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From the President

Congratulations to the GWHS Eagles football team on their superb winning game on Turkey Day. It was a wonderful day and it was great to see such wonderful school spirit.

This year, we will celebrate the 64th anniversary of GWHS, the 268th birthday of George Washington, and observe the 200th anniversary of Washington's death. All of these events will be coupled with our Hall of Merit ceremony. This year, the following alumni have been selected by our Board of Directors for installation in the Hall of Merit.

Edith Coliver, Spring 1939

Elbert Kimble, Spring 1943

Jerome White, Spring 1970

and **Edwin Hoffman, Spring 1942**, last year's recipient, will be honored as well.

The ceremony will be held on February 29, 2000, at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the GWHS auditorium, and anyone interested in attending the ceremony should call Denise Joseph at 415-750-8400, ext. 3501, for information.

Our Alumni Association continues to be a key participant in the continuing success of GWHS as the outstanding comprehensive high school in San Francisco. Your support is vital to our ongoing efforts. Please do send in your contribution in the enclosed envelope. Our dollars do make a difference!

As we enter the new century we will do our best to make sure that GWHS continues to be the best.

John F. Rothmann
President

From the Principal

I hope you've enjoyed the 1999 holiday season with family and friends. My best wishes for a peaceful, health and prosperous new year and millennium.

Staff and students continue to work collaboratively in striving to be the best. This year, their efforts yielded some very positive results. GWHS ranks 55th in the nation in the number of AP Exams taken. Digital High School Grant monies are yielding tangible results. The wiring of each classroom is almost completed and installation of computers will begin shortly. Two science teachers, Irene Creps and Emil Fogarino, received Golden Apple Awards from the San Francisco Education Fund. Two social science teachers, Teri Camajani and Dennis Gregg, received a \$9,000 Annenberg Grant for participating in the San Francisco Compact dealing with issues in the last mayoral race. The Eagles football team won the City Championship with an undefeated season.

To improve communications with parents, alumni and community, Directory on Call (DOC) is now available. Access it by dialing 415-808-5000. When asked for a category number, dial 1101. You can then listen to the weekly announcements and sports events that will take place that week. The Daily Bulletin continues to be posted on the GWHS web site. Access it at <http://www.sfusd.k12.ca.us/schwww/sch571/bulletin.html>

Please feel free to contact us at 415-750-8400 should you have any questions or would just like to say "hello."

Camille Morishige
Principal

Treasurer's Report

As of December 20, 1999:

General Fund	\$ 4,204.49
Garin Scholarship	1,455.31
Madfes Fund	6,875.70
Endowment	153,242.75
Endowment Income (unrestricted)	3,545.03
Donovan Scholarship	2,487.68
Marshall Fund	1,515.00
Principal's Fund	706.00
Israel Study Grant	9,699.42
Israel Study Income	351.79
Soares Fund	1,545.00
WWII Memorial Scholarship	4,789.54
Adams Scholarship	630.00
Shilgi Scholarship	9,885.33
Shilgi Scholarship Income	8,486.79
Borgfeldt Scholarship	1,500.00
Gerard Rhine Scholarship	925.00
Li Oi Yu Scholarship	4,892.63
Hanson Fund	7,250.00
Improvement Award	4,622.45
Advance Placement	4,968.78

Total **\$233,578.69**

Wendy Leung
Treasurer

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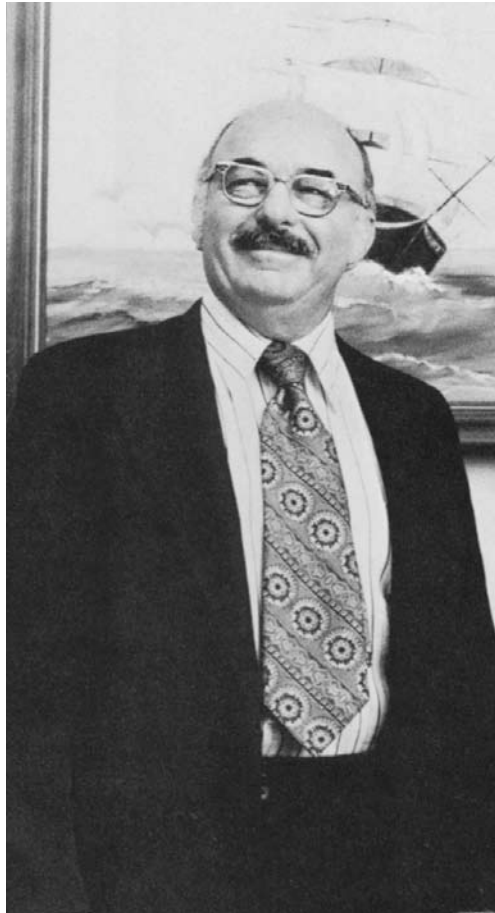
A Tribute to Saul Madfes

