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POLYTECHNIC'S RATING SYSTEM APPRECIATED

The rating system being used in Polytechnic is attracting attention over the state and in educational circles outside the state as well. In addition, President Richard has received letters from business men commenting on the practical applications of our rating scales.

For the benefit of those who may not be familiar with the scale, it may be said, briefly, that a rating of superior, above average, average, below average, or inferior is given to each student each six weeks not only in effort and accomplishment in subjects registered for, but also in the qualities of

1. Success in doing things thoroughly and within reasonable time.
2. Success in organizing work and in overcoming difficulties.
3. Success in social contacts.
4. Leadership.
5. Vocational fitness.

Recently Mr. Richard received a letter from M. W. Haynes of Indianapolis, in which he complimented for having arranged such an efficient system for the rating of students.

Mr. Haynes is known over the United States as an educator. He is editor of the Standard Apprenticeship Course and is a member of the research division of the United Typothete of America.

Mr. Haynes wrote, in regard to the rating system:

"You have worked out a scheme that is so practical and so thoroughly in accord with recent studies that have been made of this problem. Some of the ideas that you have set forth we have already incorporated in the rating scheme which we are using in our Standard Apprentices Courses.

"Your material suggests other ideas that will prove of value to us. For some time one of my strong convictions has been that a rational scheme for rating students must be based upon a careful analysis of fundamental human qualities. Your material is worked out according to this same idea. Your explanations and definitions make the scheme easily practicable for the instructor who makes the rating, for the parent who reads it, as well as for the student who is the subject of it.

"I try to be careful in the use of superlatives, but I must say that your scheme is the best of its kind that has yet come to my attention.

WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC?



The majority of our exchanges are ignorant, evidently, of just what California Polytechnic School is; the mail comes addressed to the high school in town much of the time.

First, then, we want to make it clear that this is not the San Luis Obispo High School, but that it is a school for training in agriculture, mechanics, and household arts, located about one and a half miles out from San Luis Obispo.

California Polytechnic School was organized to give young men and young women practical training in farming, shop work, and home life. It is run by the State of California; we have no board of trustees; Mr. Will C. Wood has jurisdiction over the school at present in place of any board of trustees. This school is not a high school, but a school run by the state for the young men and young women who want to get practical training that is not obtainable in many of the high schools. It is, however, of secondary rating. The agriculture department is not

You would make a valuable contribution to vocational education work if you would put this material in the form of an article for publication in the Manual Training Magazine, or the Industrial Arts Magazine. It would be a help to many teachers of shop work throughout the country, as well as to teachers of academic subjects."

BLOCK P TO GIVE JITNEY DANCE

On Friday evening, April 21, the Block P is to give a jitney dance in the new auto shop. Coffee, sandwiches and soda-pop will be sold

equaled by any school of its size in the state. The farm and grounds consist of 930 acres. Some of the best of registered stock have been added just this year. There is not space to enumerate the herd heads.

This school offers one of the best courses in mechanics that it is possible to get. Polytechnic owns its own power house, the electricity being produced by gas power or steam engine power. The machine shop is equipped with everything that is necessary to give a complete course in that line. The forge shop is equally good. A new auto-mechanics shop is being finished that will be ready for use next year.

The household arts department has a full building of its own, fully equipped for courses in sewing, cooking, home nursing and applied arts.

California Polytechnic has a wonderful future, because the school can offer the practical training for the young men and women that will make them successful in life.

and the money used for athletic pictures in the Journal.

Kalger's orchestra will play from eight o'clock until eleven. A five-dollar ticket will be sold for 50 cents, so buy tickets and hood the Poly athletics of the future.

State students, special students, alumni and the San Luis High students are invited to come. Ladies will be admitted free. Come prepared for a punch of a time, because you will have it.

Johnny Carrol: What is that cry, oring on tomorrow?

