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Glenn Arthur Appointed El Rodeo Editor

Following an appeal made to all classes last Thursday for volunteers for the position of yearbook editor, Glenn Arthur, ex-GI senior horticulture student, was appointed to the position to fill the vacancy made when Ted Cope dropped out of school.

Poly students may rest assured that their yearbook destiny is in good hands as Arthur is an experienced publications man, having worked as sports editor of El Mustang, student sports publicity man, editor of the football program in 1941, and announcer on Cal Poly's pre-war weekly radio broadcasts.

He is a member of Block P, letterman's club, having made varsity letters in basketball and baseball and is the only returning letterman on the basketball team this year. He was a staff sergeant in the Army, spending 3½ years overseas.

Ben Guptin, business manager, warned that tomorrow will be the last time anyone may buy a yearbook at the \$2.50 price; after that date they will be \$3.00 and by February all sales will be closed.

Anyone interested in working on the El Rodeo must report to Room 204 Tuesday at 4 p. m. for the first organizational staff meeting.

What's Doin'

Jan. 14 to 21

Mon. 14 — Freshman skating party, Athletic club, 7:30 p. m.

Tues. 15 — Basketball, Cal Poly vs. Camp Roberts here, 8 p. m. Veterinarians conference.

Wed. 16 — Veterinarians conference.

Thurs. 17 — Student Body Assembly, 10 a. m., A. C. Aud. Navy graduation, 11 a. m., football field. Veterinarians conference, Navy Wives meeting, 8 p. m., El Corral. Basketball, Cal Poly vs. Camp Roberts, 8 p. m.

Fri. 18 — Crope Club Dance, 8:30 p. m., El Corral.



THEY'LL BE HERE AGAIN... three Cal Poly agricultural students, now veterinarians, looked on as Dr. E. C. Baxter (2nd from right), president of the California Veterinary Medical Association, greeted Dr. B. T. Simms, president of the American Veterinary Medical Association, at last year's conference on the campus. Dr. Ben Collins (left) is practicing at King City, Dr. Robert Dove (center) is at Porterville, and Dr. Charles Crane (right) is in the U. S. Army Veterinary Corps.

Freshman Class Plans Snow Trip to Sierras

Plans for a snow trip to Sequoia National Park after the quarter mid-terms was the important business of the day at the last Freshman class meeting. Limitations to those making the trip were made to those frosh who attended the meeting last Thursday. President "Boston" Robbins appointed the following committee consisting of Dick Livingston, Loewen, and Ken Evans to make arrangements.

Young Farmers Meet

Young Farmers were entertained by James Merson, instructor, who spoke on his hobby, guns and hunting, last Tuesday. He told of the merits and demerits pertaining to various makes of rifles, the art of shooting and hitting the target.

YFA officers warned Poly students to "remember to get girls for the organization's big swimming party and dance to be held the first part of February.

Wanta Join Good Club? Here's How

Ropin', ridin', dancin', Bar-B-Qs, hayrides, skating parties, field trips and honor awards are all yours for the huge investment of seventy-five cents (75c).

All you old and new livestock men this is your chance to belong to the most rooten-tooten organization on the campus. The "Boots and Spurs"! Hurry now and see Paul Bowman and get aboard the hay wagon. Paul is only too glad to meet new members.

The rest of the school year will only cost 75 cents. All old students, upon making this cash investment, automatically become charter members. All new students will be subject to an all-day horrible, but most enjoyable, initiation at the end of the month. It will end that night with a great big round-up of a party.

So spur them horses, shear them sheep and clean them hogs above all be sure and get branded by the Boots and Spurs.

Veterinarians Gather Here For Meeting

Veterinarians from Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and more than 175 California communities will be in attendance at the annual conference of the California State Veterinary Medical Association here from Jan. 15-17.

Most events on the three-day program will be held in the Air Conditioning auditorium starting at 10 a. m. Tuesday. The conference will be opened by Dr. E. C. Baxter, president of the association. First paper to be presented will be on "Digestive Disturbances in Cattle" by Dr. E. J. Frick, professor of surgery, Kansas State college. A motion picture on the subject also will be shown.