by Tom Doudiet

Those of us who were privileged to know the late O.I. Schmaelze, principal from 1945 to 1962, will remember that during his administration there could be found posted in every classroom **The Ten Point Code of Washington High School**. Among these guidelines of behavior and attitude, perhaps the one which was taken most seriously was that which directed us to strive to leave our school an even better place than we had found it. During our November meeting, the Alumni Board of Directors found itself in the fortunate situation of being able to take another step in this direction with the realization that we might benefit our Physical Education and Athletic programs while simultaneously cleaning up a long-neglected part of the campus and honoring a man who has contributed greatly to the history and development of Washington.

Let us explain further. In recent years, the State of California has required the inclusion of the teaching of the sport of golf as part of the 10th grade Physical Education curriculum. As with many well-intended mandates, neither money nor thought was given by the state to enable a teacher to instruct the enormous numbers of students typically found in a P.E. class in the finer points of a game that uses potentially dangerous equipment. Up to this point Washington's able and dedicated P.E. teachers have had to spread their students, each provided with a club and several hollow plastic golf balls, over either the football or track fields and let them hack away as best they could. Clearly the logistics of any meaningful instruction of so many students spread out over such a vast area have been almost overwhelming!

Working in consultation with Ms. Jo Hamilton, Washington's golf coach for both the girls' and boys' interscholastic teams, and with our Athletic Director, Susan Saunders, it was determined that an area under the northernmost section of the football stadium's west bleachers, just above the tennis courts and across from the shop building, would be an ideal place for a golf training facility. This area, approximately 15 x 65 feet, is completely covered and would need only the addition of an 18-foot high chain-link fence before as many as eight individual golf practice stations could be positioned



there. As designed, this facility would have netting completely surrounding each student golfer and each would "tee off" from a rubber mat, perhaps hitting a **real** golf ball into a piece of carpet hung on the opposite side of the "cage." Thus, not

only could each student take many, many more swings during the allotted period of instruction, and in a much more controlled setting, but the teacher would find it far easier to monitor the progress. Of course the members of Washington's two outstanding golf teams would benefit greatly as well, with the ability to practice even on rainy days!

When the concept was initially presented to the Alumni Board, it was generally agreed that using a previously neglected area of the campus for a facility that would benefit such a large number of students would be a very positive thing. In underwriting the project, it seemed like an ideal opportunity, and entirely appropriate, for us to honor a person who gave so many years of diligent effort to the betterment of GWHS as a teacher, coach, department chair and, of course, as Principal. It was decided to dedicate this improvement to the campus to Saul Madfes, whose career at Washington spanned five decades. Mr. Madfes has graciously consented to the use of part of the funds currently in the Alumni account named for him as the basis for the project.

Thus, the Saul Madfes Golf Training Facility will be completed and a dedication ceremony is tentatively scheduled for the month of March. All alumni, former faculty members and friends are most welcome to attend. Please call Denise Joseph at 415-750-8400 ext. 3501 after February 15 for the exact date and time.

Photo: 1975 Surveyor

In Memoriam

Marilyn Smith Gaal sends word that **Courice Panagakos Cline S'53** died on January 12, 1999. Connie was active in many organizations at GWHS. A UC Berkeley graduate, she taught in the San Ramon Valley School District for over 20 years. Connie also helped to organize each 10-year reunion of her class and will be greatly missed.

Jerry Troy, Class of 1957, died on November 13, 1999.

John B. Duryea writes that his brother **Cmdr. (Ret.) Robert Owen Duryea S'50** died on July 30, 1999 after a brief illness. Cmdr. Duryea is survived by wife Jeanette Meyer Duryea, two sons, one daughter, sister Noreen Dobratz,

and John. Those wishing to send condolences may write to Jeanette Duryea, 103 Quail Street, Slidell, LA 70460.

Helen Feldman Glassman notifies us that her sister **Lois Feldman Meek S'51** passed away on August 11, 1999 in San Francisco. Lois is survived by her daughter, Alisha Meek. Condolences can be mailed to Helen at 10721 Clear Meadows Drive, Las Vegas, NV. 89134. Contributions may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society.

