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Block "P" Initiation

The annual initiation of the new members of the Block "P" Club was held last Tuesday morning.

The new members blossomed forth in all sorts of costumes. They were all very amusing and gave the student body a humorous half hour in front of the Ad' Building.

The new members to be initiated were George Sparks, Elmer Harper, Eric Hughston, Thornton Lee, Fred Graves, George Isola, Orvis Hotchkiss, Eric Varian, and Leon Erwin.

George Sparks was dressed up as an honest-to-goodness baseball player. He had a Jackie Coogan cap and everything. George must have been a cute little boy when he was little.

The next one was Elmer Harper. He was dressed as a rip roaring western cow puncher. He carried a six shooter and everything. The thing that caused the greatest merriment, however, was his wonderful steed. This was a dilapidated looking broom. But Elmer was just as happy as if it had been a real horse.

Next comes Eric Hughston. "Buck" was dressed as they dressed many years ago in Rome. Anyone would have taken him for Julius Caesar upon the first glance. Buck said his costume was slightly chilly though. Many were wondering where he obtained those passionate red stockings. They ought to have kept him all heated up.

Thornton Lee was attired in the dress of a person of the opposite sex. Thornton would have made a good lady but he forgot to shave; so everyone could tell he was just a fake.

Fred Graves, the little rosy cheeked baseball player, was selling papers. He even said he could sell five dollar gold pieces for ten cents but he wasn't doing it right then. He reports that the student body is an awful bunch of tightwads.

George Isola carried a portable shoe shining stand and did a very prosperous business among the girls and sheiks of the school. His suit looked as if it was made for one smaller than he is but you know boot blacks aren't wealthy.

Orvis Hotchkiss was attired as a native chinaman but his face was his downfall. Many wondered what it was that Orvis had on the back of his shirt. Several made guesses but it still remains a mystery. His derby was not built for a chinese man, but he wore it just the same.

Varian was the official lady speed cop of the day and spent a good deal of his time directing traffic about the campus.

Erwin was the master of ceremonies. He was dressed as a medieval knight with sword and other traps. He tried to assemble the other members into an army but was rather unsuccessful.

The new members attended their classes in their costumes and it seemed as though they ran into difficulties. There was a steady stream going into and coming out of Miss Chase's office. The object of their migration there was to obtain uniform passes.

During the noon hour the boys were allowed to put their uniforms back on and they were full pledged members of the Block "P" Club.

We are glad to see so many new members and hope that they will help to better the club and the athletics of the school.

STUDENT BODY MOURNS LOST MEMBER

Donald Manuel Sousa, a member of the Class of '20, passed away at his home, February 18, 1926. Donald was well liked by all the students here and many mourn his passing.

The funeral was held at the Catholic Church Saturday morning with Father Chaten officiating. The pall bearers were Patrick Hughes, Arthur Lima, Charles Lamas, Barney Gaxiola, John Lebo and Joseph Gingg. These boys were all classmates and close friends of Donald.

Donald was an active member in his class and took a great interest in the school. He was buried in his Polytechnic uniform which speaks well of his love for his school.

The student body wishes to extend their greatest sympathy to his parents and relatives.

Valentine Party

Ain't we got fun! That's what the Polytes thought on February 12 when the Sophomores and Seniors gave a Valentine Dance.

Valentine motif was carried out to a T and everyone had a good time.

The decoration committee was headed by Fred Louis who with his usual artfulness did his job well.

Brown's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.

Refreshments were served consisting of punch and wafers.

Dexter Maxwell and Jimmie Simpson put on specialty numbers, in the way of entertainment, which were much enjoyed.

The purpose of these parties is to keep the Poly students interested in their school life.

When a party is given it means much work for the class or organization which is putting it on, so if they ask you to help them out in any way do your best. Cooperate with the school and the school will cooperate with you.

New Short Course

Mrs. Knott announces the opening of a new short course in the Home-making Department. In anticipation of new Easter bonnets twenty-eight ladies from town are taking a special six weeks course in millinery. Many more applications were received, but because of the lack of room and equipment the number is limited.

