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## Short-Course Registration To Be Large

Pre-registration inquiries at the registrar's office indicate a large enrollment in the new short courses to be offered at California Polytechnic, Eugene A. Egan announced.

In the majority of the cases, he said, the young men interested in the courses are those who will graduate in mid-term. Most of them are hoping to better prepare themselves for service in Uncle Sam's armed forces, and for pre-draft employment.

Inquiries have been about evenly divided between the industrial and agricultural courses, but the industrial may have a slight edge over the agricultural, Egan said.

It is hoped that many of these young men will see fit to take advantage of even more of California Polytechnic's offerings than the short courses, the registrar stated.

Registration for the short courses will take place Feb. 3. Present plans are that all the new students will be housed on the campus. These students will go to classes and laboratory periods for 32 hours a week, and in addition will take two hours of physical education, and one hour for assembly.

The students registered in the short courses will be given the privileges and consideration of regularly enrolled students, and will have the privilege of participating in all regular school activities. In addition to the regular 32 hours a week, some individuals will be interested in taking weekend and night work in such courses as welding and machine shop.

Students who enter as regular students in February will be given as many courses as possible that are included in their chosen curriculum. Subjects that require prerequisites will have to be postponed until the fall semester. Other required subjects and some electives will be included in their place.

California Polytechnic is offering four plans for mid-year graduates of high schools. The first is enrollment in various industrial fields; second, short courses in agricultural work, embracing dairy, poultry, swine, and general farm skills; third, is defense industries training, and the last is enrollment in the regular curricula with special credit adjustments.

## Allen Goes To Africa In Ambulance Corps

Roland Allen, sophomore, formerly enrolled at Poly, has enlisted in the British Ambulance Corps. Allen is now on his way to Africa where he will serve with the ambulance corps engaged in the battle of Africa. Allen is a conscientious objector, but one who wanted to do his bit left this week for Africa because he wanted to see action. Drivers signing up with this unit receive no salary; only transportation, uniforms and food and shelter. Americans wishing to volunteer for service with this unit of the Allies should contact the American Field Service, 60 Beaver Street, New York City. The representative on the west coast for this service is Whitney B. Wright of Pasadena, California.

## Best Short Story Writers To Get Defense Stamps

Defense Savings stamps of fifty cent, seventy-five cent, and ten cent denominations will be awarded to students at California Polytechnic who can dream up the three best screwy feature stories or tear jerkers, it was announced by the editorial staff of El Mustang, yesterday.

The fifty-cent stamp will be presented to the student turning in the best story in either the humorous or sad category. A twenty-five cent stamp will go to second place in the contest, and the ten-center will be for third place. Placing will be according to the value of the story, with the humorous and tragic stories to be judged at the same time and on the same basis. The first place story might be a laugh-fest, while the second might be the tear-producer, etc.

Each week until further notice the paper will make their awards to the writers which produce the biggest belly laughs or the most tears. Rules for the contest are:

1. Stories shall have some basis of fact, but not too much is necessary.
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3. Stories shall be judged by the following week's contest.
4. Stories should preferably be typewritten, but if this cannot be done, may be turned in in legible longhand, written on one side of the page only.
5. Stories will be judged by an impartial committee. Their decisions shall be final. All stories become the property of El Mustang and any and all may be used for publication regardless of whether or not they receive the prize.
6. The contest is open to all students of the Polytechnic school enrollment, excluding members of the staff of El Mustang.

## Faculty Goes "Gay '90s"; Bicycle Brigade Formed

Phaid! It was learned that Coach Howie O'Daniels has joined the Bicycle brigade. He has purchased a flashy, streamlined model, complete with gear shift, chain guard, and a bright red coat of paint. The vehicle is housed in the school gymnasium, and will be used by O'Daniels as his mode of transportation. When confronted by an El Mustang reporter with questions as to the why and whereof's, O'Daniels said, "No remarks."

With autos to the right of them, with autos to the left of them—hey, wach out for that woman driver ahead of you—the charge of the bicycle brigade each day faces dangers worse than those which awaited the famed Light Brigade. Four patriotic members of the school faculty are now pushing pedals so that they may carry on their duties without depleting the supply of rubber in the U. S.

It all came about because of the far-nightedness of that pioneering spirit, Eugene "Dan" Boone, specialist in national defense training for out-of-school rural youth, who last fall purchased the finest thing in racing bikes, to await the day when auto driving would not be the stylish thing to do.

Introducing three brother members of the school staff with the practicality of bicycling, Boone formed the Brigade shortly after the ban on sale of new tires went into effect.

Neither wind, nor snow, nor sleet, nor rain shall deter them, it is said, but just wait until the hot weather

## Poly Royal To Continue Here

Despite the shortage of money, the 10th annual Poly Royal will be as good if not better than the previous events, George Raymond, general chairman, announced early this week.

However, ever short-out in cost will have to be taken, the "Country Fair on a College Campus" director said. To do this, every student is asked to contribute as much of his time and effort as he possibly can in making all the arrangements and in advertising the show. The advertising budget has been drastically cut, and Raymond is asking all students to spread the word about the show by word of mouth. He urged students to tell their friends, high school teachers, and home-town newspapers about the event, and to keep them posted on its plans. Advertising cards have been obtained and the Polyites are asked to distribute them at every opportunity.

Meanwhile surveying the possibilities for exhibits at the show it was learned from Lyman Bennion, meat animals department head, that the work of boys in their projects will be presented in the form of prime beef, fat lambs and hogs. On the entertainment side of the show, plans were being discussed for the annual rodeo with its thrills and skillfully-performed western stunts.

The tractor skills class under direction of James Merson, class instructor, are putting in new alfalfa patches in fields 18, 28A, and 28B. The tractor skills class, consisting of green hand cat skimmers are doing a good job, it was reported.

comes, and cool-faced motorists start passing them up.

Charter members of the club are Boone, Dean Walter C. Patchett, Harold Wilson, and Bob Younger. Honorary members are President Julian A. McPhee, and George Couper, extension specialist, who has drawn up the rules and regulations governing the organization.

Requirements for membership in the club are simple. A weight limit of from 25 pounds to 250 pounds has been established. Those over 250 pounds may join if they use a special constructed bicycle with a third wheel, but it was felt that with the present shortage of materials, such bicycles might be hard to purchase.

Before receiving the gold membership pin, guaranteed to turn green in ten hours, the candidate must pedal his two-wheeled vehicle from town to school, with a 150-pound male passenger on the handle bars. Upon completion of the trip the candidate will undergo a pulse test which will show that his pulse is nearly normal. (We have it from an authoritative source that Dean Patchett's pulse isn't normal even when he is hooking a ride on someone's car on the flat runs.)

Plans are now being formulated for a woman's auxiliary to the organization, and at a later date a junior division for college students might be installed.

