Missing Class Notes? Find Them on PolyLink

Before social networks like Facebook, PolyLink and MySpace, the best-read section of every alumni newsletter and magazine was the “Class Notes.”

That was where alumni scanned for the names and photos of college friends and news briefs about their career promotions, marriages, engagements, babies, graduations, retirements and even obituaries.

If you’re a Class Notes fan, we want you to know you can find them anytime on PolyLink at www.calpolylink.com. PolyLink is Cal Poly’s free, private social network for alumni, faculty, staff and – starting in September – current seniors.

Even if you’re a native social networker used to lightning-fast thumb-typing and photo sharing, we’d like you to check out the new Class Notes. Posting a class note is a way to reach out to nearly 13,000 Cal Poly Alumni who may not yet be in your social network connections. Consider uploading a class note to PolyLink to highlight your latest career move, mention in the news media, wedding or new baby.

Just published a book? Launched your own furniture or apparel design line? Started your own company – or Web site? Your own PolyLink Personal Page and PolyLink Class Notes are the places to promote it all.

Here are just a few of the Class Notes you can find in PolyLink right now:

Robert L. Bertini (B.S. Civil Engineering, 1988) is a full professor in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering and School of Urban Studies & Planning at Portland State University. He is also the director of the Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium (OTREC), a National University Transportation Center that is a partnership between PSU, the University of Oregon, Oregon State University and the Oregon Institute of Technology. Bertini has brought nearly $20 million in external funding to PSU since his arrival in 2000.

Joshua McGarva (B.S. Construction Management, 1998) and his Construction Exchange Web made the front page of the Business Section of the Santa Rosa Press Democrat on Nov. 21, 2008. ConstructionExchange.com is a full-featured networking site dedicated to the millions of professionals and companies in construction. When not working on ConstructionExchange.com, McGarva is the vice president of Western Water Construction.

Brian Hogan (B.S. English, 1984) has published a book titled "There’s a Sheep in My Bathtub." It chronicles his family adventures in Outer Mongolia.
Rodney “Rod” Levin (B.S. Architecture, 1958). Rod and Roxanne Levin were married in Paris, France, with their cycling group there to celebrate, and have bicycled many times in Europe and around the U.S. since.

After a full and exciting career in architecture in San Luis Obispo, Rod has pretty much retired, just available now for consultations.

Baby Bonanza: Michelle Shoresman (B.S. Political Science, 2005) and Jonathan Roberts (B.S. Social Science, 2003), Helen Lu (Environmental Engineering, 2002), Kathleen “Kathy” Peters, and Chad and Kristen Roush (Goodwin) have posted class notes announcing new babies (between 2007 and 2009) – complete with baby photos.

Passings: Class Notes contains brief death notices and longer obituaries for 19 alumni from the classes of 1952 through 1997.

In addition to passings noted in PolyLink, there are 94 class notes on careers, 13 on education, four on Engagements & Marriages, four on Births & Adoptions and 27 ‘Other’ kinds of class notes.

Submit one yourself! If you can send an e-mail, you can create your own class note. Click here to go to the Class Notes section on PolyLink (login & password required)

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Alumni: Not ready for PolyLink yet? We’ll go where you are -- Find us and fan us on Facebook (4,700+ Mustang alumni fans and growing).

Business-only is your style? Be sure to join Cal Poly alumni on LinkedIn.