Sandy Mattos sends word that **Carol Martin Schuettge S'53** died in July 1999.

Alumni News

Note: Please keep submissions brief and legible. Submissions may be edited. Safe return of your original clippings, photographs, etc. is **not** guaranteed. **Include your legibly printed or typed name and return address or other contact information on every document submitted**, as your envelope and your documents will be separated.

We need the following people to send us contact information to include with their submissions: **Pearl Morris Ellerin F'42**, and **Hal Chase**, attended GWHS in **F'67** and **S'68**.

Lionel Marcus, retired teacher and counselor at GWHS, sends a note in regard to the wonderful reunion of the Roosevelt Jr. High alumni. He and wife, Carolyn, just returned from a trip through the western U.S. The Marcus' are enjoying their retirement very much!

H.W. "Bill" Eisert, Class of '37, says that he still has his Dec. '37 *Surveyor*, the first one published and that it is still in good shape! Contact Bill at 5919 Kuldell Drive, Houston, TX 77074-7629, 713-772-9755.

Doug Willard F'37 writes that he was delighted to be able to attend the 60th reunion. Doug graduated from UC Berkeley after GWHS, then worked for Pan Am being sent to the Philippines. He went into the insurance business for many years and was recently honored by Primary Company, being inducted into the Hall of Fame. Doug has been married for 54 years to fellow classmate **Myrtle Borgen**. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Gloria Abate Hudson S'39 writes that she is a retired accountant, married to William Hudson, a retired civil engineer. They have two children and two granddaughters. After retirement, they moved to Santa Cruz after living in Marina Del Rey and Sacramento. Gloria can be contacted at 144 Frederick Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

Ethel Russell Patterson F'42 would like to know if her class is having a reunion and asks if any classmates reside in the Portland, Oregon, area. Her husband Pat passed away in 1979 and she has retired from Sears Roebuck after 26 years. She is an active member in the Good Sam Oregon Singles RV camping club. Contact Ethel at 6615 S.E. Sherrett Street, Portland, OR 97206, 503-775-7504.

Jean Henry Moore F'42 and her husband Bill celebrated 50 years of

marriage by traveling to Italy and Greece in the Spring of 1998. They have two sons and six grandchildren. Before retirement, Jean taught in the Merced County School system for 26 years. Jean would like to hear from fellow classmates and is at P.O. Box 1475, Coarsegold, CA 93614, 559-658-7736.

Connie Trigonis Vanides F'43 invites alumni to visit her website, Christian Devotional Books Online, <http://www.Godcares.org> The site includes all the psalm-like messages from her two books, *God's Comfort For Today's Needs* and *God's Will In Today's World*. Connie says these messages of encouragement have ministered to people in many parts of the world. Connie's phone number is 707-447-4192.

Boris Mikhalkin F'47 and his wife Irma have moved from Port Orchard, WA, and are again in California. They have one son and three daughters. Boris would like to correspond with his fellow classmates and can be reached at 23776 Via Compadres, Murrieta, CA 92562, 909-677-8421.

Frank C. Perry S'48 writes that his sister **Mary**, his older brother **John**, and twin brother **Walter**, all graduated from GWHS. Each of them treasures their memories of the school and their teachers. Both Frank and Walter reside in the Bay Area, with Frank and his wife living in Walnut Creek. He has two daughters and four granddaughters. Frank says that he heard that fellow classmate **Great Golin** lived in Vallejo; that **Roland Bianchi** worked for Bank of America; that **Maurice Edelstein** was selling insurance and that Frank saw **Ann Bohigian** when she sang at the Fairmont Hotel. Frank asks that if **Ken Hagermann** reads this, to please call or write. Frank can be contacted at 1457 Oakmont Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94595, or 925-256-8957.

Jeanette E. Havens Miraglia S'50 married Humbert G. Miraglia in 1960 and moved to Corning, CA. Jeanette's three sons and her husband are owners of Olive Knot Products, manufacturers of entry-level screen printing equipment. They do custom screen printing as well. Jeanette graduated from Chico State in 1989 with a major in English.

Florence A. ("Frosty") Achtenberg S'50 has been a legal secretary in the Ft. Lauderdale area for 35 years. She returns to San Francisco

each year to see her family. Florence says that she would like to help with reunions even though she lives out of the area and can be contacted at 257 S. Cypress Road, #438, Pompano Beach, FL 33060.

Virginia Benson Campbell F'50 writes that she would love to receive any info on her graduating class. Virginia graduated 6 months ahead of her **S'51** classmates and she has lost touch with many of them. She may be e-mailed at dinny@willapabay.org or write her at P.O. Box 491, Long Beach, WA 98631.