Editor's note: As a sidelight to the news of the bicycle brigade we might say that it used to be the custom for college students to work their way through school by "peddling" magazines, but now it is the custom for college faculty members to work their way to school by "peddling" bikes.

## Student Financial Report Issued By Graduate Manager

Student finances were reported to be in good condition for this part of the school term, it was stated by John Carricaburu, graduate manager. His report on finances for January 1 was presented to the student affairs council at its meeting Jan. 13 by Charles Solomon, treasurer of the Associated Students.

Both Carricaburu and Solomon, however, stated that all student body committees had adequate funds only if close supervision in spending was practiced. El Rodeo officials announced that, in spite of higher production costs this year, a contract had already been signed for printing the yearbook... at no higher cost than last year. "Moreover," said Dick Barrett, El Rodeo business manager, "we will have more pictures than even last year and our photograph bill will be \$100 less than last year, since we are taking practically all the photos ourselves."

Solomon also stressed the fact that even though every attempt will be made to stretch every dollar to the utmost, funds in the student treasury which were derived from the sale of membership cards to present students will be spent for the benefit of present students. "In other words," he added, "we are not attempting to create a large surplus of student funds. We plan to spend your money on you."

The January financial report gives the following balances on January 1, 1942:

Athletics	\$1089.29
El Rodeo	688.97
General	205.82
Poly Royal	506.97
Reserve	715.96

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

It's easy to be patriotic now. Defense Savings stamps are now on sale at the cashier's office in the Ag. Ed. building. Stamps can be purchased there during the regular hours.

Student comments and questions, says Registrar Eugene A. Egan, have indicated that all students are not familiar with the meaning of probation.

A student is placed on probation when he fails to earn during any quarter at least one half as many grade points as he is carrying units. For example, a student that is enrolled in 16 units will be placed on probation if he receives grades that allow him seven or less grade points.

A student on probation in order to remain in school must show definite improvement. This does not necessarily mean that he must show improvement in his grades.

## College Finances Stronger Than Ever, Julian McPhee Tells Cheering Assembly

Thund'ous applause greeted President Julian A. McPhee, of California Polytechnic School, when he told the assembled students on Monday that the state legislature had passed the Weybret bill appropriating money to insure the school's continued operation.

## Defense Stamps On Sale Here

Defense savings stamps in 50-cent, 25-cent, and 10-cent denominations are being offered for sale at the Accounting Office, Dean Oscar F. Luckinger announced. Students are urged to take their change in Defense stamps. The stamps may be applied toward the purchase of a Defense Bond at either local bank or the San Luis Obispo Postoffice. \$25 bonds are sold for \$18.75, with bonds of greater value also purchasable.

## Boots and Spurs To Put On Dance

Yippee—ee—ee, swing your partners, lads. Hold tight on the corners, and don't step on thief toes.

Even if the Collegians do play jitterbug instead of hoe-down music, it'll be the real old western spirit that prevails at the Boots and Spurs dance next Friday night, January 23. And there will be prizes for the best barnyard costumes worn by a girl or a boy.

George Raymond, the meat animals club prexy, warns that the boys are likely to be trampled by the surge of feminine terpsichorean armies, too. So, gentlemen, get yourselves in shape, and come out for a rip, roaring good time.

And bring along a little extra mazzima because there will be barbecued sandwiches and cider for sale at the Rip Snortin' bar.

## Over \$50,000 In Student Project Fund

The California Polytechnic project loan fund, the availability of which enables students to market many thousands of dollars worth of agricultural and industrial products annually, has grown from a few thousand dollars to its present size of more than \$50,000 by the skillful management of the department heads who manage the fund.

The total accumulated income in the project fund, as of Nov. 30, 1941, was \$53,043.82. This figure of course, includes inventoried live stock, fed, and industrial department supplies.

During the past year the Poultry department has paid out \$1,527.56 for student project income on project operation and \$3,225.87 for student labor income on odd jobs and summer work earned from plant operation. The project stocks have produced 547,000 eggs which the students have marketed. The poultry students have produced and sold 46,000 baby chicks and hatching eggs; more than 25,000 of these chicks went to 70 high school vocational ag students in 45 high schools. Total project sales last year were \$15,492.

This is the first year in which the project system has operated in the Horticulture department. Twenty-two boys are operating 18 projects in bedding plants, potting plants, and lining-out stock. Up to the present time no actual sales have resulted since the projects operate on one and two year plans, but it is estimated that each boy will average about \$10 per month for his project earnings.

In the Dairy department, 19 students owned 70 animals as projects. During the testing year, the average number of 44 cows in butterfat or an average of 338 pounds per cow. This product sold for approximately \$8,100.

### Weather Report

On the Pacific Coast for tonight the weather will be very maaaaa. In Southern California it is predicted that the weather will be xnpup In San Luis Obispo near the army camp the weather will be hazy and nixwrg for the week. I hope that Santa the dirty little yellow one of the rising sun.

## U. S. Forces Now Recognize Poly

California Polytechnic school is accredited as a degree granting school by the United States Office of Education, President Julian A. McPhee announced at the special assembly Monday. This fact makes it possible for students to enter the Naval Reserve training program under the set-up whereby they can continue schooling for certain lengths of time. It also means that Poly students can enter ranks in the army, navy and marines where college requirements must be met.

In addition to the official sanction of the highest educational department, the school is recognized by the State Board of Education and the University of California as an accredited institution.

California Polytechnic is now listed in the U. S. Office of Education circular 183, issued in March of 1941.

## Awards Given At Assembly

Fourteen students were present to receive their Block P awards as the highlight of yesterday's assembly program. Nine of the 23 who were awarded their letters were not present to receive them as they were handed out by Coach Howie O'Daniels.

Those present to receive letters were: Roy Fort, Everett Sharp, Spud Myers, Bob Proscal, Bill Norris, Ed Santos, Bill Nakunas, John Schrakoff, Ed Goyette, Leroy Lieb, Gordon Woods, Dick Bragg, Bob West and Joe Myers, manager. Those absent were: Ralph Osborne, Bob Martinez, Sam Cook, Audrey Wassun, Fred Luckinger, Hugh Long, Tom Woods, Bud McDougall and Lee Lorens.

A gavel with his name engraved upon it was presented to Walter Dougherty, student body president, on behalf of the Poultry Club by its president, Fred Kobayashi.

Proxy Dougherty turned the meeting over to Gordon Woods, Block P president, who opened the athletic portion of the assembly by calling on Coach O'Daniels to make the Block P awards.

Coaches Get Awards Woods then presented Coaches O'Daniels and Charles Pavliko with Block P keys.

Poly's versatile combination Librarian-Swimming coach was called upon next and presented Dora Bix, represented by Jim Wilson, with the inter-dorm swimming pennant.

