

# THE POLYGRAM



## THE HONOR ROLL.

The article in the last Polygram on the method of securing the Honor Roll personnel was so suggestive that in making up the roll for February, the method which it mentioned as a possible alternate has been considered.

In February only eighteen students had an average of 85 per cent or over, no failures or conditions, and no "no grades." This number is smaller than usual. It surely would not be wise, however, to consider any with a lower grade as Honor Roll candidates. The list is as follows, the ten highest according to our present system comprising the Honor Roll:

E. Steiner .....	90.80
Margaret Meinecke .....	90.60
Marie Meinecke .....	88.80
B. Wright .....	88.79
E. Kincaid .....	88.40
Anna Golse .....	88.30
Dorothy James .....	88.13
Phyllis Figue .....	88.11
C. Steiner .....	87.80
Dorothy Miller .....	87.50
L. Otto, 87.4; Mildred Gibson,	
87.3; R. Aston, 87; A. Kinsman,	
86.8; Dorothy Prewitt, 86.18;	
George Chaves, 86.15; Laura Mil-	
ler, 85.3; R. Kench, 85.09.	

In examining this list it is well to remember that the grade of each student depends on the number of credits he is carrying, the grade in each subject being multiplied by the number of credits it represents before it is averaged. All of those mentioned are carrying over twenty-one credits, two academic students carrying the smallest number and one two academic students and one household arts students carrying the greatest number, 30 3/4 credits.

Let us now make a trial Honor Roll according to departments. The two from the Academic Department, including the commercial students, are Ernest Steiner and Margaret Meinecke, the Household Arts girls

would be Dorothy James and Dorothy Miller. The Mechanics, climbing four because of their large proportion of the total student body, would be E. Kincaid, A. Kinsman, G. Chaves and R. Kench, the three last not appearing on the present roll. The Agricultural students are unfortunate this time as none are on the list, so their place must be left vacant and the Honor Roll will consist of eight only. This change has dropped from the list two commercial students and three academic students. The success of the Academic students in climbing to a high place on the list is no doubt due to the fact that 80 per cent is the recommending grade to higher work and that the Academic student who is making a grade less than 80 per cent in any subject is practically failing in that subject. Necessity is the mother of many other things than invention. The change has also added to the list three mechanics who would not otherwise be there. Of these three only one is carrying any of the heavier classes in the mechanics course.

But if this process of division is begun, would it logically stop at departments? Might it not be carried on to class divisions as well, the Freshmen for instance, claiming that it would not be fair to compare their grades when the school and its ways were new to them with those of the Sophomores, whose period of adjustment was completed; the Juniors claiming that it was arrant nonsense to compare men struggling with the mysteries of chemistry, strength of material power, heat and light with underclassmen taking some "kid subjects." If these claims were granted, would a school honor roll be a possibility at all!

A great many of the high schools in the State have honor societies composed of the students receiving

the highest grades. To become a member of such a society, a student must carry a certain number of credits and must receive a certain number of high grades. Eligibility to the society does not depend upon the course taken although these may vary in difficulty at least as much as do the courses in this school.

This matter should not be decided by its popular appeal but by its wisdom and justice. If anyone has any more arguments on either side, let us hear them.

## BASEBALL FOR FEDERAL STUDENTS

After a short talk by Mr. Duddleson at the Federal Assembly Friday, February 25, a discussion was brought up of the possibilities of a baseball team being created among the Federal students. The whole student body was in favor of it but it was a question as to whether there were enough men with disabilities such that baseball would not injure them. It was then agreed that there would be a team but each member playing must have a doctor's certificate of permission. Mr. Duddleson was elected manager and Mr. Flanningan captain of the team. Since then there have been two games played, the Federal team winning both.

## TRACK

The question has been asked several times on how and on what conditions a fellow may win his letter. In any tryout in any event you have a fair chance to make a point.

A man can try out for as many events as he wishes, in fact the more he enters, the bigger are his chances of getting a letter or a star. Six points throughout the meet entitles you to your letter or star.

The track is now in excellent condition and we hope it will be kept so.

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#### THE JOURNAL

The annual Journal will in a few months make its welcome appearance. Its editors are doing all they can to make it as good or better than previous issues and to have it come out as soon as their efforts, with the cooperation of the rest of the Student Body, can make it possible.