Dr. H. E. Cameron, U. of Cal. veterinary staff, will speak on "Swine Brucellosis," and Dr. A. K. Carr, state division of Animal Industry, will explain "California's Brucellosis Program."

On Wednesday Dr. Benjamin J. Schwartz, chief zoological division, bureau animal industry, Washington, D. C., will speak on "Large Animal Parasites." Dr. Frick will present "Small Animal Practice." Dr. Raymond R. Staub, physician, Portland, Ore., will speak on brucellosis as it affects humans. Dr. Frick will then present a motion picture of a Caesarian section in a cow.

The animal banquet Wednesday night will feature Elliott S. Humphrey, "Seeing Eye" dog association official, in a talk on training war dogs.

In addition to scientific presentations to be made Thursday by Dr. Rex Taylor, Dr. Schwartz, Major N. F. Christensen, U. S. Army V. C., a Poly student, Charles Cook, will tell of his experiences in a German prison camp.

Enrollment Increase Disclosed by Recorder

An increase of enrollment at Cal Poly was recently disclosed by the recorder's office. At the present time there are 830 civilian students enrolled, the majority of whom are ex-service men.

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Cal Poly's Vetch Fields

Recently a prospective student was being shown the college campus. Proudly he was taken through the hog units. The beef and sheep units held him in awe, and the dairy facilities impressed him tremendously. Unit by unit they covered the grounds, from the glass houses to the distant alfalfa fields.

He glanced admirably at our administration and electrical buildings, and expressed the desire to enroll as soon as he was discharged from the Air Corps. But, he said, tell me, which vetch field is the front lawn of the administration building? Little has that concerned many of us, but to a visitor it seems to be an outstanding bad feature of our campus. Daily we try to impress people with the beauty of our campus, and daily sad remarks are cast at us.

That plot of land has lain idle and in vetch long enough and has been the constant aim of discriminating remarks of our campus for a long time. It is since past the time the field should have been landscaped, shrubs and trees planted, and a lawn grown.

The small, dingy, antiquated sign advertising this as California Polytechnic college—Home of the Mustangs—on the plot has seen many a better day. A new, larger sign placed on the vetch field that could be seen plainly from the passing trains has been in order for many years. Why not start now?

We are trying to increase the enrollment of Cal Poly through various agencies. What better publicity has a college than a beautiful campus portraying the general scope of the institution?

Large, electrically lighted signs publicizing California Polytechnic—a college of agriculture and industry, placed on each highway entrance to San Luis Obispo would inform travelers of the presence and existence of the college in this area.

It has been said that Cal Poly is on the upswing to normalcy. Unless definite, swift action is taken along these various lines, our return to that standing is hindered. Those responsible for these actions owe it to the students to see that they are carried through by all means possible to get Cal Poly on the map.

L. GAROIAN.

'Grandma' Receives Maid Service

"Grandma," the oldest cow in the Poly herd is to receive some measure of reward for her years of faithful service. This 17-year-old queen is still in full production, but old age has made the task of foraging with the younger animals too great for her. Furthermore, it is tedious work for her to enter and leave the milking barn in the necessary hurry-up manner. So, Grandma is to have her own private stall with one of the students to look after her and see that she has everything she needs.

"Dear John"

Dear Mr. Editor:

Very recently I attended the Obispo theater in San Luis Obispo. Not too far ahead of me were three upper classmen and much to my surprise one of them seemed to be a "Movie Masher." He conducted himself in a manner not befitting a student at Cal Poly.

The thing I want to know is, how much longer is this institution going to continue as a school for men and not as a coeducational institution? I believe things like the one I viewed will not occur in a coeducational institution. They say the best way to correct a condition is to get at the root of it.

Parkington Smythe

Editor:

Say, why don't we have a bowling club? It seemed to me that the local clubs of the city have monopolies on the bowling fun, just try to get an alley at any bowling place! I really think that if we, the bowl-happy, get together to form a club we'll be probably one of the top-notch clubs for many miles around.

The Little Birdie

To the Editor:

I want to take this last opportunity to say "so long" to Poly. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this up and coming institution. Moreover, it has been an honor to serve as the vice-president of your student body. The sincere compliments paid to me and the cooperation I have received on the organization of our social functions has made the time I have spent well worth while.