F. Lima: Why, that's back.

"OFFICER 666" TO BE GIVEN BY THE STUDENT BODY

Try-outs for the student body play to be given by Polytechnic in May have been carried on in the assembly hall for the last few days. "Officer 666," a play full of action, and given successfully by other schools, has been chosen.

The response to the try-outs was so strong; there is much dramatic material here, evidently. Because one did not make this cast does not mean he has no ability, for it was necessary to pick people who fitted this particular set of characters.

Miss Abbott will have charge of the rehearsing and staging the play. It has not yet been decided whether to try to get the Elmo of the Woman's Civic Club.

The cast is not yet complete, but it has been decided that Ethel Van Wormer is to take the feminine lead, that of Helen Burton; Palmer Powell the part of the smooth pleasure importer, Alden Davis the police captain, William Corbin the part of Kearney the plain clothes man, John Loucka the butler Thomas Watkins, Gertrude Truesdale the part of Mrs. Burton, and Virginia Jackson the part of Mrs. Burton's niece. Sadie Changes and additions will doubtless be made.

KELVIN CLUB HEARS INTERESTING PROGRAM

Kelvin Club held another meeting in the assembly hall and in the Household Arts building the evening of April 11. The committee in charge was Mr. Whitlock, chairman; Mr. Slusher, Mr. Knott, Captain Donald, Mr. Ellis and Miss Dull.

Mr. Ellis entertained with an illustrated monolog, the faculty male quartet made up of Messrs. Skarstedt, Anderson, Whitlock and Saunderson, and under the direction of Mr. Slusher a farce was given.

The vehicle for the starring of Mr. Knott in a dramatic way was the short play entitled, "Where but in America?" Mr. Knott played the part of Mr. Espinayne, Mrs. Hilton the part of Mrs. Espinayne, and Miss Hayship the part of Hilda, the Swedish maid.

Refreshments were served in the dining room of the Household Arts building.

Coyner: How would you like to have a pet monkey?

Alma: Oh, this is so sudden.

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WHY COME TO SCHOOL?

Why do we come to school, anyway?

This is a question asked by many students. The answer is simple enough. We are here to get an education. Then we are here for our own good; all of us should know this, but if we do not, then the sooner we do, the better.

Still, many do not realize what that means, even. They go because their parents send them, then they study just hard enough to get the required number of credits. If students would only wake up to the fact that every lesson prepared well means more practical knowledge, and every bluff carried through sets them back a notch in gaining this knowledge, doubtless, then they would try to do better with assignments.

Students should realize that it does not hurt the teacher if they do not get their lessons, that it hurts them personally and their parents' bank account.

What is the use of sending their children to school if these children are not going to learn anything? They had better be out working, earning a small salary that they will always earn as long as their strength holds out.

When they see that a trained man is the one that the world needs, they might waken up and see the benefits of an education.

EXCHANGES

The Senior girls of the San Diego High School passed a resolution as follows: "We, the Senior girls of San Diego High School, do hereby resolve that we will forego the noticeable use of cosmetics, and we hope that the other girls of the school will do likewise."

Stockton High School will hold their Hello "Luck Day" on May 26. This is the day the school has their circus, the members of the circus troop being none other than the students themselves. From all facts that can be gathered the circus will be a lively one.

The University farm at Davis, California, will again pit their boxers against the U. C. boxers in a re-

turn match. The Davis boxers are training to "The Limit."

MECHANICS TAKE TRIP TO THE OIL FIELDS

Last Friday the Mechanics Association were excused from all classes for the day to visit the Santa Maria oil fields.

The bunch started from the school at 8:30, making a stop at Santa Maria and arriving at the Union Oil Company's largest gas compressor at 11:30.

The superintendent of the plant took the boys through the different buildings and explained the different processes the gas goes through. This plant was especially interesting to the mechanics as the gas is compressed by four 450-horsepower gas engines. These were a novelty to several who had never seen such big engines.