Assembly Feb. 17th.

There have been few assemblies for the past few weeks because of the rainy season. So on the seventeenth there were many matters of importance that had to be brought up. After these matters had been discussed, Mrs. Morrison, in her second appearance before the students, took us on a trip to Washington. We visited many historic places, such as George Washington's home and the house where the first American flag was made.

She took us through the White House and the beautiful grounds surrounding it.

She praised the city of Washington with its beautiful streets, homes and parks.

Mrs. Morrison again extended a hearty invitation to us to visit her at any time.

Seniors Defeat Frosh

In one of the fastest and hardest fought games on the local court the Seniors defeated the Frosh by the close score of 20-18. The game was tied, 18-18, at the close, so three more minutes of play were given. Lumley of the Seniors made the winning basket.

The game started off with a bang and there was hard, clean playing all the way through the game. The game was tied at the end of the first half, 9-9.

The Frosh started in the second half and rang up a couple of baskets. The Seniors rallied and succeeded in evening up the score by the end of the game.

The Frosh have a fast team and are to be congratulated on the fine showing they made. The Freshman team was made up of Sinclair, Sparks, Charles, Lutzow, Spindola, Rollins, Lima, Elliott and McGuire. They had good teamwork and were able to sink their shots.

The Senior team was made up of Lumley and Davis, forwards; Lee, center; Hughston and McMillan, guards. They were just able to get the best of the Frosh and they played a fine fast game.

There was more enthusiasm shown at this game than at any other game played on this court. Mr. Neander of the High School refereed the game and did his job very well.

By winning this game the Seniors help towards winning the interclass trophy for their class. This game marks the close of basketball for this year.

New Students

Many new students have entered since the last issue of the Polygram. It is interesting to note the wide variations in the points of the compass from which they come.

Those entering are Morgan Woods, of Alameda, who has entered in the Mechanics course; Ciro Barbaria, of San Francisco, Mechanics course; Edward Schmidt, of San Francisco, Mechanics course; John White, Agriculture; Glenn Charles, of Hollywood, Mechanics course; Viggo Jensen, of Petaluma, Printing course; Bernice Howell, of San Luis Obispo, Home-making Dept.; Samuel S. Weir, of El Centro, Mechanics course; Burt Harris, of Santa Barbara, Mechanics course; Edward Speer, of Long Beach, Academic course; Florence Cubitt, of Long Beach, Printing course; Pauline Pitkin, of Long Beach, Printing course.

State Visitors

Mr. H. R. Braden and Mr. Hartwell of the Board of Control and Mr. Geo. B. McDougall, State Architect, visited the school last week and discussed matters in regard to the new gymnasium. The location of the building was under particular discussion. The visitors announced their intention of visiting the gymnasium at Gonzales, which is to be the pattern of our gymnasium, on their return north.

Our guests were very pleased with the increased enrollment. To their inquiry as to the most pressing need of this institution for the next biennium, the prompt reply was, "A new dorm."

The Honor Roll

The Honor Roll for the last six weeks included the following names: F. Alba, E. Anholm, W. Hardness, R. Bell, Y. Bickford, R. Boysen, L. Brazil, R. Burum, E. Cole, P. Del Rio, J. Doser, E. Fiscalini, A. Hankerson, E. Varian, O. Hotchkiss, M. Hughes, Y. Hughston, E. Johnson, H. Koster, C. Lamas, V. Langenbeck, G. Leonard, Joe Lewis, Fred Louis, M. Longfellow, J. Marsalek, K. McDermott, E. McMillan, Wilbur Miller, H. Perry, G. Sparks, R. Steiner, G. Sterling, L. Sterling, W. Stout, L. Studle, Q. Tartaglia, S. Wade, B. Welsher, T. Yamagishi.

All these students were on the semester honor roll except E. Cole, R. Burum, and J. Doser. Chester Davis was on the semester honor roll but not the one for the last six weeks.