Only about half a capacity crowd was present to hear the excellent talk given by Bob Dakan, junior college coach, and member of the Stanford football team often referred to as the "Wow Boys." Dakan's talk was filled with humorous sport yarns and was well received by the very poor assembly turn-out.

## Fomer Polyite Now In Air Corps, Shifted to Miami

Far along in his training to become a skilled pilot in America's expanding Naval air forces, Aviation Cadet Harry Scott Rodgers, 21, 601 Montana avenue, Santa Monica, former Poly boy, was transferred from the Jacksonville Naval Air Station to the Air Station near Miami, Fla., this week. There, in an advanced six-week course, he will learn to pilot speedy warplanes from the decks of the Navy's huge aircraft carriers.

When Rodgers successfully completes his work at Miami, he will be awarded his coveted Navy wings and a commission as Ensign in the Naval Reserve.

Carrier aircraft training is one of three branches in which aviation cadets are placed. Other young Navy pilots remain at Jacksonville to learn the technique of piloting heavy patrol bombers or lighter observers and scouts that can be flung by catapults from sea-going battleships and cruisers.

Rodgers joined the Navy at the Naval Aviation Reserve Base at Oakland, California, and went through elimination training there before reporting to Jacksonville in August, 1941.

Son of Mrs. Verne B. Rodgers of Santa Monica, he graduated from Santa Monica high school and then attended Santa Monica junior college and California State Polytechnic.

While in school he was a member of the Rally Committee and Sigma Phi Kappa fraternity. Rodgers completed both the primary and secondary CAA flight training courses while in college.

## New Pieces Offered At Dance Tonite

The Cal Poly "Collegians" have five new numbers to offer tonight at this year's first Collegiate Club dance in Crandall Gym. They have two waltz selections: "Blues in the Night," "I Got It Bad, and That Ain't Good," with Jim Pappas doing the vocal honors; and "The Bells of San Raquel," sung by Stan Raymond. Stan will also give his version of a real Hawaiian chant at the conclusion of the popular "Hawaiian War Chant."

Said Music Director Harold P. Davidson, "The two new orchestra members, Bob Raybourn and Stan Noble, are working in fine with the 'Collegians'."

This week's guests of the Collegiate Club are the Junior Catholic Daughters of America and the Newman Club girls. Other San Luis Obispo Girls' organizations will be invited as guests at coming Collegiate Club dances. These girls are asked to identify themselves as the "Gals."

"Naturally," says Miss Lacey, manager of the "Collegians." "We hope that the old regulars of the dances will continue to come with their dates and will be enthusiastic about this plan."

With practically all the Poly students living on the campus this year, many without cars, it is hard for them to meet the girls of San Luis Obispo. Therefore this plan was adopted to give Poly men a better chance to meet them and also to have a better balance of men and women at our dances.

## Boggs Visits "Mustang" Print Shop, Recalls "Good Ol' Days"

Last week Charles Boggs, former business manager and mechanical genius of the Cal Poly El Mustang, visited the campus for a short while, spending most of his time in his old habitat, the print shop.

Boggs made the rounds with his old friend, Oscar H. Hanson, Deuel dorm superintendent, who introduced him to Charles Mendenhall, new El Mustang editor, and Robert Kennedy, journalism instructor who came to Poly soon after Boggs left.

Boggs read with interest a recent article by Joel Cohen in El Mustang describing the origin of the school paper.

"The article is just about right, although some of the emphasis is misplaced," Boggs said.

Boggs expressed his surprise at the present difficulty the paper is having in getting staff members.

"With an instructor who is willing to give the staff full-rein on what goes into the paper, and with a business manager as capable as Dick Barrett in getting financial support for the paper, it is a shame that the students are not interested enough to contribute articles," Boggs stated.

"We had our difficulties in the old days when the paper was just a baby," admitted the former business manager, "but lack of spirit wasn't one of our troubles at that time. The trouble then was that we had too much spirit and the faculty had to clamp down on us." Boggs is now working out of Los Angeles with the railroad.

## Lieb's 21st Birthday Celebrated At Party

Honoring Leroy Lieb, the upper units held a surprise birthday party Monday night. Entertainment consisting of a book review by Bob Proscal, and the honored guest was counseled by Gordon Woods and Spud Myers on information he should know now that he has become a man. A short but lively biblical study was carried on by Bob Waterbourn, Gordon Woods, and Leroy Lieb.

Present at the party were Ed Santos, Bob Proscal, George Makimoto Glenn Yenni, Bevan Walker, Frank Whitmore, Bill Benton, Maurice Ketcher, Russel Martin, Bob Spack, Gordon Woods, Joe Myers, Spud Myers, Fred Kobayashi, Hans Hansen, Bob Williams, Don Crawford, Jim Lerman, Jim Allen, Maurice Friedman, and the guest of honor.

Refreshments were a graham and a half of ice cream and a delicious birthday cake about two feet wide, three feet long and four inches high.



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## Food, Morale And School Paper

We want to write a heated editorial this week attacking some subject vital to the interests of the students. We thought of all the gripes we have heard the last few weeks. The first thing that came to mind were the many complaints we have heard since entering school about the food served at the cafeteria.

While thinking about food (with our mouth watering) we suddenly realized that dissatisfaction with the food is one of the major causes for low morale at the school. So we began thinking about the low morale. (It is our personal opinion that morale is not low at the school, but rather the students are so indolent that they are perfectly satisfied to go about their daily routine without interests outside of the regular curricula activities.) Low morale could be the cause for lack of student interest in the school paper.

Student interest is lacking in the paper partly from the shortage of workers on the staff, but primarily from the lack of response of the students to anything that is printed in the paper. It is unusual for an editor to write and publish stories in a paper for many weeks without receiving criticism and comment from the paper's readers. The editorial staff of any paper welcomes criticism from its readers, since this is the only means by which they can learn the public's opinion, and the only way in which they can find out if they are doing a job which satisfies the readers.

To gain more material for our editorial we followed up the course the school paper takes from the time it leaves our hands. And when we found that the food and the paper both ended up in the same pot, we decided we wouldn't write an editorial this week. What's the use, nobody ever reads them.

## How About Home Defences

The description by the Norwegian refugee of the farmers' and backwoodsmen's fight against the German army makes us wonder how many families living in the United States today, particularly those families in the rural areas, are equipped and trained to fight off an invasion of their own homes.

During peace time there were many proposals to take all firearms away from the United States citizens. Many families do not believe in owning guns of any kind, or of harboring the weapons in their homes. Most of the people who do not own guns in any form, and many people who do, have no knowledge of how they work, how they are used, and how they should be cared for.

In a war emergency of this kind every man, woman and child should be able to defend himself from the ravages of an enemy. Think how much better off this country would be, if during the early school years each child had been taught how to handle a gun. Not only would we have a vast civilian army prepared to defend their very homes from invasion of enemies, either in the form of armies or saboteurs and "fifth columnists," but also we would have fewer accidental shootings.