When the students had finished looking over the plant it was 12:15, so they ate lunch, although one or two had to go hungry as they were bothered so much they did not have time to eat. Ask Potter about it.

After lunch they went down about a mile and a half to another, but smaller, compressor plant, having six 80-horsepower gas engines. The engineer explained the process in this plant; it does not differ from the other, but the equipment is built on a different plan.

The boys next visited another plant five miles from the second, but on the other side of the oil fields. In this plant the compressors are run by two 200-horsepower electric motors. The process in this plant differed in that the gasoline vapor is taken out of the gas by a different method that is more efficient. The gas after being compressed and having the gasoline extracted, is sent to San Luis Obispo and other places for cooking, heating and lighting.

The association arrived in San Luis about 5 o'clock. The total mileage of the trip was ninety-five miles.

PRESIDENT RICCARDI ATTENDS CONVENTION

President Ricciardi attended the High School Principals' convention held in Pasadena last week. He took with him the mechanical book of views that was on exhibit in the office for several weeks, using it to show what Polytechnic is trying to do.

He was given an opportunity to speak on the departments of the school and on the rating system that has been put into effect here.

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 To ruin time, steal a watch.
 It takes three springs to make a leap year.
 People who are behind times should be fed on ketchup.
 Fat Hodges studied chemistry; He studied long and late.
 Fat Hodges breathed some chlorine gas;
 He will not graduate.

Judge What is the charge against Allan, officer?
 Town Constable Fragrance, your honor; he's been drinking perfume.
 The Villain Helen, will you marry me?
 Helen Why, Harold, I refused you just last week.
 Harold Oh, was that you?

A harmless death drowning in tears.

THE BEST EVER IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 12

The assembly on April 12 was in charge of the Mechanics Association. The program was made up of different scenes in Poly's "activities."
 The curtains opened showing the Agriculture Association at one of their busiest meetings, every officer being present. Owing to the high cost of flea powder, the financial condition was very bad and they decided to give a dance in the horse barn to raise the sum of fifteen cents to set them on their feet again. Adyler Saunders (C. Potter) is inventing a flea powder for Berkshire horses, and any donations will be kindly appreciated.
 Fred Word's orchestra played good lively music between scenes.
 Then the bell rang and we saw Mr. Agostl (Red Steiner) in charge of the study hall, third period, Tuesday morning. By constant attention the girls were kept quiet and at their work.
 Oh, yes the girls' band who would have thought it? It was lead by Mr. Saunders, the flutist, who must have been Zeroline in disguise. The band consisted of Minnie Johe (Harold Brown) playing the cornet, Dorothy Miller (Pretty Boy) playing with the alto, Ethel Van Wormer (Bob Fergle) with a bass horn and Marcella Fitzgerald (George Elliott) also playing an alto. If some of them hadn't stopped to powder their noses, they might have kept their time, but it was good for the first time.

Alma T. What kind of a resolution did you write?
 H. B. Resolved, that so and so should do such and such, etc.

Mrs. Haylin Define excavate and give a sentence to illustrate.
 S. Patchett To hollow out; the baby excavates when it gets hurt.

Heard from a glass of milk in the mess hall?
 Gerni Who are the new bugs in our milk can?
 Mike Robe Probably some more strained relations.

G.H. Well, how much do I weigh?
 Well Look you must learn to use your scales.

Mr. Agostl (Chemistry) Ferrini what makes a kettle sing?
 Ferrini When the microbes in the water hit the cold air, their teeth chatter.

Wilma R. Last night Hubert tried to put his arm around me three times.
 Laura Some arm, I'll say.

V. Winner How long will I have to wait for a shave, barber?
 About three years, sonny.

"How do you like my new hat?"
 "My, how sweet you look in that dress," I know, something about you." "Montana Snowboy is going to be vamped," also a Knott-tee puzzle was discussed this is the Annapola in full session, where you get all of the news, but don't tell anybody.