Rich Schulte S'51 is retired from the Beer Drivers Local 888 and is living in Sonoma. Rich participated on the swim team and the football team from '48 to '51.

Peggy Pagan S'51 is looking forward to her 50th reunion as she missed the 40th. Peggy, who owns her own book-keeping business, was afflicted with Multiple Sclerosis. Her eyesight and speech have been affected by MS which keeps her from being as active as she used to be. Her husband, Al Quebec, continues to be active in Masonic organizations. Peggy can be contacted at 2896 Devonshire Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94063-3214, 650-366-5617.

Corinne Gidal Leister S'51 encourages her classmates to submit more news about themselves. The photo below is the from the double wedding ceremony of Ray & Corrine's daughter and Lou Rosso's daughter in June 1999. Corrine is at 9432 Brynmar Drive, Villa Park, CA 92861.



Ralph Kermoian, Dick Miller, Lou Rosso, and Ray Leister after Lou's and Ray's daughters' double wedding.

Photo: Corinne Leister

Joyce Riskin Lusk S'52 asks for help in finding fellow classmates **Joan Perry**, **Diane Mitchell**, **Dick Levis**, and **Leo Capos**, and would love to hear from any other S'52 grads. Joyce can be reached at 4290 Stable Lane, Chico, CA 95973, or rlusk@cmc.net

More Alumni News

Josiah Horton Beeman S'53 is an Ambassador and writes that he has become Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in New Zealand and also Dean of American Ambassadors worldwide. He and his wife, Susan, had their first child, Olivia Louise, on June 8, 1999. Josiah can be contacted at the American Embassy, PSC 467, Box 1, FPO, AP 96531-1001.

Ernie Salomon S'53 writes that he and wife, Donna, live in Santa Barbara and are semi-retired. Ernie has a public affairs program on Santa Barbara television and is enjoying his life immensely. He would like to hear from fellow classmates and can be contacted at 855 Woodland Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93108-1848, 805-565-3025, 805-969-6748, or ernstsal@aol.com

Janice Brackett F'55 sends in a note remarking that she and **Kathy Citron Peterson** and **Judy Szrut Mack** also **F'55** surprised **Eva Salomon Mohr** with a visit to New York in April 1999. They had a delightful mini reunion, and Eva and Stanley Mohr hosted a dinner for them. Judy and Janice reside in Las Vegas, and Kathy lives in the East Bay. Janice encourages all F'55 classmates to keep in touch. You can reach Kathy Peterson at 510-481-0119 or e-mail Janice at jabrack@ibm.net

Newton Harband, MD F'57 compliments the *AlumniScope* and says that he is the grandfather of three and is enjoying Barbershop singing in San Francisco with the Cable Car Chorus. His medical practice keeps him busy; his latest passion being Medical Ethics, and he is Chairman of the Bioethics Committee of the San Mateo County Medical Association. Newton stays in touch with **Rich Hyman** and watched a videotape of the recent Class of '57 and '58 reunion. Dr. Harband can be contacted at 2130 Rodington Road, Hillsborough, CA 94010, 650-347-5990.

Susan Howard Garrison S'61 attended Stanford after graduating from GWHS, earning a BA, followed by the University of Texas, where she earned a JD, and is currently an attorney with the Office of the Attorney General of Texas. Susan is at 7511 Pineleaf Place, Austin, TX 78757.

Walt Ahrens F'61 would like to hear from his classmates. Write him at 1342 39th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122, 415-661-3053.

Chris Loo S'65 retired from the FBI in April of 1999 after 21 years. He resides in South San Francisco and is now working at the Lawrence Livermore Lab. He can be contacted at 925-424-3011 or at loo2@llnl.gov

Georgia Wayland Holloway Santangelo S'66 would love to hear from any classmates who also went to Presidio Jr. High. She would like to know the whereabouts of classmate **John Spoel**. Call Georgia at 408-251-3747, or e-mail georg49hs@aol.com or georgia.santangelo@kyocera.com

Mary Morris Lightburn, Class of 1966, writes that as she lives in Canada she has lost touch of fellow classmates and would like to hear from her high school chums. Her mother passed away last January, and she has three grown children. Mary's address is 1265 W. 11th Avenue, Apt. #201, Vancouver, BC, V6H 1K6, Canada.