Block "P" Meeting

A Block "P" Club meeting was held in the Physics Lab February 23. The purpose of the meeting was to set a date for a barbecue, discuss the assembly to be given soon, and to decide for the Journal pictures.

It was decided that a barbecue would be given next Monday evening in Poly Canyon. It is hoped that all members will be there and a jolly time is assured.

The next thing to be decided was the assembly. A committee was appointed and a play is going to be given.

The members unanimously agreed to have individual pictures for the Journal. These will be taken in the near future.

There was no further business to be brought up so the meeting adjourned.

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DID YOU JUST PASS?

The first semester is over and you all have your grades to show what you have done. Many of you thought you should have higher grades, while some, a very few though, were surprised at the high grade you received.

As you look at your rating scale you see two columns. One is marked "Effort." This column shows whether you are working or not. If you are indolent, never get your work completed, and are often late to class, you cannot expect a good grade in this column. The other column is marked "Accomplishment." The mark you have here is your real grade, but it is directly dependent upon your "Effort." If you put the effort into a subject, you will get a good grade unless it is entirely over your head; but you wouldn't be there if this were the case.

Now suppose in history you get a three in effort and a four in accomplishment. What does this show? This shows that if you put forth effort you would accomplish something. Using the same ratio, if you got a one in effort you would get a two in accomplishment.

Now don't you think you could put forth a little more effort and get a little more out of your lessons? If you fail in your lessons you are the only one who suffers. It doesn't matter to your instructor whether you pass or not. His pay comes just the same, but he wants to see you make good and feels better when he can give you a good grade.

Stop and think how much money is being spent on you by the state and your parents for your education. The state spends vast sums of money building and maintaining schools and all this is free to you. Your parents spend a great deal to buy your books, clothes, pay for your board and room and numerous miscellaneous things. All this is done for you and all that is asked in return is that you really get something out of your time spent in school. You owe it to your parents and to yourself to really get some good from your schooling.

Education and learning are the keystones of civilization. This was plainly shown in the Roman Empire which flourished about two thousand years ago. The Romans achieved wonderful success in all branches of education and government but they finally failed as a nation. The secret of it's failure was the decline in the education and the love of luxury of the Romans. The younger generation became indolent and as a result education declined and along with it went the government.

Our wonderful government is today much further advanced than the Roman government ever was, but it cannot continue if this generation does not study. By studying we learn what the men before us have accomplished and so may profit by their mistakes.

Now think it over to yourself and really answer the question. "Am I doing my best?" Abraham Lincoln once said, "I do the very best I know how; the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference." Abraham Lincoln did his best and he and he came out all right. He received his education through his own efforts and was highly successful. Of course you all cannot be Abraham Lincolns, but you can put forth as much effort as he did and really make something of yourselves. You have more advantages than he had and it is up to you to make use of the opportunities at hand.

POLY CHATTER

Look out, shieks, you will be cut out if you don't. We have a new shiek blossoming in our midst. He is in the person of Al Hedstrom. I suppose all of you saw how he had a pull with all the girls at the Valentine's dance. He was surely stepping high. Al is just a little fellow, but valuable things are wrapped up in small packages.

What was Al Thorne running around the floor so much for at one certain dance? And then when he looked across the hall his face lit up and he dashed madly across to find that the couple he was chasing was now on the other side. Al was finally successful, but he surely did enough traveling before he was.

Chester Davis said that as soon as he was out of dances he would announce a tag dance. Gee, Chester, you sure must have a hard time getting a dance.

Chester Davis is a regular tight wad; he won't give his girl a piece of candy when she wants it.

Isn't it amazing how noisy the study hall gets as soon as Captain Deuel steps outside? Students, you are there to work and if you don't want to work, either keep still or get outside. Some of those there want to work and they can't get anything done with a lot of noise going on around them.

Jack came awfully near being successful in operetta practice the other night. Ruth just saved herself in time. Aw, Ruth, why be so bashful; the rest of us will turn our heads.