Last we see the Commercial Club in charge of assembly. It was a short peppy assembly, but owing to lack of space you will have to wait for it until the next Polygram. Everyone is still smiling over it.

MECHANICS HEAR TALK ON WILLYS-KNIGHT

Mr. F. W. Lawton, a special Willys-Knight representative from the Willys-Knight factory in Toledo, Ohio, gave an interesting talk on the Knight motors last Thursday afternoon in the assembly hall. The members of the Mechanics Association and all students in the shops were excused to hear Mr. Lawton.

He told of the organization of the motor and its development in England and then in America. He also dwelt on the features of the motor showing that it is quiet owing to the eccentric motion of the valve parts; powerful, due to the spherical shaped combustion chamber; simple in construction, owing to the lesser number of parts. He showed also why the motor improves with use the carbon is treated as a friend instead of an a foe.

At the close of his talk, he left everyone with a profound respect and with great admiration for the Knight motor.

THE MECHANICS ARE HEARD FROM AGAIN

The following extract is from the "Carpenter of Rouen" and is especially dedicated here to Mr. Duddleson and the moving picture Ag assemblies.

"The Mechanic, sir, is God's nobleman. What have mechanics not done? Have they not opened the secret chambers of the mighty deep, and extracted its treasures and made the raging billows their highway, on which they ride as a tame steed? Are not the elements of fire and water chained to a crank, and at the mechanic's bidding compelled to turn it?"

"Have not mechanics opened the bowels of the earth, and made the products contribute to their wants? The forked lightning is their plaything, and they ride triumphant on the wings of the mighty winds. To the wise they are the flood-gates of knowledge, and kings and queens are decorated with their handiwork."

A number of old students were visiting Poly this week. Among them were the Melnecke girls, Stewart MacMillan and Phyllis Figue. They were all here on their Easter vacation.

A number of high school students were out also, wishing they were coming to Poly.

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ATHLETICS

POLY DEFEATS ARROYO GRANDE IN SECOND GAME OF THE SEASON

The Poly Sluggers defeated the Arroyo Grande Leaders in a baseball game the afternoon of April 15 by a 16-4 score.

The field was in bad shape but Poly defeated Arroyo easily, though Arroyo had a 4-2 lead until the seventh inning, when we started off on a rally and ran in nine runs. From then on the Leaders blew up and ran in two other pitchers before the game was finished.

Miller and Annin, playing for Poly, were crippled in the game, Miller with a bruised muscle and Annin by a sprained ankle. Both are recovering fast and will be able to play in the Wednesday game with Atascadero.

The box score:

Polytechnic	A	R	H	O	A	E
Fickle, ss.	7	1	3	0	4	1
Troup, rf.	5	2	5	1	0	0
Patchett, cf.	6	2	1	3	0	0
Elliott, 3b.	3	0	0	2	0	1
Vreeland, 2b.	2	2	1	1	0	0
Davis, 1b.	4	2	2	7	0	0
Miller, c.	0	1	0	3	0	2
Annin, c.	5	1	2	8	2	0
Righetti, p.	5	1	1	1	3	0
Lima, lf.	2	1	0	0	0	1
Potter, lf.	3	2	2	0	0	0
Urquiso, 2b.	5	1	1	1	1	0
Total	49	16	18	27	10	5

Arroyo Grande	A	R	H	O	A	E
Ralph, 3b.	4	0	2	1	1	0
Dana, 2b-p.	5	1	0	2	1	0
McBane, lf.	5	1	3	1	0	0
Warner, c.	4	0	3	9	0	2
Sevier, p-2b.	4	0	1	3	5	0
Waterman, lb.	4	0	0	6	1	0
Hobbs, cf.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Baker, rf.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Swaff, ss.	4	1	1	1	4	1
Foster, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	38	4	12	27	12	3

JUNIOR FRESH GIRLS WALLOP SENIOR SOPHS

The Junior-Freshies romped all over the Senior-Sophs in a game of indoor baseball played after school April 10.

