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**THE FIRST ASSEMBLY.**

At the first regular assembly held on Wednesday, September 15, Mr. Byder gave a few general directions, then called upon the counselors of the various activities for a few words.

Mr. Whitlock, representing the Music Department, told something of the value of music. He even made the statement that a cow gives more butter fat when the milking is accompanied by music, but Mr. Watson added in his talk following that his singing was an exception to that rule.

The Agriculture Association was explained by Mr. Watson, who told of the agricultural exhibits at the State Fair in Sacramento, and the interest we all should have in such an exhibit of progress. He particularly impressed us with his description of pigs as large as elephants and elephants as small as pigs.

Mr. Bendel spoke briefly but to the point, on the value of mechanics and their close relation to agriculture.

Miss Hoover gave a short talk about the Amapola Club, whose membership is the girls of the school. She said that the other organizations were important but that she had noticed that they all came to the girls sooner or later for various affairs.

Mr. Hess closed the Assembly with a talk on athletics. He made a strong appeal to the boys to come out for football, and urged the girls to urge the boys to come out.

**ORGANIZATIONS.**

No doubt it will be of interest to the new faculty members and the new students to know something of the different organizations of Poly. There are seven of such varied characteristics that everyone will be able to find one at least that will

interest him; hence it would be wise to learn something of their purposes and qualifications for membership.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are the only ones eligible to join either the Mechanics or Agriculture Associations. The purpose of these two clubs is to interest their members in the most important agricultural and mechanical developments, past and present.

The Amapola Club, which is the only girls' club in the school, has to do with all items of interest to the girls. The women faculty members are honorary members, and one of them, Miss Hawk, acts as advisor to the club.

The Block P Club is a club organized by the boys who have won Block P's in major athletic activities.

The Pig Club, which is usually quite active in the spring, concerns itself with the scientific raising of pigs. The students buy the small pigs and take care of them until they are large enough to sell. They receive for their efforts the entire profits made. Only Agricultural students may be members.

Anyone who desires may join the boys' or the girls' glee clubs. The purpose is not only to cultivate the voice, but to afford means of entertainment, school or otherwise.

Last but not least, is the Alumni Association to which all the Poly graduates belong. This year it will be of particular interest, for the Association is to give to the student who proves most capable, in all school work, a reward of one hundred and fifty dollars. Personality as well as scholarship is to be taken into consideration.

**FOOTBALL.**

Come One — Come All.

Mr. Hess, our athletic coach, started the football season off with

a bang in our first assembly, by announcing a meeting Thursday of all football men belonging to the Block P Club. Harold Brown was elected captain by the club at this meeting. With him as captain we all may expect a really snappy, go-get-'em football team, able to bring the bacon from Santa Barbara.

Mr. Hess also called a meeting of all football candidates in the Assembly Hall for Friday evening. He urged all men who possibly could to come out for this great game, even to such men as Pelican Howard, Fat Hodges and Pewee Piper because all have an equal chance. We are hoping for a peppy meeting for many games are being scheduled for the coming season and our team is out to win.

**THE JOSH BOX.**

If you have or hear jokes that you think others would enjoy, drop them into the box outside the door or Room 6, Administration Building. Good natured jokes on people about school are particularly desirable but extra good ones that you have heard will not be refused. If you have any news, report it to any member of English III, or make a note of it and drop it into the box outside the door. The Polygram wants to represent and report the entire student body; it can not do that without the co-operation of the student body. The student body does not mean the other fellow, it means you. Drop in your jokes and notes today.

A slight indication of the growth and influence of Poly, is the fact the five hundred copies of the Polygram are to be printed each issue this year instead of the 375 of last year.

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**INITIATIONS.**

The value of initiations, as the entrance ceremonies customary in many of the high schools and universities are called, depends upon the service they render to the school and the initiated individual. Any initiation which prepares the victim to play his part better in life, or even his part as a student, more efficiently than otherwise possible, is of value to the victim and to the student body. Genius is usually required to devise such ceremonies. If the student body be officially organized, initiation ceremonies which test the eligibility of the entering student to membership, thereby avoiding undesirable members, increase the efficiency of that body. If any such ceremonies be crude and detrimental to the victim, the initiators and other members of the school are destroying that which they should try to build up—school honor and dignity.

An ordinary individual learns more from frequent association with others than through devised ordeals. For instance, the least observing Freshman soon notices methods of the old students while waiting in line on registration day, and learns to be on his guard.

Upper-classesmen, if you would have the entering students join you in work for the benefit of the school, and be proud of the school, show them that you are their friends, and play square even with your enemies. Help the entering students get started right and help them to keep going right; you know how. Some day they will take your places and a little timely help saves much confusion in the future.

SAM WRIGHT, '21.

**CHANGES IN THE FACULTY.**

Some of the new members of our faculty have taken places vacated by former teachers, while others have positions which have just been established, because of the rapid growth of California Polytechnic.

