SCOTTY AT THE BAT.
FREE SPEECH.

During the past year we have been criticised a number of times for the non-appearance of articles which have been handed in. The articles in each case were protests or a few plain truthful facts about flagrant conditions. Either those who "killed the articles were mindful and ashamed of the work or did not know what constituted the life and pep of a school paper. The Daily Palo Alto, Stanford's University paper, The Pacific Arts Weekly, Los Angeles, the Pasadena High School paper, and the Santa Cruz high school paper are among the few schools who have columns in which private individuals or groups of individuals may present their tale of woe to the general public.

There is no doubt that these are among the best schools in the state and country. A student body expects to see in its paper discussions and articles on subjects of vital interest to the students, not long continued stories which may be read in other books and magazines for which we have also been criticised.

In spite of the patriotic and inspiring assembly held last Wednesday, April 25, where we sang songs about the flag and heard rules concerning the care of it, that very evening our flag was mangled down and left lying on the steps of the dining hall all night in the fog.

Upon being questioned about it by one of the commissioned officers, the official caretaker answered, "I don't care," and "If you don't like it, you can get somebody else to take care of the darned thing." Because of his exceeding smallness and puny strength it would be a cinch to knock him down, as any supposed American ought to be knocked down for saying such a thing. However, we feel that some method should be taken to dispel such ideas of disrespect and to install some good American patriotism.
SCHOOL NOTES.

The assembly two weeks ago was perhaps the most patriotic one of the year. Miss Hartzoll, representing the Household Arts department, announced the program which consisted of patriotic songs, readings, and speeches. It was much needed, and many of us will profit by it.

In Wednesday's assembly in charge of the Mechanics department we were entertained by a moving picture film showing the process of manufacturing wood veneer. Mr. Johnston explained the picture and the various methods. He also showed a strip of oak veneer, and a piece of finished work.

Guy Baldwin and Martin Martinussen went to San Francisco yesterday to see about taking the officers' training course at the Presidio. It is very doubtful if they will get in as only 2000 are needed and something like 7000 have already registered.

Art Scarlett and "Tax" Hartman journeyed as far as Hollister with them and will visit their homes for a few days.

The Napa High School debating team taking the negative side of the subject, "Resolved, That the State of California should adopt an unicameral form of Legislature," won on the night of April 27, from the Kern County High School of Bakersfield the interscholastic debating championship of California. Eighty-four high schools participated in the contest, the third annual debate under the auspices of the extension division of the University of California.

On Tuesday of last week a special assembly was held because of good fortune in having with us a speaker or two. Miss Hartzoll, in English major but recently from England, gave us very interesting accounts of her experiences in England regarding the attitudes of the English people toward the war, their condition at the time of the outbreak of the war, and their course for lighting. Her accounts of incidents with the "Tops" were most interesting.

POLY WINS GAME 8 to 1

Poly experienced a grand victory again yesterday. The victims this time being Santa Maria High School. Until Poly got in the game, Santa Maria was near the top for league honors. At the start the teams were well matched, but Poly soon showed her superiority. The only excitement in the first inning was a three bagger by Scott. Muzio made the first run in the third inning. Two more were made in the fourth and none in the fifth and sixth. The score ran up in the old lucky seventh giving Poly five more. It was not until the eighth that Santa Maria made her one run. Scotty made a battery record worth while getting three two baggers out of times up. Weir seemed possessed with picking balls out of the air. Poly pitchers Tomasi and catcher Muzio, Santa Maria, Donovan and Davis. Umpire, J. H. Johnston.

SENIORS DEFEAT JUNIORS

The Junior and Senior teams tangled Monday for the class honors at baseball. The seniors were held down well considering they have seven first team men in their class. Score was 5 to 2.

SOCIETY ITEMS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE.
Pete Perozzi (to balance of surveying class): "Jiggers, fellows, here come the girls."

Bett: "I have your permission to call this evening?"
Helen: "I shall be very much pleased but don't forget that father always switches off the light at ten o'clock."
Bett: "That's kind of him. I'll be there promptly at ten."

Howard H.: "I understand that Herman fell in love with his girl at first sight."
Wilkins: "Yes, and now he is sorry he didn't take a second look."

Rollo: "Oh, Isla, it would take me but five minutes to know your most intimate thoughts."
Isla: "How unpleasant that would be for you."

Scotty: "We find that even the most uncivilized races take pleasure in dancing - I myself at times still gladly take a little turn."

Hilliard: "That girl absolutely threw herself at Bud."
Weir: "Oh, well, I guess she knew he was a good catcher."

Stewart: "What would you do if I were to tell you all of a sudden?"
Marcella: "It wouldn't be 'all' or a sudden, now."

Perozzi: "Bud, makes ver' sure of himself before he goes any boasting."
McCullan: "A safe blower, oh?"

Thelma: "I simply be the in talcum powder. I love it."
Maxine: "Sort of a dry cleaning. I guess."

Willett: "It is said that more than one person has been killed by kissing."
Brown: "Yes; but isn't it great stuff if you live through it."