The final score for the five innings was 32-4 in the Junior-Freshies' favor. Elliott and Troup were umpires.

The Senior-Soph team was made up of Alma Tognazzi, Helen Rutherford, Wilhelmus Joho, Mrs. Be'l, Mary Chaves, Gertrude Truesdale and Anna Gaise. The Junior-Freshie team was Muriel Sellers, Wilma Rougeo, Alta Mayhew, Virginia Jackson, Ann Chaves, Margaret Word and Edna Pezzoni.

Tim: Is this furniture antique?
Old Timer: Naw, I remember this chair when it was a stool.

Poly	0	1	0	1	0	0	9	0	5	14
A. G.	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	16

Stolen bases: Fickle, Troup 2; Vreeland, Davis, Miller, Annin 5; Righetti, Lima, Potter 4; Ralph 4; Warner, Baker, Swaff. Two-base hits: Righetti, Troup. Three-base hits: Urquiso, Warner. Struck out by Righetti, 11; by Sevier, 5; by Foster, 2. Bases on balls, off Righetti, 2; off Sevier, 2; off Foster, 1. Hit by pitcher, Lima Miller.

POLY WINS FIRST BASEBALL GAME OF THE SEASON

Poly's baseball team started the season with a boost. The team motored over to Atascadero to cop the first game of the season by a score of 5-1 on April 5.

The weather was not good baseball weather as the rain before the game made the field rather similar to a dance floor, but for all that both teams played a tight game.

Fickle and Patchett for Poly each scored a home run. Erwin pitched a good game and was given excellent support by both the in-field and out-field.

Poly had a small crowd of rooters at the game, but they showed the old spirit, in which Poly's rooters have never failed. They cheered the slugging nine on to victory.

Poly's nine was composed of Miller, catcher; Leonard Edwin, pitcher; Righetti, 1b; Urquiso, 2b; Vreeland, ss; Troup, cf; Sommers, rf; S. Patchett, lf; Potter, McKie, Annin and Lima substituted.

COMPANY A DEFEATED BY COMPANY B

The second game of Company A vs. Company B proved fatal for the Dormers; the Towners scored 14 runs to the Dorm's 13.

SHORT AND SWEET

The pie sale given by the Block P Wednesday, April 12, lasted only a short time. The hungry Belgians have nothing on us when it comes to eating the pies made by the Circle P girls. The amount made came to \$10.45.

The game was interesting during the whole of the seven innings, and was thrilling at certain moments—especially when Fickle slid into third base on his head, only to be called out by Umpire Gary.

The line-up:

Co. A	Co. B
Annin	Miller
Zeroline Potter	Righetti
Sommers	Van Schatek
Urquiso	Patchett
Fickle	McKie
Elliott	Vreeland
Troup	Carrol
Martisen	Davis
Erwin	Lima

SENIORS DEFEAT THE FACULTY IN BASEBALL

On Friday, April 7, the champion of the inter-class games and the faculty connected on the diamond for a baseball game. Most of the students rooted for the faculty (why?), but it was of no use, for the game ended 11-8 in favor of the Seniors.

The battery for the Seniors was Righetti and Davis. For the faculty Mr. Agosti held down the mound and Mr. Fry worked behind the cage.

The two teams hope to meet again soon for a better game.

NEW BASEBALL CAPTAIN ELECTED

George Troup was elected baseball captain for this season. Six of last year's players who won letters voted.

Miller, Righetti and Troup were nominated, but the count showed Troup elected with three votes.

Bachelor: Hey, you! I saw a man down town who said he would give five dollars to see you.
H. L.: Yea—who was he?
Ernest: A blind man.

If Atascadero had come as expected, they would have been out of luck, as the pies were gone before they possibly could have arrived.

Gallagher stood on the track. The engine gave a squeal; The engineer leaned from the cab And scraped him from the wheel.

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