



WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL, INC.
E-NEWSLETTER

FALL 2012

2012 Fall Calendar

January 2013

Sat 12 WAA Annual Mtg
OHS Library, 10:00AM
All alumni and guests
welcome!

2013 Spr. Calendar Preview

February

Tue 26 Career Day
- Volunteer speakers
visit OHS classrooms
and share their post-
high school
experiences

OHS Trivia Question #1

Not only did this Wildcat hang out with the Wayan Brothers on their WB Network sitcom, he also played one of Cameron Diaz's jilted ex-boyfriends in the film *The Sweetest Thing*, though they never appeared together in the film.

Answer on page 4.

Join WAA Today

The Wildcat Alumni Association is the only official alumni association affiliated with Oakland High School.

Membership fees are
\$ 35 for one year
\$ 450 for a lifetime
membership

To join, fill out the application at the end of the newsletter and send with a check to Wildcat Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11436, Oakland, CA 94611

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For more Student News

Check out Oakland Aegis
Oakland High's On-line
Student Newspaper
<http://oaklandaegis.com/>

PLEASE HELP

put a
new Trophy Case
along this wall
in the
Theater lobby



Help Build a Wildcat Trophy Case

The Oakland High trophy case is happening! With enough funds for a deposit, a contract was signed with Mueller Nicholls Builders of Oakland for the fabrication, finishing, delivery and installation of a trophy case at Oakland High. The target date for installation is the third week of November. Thank you to the Class of January 1957 for initiating the project and to all who have donated. Donations are still being accepted to cover the cost of some final touches (lighting, plaque).

A dedication ceremony is being planned to take place during the annual Wildcats Alumni Association membership meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2013.



**Football Pros Got Their Start
at OHS in 1955**



L to R: Chris Burford (Stanford, KC Chiefs), Clark Miller (Utah State, SF 49ers), Bill Mendell (OCC, Utah State). Note the leather helmets, no face mask, high tops and dirt field at Oakland High, 1955

Wildcats Football 2012

Coach Jayce Goree (OHS'59) is fielding a young football team this year. With only three returning seniors, the team is mostly sophomores and juniors. Twenty-three are playing varsity for the first time. Coach Goree says this is the second year of the rebuilding program and that the Wildcats are "in a better place than last year." He hopes the young team knows how to play and what to do by the end of the pre-season. Two players Goree will be counting on are Senior Cliff Goodwin, returning guard who should be a big help on the line, and Junior Tyler Reynolds, energetic running back and linebacker who wants to compete and win.

Goree's overall expectations for the year are for the team "to consistently improve each game, get better, be more consistent, and to learn to play fast and physical --- to give 110% all the time."

As of this writing, the Varsity has a record of 2 - 1, defeating Tracy's Millenium High and Mt. Eden, but losing to Tennyson.

The Wildcat Football schedule for Fall 2012 on page 4.

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Class of '62 Celebrates 50 Years

Members of the Oakland High Class of 1962 turned out to celebrate their 50th reunion by touring the new Oakland High School Buildings. Classmates met in the new tiled Commons, which replaced the old cafeteria. There were shouts of recognition as classmates found each other before the tour began. Although there was plenty new to see on the campus built in 1980, favorite sights were the pool and outside of the shop building, both fondly remembered by the 1962 Wildcats. There was much discussion about where the old dirt "football" field had been located, and reminiscing about dances held in the old auditorium.

After their walk through campus, classmates set off for Fenton's Ice Cream Parlor on College Avenue to enjoy lunch and to meet more of the class who just couldn't wake up for the 10 am tour.



On Saturday, September 29, 2012, 170 members and guests of the classes of '72 and '73 enjoyed a 40th year reunion at the Sequoyah Country Club in Oakland.

Heid Harris Bersin '72 and Laurie Wong Pon '73 with the help of their 16 strong reunion committee put on what all attendees felt was an awesome reunion. The night was filled with hugs, laughter and wonderful memories. A DJ spun disks (CD's not records) until 11:00 pm.

A number of awards were given out to attendees who travelled the furthest. Nanci Patterson Taylor '72, now living in Perth, Australia, was the grand prizewinner. Her prize? A gift certificate to Kwik Way!

Steve Oto '72 provided a slide show of those by-gone days at Oakland High. Members of the reunion committee prepared a display table filled with 1970s OHS memorabilia from pictures to playbills and pictures of the school today. The reunion evening was followed the next day by a picnic at Montclair Park—with fewer attendees because many had to catch flights home, but everyone still had a great time.

Pictures from the 1972-1973 Saturday evening reunion party are available online for viewing. David Shaffer took the first set of photos and has uploaded them to a website called Smugmug.