Jack Rollins has been to San Francisco for a few days and he seems to be all elated about something. We wonder what it is; but Jack is a married man, isn't he?

Bob Stiner is developing an iron will. He at last got up enough nerve to put his arm around Shirley in operetta practice. Keep it up Bob, you will learn how some day. We all had to start once.

We have all noticed a change in Thorpe since he has dropped his blonde and is going with some other Hi School Co-ed. Watch your step Louis; this new Co-ed is some stepper.

Thorpe, Damarest, and this new "Navy Kid," Charles, certainly keep the road hot between here and Pismo St. The "Navy Kid" even took her a heart-shaped box of candy Monday night. He's a fast worker.

Jimmie Simpson says that nobody knows anything about him, and that's why he didn't get his name in the Scandal Sheet; but just ask him how his girl in Pismo is and what his teacher friend in San Jose would say if she knew about it.

Charlie Damarest is another young chap that the Scandal Sheet didn't get a whack at, but he will have to watch out from now on. There doesn't seem to be enough "attraction" in this town, so he makes a visit to Los Angeles every once in a while.

The girls in gardening are afraid they are going to miss Grott, as he was such a help to them. He'd hunt the rakes and hoes for them and carry the heavy flower pots, and clean the dirt from the walks with water, even getting real playful at times and turning the water on the female

Dorm Doings

It ain't goin' to rain no more.

Alfonse Grot left for his home Saturday 13. Wat. is now looking for a room mate and a wrestling champion.

On account of the rainy days the pool table in the day room has been kept very busy.

Last week a person by the name of Jensen made his appearance in the dorm.

Baseball practice has been resumed after the rain.

A bunch of valentines made their appearance around the dorm last Sunday. Some evidently had some fun. If we knew who, some one else would have some fun.

Bud Poynter is now a member of the Creamery Gang.

One evening while in 'Sparks' room Bill Lee said, "There is one girl in this school I believe I could learn to love." George immediately wanted to know who it was. Bill answered without a moment of hesitation, "Mary Hughes."

Second Love ended. Ask Lutzow for particulars.

It has been noticed that Poly students come all the way from Pismo at night to see our team play and then go back in the cold. While some of the Dorm boys are too lazy to walk down town to see the team fight. Come on boys let's show a little school spirit.

Mary must like a mustache because Willie has been seen putting hair tonic on his upper lip.

We are glad to see the new students coming into the Dorm. Samuel Whier from I Centro, arrived at the Dorm a few days ago.

Old students are glad to welcome back Burt Harris who attended here about three years ago. He states that the school is greatly improved.

gardeners. But nevertheless we all feel that he will be terribly missed.

It deasn't seem as though Wilbur Miller fared very well in his new venture which was brought to light in the Scandal Edition. We noticed that Sunday night Dorritt went to the show with a girl friend while Wilbur went with a gentleman friend. To those who are in study hall every morning it is apparent that Dorritt has again accepted the attention of Dexter Maxwell and she even lets him take her home at noon when she hasn't her own car.

Who is the girl that called up the Dorm for Hotchkiss, couldn't get him so called Jepsen, but nothing doing. so called for Quinones or Lutzow?

Why does Edith Aumier call up Ralph Watson?

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Prescott Reed wrote to a college professor to ask, "Why does my girl close her eyes when I kiss her?" He received the following reply: "If you will send me your photograph I may be able to tell you."

Miss Jordan: If you don't keep quiet, some of you will get a cipher on your card.

Harriet W.: What is a cipher?
Avalyn S.: Nothing.

Captain Deuel: Who gave you those black eyes, Davidson?

Davidson: Nobody gave them to me. I had to fight for them both.

Grott: Yes Watson's an inveterate poker player.

Stude: Howsatt?
Grott: Didn't you ever notice how he shuffles when he walks?

Miller is a blockhead—naturally; he's a post-graduate.

Grace Sterling is a B. V. D. girl—Born Very Dumb.

Dexter: You know, I got drunk on water last summer.

Jack: Impossible.
Dexter: Well, ask anybody who was on the boat with me.