Most accidental shootings are caused by people who do not know how to use a gun, are not taught the potential danger of a gun when its aim is misguided, nor the potential good of a gun when its aim is properly guided.

It would seem that one lesson we should learn from this war is that all young people, when they reach an age of responsibility, should be taught how to use a rifle, pistol or shotgun for their own benefit.

## From Little Pigs To Great, Big, Fat Hogs At Swine Unit

By Lindsay Jewett

The school maintains two breeds of hogs—Poland China and Duroc Jersey. There are at present 49 Poland China sows and three boars. The Duroc number, at present, 29 sows and two boars. From this sow herd were farrowed and raised, last spring and this fall, 67 Poland litters and 51 Duroc litters or a total of 118 litters of pigs. The average number of pigs weaned last spring per litter was 6.2 pigs and although the fall litters are not all weaned to date, indications are that we will better that figure a little. Assuming an average of 6.5 pigs weaned per litter, the California Polytechnic swine unit produces to weaning time approximately 770 pigs.

### THE LITTLE PIG GOES

I expect the students not in the meat animals department wonder what becomes of that many pigs. Last year 770 pigs were bought and fattened by Cal Poly students. Approximately ten pigs were reared per boy interested, the remaining hogs being raised by the project funds. An explanation of how these projects work might be in order now.

### HOW PROJECTS WORK

The project fund buys the pigs from the state and in turn sells them to the students. As a rule two students go together on a project (so that one is there to feed at all times). After the students buy the project animals they have the full responsibility of feeding, cleaning pens, and getting those pigs fattened and to market. This is of course done with the advice and assistance of the instructor.

The feed is purchased from the school feed room, run and operated by students. The project fund "carries" the student project until all the animals are sold and at that time the project is closed. After deducting the cost of pigs plus feed and interest and marketing costs, the student owners receive two-thirds of the net profit and the project fund one-third.

### PROFIT FROM PIGS

The amount of profit will vary greatly on projects, because of changes in market prices, feed prices and the ability of the student to feed out his project profitably. The old adage that "a rock is fattened by the master's eye" applies here. Without going

back into a lot of past projects to get figures, I think I am safe in saying that last year our hog projects made a net profit of about \$3.00 per pig on the average.

Besides a chance to perhaps make some money on a project the student has a golden opportunity to gain some very valuable education and experience in feeding and handling hogs.

From a hog project a student learns grading and selection of feeder pigs and how to best get these pigs started on feed. (No small job in itself.) After the pigs are well started the student owner learns how to keep the pigs on full feed and what to do when they "go off feed."

During the course of the project he has an excellent chance to study first hand the growth habits of pigs of different ages, their daily gain, and the amount of feed required for 100 pounds of gain at various sizes and ages. Students make excellent use of scales at the hog barn. If during the progress of the project any "after weaning" diseases or ailments develop the student learns how to treat them.

### LEARN WHILE EARNING

As the project nears completion the project hogs are graded into their respective grades—choice, good or medium. Our Cal Poly project hogs are marketed cooperatively through the San Luis Obispo county marketing association. Since this is a co-op and several shippers may have hogs in the same truck, each owner must have brand his hogs. Other things learned through the marketing procedure are the shrinkage, selling costs, market trends, most favorable market seasons.

I have, no doubt, left out many items that in the minds of the student owners are more important. However, like all other meat animal projects, the swine projects are real, true to life activities for the students.

## Farm Machinery To Be Repaired

Adoption of a state-wide program aimed at expanding and improving farm machinery repair services in California for the duration of the war has been announced here by Julian A. McPhee, chief of the State Bureau of Agriculture.

Under the plan manufacturers and distributors of farm machinery are to function through their established agencies but their programs will be coordinated through several agencies. The principal agency dealing with agricultural production for war needs is the United States Department of Agriculture County Defense Board. The administrative agencies operating under the USDA are automatically members of the Board.

President McPhee issued requests to all teachers of vocational agriculture in California to follow a definite plan in coordination with the state-wide plan so that the maximum contribution of vocational agriculture can be made toward the national war effort.

The plan which the vocational teachers will follow will be along the following lines:

1. For Freedom Program in a cooperative effort to reach the production goals set for every county.
2. Farm Machinery Repair which will assist farmers in repairing equipment.
3. Making Available Additional Farm Labor which includes extension of existing educational program to include students not enrolled in vo-ag, emphasis on short skills courses and instruction for girls and women.
4. Metal Salvage Drives includes the organization of metal salvage drive among farmers.
5. Out-of-school Youth Defense Training classes will include extension of existing courses with emphasis on mechanical skills.

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## "Lafayette Escadrille" At Library

The following books arrived in the library this week, according to Henry Lash, Cal Poly librarian.

The Great Adventure, one of the most thrilling books to come out of the last war—the story of the Lafayette Escadrille; Stage Lines, an Anthology of Verse; My Ten Years in a Quandy and How They Grew, by that great comic of the screen and radio, Robert Benchley; Book of Miracles, a collection of short stories by Ben Hecht; Against This Torrent, by Earle presents the position of democracy today; Maltese Falcon made a good movie and it's good reading, too, Dashiell Hammett penned it; Roosevelt, Dictator or Democrat? by Johnson, is a good analysis of the man who has the biggest job in the world today.

Readers Digest Very Little is by that very funny man Irving Tressler; One Man Caravan by Fulton is a new book of travel and adventure; a very popular and excellent book in the field of medicine for the general reader is The Human Body by Dr Logan Clendenning.

Other new arrivals are: Anderson—Aircraft Layout and Design; Nelson—Airplane Lofting; Mott—Interpretations of Journalism; Blum—Electroplating; Practical Design of Small Motors and Transformers; Brown—Chemical Problems and Their Solutions; and Watson—Understanding Radio.

## From Your Prexy

A good many students probably heard the newscast over station KVEO last Monday noon on which the announcer stated that unless funds were obtained the school would probably have to close April 1. Whoever made that statement ought to have his head examined. The likelihood of Poly closing April 1 is extremely improbable. The person who issued the statement was mistaken, as we have the assurance of President McPhee that the college will continue to function normally.

Now, more than before, students attending Poly are vitally more important in the present defense and war preparations. Students studying courses in aeronautics, machine shop, welding, sheet metals, drafting, and other course in the industrial division are playing a big part in the present scheme of things. The knowledge they are obtaining here will be of great use to them and our country in the defense industries.

Students studying courses in agriculture will be and are of equal importance in that they will be better able to help produce the foods and materials that are needed to keep our armed forces prepared to knock the Axis parties for a loop. Without food and materials to produce fighting power and good health no nation can wage a successful war.