Mr. Nerd's place has been taken by Mr. Skarstedt. Miss Lucy Hawk now has Miss Woodell's position. Miss Hawk has just come from Indiana where she has taught in various high schools, and Mr. Skarstedt comes from the East, also. Mr. Jenkins is succeeded by Miss Hayslip, who has been in Tulare High School. She will have the Physical Education in addition to the English. Mrs. Stedman has come to take charge of the library and the store. This year we have two carpentry shop teachers; Mr. Wilcox is the instructor for the regular students and Mr. Hudspeth the teacher for the vocational men. In the machine shop, Mr. Vine has the vocational students and Mr. Weller has the department for the regular students.

**THE NEW COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.**

People have often wondered why the Polytechnic has not offered a commercial course to the students of the school. Heretofore, it has been thought that since the local high school had provided a strong course in that line, it would not be proper to put in an identical course here, but now that this department has been necessitated by the vocational students, it has been decided to offer it to the regular students also. Miss Mary Stempel who has had charge of commercial departments in business colleges and high schools, will have charge of the work here.

**CLASSROOM CHANGES.**

The classroom arrangement has been changed somewhat. The mechanical drawing room has been moved to the south end of Science Hall over the library. The Spanish and History Departments will be found on the second floor of the Household Arts Building. The girls will not use the Assembly Hall for Physical Education as they have done in former years.

**FACULTY VACATIONS.**

Mr. Ryder spent his vacation in Yosemite.

Miss Howe and Miss Williams visited their homes in Michigan and Iowa, respectively, going by way of the Canadian Pacific. They returned by way of the Grand Canyon.

Mr. Whitlock, while spending his summer in Whittier, was much interested in a political quartet.

Miss Hoover, after spending some time in Seabright and Palo Alto, went on a camping trip to the Big Basin.

Miss Chase visited the Grand Canyon during the two weeks preceding the opening of school.

Mr. Watson was with his family in Seabright and San Jose.

Mr. Bendel went to Chicago by one of the northern routes, returning by the Santa Fe. Report has it that he became quite an expert in broncho riding while visiting the Grand Canyon.

Mr. Yearly spent his vacation in Los Angeles.

Among those whose work kept them busy at Poly during the summer are Miss Butler, Miss Dull, Mr. Larson, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Tognazzini, Mr. Vine, Mr. Hudspeth, Mr. Hess and Mr. Figge.

Mrs. Bland of the office force, divided her time between Hemet and Yosemite. Miss Steiner went to Los Angeles via the Southern Pacific, but she returned luxuriously via a brand new automobile.

**BOOK STORE HOURS ANNOUNCED**

Mrs. Stedman calls your attention to the hours that the book store will be open; in the morning they are from eight to eight-fifteen and in the afternoons from twelve-thirty to one and from four to four twenty-five. Other hours are as a rule library hours, but they are not so definite as yet because Mrs. Stedman uses much of her time in the Study Hall. The notice of these hours will be posted in various conspicuous places.

**THE FRESHMAN RECEPTION**

Plans are being made under the direction of the social committee for the annual Freshman Reception to be held Friday evening, September 24, in the dining hall. This reception is being given to the Freshmen by the regular students of the Polytechnic. The parents of these students are most cordially urged to be present.

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### JOSHES.

Mr. Saunders to Fuzzy in Botany  
lab: "With what plants are you  
most familiar?"

Fuzzy: "The mistletoe, of  
course."

Miss Howe, in Physics: "Has  
anyone any questions on the les-  
son?"

West: "Yes, where is it?"

Seniors were born for great deeds;  
Sophomores were born for small;  
But someone will have to tell me  
Why Freshmen were born at all.

### So It Goes.

A boy, a book,  
A girl, a look;  
Book neglected,  
A flunk expected.

The gas was leaking in the lab,  
He lit a match to find it,  
The gas is leaking just the same,  
But, now he doesn't mind it.

Mistress: "Did the mustard plas-  
ter do you any good, Bridget?"

Bridget: "Yes, but, begorry,  
mum, it do bite the tongue."

"They tell me your son plays on  
the Poly football team."

"It is true."

"What position does he play?"

"I think he is one of the draw-  
backs."

"Have you seen Al?"

"Al WHO?"

"Alcohol; kerosene him and he  
hasn't benzine since."

### ATHLETIC.

The large enrollment on the thir-  
teenth encourages Poly to believe  
that she will add athletic honors  
this year to the ones of former  
years. Mr. Hess, the boys' coach,  
will begin the year with football.  
We have beaten many neighboring  
high schools and some that are not  
so near. The boys follow football  
with basketball, track and baseball,  
in which some of our opponents are  
Santa Barbara, Paso Robles and  
Santa Maria.

The girls take an active part in  
school athletics, though their activi-  
ties are inter-class rather than inter-  
school. The girls have been par-  
ticularly enthusiastic over indoor  
baseball, hockey, track and tennis.  
MARIE MEINECKE, '20.

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### SCHOOL NOTES.