In the last issue of "The Polygram" much was said about the Student Body cooperation in making "The Polygram" a paper that all will be proud of. At this time it is proper to say something along the same line but in support of the Journal.

Although the war has stopped, the cost of publishing a Journal of somewhat the same nature as that of last year has increased to a considerable extent. With practically the same amount of money to start off with on the enterprise of publishing the year book (and this is by no means anywhere near enough) and with the difficulty in obtaining advertisers in the Journal, it is going to be a big undertaking to "pull the thing through," as you might say.

It is going to mean the very best of cooperation and support of everyone to make the Journal a success. No back sliders or knockers can be tolerated for it will be their lack of effort that will cause a Journal to be published which will not reach the standard of former issues.

It is also going to mean that every student should do something to help in its publication and should do it NOW and NOT at the eleventh hour.

Last year the Journal came out as late as it did because there was a lack of cooperation between the staff and the rest of the students (and also the faculty). The portrait photos of the faculty and seniors were not taken on time. There was not enough material in the way of snapshots and jokes to warrant the publication until it was finally obtained through special work of a few of the staff members.

No one likes to force any person to show school spirit in helping along school activities, so this time see if you can do something for your Journal without continually being prodded and asked.

Contribute some good snappy jokes or snapshots or any other necessary material for the Journal. There are notices on the bulletin board and in one of the last issues of "The Polygram" telling the "what and where" of the things desired.

Although lack of money makes it only possible to offer small and few rewards for the best contributions, do not let that worry you. Do something for which little or no payment, except your own personal satisfaction, is given in return. Do it especially for the occasion. Show your school spirit!

#### QUAKER GLEE CLUB COMING

The Whittier College Glee Club under the direction of Howard L. Hockett will give a concert the evening of April 2 at the Civic Club. Mr. Whitlock asks the cooperation of the Poly students further, even though many of the girls have already made plans to entertain some of them. Free tickets will be given to those members who help entertain. Please report to Mr. Whitlock anyone who would care to aid.

Mr. Whitlock was a member of the club in U. S. C. when Mr. Hockett was director, and sang with the Quakers in Festival Hall at the World's Fair in 1915. The program the club promises to give here will consist of vocal and instrumental solos, quartets, readings and dramatics, and ensemble choruses.

The tickets will be on sale by the boys' and girls' glee clubs at a special rate to students, and also at the People's Pharmacy.

#### COLONEL RYDER TO LEAVE POLY

Col. Ryder, who holds a commission in the Engineers Corps, has been on detached duty at this school for the past several years. He tendered his resignation to the trustees last May as he expected to be ordered on active duty at any time. He will leave the school about July 1 and expects then to sail in a few weeks for the Orient.

Colonel Ryder came to the school in the fall of 1911 from the University of California, where he had been assistant to the Dean of the Engineering College in the Mechanical Engineering Department.

The power house building had just been completed. He took charge of the mechanical work, installing all the machinery and other equipment, including new lighting and heating systems. He reorganized the Mechanics course in Applied Science, under which heading surveying, physics and electricity were taught. To the surveying course he added one week's field work and increased the equipment from one transit and three levels to its present condition. After his appointment as director in 1913 he reorganized the school system into departments (formerly with the exception of agriculture there had been no regularly organized courses) and changed all courses from three to four years. He installed the Academic Department, securing accrediting at the University. He established the Military Department. As a naval officer he was able to secure the necessary equipment from the government.

Mr. Ricciardi, the new director of the school, is a graduate of the University of California and a man fully conversant with California educational problems. He has taught in a number of schools in northern and central California. In Oakland he was principal of one of the elementary schools for a while and later was promoted to be Director of the Bureau of Vocational Guidance in the Oakland schools. After that he entered the government employ with the Federal Board for Vocational Education. He is at present head of the Twelfth District with headquarters at San Francisco.

Lots.—"What are you doing with the tape measure around your head?"

Davis.—"Measuring my brain expansion."