Wars are not always won on the battlefield. They are often won in the corn field or the wheat field. In short, wars are not always won because of military power but because of economic power. Sometimes they are won because of will power.

### WHY WE'LL WIN

We'll win this war because of four very good reasons. We have them all and their combination makes us a formidable foe. Put in the form of an equation they would look like this: military power plus man power plus will power plus economic power, equals VICTORY!

Those of you who missed the opportunity of hearing Mr. Bjorset speak at Wednesday's assembly really missed something. Mr. Bjorset gave a most interesting lecture concerning the in-

## Pari-Mutuel Betting Tax Was Source Of Poly Funds

Horse racing might seem like an off-subject for a college newspaper, but until the last few weeks few students at California Polytechnic realized how important this activity was in their lives.

One of the direct benefits of legalizing horse racing and pari-mutuel betting in this state was the increased financial support of California Polytechnic and other state institutions.

### SOURCE OF POLY'S INCOME

One-quarter or approximately one-third of the total State revenue from racing is expended upon State technical school. And this figure is the lowest expenditure from the racing fund for purely educational purposes. The University of California receives 33 per cent of one third of the revenue for use at the College of Agriculture at Davis.

Agriculture is the largest benefactor from the race betting tax, with huge sums being spent to support agricultural fairs as well as for educational purposes on agricultural subjects.

Sixty fairs in California, who receive support from this fund, report that increased premium lists have definitely encouraged improvement of all livestock raising in these districts. The State as a whole benefits from this improvement since the improvement in these districts, when combined, means a general improvement of all livestock in California, and a higher economical value for the state's agricultural industry.

### AIDS THOROUGHBRED BREEDING

Resumption of horse racing in this state has also brought about the rejuvenation of the thoroughbred breeding industry and given life to the large breeding plants which dot the California valleys. The added incentive for better bred horses will be of great value to the government in its remount program for the army.

Racetracks have employed huge numbers of men to maintain and operate their plants during the racing season, and additional employment is provided by the stables running strings of horses over the California courses. Besides the racing programs offered at purely commercial enter-

tainment of Norway, his part in the conflict, his capture and escape from the Nazi Gestapo, and other interesting phases and illustrations of the German army and political party.

One of the most interesting parts of his lecture was his view and knowledge about the rift between the Nazi political party and the German military.

Quite a large number of the student body were in attendance at this lecture and I'm sure everyone found it most interesting and quite educational in view of the present conflict. Mr. Bjorset answered questions at the end of his lecture and shed further light on the situation.

That's about all until next week. Thumbs up and remember V for Victory.

### PRONUNCIATION

For the benefit of those who like to be in the know, the capital of Iceland is Reykjavik, and is pronounced with two h's and a vic. Non-topers who have difficulty with it should not complain, for it is simpler to say than many other towns that pop up in the news these days. Przemysl, for instance, can be pronounced correctly only by a person who has accidentally got a gnat up his nose.—Frank Sullivan in P. M.

prises such as Tanforan and Santa Anita, running events at county fairs, etc., provide taxable betting returns for the State.

For the year closing in June, 1939, the State received nearly three-million dollars revenue from taxes on horse race betting. Of this sum, \$300,000 was appropriated to horse racing boards, the State Fair, Los Angeles county fair, and other district organizations. About \$1,200,000 is spent to support agricultural and citrus fairs. The remaining \$1,475,000 is apportioned between other fair purposes, the University of California and California Polytechnic.

For the past several years the funds available to Poly from race track revenue have been the sole support of the school. In 1939, about \$170,000 was appropriated to the school from this source. Last year the figure was larger.

### DROP IN BUCKET TO U. C.

The University of California received nearly \$500,000 from this fund for partial support of the agricultural branch at Davis. This is in addition to the more than one million dollars appropriated from the general fund for the use of the University, and other endowments and sources of revenue not open to California Polytechnic.

With the closing of racetracks in California during the war, California Polytechnic had to look to other sources of their income.

## Philbin's Philosophy

To Fred Kobayashi

It's come at last, the thing we feared, As in the future we had feared And saw the coming strife at hand, The care and sorrow for our land. We saw the trouble war ahead And in our hearts a secret dread Once dormant rose, but still we knew That if we're needed we will go. "What's in a name," Shakespeare once said,

And to this thought I'd like to add: What differs color, race or creed We're all just Yanks in time of need. You're a friend, we all know that An honored member of our Frat. Real friends, both tried and true Are far apart and very few.

If I were to take a campus poll And ask each student on the roll If you've ever failed a friendly deed, Nor lent a hand to one in need, They'd all rally to your side As solid as the coming tide. We know not what the future leads Or who will stand as your real friends. So in the future I insist— Add me as one upon your list.

### HELP! POLICE!!

He grabbed me by my slender neck, I could not yell or scream..... He carried me up to his dingy room. Where I could not be seen. He then threw away my flimsy wrap, Looked up and down my form I was cold and chilly, But he was nice and warm. He pressed his feverish lips to mine, I could not make him stop. He drank away my heart and soul, I could not call a cop. He made me what I am today, Hated, broken, thrown away— And that is why you see me here, A disillusioned bottle of beer.— Poly Views

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**Mud Scrapers**  
"Mud scrapers will soon be installed at the school dormitories," said W. J. Welker, ag mechanics instructor. Next week the men in some of his forge work classes will make the scrapers during their lab periods. These scrapers will be greatly appreciated as there are no foot scraping devices at most of the dormitories.

Richard Whorf tells about a member of the Eagle squadron who was captured by the Nazis and wrote to a friend in America: "The Nazis are real gentlemen. They are treating me wonderfully, giving me the best of food and anything else I desire. Tell that to your friends in the Army. Tell it to the Navy. But, above all, tell it to the Marines."—Sidney Skolsky, in the New York Post.

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## SHOOTIN' OFF

By Charlie Mendenhall

For a long, long time we have felt that this page needed a column. Someplace on this page someone should stick his neck out and tell all the athletes what he thinks of them. He should point out how lousy the forward was when he missed that bucket, and what a wonderful guy that short center was when he tripped the opponents star just as he was about to make the winning bucket.

But nobody has stepped up to take the job, so we will make a stab at it. Not that we're any authority on sports. The only thing I know about basketball is what I read in the books, and see with my own two eyes. And those bulbous optics of mine have only seen one Poly game. I don't even know the players by sight when they are out of their suits. And I couldn't tell you who plays which position on the team without looking up the lineup in the paper.

However, when any team gets so good it can't be criticized there is something wrong.

And I can say that if the team doesn't do better on its free throwing than it did in the Poly-S. L. O. Junior college game, they are going to be disappointed some one of these fine evenings when they drop a one point contest because somebody didn't sink a couple of free shots he was given. In the first half of the game I watched, the kids put in something like three out of seven tries. That ain't much of a shooting percent. I've seen high school teams with five out of six and five out of seven records. And we're supposed to be a college team.