This, the first issue of the Polygram for 1920-21, is gotten out before the regular staff of the paper has been chosen. The members of the staff of last year who are still in school are responsible for the work done but their work has been supplemented by items furnished by the Third Year English class.

As an appreciation of the support given the Polygram by the advertisers, the ads of 1919-20 are run for the first issue, and we call the attention of the new readers to them.

#### Initiation of the Freshmen Girls.

A most enjoyable noon hour was spent Thursday, September 16, when the Freshmen girls gave us several musical numbers on the front lawn. The program proceeded as follows:

Rubber Dolly by Pearl Bardness.  
You'd Be Surprised by Fay Rought.

My Sister's Favorite by Vera Whiteside.

Columbus Sailed the Dark Blue Sea by Esther Whiteside.

Little Jack Horner by Helen Rutherford.

Thank You by Jessie Gilardi.

#### Poly's Enrollment.

The thirteenth of September marked the registration and opening day of school. The enrollment of this year is the largest that the school has ever had. The exact number of students is not known as yet, but it is said to be over two hundred and fifty and over three hundred counting the ex-service men. Many new students have entered and practically all of the old students have returned.

You would like to know where the students all come from? Well, here you are: Tennessee, Oklahoma and Texas are among the states represented outside of California. There are ten boys from Mexico here for the first time this year. Then there are boys from all over California. The classes are more evenly divided this year, as the enrollment is large for each the agricultural, mechanic and academic departments. The commercial course has claimed quite a number of new and old students, even though this is its first year.

To enable us to accommodate such a large number of boys, the Dormitory has been made to house more by changing the once single rooms into double rooms, thus pro-

viding quarters for sixty-five instead of forty-five.

#### The Federal Men at Poly.

When we came back, we were glad to see so many of the vocational boys still with us. They have increased greatly in number since last June. They are reared by Mr. Duddleson, successor to Mr. Saddington, who left during the summer.

The original plan of the Board of Education is to give each individual a sixty-day tryout course, then if he shows aptitude for some particular line, he is sent on further to a more advanced study in a different school. An average of eighty men are expected to be here all the time.

To aid the men the school has purchased some new equipment for the machine shop, including a larger lathe and a universal grinder. An assistant, Mr. Weller, is now in the shops with Mr. Vine.

The men of the Vocational Guidance and Tryout School will be very glad to have any assistance from those attending the regular session, especially would those handicapped by injuries appreciate any offerings of a ride or so to and from school each day. We all hope the other fellow will do his best to try to make the ex-soldier one of us.

#### Rearrangement of the Terms.

A new plan has been started since the school has been used for the vocational training of the returned soldiers. The school is to be open continuously throughout the year. This idea is in conformance with that of eastern schools and Stanford. The school year is divided into quarters with a vacation of one week every thirteen weeks. At present this plan is followed with the vocational students only, and whether it will be adopted with regular students remains to be decided.

#### MARGARET MEINECKE, '21.

#### The Class of '20, and Others.

The Class of '20 has produced three nurses, Marguerite Baker, Maxine Barneburg and Marguerite Tognassi. Miss Baker is at St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles, Miss Barneburg is at the University of California Hospital in Berkeley, and Miss Tognassi is at Lane's Hospital in San Francisco.

Perry Martinsen is employed by an electrical company in Santa Barbara.

Claude Arnold and George Smith are attending the University of California in Berkeley.

Marie and Elsie Meinecke are returning to Poly this year for a post-graduate course.

Sh-sh- June Taylor was met walking to work at seven-thirty A. M. Can it be possible? She is employed by the S. P. Milling Company as assistant bookkeeper.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart, both of the Class of '18, are the parents of a baby boy, born July 29, in San Francisco. Mrs. Stewart was Miss Hazel True.

Olin Halstead, a former Polyite, has moved to Arizona with his parents.

Bertha Haberl spent a few days visiting friends in Santa Margarita and San Luis.

Dorothy Cook is now living with her sister in Lodi.

George and Grace Harrison, both former Poly students, visited San Luis recently.

Slim Gardner expects to leave for Washington, D. C., on September 20, to enter an electrical engineering college.

Miss Dull and Miss Butler of the Vocational Department are driving new machines this fall. Miss Dull has bought a Dodge touring car and Miss Butler has a Buick Roadster.

The football field has been worked over for football practice. Do your bit by walking and driving around instead of over it.

Among our new students entered this week are Miss Mildred Boosinger, Misses Laura and Dorothy Miller, Dick Aston, Milton Reghetti, and John Miller.

Mr. Wilcox who has been assistant in the carpentry work for a short time, has left to take up work in Pasadena.

The glee clubs and the orchestra are being organized. Miss Chase will be glad to consult with students who are thinking of going into one of these organizations. If you can arrange your schedule with her, get into one of the musical activities.

The English III Class arranged in its meeting on Wednesday, the staff that is to have charge of the Polygram for the coming year. During 1920-1921 a representative from each the Agriculture and Mechanics Departments will work with the staff from the Academic Department. A full list of the staff will be published in the next issue of the Polygram.

#### HELEN LOUIS, '21.