus we can all be proud of. At your next reunion, be sure to schedule a tour of the campus updates.

Interested in participating on the Alumni Association? Come to one of the meetings listed below. We're looking for volunteer's to help support different committees to assist in making the BHS Alumni Association the best. Committee help needed; Reunion, BHS History, and many more. Contact pantherpostscripts@yahoo.com for more information

BHS Alumni Association - 2016

Meeting Schedule- 2nd Thursday of each Month

2016	Date	Start	Finish	Location
	Jan 14th	3:30pm	5:00pm	Alumni Room
	Feb 11th	3:30pm	5:00pm	Alumni Room
	Mar 10th	3:30pm	5:00pm	Alumni Room
	Apr 14th	3:30pm	5:00pm	Alumni Room
	May 16th	5:00pm	7:00pm	Annual Mtg & Senior scholarship presentation
	Sept 8th	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Oct 15th	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Nov 10th	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Dec 8th	TBD	TBD	TBD - Holiday Luncheon

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- Enclosed is my/our check payable to: BHS Alumni Association (address: 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010)
 - For membership dues: \$15 per alum per year.
 - For Life Membership: \$100 per alum.
 - For the BHSAA programs (tax deductible).
 - For the BHSAA scholarships (tax deductible).
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 - For a donation "In Honor of /In Memory of..." please attach note (tax deductible).
- PLEASE UPDATE MY EMAIL OR MAILING ADDRESS.
- Please mail the Panther Postscripts to the following BHS alum (name and address attached).

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