But Poly wasn't the only offender on this score that night. The Jaycees had about the same record. That was in the first half of the game. I don't know how they came out in the second half.

Something was lacking in the game I witnessed. I can't quite place it, but there was definitely a certain flatness to the night. Maybe it was the small rooting section. But the band certainly did everything it could to pep up the game. Maybe we should have had more cheering. Maybe there wasn't enough rival factions in the grandstands.

Somewhat I just can't get excited about my experience at the game. I should be able to since it was my first college game. I expected more excitement, more tenseness, more speed. It was fast in spurts, I'll admit. Maybe I'm just growing old, and the spirit of competition doesn't arouse my lax nervous system any more.

## Mustangs Meet Pepperdine Tonight

## Army Wins From Poly Wednesday

The California Poly Mustangs went down to defeat for the second consecutive time at the hands of the Camp Roberts team, by the score of 48-34. The Polytes started off with a bang and showed the Soldiers a fast break that had them bewildered. At the end of five minutes of play, the Mustangs were in front, 10-5.

After their initial spurt the Poly team seemed to blow up and the Soldiers started to hit the hoop with unerring accuracy. The teamwork and clever passing of the Roberts team were the main reasons for the Mustang defeat.

"Goody" Goodbody, Poly forward, was the individual star of the game. Goodbody hit the hoop for four field goals and four free throws for 12 points. He was continually taking the ball away from the opponents. The high scorer for the Roberts team was Pavalumas, former Oregon State forward, who scored 22 points.

## Canclini



## Army Wins From Poly Friday Night

On Friday night the Mustangs fresh from their victory over the S. L. O. J. C. basketball team, lost to the Army team from Camp Roberts. The score was 41-33. It was stated that this was the best game the Poly five played this season.

At intermission time the men from Poly trailed 22-19, but in the second half the Mustangs made shot for shot and at one time held the lead at 32-30. A former University of Oregon star, Matt Pavalumas, took away high point honors by scoring 14 points. Goodbody, Poly forward, was high scorer for the Mustang quintet scoring 8 points.

## Arthur



## Southern Five Will Play Poly Here Tonight, Sat.

The Poly Varsity tangles with a tough quintet from the South tonight when they engage George Pepperdine College in the first of a two game series; the second to be played at the San Luis Obispo high school gym tomorrow night. In the opening game tonight, the Jaycees meet the Headquarters Detachment of Camp Roberts. After losing a pair of games last weekend, the varsity is determined to upset the favored Pepperdine team.

San Luis Obispo high will play Santa Barbara high in the other game in the high school court on Saturday. The Broadway Clowns are returning for their second game with the varsity Wednesday evening, January 28.

The Mustangs then travel cross-country to meet the Vikings on their home court the following Friday, Jan. 30.

Although Poly varsity noted out of the C. team in their last meeting, the Mustangs will be hoping for a decisive victory over their rivals in this meeting.

## On the Side

By Glenn Arden

The Mustang basketball team is still looking for a victory in fast competition. Of course, the Poly Hoopsters knocked the local J. C. but so has everybody else. The Poly squad faces the clever Pepperdine quintet this Friday and Saturday night. The Pepperdine squad split a two game series with the Loyola Lions last week.

"Height, height and more height," is the cry of Coach O'Daniel. The basketball squad is lucky to average 7'10". Roy Port is the only tall player the Mustangs have. It makes it difficult for the Polyites when their opponents have so much advantage in height.

Who is the basketball player who is so girl shy? I don't want to mention any names, but let plays guard and his initials are Leroy Lieb. While still she give you for Christmas, "L. Lieb" A lot of the fallow have been hearing of you and all you do is just think. Come, come now let us in on the secret.

Spring is here and with it comes baseball. At least it looked like spring last week. Captain Deuel had the baseball field graded, and in good shape for practice this week but the rain stopped all this. There are going to be a lot of positions open for employment as there are only two veterans returning. These are John Sobushoff and Don Crawford, a catcher and pitcher respectively.

There has been some complaint about the wearing of foreign letters around the school. Just as friendly hint, I would advise the removal of the letters from the high school wearers. The Poly letters do not seem to appreciate the high school letters being worn on the Poly campus.

Sometimes your English teachers are apt to be a bit critical about the slang terms you use in your compositions. Don't let them get the best of you when it comes to an argument about the usage of certain modern terms. They're strictly okay-dokay and often make humdrum compositions snip-snapper.

All of the following words are in Webster's New International Dictionary, (second edition): Boogie woogie, ducky wucky, hee-hee, hinkie hinkie, (parlous) hipper flipper, fuzzy flippy, kiffer-diller, okay-dokay, dillydally, fiddle-faddle, handy-dandy, hanky-panky, harem-scarum, helter-skelter, higgledy-piggledy, higgledy-giggle, hippy-boppety, hobnob, hocus-pocus, hodge-dodge, hodge-podge, (hotchpotch) belty-totly, (highly-tighty), hekeypokeny, holoholos, hocky-srooky, hootchy-hootchy, huggamugger, humdrum, humpty dumpty, hunky-dory, hurdy-gurdy, hurly-burly, hurry-durry, (hurry-shurry) knickknack knobbywoolsey, nampy-pampy, pell-mell, ramble-diddle, ruster-duster, rumpy-poly, shilly-shally, snipperrapper, tilly-vally, (tilly-fally), tittle-tattle, tootsie-wootsie, topey-turry, willy-nilly, wispy-wacky.

## Poly Students Contribute Editorials On War...

## Wait To Be Drafted!

When war was declared all recruiting stations were flooded. A sign of American patriotism. It's good to know that we live in a country for which people are glad to stand in line for hours to get a chance to gamble with death. This country is well worth giving our lives for, but we should wait and let the draft pick the men as they need them, unless we are trying to get into some branch of the service that is not drafting men.

The draft takes men as they are needed and as fast as they can handle them. If we stay at our jobs until we are called then we are doing a better service to our country. By staying on our jobs we can train the person to take our place.

In the President's message he said it would require the service of every man, woman and child, but not all of these people shall bear arms. It has been said, "It takes eight men to supply one soldier at the front lines. So let's help our country to win this war in what ever way is best to gain victory. Spud Myers.

(Editor's note: The above editorial was one of the best written by students in the American Government course.)

Which brings to mind the ditty about the geefer that told a waiter there was a fly in his soup. To which the waiter quickly responded, "Quick, grab a fork—maybe a trout will come to the surface."

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## Food Is Important Too!

What will become of our crops?

On October, 1941, the selective service act went into effect. That this act is necessary, there is no doubt; and the necessity of this is not going to be discussed here. Rather, I am going to bring forth a few facts concerning our agricultural labor situation.