Here is how to view David's photos:

Step 1: Open your Internet browser and log into the following link: http://davidshaffer.smugmug.com/Events/OAKLAND-HIGH-72-73-REUNION/25655538_7QTnLR

Step 2: At the prompt, enter the following password: OHSR7273

Second set of reunion photos taken by Noelle Leong can be found in two sets at flickr.com by clicking on the links

Part 1: www.flickr.com/photos/mpovphotography
Part 2: www.flickr.com/photos/mpovphotography2

More memories to enjoy can be found on the 1972-1973 40th Reunion Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Oakland-High-School-Classes-of-1972-and-1973-reunion/140860789344192?ref=ts&fref=ts>

The '72-'73 Reunion Committee thanks David and Noelle for capturing wonderful memories of the evening celebration.

OHS Trivia Question #2

How are the old Oakland YWCA (1515 Webster), the Berkeley City Club(2315 Durant Avenue, Berkeley), and the brown-shingle building at the corner of Park Blvd. and McKinley (2901 Park Blvd.) connected?

(Right) Lobby of the former Oakland YWCA

Answer on page 4.



Alumni Plaza on Campus

This year, for the first time in quite a while, Oakland High students will have to stay on campus during lunch. As part of the modifications made to the building and campus to create adequate facilities for serving 1600 hungry souls in less than an hour, the architect firm created Alumni Plaza. The intent is to give students a nice place to eat and become aware of some noted OHS alumni who are part of the history of the school. The new plaza is located between the gym and the outside basketball courts. There is an arbor, a couple of low walls to sit on, and bricks in the ground with the names, class year and accomplishment of fourteen alumni.

Alumni noted are Henry A. Melvin (1884), Lloyd Moseby (1977), Armand Mauss (1946), Lee Gum Hong (1931), Nellie Wong (1952), Jack London, Lillian Moeller Gilbreth (1896), Yōsuke Matsuoka (1896), Jackie Jensen (1945), George C. Pardee (1875), Stanley Mazor (1959), Gertrude Stein, Chick Gandil, Julia Morgan (1890). Three attended but did not graduate from Oakland High.

The most recent alumni honored in the Alumni Plaza is Lloyd Moseby ('77), base stealer legend for the Toronto Blue Jays in the 1980s. Catch up on what Lloyd is doing in this interview from August, 2012.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dSD7LVX93k&feature=endscreen.](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5dSD7LVX93k&feature=endscreen)



The evening moved quickly along as a broad range of school topics was provoked: a proposed new alum/class sponsored trophy case, Hall of Fame, the library, a school music program, the athletic programs and the nagging concerns for the decaying field bleachers. The topics even ventured to new school policies of a closed campus, food service for those now mandated to dine on campus and the new athletic director.

The evening ended much too quickly, but an aura of collegiality and cooperation was the prevailing mood as our Mr. Rogers departed. Wildcats Alumni Association will now have the ear of the new principal and our Mr. Rogers knows that we are a concerned and helpful association of alumni that he can call upon for feedback, assistance and support.

GO WILDCATS! Frank Kao '66

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What Do Your Alumni Dues Help Fund?

In addition to providing a trophy case for Oakland High and scholarships for graduating seniors, the Alumni Association has helped to fund Principal Roger's rewards for excellence program. On October 5, the first group of Wildcats with "perfect attendance" were treated to lunch and field games including a human hamster ball, funded in part by the Wildcats Alumni Association. Poor attendance is a leading cause of students' failing classes and leaving school before graduating, and this awards day was intended to show students that there are immediate rewards for being in school every day.

We were happy that we had the funds to help support this program when Mr. Rogers asked. Your small \$35.00 annual membership can help make a big difference in encouraging current students to give their all to their education.

Join us today!

Wildcat Football Schedule and Scores

Preseason

9/7	Millennium (Tracy, CA)	32-6 Win
9/14	@ Mt. Eden (Hayward, CA)	25-20 Win
9/21	@ Tennyson (Hayward, CA)	50-0 Loss
10/12	@ Eureka (Eureka, CA)	Win by forfeit

Oakland Athletic League

10/12	Fremont (Curt Flood Field)	29-8 Loss
10/19	@ Oakland Tech	42-0 Loss
10/26	@ McClymonds	68-0 Loss
11/3	Castlemont (Homecoming)	31-18 Win
11/10	Skyline	6-14 Loss



OHS Trivia Answers!

Answer to Trivia Question #1:
All were designed by OHS alumna Julia Morgan.

Answer to Trivia Question #2:
Mitch Mullany Class of 1986

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