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### JOSHEN

Ham and Egg Recipe  
Dedicated to Mr. Watson

Place the white of a newspaper in the frying pan, and then cover the center with an Italian sunset picked fresh from a magazine picture. This forms the basis of the egg, and it looks very realistic. Be sure to get a fresh newspaper, and a fresh magazine, edited by a fresh editor, otherwise the egg will be dull and insipid. Now add a few slices of pickled linoleum and fry carelessly for twenty minutes. This is a daylight dish, because the sunset effect is lost if served after dark.

### WANTED TO KNOW

Where Miss Hawk's (sun or son) went to?

Who constitute the "Bathing Beauties of Poly?"

Why the Sophomore girls always sit in the front row during class meetings?

Whom Harold Brown was seen walking with down Morro street?

Where Mr. Saunders got a long brown hair on his coat sleeve?

Wanted to see the day that Mary Piper gets hold of the Sophomore president.

### AS WE MAY IT—

Don't get fresh.  
How do you get that way?  
Get wise to it.  
Shake a leg or step on it.  
Come again.

I don't get you.  
Where did you get your lamp blacked?

### AS THE FACULTY SAY IT—

Don't be impudent.  
What ails you?  
Ascertain the facts.  
Please hurry.  
Kindly repeat your statement.  
Your meaning is ambiguous.  
How do you happen to be suffering from a contusion of the optic?  
—Ex.

Yeary.—"Why we the middle ages called the 'Dark Ages?'"  
C. Steiner.—"I guess it was because there were so many knights."

Miss Hayslip.—"What is a meter?"

Boys.—"It's a yard stick, twenty-nine inches long."

Mr. Whitlock.—"What's the matter with you fellows? This is the worst recitation I've ever heard. Why! I've had to do all the reciting by myself."

### FOUND ON A FRISKIE PAPER

1. Shakespeare is a character in Shylock's "Merchant of Venus."

2. A blizzard is the inside of a hen.

3. Oxygen is a thing that has eight sides.

4. The laws of nature are made by the Congress of the United States.

Miss Hayslip (in Gym)—"Pick up your feet and run on your toes."

Alta (Explaining about her "Poly" sweater)—"I wear it nearly all the time. I danced in it the other night. Last night I was washing dishes in it when my company came."

Mr. Skarstedt (in geometry)—"Multiplying both sides of an equation by the same number, is like using this little instrument (indicating powder puff belonging to E. V. W. that had been laid on his desk)—it changes the looks but does not increase the value."

Goforth—"I went to see my girl; she told me I reminder her of a parlor lamp."

R. Rougeot—"She didn't mean that."

Goforth—"What did she mean, then?"

Rougeot—"She meant that she turned you down and you wouldn't go out."

A. Howard—"Can you see the stage?"

Hammond—"Not a bit of it."

Howard—"I'll tell you what to do. You keep your eye on me and laugh when I do."

Fresh Junior—"When do you think Piper will Rideout?"

Bright Freshman—"About the same time that 'Doc' Jackson will Goforth."

Mother (admonishing)—"Don't let the young men come too close when courting."

Daughter—"Charles and I have a chair between us."

There was a young he-vamp named Tuley

Who allasame ally time foolery,  
He falls for the wimmies,  
The tall, blonde-haired, thin ones.  
Now, say there, you stop—Oh! Tuley!

FOR SALE—Three kids—mostly white. See Ags.

West seems to have a mania for picking flowers and chickens.

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### SCHOOL NOTES

On March 2, 1921, Dr. Sarah Wise gave a short talk to the girls of this school in the parlor of the Household Arts building.

Mrs. Bland's mother, Mrs. Day, is now in La Jolla, where she is attending a house party. She intends to stay about six weeks.

Mrs. Deuel spent a few days last week in Oakland.

Mr. Duddleson was in San Francisco for a few days last week on business.

Mrs. Duddleson has gone home to her mother, who lives in Portland, Oregon. (But not to stay.)

Ulysses Ferracci and James Onesa are two new Mechanics in this school. Ulysses Ferracci is also taking some commercial work with the mechanical course.

Cecil May and Ross Sergeant, former Poly students, were visitors at the school Friday, March 4.

Clarence Kolkana has returned to school. He has been elected Sophomore baseball captain.

Emilio Mueller has left school to attend school in Oakland.