"I shall now tickle the Ivories," said Thornton Lee, as he fingered a toothbrush.

Barboa: There's Jap.
Hale: No, 'taint.

Barboa: That's his shoes, hat and girl.

Hale: Then it's Keeno, his roommate.

Thorpe: Is your girl really a shocking dancer?

Maxwell: She sure is a live wire.

"Isn't it strange, Jack that this beautiful garden should smell of ham?"

"You must remember, Ruth, that we are in the Sandwich Islands."

Mr. Agosti: Why didn't you filter this?

Roy Bradley: I didn't think it would stand the strain.

"There's a pair of good slippers," said Bandhauer as he threw down a couple of banana skins.

Here lies the sad bones
Of poor Willie Wackers,
Who grew wild from eating
Wild animal crackers.

Did you hear Dr. Jones' baccalaureate?

No, but all those foreign cars are dreadfully noisy.

Bill Lee: Did you see my black-faced antelope?

Prescott Reed: Whom did your black-faced aunt elope with?

Gold Digger: Mister, would you take me for a little fly?

Aviator (Eric Varian): Why, not at all. You look more like a little girl.

He was only the butcher man's boy, but he gave every girl in town a cold shoulder.

Harriet Wright: Let's play tennis.

Jap: Can't the net's broken.

Harriet: Fine! The net's always in the way when I play.

She went to dad and asked him for a brand new sealskin coat.

Said pater: "Seal won't do at all,"

And then he got her goat.

There never was a pretty girl who would not be twice as pretty if she didn't know she was pretty.

Rip Van Winkle stretched and arose. "By this time," said he, "the family has finished the installment payments."

Arlene: My, but that candy smells good!

K. McIntire: You bet it does; let's stop and smell it a while.

Orvis: I love you.

Grace: So do I.

Orvis: Do what?
Grace: Love myself.

Mary H.: Ynez, is that your Spanish book?

Ynez B.: Yes, and Dorritt Aston's too.

Freshman: How do you make a stove-pipe?

Sophomore: Take a long hole and wrap some tin around it.

Miss Knox: Who can tell me what a Post Office is?

Earl Miller: A place where a Scotchman fills his fountain pen.

"Oh gee!" said John Ivan, "ain't this a hee of a place?"

"John, do be careful of your language," said Louise Rowley, "don't let me hear you say 'ain't again.'"

Bill: I have a cold or something in my head.

Mary: Undoubtedly a cold.

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Poly at Santa Maria

The Poly team went to Santa Maria last Saturday night for a return game with the Santa Maria Legion, and proceeded to win by the score of 27-17.

The Legion team showed more pep and fight in this game and we had to work for every point we got. The Legion team were only one point behind at the half, the score being 12-11.

In the second half the real fight began. The referee didn't know much about his job and so as a result there were a good many fouls that weren't called. The crowd, which was mainly Poly students, booed the referee and seemed to be itching for a scrap.

The starting lineup included Traver, Spindola, Lee, Hughston and Varian. Lumley was out of town and was unable to play. Spindola and Traver both played a good game at forwards, Spindola being high point man.

By defeating the Legion team, we showed that we have the best team in the county. We beat every high school and the other teams that we played here in the county. This speaks well for the Poly team and we should be proud of them.

Coach Agosti made arrangements for the band to go down with the team. They played on the streets of Santa Maria and at the game, showing their school spirit and advertising the school at the same time.

Senior Rifle Shoot

The Seniors will hold their preliminary shoot for the series next Saturday providing weather permits. The Seniors have been put off for some time due to rain, but they hope to shoot next Saturday. Elvin Hansen is in charge of the team and it is hoped that his team will make a good showing. There are several high-point men from last year among his group. They are Louis, Davis, Miller and Anholm.

The Juniors have made some good scores but it is hoped that the Seniors will go them one better.

It is requested that all Seniors be at the range Saturday to shoot because there are to be eight on the team so we need all the material we have come on out and shoot; even if you don't know how, we can teach you.

