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High School Papers, 1952-1964, undated

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Bob Wobbrock Gardena High School Papers
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0932
Date:	1952-1964 undated
Extent:	1 Cubic foot (3 boxes) 4 Electronic discs (CD)
Creator:	Gardena High School Wobbrock, Bob
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection consists of yearbooks, school newspapers, sports programs, photographs, and other documents from Gardena High School (GHS), Harbor Gateway, Los Angeles, California, United States, dating from 1950s-1960s.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was donated by Bob Wobbrock in 2006.

Separated Materials

**Division of Cultural and Community Life (now Division of Cultural and Community Life),
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Track baton, Accession number 2006.0242.05

Track baton, Accession number 2006.0242.06

Football patch, Accession number 2006.0242.04.2

Football patch, Accession number 2006.0242.08.1

Football patch, Accession number 2006.0242.04.1

Marine League meet medal, Accession number 2006.0242.07.1

Marine League meet medal, Accession number 2006.0242.07.2

Marine League meet medal, Accession number 2006.0242.07.3

Football patch, Accession number 2006.0242.08.3

Football patch, Accession number 2006.0242.08.2

Football patch, Accession number 2006.0242.04.3

Football patch, Accession number 2006.0242.04.4

Football Cleats, Accession number 2006.0242.03

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Biographical / Historical

Gardena High School (GHS) located in Harbor Gateway, Los Angeles, California, United States opened in 1907. Robert (Bob) Wobbrock attended the public high school from 1953 to 1956 where he lettered in football and track.

Scope and Contents

Collection provides insight into the lives of teenagers in California during the 1950s. The publications, particularly the newspapers, document the educational experiences and social activities of students as seen through their eyes. The photographs illustrate some of the sporting events while the yearbooks

provide detailed information about the student body. Bob Wobbrock, a graduate of the winter class of 1956 saved the records of this public high school created while he was a student. The collection is arranged in three series: Series 1, Publications, 1952-1964; Series 2, Photographs, 1953-1956, undated; and Series 3, Documents, 1953-1956, undated.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series.

Series 1, Publications, 1952-1964

Series 2, Photographs, 1953-1956, undated

Series 3, Documents, 1953-1956, undated

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- High school athletes
- High school student activities
- High school students -- California
- High schools -- Alumni and alumnae

Types of Materials:

- Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin -- 1950-1960
- Yearbooks -- 1950-2000

Container Listing

Series 1: School Publications, 1953-1956

Consists of the school's newspapers, yearbooks, and football game programs. The students in journalism class and print shop created the newspapers, *The Lark* and *Smoke Signals*. The collection offers a complete run of *The Lark* and eight copies of *Smoke Signals* from the period 1956-1964. There are four CDs consisting of copies of *The Lark* and created by Wobbrock to share with classmates. The school's yearbook, *El Arador*, meaning the plowman, came out before summer vacation, and there are four copies found among these materials. The materials are arranged first by type and then in chronological order.

Box 1, Folder 1	<i>Lark</i> , 1952 November-1953 February
Box 1, Folder 2	<i>Lark</i> , 1953 February-1953 March
Box 1, Folder 3	<i>Lark</i> , 1953 April-1953 May
Box 1, Folder 4	<i>Lark</i> , 1953 May-1953 June
Box 1, Folder 5	<i>Lark</i> , 1953 October 2-1953 October 30
Box 1, Folder 6	<i>Lark</i> , 1953 November-1953 December
Box 1, Folder 7	<i>Lark</i> , 1953 December -1954 February
Box 1, Folder 8	<i>Lark</i> , 1954 February-1954 March
Box 1, Folder 9	<i>Lark</i> , 1954 March-1954 April
Box 1, Folder 10	<i>Lark</i> , 1954 May-1954 June
Box 1, Folder 11	<i>Lark</i> , 1954 June-1954 October
Box 1, Folder 12	<i>Lark</i> , 1954 October-1954 November
Box 1, Folder 13	<i>Lark</i> , 1954 December-1955 January
Box 1, Folder 14	<i>Lark</i> , 1955 January-1955 February
Box 1, Folder 15	<i>Lark</i> , 1955 March-1955 April
Box 1, Folder 16	<i>Lark</i> , 1955 April-1955 May

Box 1, Folder 17	<i>Lark</i> , 1955 May-1955 September
Box 1, Folder 18	<i>Lark</i> , 1955 October-1955 November
Box 1, Folder 19	<i>Lark</i> , 1955 November-1955 December
Box 1, Folder 20	<i>Lark</i> , 1956 January-1956 March
Box 1, Folder 21	<i>Smoke Signals</i> , 1956 February-1964 October
Box 2, Folder 1	<i>El Arador</i> , 1953
Box 2, Folder 2	<i>El Arador</i> , 1954
Box 2, Folder 3	<i>El Arador</i> , 1955
Box 2, Folder 4	<i>El Arador</i> , 1956
Box 2, Folder 5	Programs, football, 1954 October-1954 November
Box 3, Folder 5	School newspaper, 1953-1956

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Series 2: Photographs, 1953-1956, undated

Include images documenting football games, cheerleaders, track races, and other social activities used in the yearbook. In addition, there are photographs of Robert (Bob) Wobbrock. The materials are arranged by subject.

Box 2, Folder 6	Social activities, <i>El Arador</i> , 1953, undated
Box 2, Folder 7	Football team, 1953, undated
Box 2, Folder 8	Bob Wobbrock, 1953, undated
Box 2, Folder 9	Students, undated
Box 2, Folder 10	Track races, 1955
Box 1, Folder 21	Winter class, 1956

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Series 3: Documents, 1953-1956, undated

Consists of one high school diploma, one hall of fame certificate, and five athletic letter certifications. Materials are arranged in alphabetical order by type.

Box 2, Folder 11 Athletic certificates, 1953-1956, undated

Box 2, Folder 11 Diploma, 1956

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