The first selectees had just been drafted for a short six months when the pinch was felt in farming communities. Up to this time the farmer did not fully realize just how the draft was going to concern him. But this was brought before the farmer in a very vivid manner when he sought to hire labor for his summer's work.

In this bountiful summer of 1941, when our country looked forward to a bumper crop of wheat, and the farmers looked for higher prices, the inability to secure labor soon darkened the situation. It was not long until the farmer and the stockman realized that even with a greater income, he was receiving less real income than before. This was due to increased expenses and exorbitant wages asked by labor, providing one could get men

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to work at all.

The summer of 1941 was a problem into the agriculturists, but this problem is indeed a minor one when compared to our present situation. It has come to the point where most all able-bodied men are now in our armed forces.

For some time our government has tried to educate draft boards to be more lenient with farmers and their help. Now it has come to the point, that unless something is immediately done to remedy the situation, our country as a whole will suffer.

Food is essential to achieve complete victory over the axis. Without food, we cannot hope to win. Let me quote from the Pacific Rural Press, "Food is a weapon of war"; also I quote from the same source, "Selective Service officials had difficulty in educating draft boards to the fact that, because he (the draftee) was just a farmer he was not only important, but was irreplaceable."

It is reported that half of Kern county's immense cotton crop is going to waste, all because of labor shortage. Now it is cotton, next, it will be wheat. Without wheat, we cannot eat.

Kurt F. Ullman.

## EDITOR'S NOTE—

An interesting sidelight to the above letter is that the writer, Kurt Ullman, left Poly this week to complete his advanced CAA training in an effort to get an instructor's rating. If he could have been assured draft deferment he would soon have completed his agriculture course and would have been able to aid in the needed increased production of food products.

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## TUNE IN TIME

## New War Songs

Paul Whiteman, the king of jazz, is seeking new War songs that will equal the songs produced during World War No. 1. The veteran showman feels that no songs written to date will fill the bill. He deprecates the lack of the "music that will win the war." Whiteman says that some patriotic music has been written, naming "God Bless America" as the best example, but that songs to replace "Madelon," "Katy," and "My Buddy" still are to be composed. He promises to present the first real war song he finds in a great national premiere.

## Serial to End Serials

Ray Knight, author and lead of the new daytime serial, "A House in the Country" says that it is silly to think that something must always happen in the soap opera programs. To prove he presents his serial to end all serials, which usually ends with a laugh instead of a tear. They are heard at 2:30 p. m. on the Blue Network stations.

## Search for Window Breaker

Fibber McGee and Molly will continue their search for the stone thrower who broke the window in Albright Uppington's house in next Tuesday's comedy show.

## Benny Presents a Whodunnit

With Jack Benny as an ace detective, the Jello show gang will present a mystery drama on Sunday night's program.

"Jazz Slinger" on Air  
Lincoln Highway will bring the epic stage and screen hit, "Jazz Slinger" to life again Saturday on the N. B. C. red network at 10 a. m.

## Kate Smith Records

Two patriotic tunes have been recorded by Kate Smith, star of the "Kate Smith Hour," heard on CBS on Friday nights. The songs recorded were "They Started Something," and "We're All Americans."

## Songs of 1922

Songs popular in the early 20's will be presented on the Lanny Ross program tonight at 8:15, over C. B. S. stations.

## LOCAL NOTE!

The Marines now stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo formally give notice to Poly that from now on they will not tolerate being called sailors.

## Propaganda Defined

"The employment of non-logical or affective appeals in the public dissemination and modification of ideas, attitudes, and beliefs."—Dob.

Propaganda is an expression of opinion or action by individuals or groups deliberately designed to influence opinions or actions of other individuals or groups with reference to predetermined ends."—Institute of Propaganda Analysis.

There is to much confusion about the nature and functions of propaganda, believes Dr. Franklin Fearing, professor of psychology on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, who declares that in a democracy—it is dangerous to limit it.

Some of the questions Mr. Citizen should ask himself at least when under the influence of public appeal are, according to Dr. Fearing: Who is paying for it? What is it for? Is it sincere? Who is against it and why? Is it too vague or too specific or too emotional or too well-timed?

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## Civil Service Examinations

Examinations for printers and steamfitters will be given by the Federal Civil Service Commission shortly, it was announced. Printer's assistants, and plate printers, and printer-proofreaders are being sought for various jobs in the government printing office. Steamfitters will be used by various government departments in Washington, D. C.

Application forms may be obtained at first or second-class postoffices or from the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C.

## HOT AIR

The recent auto collision at the parking space entrance of Deuel Dorm reminds us that many poly students could exercise more care when driving on the campus. The speedster usually claims that he has the car under control at all times. Generally he does, unless something unexpected happens.

And a car coming out of a blind drive-way is something pretty unexpected. We were not a witness to the accident and aren't blaming either party. But with government priorities restricting so many of the things necessary to the continued use of cars, it would seem to further the personal interests of each and every driver if he avoided taking any possible chances of collisions and upsets which might cause damage to tires, or might necessitate repairs with parts which are not available because of limited auto production.

This same accident brought out the fact that the S. A. C., which was given the privilege of naming all the streets on the campus, has not accomplished the job. We realize that the students affairs council as well as other school organizations have been handicapped by the loss of students in key positions. But it is time that the drive-ways on the Poly campus had names.

It is much more convenient to direct strangers on the campus to their destination when we can tell them to go by such and such a street. It also would add much to the prestige of our campus to be able to point to a street sign and say, "See that street, it was named for so and so, who did some famous deed while here at Poly."

It is our suggestion that the S. A. C. name some of the streets here for Polytechnic alumni who lost their lives in action in World War I.

All of which reminds us that if the S. A. C. or any other school organization has taken any action on providing a flag upon which will be placed stars representing Poly students who serve their country in this war, we haven't heard anything about it. Has any one else?

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## Schools Urged To Set Up Defense Units By Mrs. F. D. R.

The role of colleges and universities in the nation's war effort was suggested in an official guide issued today by the Division of Youth Activities, Office of Civilian Defense. Civilian protection measures, conservation programs, consumer and nutrition education, civilian morale service and defense stamp sales promotion are among the activities proposed by the youth division.

"It is imperative for schools, as well as communities, to set up defense committees through which defense activities can be co-ordinated," Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant director of Civilian Defense, said. "What American youth think and do on the college campuses today will be reflected in action throughout the world during the next ten years."

The "College Defense Committee Information Bulletin," according to Jane Beaver and Gilbert Harrison, co-directors of the Division of Youth Activities, makes certain suggestions for adoption by schools and the proposals are based on "experiences on many campuses throughout the country."

The bulletin which is being sent to every student government and administrative head through each state defense council, is the first official set of recommendations that the Office of Civilian Defense has made to colleges and universities.