Interclass Basketball

The preliminary games of the interclass basketball were held on Monday afternoon at the Winter Garden.

There was a large crowd of rooters and everyone enjoyed the games. The Freshman had an easy time taking the Sophomores down. The Sophs didn't even have enough out for a team, but they borrowed a player.

The Frosh played a good game under Sparks, their captain, and the coach, Spindola, was high-point man with Sinclair and Lutzow and other members of the Frosh ringing a few.

The Sophs' team was made up of Irwin, Simpson, Reed, Hotchkiss and Alba. Simpson provided a great deal of amusement for the spectators.

The real game was between the Juniors and Seniors. The Seniors trimmed the Juniors to the tune of 25-15. The Juniors had a good team and the Seniors had to work for every point.

The Senior team was made up of Lumley, Davis, Lee, Hughston, McMillan, Elliot and Reed. The Juniors used quite a few men—Harper, Traver, Varian, Quinones, Del Rio, Miller, Pickard, Chappell and some others. Traver was high-point man for the

SPORT BRIEFS

California meets Stanford on the 20th of this month in the second of a three game series. Cal. was the first. 18-17.

It seems as if Oregon is going to be the northern Champs in basketball. They have won 8 straight games so far.

All of the big universities are starting track and there seems to be quite a good chance for many records to be broken this year.

The inter-class handball is coming along well and if the frosh keep up the way they have been going they will soon be at the head of the list.

Baseball is the next sport in line and we would like to see the men turn out for it as well as they have for the other sports. Come on fellows. Let's go out.

Poly's basketball team played their last game Saturday at Santa Maria against the Legion of that city.

The inter-class basketball games got off to a good start last Monday with the Frosh playing the Sophs, the Juniors playing the Seniors.

As soon as basketball ends, Lee the star center of the team, will be out for baseball. He's a very good pitcher and so Poly ought to have a successful season.

Baseball practice is being held every night and the prospects look good with several veterans like Zanoli, Gingg, Isola, and new men like Lee, Montana, Sparks and Harper out.

Baseball is beginning to take the spot light again, as football is over and basketball soon will be over. Many big league teams and college teams have started practice.

California and Stanford frosh teams met last Friday in the second of their present series. The 130 lbs. team played the first of these two games.

The California varsity baseball team met its first defeat at the hands of the Ambrose Tailors of San Francisco. The score was 12-10.

U. S. C. has been invited to compete in the Drake relays this year. This is quite an honor for a coast college and it is expected that they will accept.

The California crew prospect is very good and they are hoping to beat the Washington crew, something which they have not done for quite a number of years.

The Pittsburg baseball team, which won the World's series, is expected in Paso Robles about Feb. 28, where they will train for a month.

The Poly baseball squad has been divided into four teams. These teams will be worth while watching so as to get a line on the teams for this year.

All of the major and minor league baseball teams have gone to their training camps for the year.

Juniors, making most of their baskets.

The game was quite a rough one in the last half, with fouls being called on both sides. The games were refereed by Mr. Neander of the High School.

Poly Downs Legion

The Santa Maria Legion quintet went down to defeat last Wednesday to the tune of 40-20. The Legion has been unable to find any real opposition anywhere around here, but they got more than enough when they met the Poly five.

Coach Agosti started Lumley, Traver, Lee, Hughston and Varian. The game was kind of slow in the first half and the Poly supporters were beginning to look doubtful. But in the second half they started off with a bang and got in the lead. Santa Maria only scored two baskets in the second half which speaks well for the Poly defense.

Spindola went in for Traver and played a good game, shooting them in from anywhere. Miller went in for Hughston.

There was a fair crowd out to the game, while the band was out in full strength. Neander of the High School refereed the game.

Handball

The handball tournament is just about over with the Juniors as good as having it won. No matter if they lose the rest of the games they will win.

The Juniors have been out every noon and have played some good games. The other classes lost quite a few games by not turning up when it was time to play. In the future let's show more class spirit by turning out for these inter-class games.

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