Joyce Winn, would have graduated with **S'68** had her family not moved to Texas, is looking for a yearbook from 1968 or 1969. She would also like to hear from her classmates. If someone is willing to give or sell their yearbook, write Joyce at 5110 Azalea Trace Drive #2214, Houston, TX 77066, or e-mail winnjoyce@hotmail.com

Ken Owens S'68 served in the Navy following his graduation from CCSF and served in Vietnam. He joined Rev. Moon's Unification Church in 1973 and is now head of the photographic department for the church in America. He has photographed many heads of state, prime ministers and Nobel prize winners, and has traveled all around the world. His Korean-born wife and he were married in 1989, and they have three children. Ken is at 481 8th Avenue #D-6, New York, NY 10001, 212-629-3503.

Brenda J. Tom Oakley S'70 is an Executive V.P. and CAO for Mellon Capital Management, and is a co-founder of the firm. She is also the Chairman of the Mellon Capital Fiduciary Committee. Brenda has been married for 20 years. She can be contacted at 595 Market Street, Suite 3000, San Francisco, CA 94105, 415-975-2315.

Mary Ann Grant, attended GWHS in '71-'72, is asking the whereabouts of her classmate and best friend, **June Burgess**. June graduated sometime between 1971 and 1973. June was from Guyana, South America, and lived in San Francisco with her aunt and uncle, Pamela and Ronald Grant. Mary Ann may be reached at 919-361-2151 in Durham, North Carolina, or e-mail her at dobsonma@hotmail.com

Mike Gee S'73 is trying to keep in contact with former classmates. E-mail him at SFMikeGee@aol.com

Johnny Lee S'74 writes that after graduating from GWHS he attended UC Berkeley's School of Architecture receiving his BA in 1978. He was been working in the Bay Area for 20 years and involved in projects ranging from Walt Disney World to the San Jose Tech Museum. He is currently a freelance architect. Johnny is trying to locate **Lettie Young**, who taught a writing class at GWHS during the '70s. He can be reached at 430 2nd Avenue #2, San Francisco, CA 94118, or 415-751-6106.

Robin Phipps S'76 lives and works in the East Bay. She is married and has two young children. Robin asks if anyone knows the whereabouts of **Lloyd Oshior S'75**. She would love to get e-mail from any classmates at robinphipps@hotmail.com

Mike Randolph S'76 writes that he "finally walked the plank" and became a married man in December 1998. After traveling from the Antarctic to Alaska and everywhere in between, he met his wife in Peru where she grew up in the Amazon region. Mike and his wife live at 3556 Golden State Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

Victor Nguyen S'84 (before his U.S. citizenship he used the names **Hung The Nguyen** and "**Dau Bu**") while at GWHS) is trying to locate the following classmates: **Hung Trung Quach**, **Quyen Le**, **William Huynh**, **Long Hoang Banh**, and **Vu Vuong**, all from the Class of '85. He may be contacted at 1100 N. Baxter St., Anaheim, CA 92805 or e-mail him at victor.nguyen@disney.com

Christopher Day S'91 asks for help in finding a fellow classmate, **Michelle Huerta Torres, Class of '91 or '92**. E-mail him at chriseday@hotmail.com

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POSTMASTER: Please send Change of Address information to **GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**, George Washington High School, 600 32nd Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121.

Announcements

The GWHS Athletic Department has formed a partnership in a fundraising drive with the San Francisco Newspaper Agency and its "Read & Lead" Program. For every new customer that subscribes to either the *San Francisco Chronicle* or the *San Francisco Examiner* through the enclosed envelope (at 50% off the normal price), the athletic program will receive a minimum of 129% of the money paid. For example, if you were to sign up for the 8-week, 7-day subscription, your cost is only \$15.40 (regularly \$30.80), and the GWHS athletic program would receive back \$20.00. If you were to sign up for just the 8-week Sunday-only *Examiner-Chronicle* subscription your cost is only \$9.00, and the GWHS athletic program would get \$12.00.

Even if you are a current customer of one of the newspapers, you can help! Simply switch over to their automatic billing system, give a gift subscription to someone, or try the paper for a short time, maybe at the office?

With escalating equipment and uniform costs but no increase in our budget, we are trying to maintain a quality athletic program of 22 teams on a budget of only \$12,000. Please give the enclosed envelope your consideration, and thanks for your support.

Susan Saunders
Athletic Director

Evan Chan expresses his thanks for the \$1,000 Jerry Shilgi Scholarship Award for Music presented during the Senior Awards Ceremony.

Evan says this money will help to pay for his education at UC Berkeley where he hopes to join the Cal Band during his sophomore year.

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