Ethel Van Wormer is a regular horseback rider now. Sunday she was riding the horse from Rowan's stable.

Boyce Ralph was a visitor in town over the week-end of March 5.

### MECHANICS

The Mechanics Association held the regular meeting in the Assembly Hall March 10. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, after which the treasurer's report was made. Bob McKee, Herschel Prewitt and Harley Bock were unanimously voted into the association.

The Mech. III class built a weir in the creek near the horse barns. They expect to take measurements of the stream and ascertain the amount of water flowing.

### AG CLUB MEETS

The time for the regular meeting on March 9 was turned entirely over to practice on the play given in Assembly this Wednesday.

Mr. Ryerson, assistant state club leader of U. C., gave an interesting talk last Wednesday to the Pig Club, the Ag Club and Dr. Eastman's class.

### THE DORMITORY'S LULLABY OF LOVE

Farewell forever, thou truthful Hornet,

For just two months all told we ran it,

Telling of the town guys vicious,  
Monstrous tales of monstrous fishes  
Of their pranks and worthless thunder,

With which they hoped to rate us under,

Of their wicked line, so prominent,  
And their poor weak minds so somnolent,

No, it's dead(?), but not forgotten.

Thou Hornet—that cleared away our troubles,

Made none, yet, broke the town guys' bubbles,

Made their great air-castle tumble,  
And their rampant dreams made humble:

Who paid for it—town guys wonder,

Now we tell you, we need not ponder—

The truth is out; altho the Hornet  
May be dead—it's not forgotten.

Town guys listen to our answer—  
Answer we you question plainly:

We purchased paper with your nickels,

With your dimes we had it printed.  
How we hated to take your money  
But how eagerly you gave it.

So here ends a veracious story,  
Known to town and Dormitory,  
Like a town guy's brain, poor Hornet—

You're dead—but you sting is not forgotten.

### HOOVER RELIEF FUND

Miss Chase sent in \$55 as Poly's contribution to the Hoover Relief Fund. The response from the classes was most gratifying; the itemized statement of the amount follows:

Freshmen (from cake auction) .....	\$15.53
Sophomores (from ice cream sale) .....	10.00
Juniors .....	4.25
Seniors .....	5.25
Faculty .....	49.07
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$85.00</b>

E. Van Wormer.—"You have such affectionate eyes."

Pruden.—"Do you really mean it?"

E. V.—"Yes, they are always looking at each other."

### BASEBALL

There is now enough material out to make three or four good nines, says Coach Deuel. Lots of good stuff showed up since the last issue of the Polygram and the interclass games are sure getting the fellows in good trim.

Our first game is with Arroyo Grande on March 19, at Arroyo Grande. A return game has not yet been agreed upon. The next game will be on April 16 on our own grounds with Paso Robles. All hard feelings have been settled now, so a return game has been set for May 28.

The rooting section has gone to pieces since our old stand-by Buntin left. We are sorry because it seemed as though he were the only peppy yell leader that Poly had. Support the team, fellows. We know we have lots of good players and they need our help.

Let's reorganize our rooting section and make lots of noise. Come to life!

### KELVIN CLUB

The usual meeting of the Kelvin Club took place Thursday evening, March 3, at the home of Miss Hoover, with Miss Williams, Mr. Yeary and Mr. Watson acting as hosts and hostess of the affair.

Miss Stempel had the paper for the evening and choosing as her subject "A Glimpse into the Future," she gave a very interesting account of Pastor Russell's version of the future.

### DANCING PARTY

Ada Forbes, a former Polyite, was the hostess to a number of present Poly students at her home, Friday evening, February 25. A most enjoyable time is reported by all who participated in this affair. Those present were: Elsie, Marie and Margaret Meinecke, Fay Rougeot, Clarence and Ray Rougeot and several of the Federal Board men attending school here.

### WOULDN'T IT BE FUNNY IF—

Anna didn't grin?  
Skarstedt scowled?  
Yeary forgot to give a quiz?  
Mrs. Stedman didn't get peeved?  
Dorothy James didn't talk about Federal Board men?  
Aston flunked?  
The bell didn't ring at 8:15?

Hess.—"Where is the best place to hold the 'World's Fair?'"

G. Arnold.—"Around the waist, I think."