"For schools where 'war councils,' 'defense councils,' or 'defense commissions' have already been established by joint action of the students, faculty, and administration, the bulletin will offer additional suggestions and plans for the utilization of all the resources of the campus."

### Perlite at U. C.

Word has been received here that John W. Stout, former Poly student, has been loaned by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to the University of California for special research work in chemistry and electricity for the benefit of the national defense program.

Stout attended Polytechnic in 1928-29, when the school was a junior college, then completed his work at the University of California, where he majored in chemistry. Upon his graduation from the university, he went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a professor of chemistry. He was awarded the governor's trophy for his outstanding work when a student at U. C.

### Ag Insp. Join Crops Club

As approximately one-half the members of the Agricultural Inspection club have been taken by our Army, it was suggested that the two clubs join forces. The suggestion was voted upon and unanimously accepted.

The campus, according to the division, can correlate its defense program with the efforts of community youth groups through the appointment of a student representative to the five-to-the Youth Defense Auxiliaries, which are clearing houses for non-college youth organizations working for defense.

Development in the work of the campus defense committees will be reported to the regional Office of Civilian Defense Representative in charge of Youth Activities.

The representative for the ninth region, in which California Polytechnic is located, is Horace Hahn, 1355 Market street, San Francisco.

### Boone Goes To Salt Lake City

Eugene Boone, Polytechnic instructor now working for the National Defense training office, left Tuesday for Salt Lake City where he will attend a conference called by the United States Office of Education. Boone, representing the Out-of-School youth program for rural youth in California, will be accompanied by E. C. Keachie, representing trades and industrial defense training for California. The purpose of the conference is to draw up standard accounting and statistical procedure for all defense training programs in the United States.

### Collegiate Quartet

As a means of improving their music, the Collegiate Quartet has been making records of their finished pieces this past week. This method shows the musicians' progress and their mistakes. Later on some records will be made of their perfected pieces and sent to the Voorhis unit at San Dimas.

Among those records made are "Yo Te Amo," "Keep 'Em Flying," "Hi, Neighbor," "Braggin'," "Talking To The Wind," and "G'Bye Now."

### El Mustang Staff

In regard to the choice of Poly Royal Queen for 1942—let me present this answer: "Where-so-ever the flower be, so let us pick it."

No doubt Barbara Biggs made a fine queen last year, but we've had a fine array of beauties in former years, and still have a multitude of beautiful damsels in the County.

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## Boys Urged to Use \$1,000,000 Swimming Pool

Despite the fact that they have a swimming pool on the campus, Santa Barbara and San Francisco at their disposal, California Polytechnic boys are urged to swim.

At least that is the impression given by the \$1,000,000 million-dollar structure at the school. In addition to its availability during physical education classes, the pool is open evenings from 4 p. m. until 8:30. Water is kept at an even temperature so that swimming even during cold winter days is a pleasure.

Only four or five boys take advantage of the pool at the present time, it is reported, and the athletic department urges more boys to enjoy the healthful recreation of swimming.

## Former Poly Teacher Visited Here Friday

David Shepard, former head of the animal department here, was a visitor to California Polytechnic last week-end. He is now doing government work for the "Food for Defense Program." After leaving the Polytechnic faculty, Shepard was for a time assistant manager of the South San Francisco Union Stockyards, and more recently was manager of the Stockton Union Stockyards. He kept up his contact with vocational agriculture by acting as judge at Future Farmer fitting and showing contests.

### Harriet Hillyard



### OTHER SCHOOLS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN GETTING OUT THEIR PAPER

El Mustang is not the only school paper which is having difficulty in continuing publication during the war emergency. The San Jose State Daily Spartan this week came out with a two-page edition, in which they announced that for reasons of economy on two days a week they would publish only two pages and on three days they would issue their regular four-page paper. They also said that if enrollment continued to drop at the school, daily publication of the paper would be discontinued.

### New Defense Course --- Story Telling

Not to be outdone by California Polytechnic, Whittier College, the Quaker Campus, has installed several new defense courses. Outstanding among them is a new course called "Story Telling." Nothing has been said, though, as to how the course in "Story Telling" will aid the defense program. Maybe it has something to do with improving a person's ability to be interviewed by the draft board.

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## How Not to Write Feature Stories By One Who Should Know Better

Editor's Note: The following story is an example of the type of story expected to be submitted in the El Mustang story contest. While this one is supposedly humorous, human interest stories with a sorrowful angle will be given equal consideration in the contest. The feature story offers a wide range of sources and basis, and can easily be written by even the most inexperienced writer, since it does not have to follow the canons set down for regular news stories. The example given is a story on the trials and tribulations of a contestant writing a story to enter in the contest. The editor was responsible for this little masterpiece, and if most of you can't do better than he did, he will be sadly disappointed.

Joe Blokes wadded up his one-month piece of paper and languidly tossed it into the corner of his room. Joe was trying to write a multi-paragraph, masterful manuscript to enter in the story contest conducted by El Mustang, because he was sure he could win the fifty-cent defense saving stamp offered as first prize. When he got this stamp he would then have only eighteen dollars and twenty-five cents to go before he got his government bond, and in ten years he would have twenty-five dollars.

Thoughtfully thinking that the thwarted ambitions of his youth to buy a zombi would become possible when he reaped this rich reward, Joe screwed up his face in a determined manner and once more turned to the typewriter on his desk (which he had borrowed from Don Dum, who had borrowed it from Dim Wit, who had borrowed it from—but, whoa, now, who cares where he got the type-

writer.)

Painfully he pecked at the keyboard with the little finger of his left hand. He had worn all his other fingers to the knuckles in previous efforts. "Where is the h key," he cried in a whisper, so as not to awaken his roommate slumbering on the upper bunk. Emitting a series of hoarse curses in the manner of a mule-driver, he searched the keyboard over for the key. (If you must know, he said, "Darn" which he couldn't find it.) He couldn't find it because he had his finger on it all the time.

Hour after hour passed, and in the early dawn of a daylight saving morning, Joe finished his stupendous, satirical column, pulled the last sheet out of the typewriter, tearing it almost in two and read his famous lines:

"I sat and thought  
"A long, long time  
"And all I got  
"Was this silly rhyme."

### Quartet to Sing for PTA

The Varsity Quartet, consisting of Bob Whans, Maurice Markes, Ralph Carlson, and Alvin Quist, will sing at the Fremont P.T.A. meeting Tuesday, January 27. "This group has improved a hundred per cent," says Conductor Davidson, "since the last time they appeared before the studentbody."

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For a time yesterday it looked like El Mustang would not make its publication date, but because the school operated power plant still functioned the linotype machine in the Poly print shop, an operator from the Independent office was able to complete setting type for the paper at the school.

The electric failure affected parts of the campus which obtain their electricity directly from the P. G. & E.

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