To those of the student body and faculty to whom I have turned for assistance and suggestions, I owe a special bid of gratitude.

To my successor, I say, you have a job worth doing well. You have a swell bunch of fellows to work for and they appreciate it.

And to all of you, I say, "so long and lots of success in all your undertakings."

Dave Ingraham

Reviews

By HARRY WINKLE

Editor's Note:

This is the first of a series of book reviews to appear in El Mustang. Books to be reviewed will be chosen from a list of current favorites by our book editor.

"Beach Red"—Peter Bowman. Another war narrative, but revolutionary in its concept. Written in verse form, "Beach Red" opens a rather new technique in novel writing. The action involves the securing of a beachhead, as the title would imply. It relates the author's hair-raising experiences and his thoughts in this hour. His not too subtle cracks aimed at the "Brass Dept." should delight the service men, present an ex. All in all, suggested reading.

Horse Show Planned For Poly Royal

Little has been heard about the riding club. But, with the help of President Dick Otto, Secretary Jay Templeton, and Faculty Advisor Eugene Egan they hope to get the ball rolling.

The fun begins as soon as a location is found on or near the campus for the horses. Their eyes are on the old horse barn near the creek by the beef unit.

The club members plan on having roping, fancy riding and a horse show to present at Poly Royal.

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Fresno Bulldogs Nip Poly Twice

By GLENN ARTHUR
Cal Poly Mustangs dropped two games to the Bulldogs of Fresno State at Fresno this last weekend. The Polyites matched baskets with the Bulldogs in the first halves of both games but seemed to "run out of gas" in the last stanza.

In the first game Poly led nearly to half time, but Fresno dropped in some fast goals to take the lead at the half, 29-20. The second half was all Fresno as they scored 30 points and held Poly to 14 to win going away, 59-34. The game got rough in spots and the referee called 37 fouls.

Willard Moore playing his first game in a Poly uniform carried off high point honors with 11. Randall, tricky Bulldog forward, scored 14 to lead his team in scoring.

In the second game the first half was a seesaw battle for the lead and at half time Fresno was out in front 24-21. In the last half it was a good ball game but Fresno had just too much steam for the Mustangs, leading at the final gun 56-42.

"Bud" Baudouin was the high scorer with 14. Fresno scored 18 points on foul shots, more than the winning margin. This game was as rough as the first and in the first half Fresno had made 10 points on free throws.

Future Agricultural Teachers Meeting

It was announced last week by Weir Fetters, counselor for cadet agricultural teachers, that there is to be a meeting of all Cal Poly agriculture students interested in agricultural teaching as a vocation. This meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 4 p.m., in room 108 Ag Ed building. All students are welcome to attend, but in particular, interested upper classmen are urged to be there.

Junior Class Elects Officers

The Junior class had its first meeting of the new year last Thursday and made plans to insure future recognition of the class. Tom Prewitt, agriculture inspection student, presided until the new class officers were elected. George Dewey was elected president, and John Shea was elected secretary-treasurer.

Ideas were presented on plans for the coming school year, including suitable dance dates, an active membership drive, and means of keeping up of class traditions. It was voted on by the members present to have symbolic class sweaters; the type, color, and price to be decided upon at the next meeting, which will be held in the J.C. room of the cafeteria during the evening meal of the 24th of January. This includes all married men living in town and the men living on the campus.

Lack of junior class members was in evidence as there were only eight in attendance. This was discussed and finally attributed to the fact that some of the men don't know what class they are in or they didn't know the meeting was being held. You are in the junior class if you have completed two years of college and intend on completing two more years for a degree. Class members present were John Ehert, Tom Prewitt, Frank Doty, H. L. Walkup, Rolland Sears, Ed Fleming, George Dewey, John Shea, and Paul Dougherty, class advisor.

JUNIOR CLASS TO MEET

The Junior class will meet Thursday, January 24 at 5:30 p. m. in the J. C. room of the dining hall to discuss the semesters activities, according to the Class President George Dewey.

JV's DOWN VIKINGS

The Cal Poly JV's came through Friday nite in a nip and tuck contest to better the San Luis Japcoes quintet by a score of 38 to 27.

Mustangs Lose to Rangers; Rematch Tomorrow Night

Last Tuesday evening the Poly Mustangs hit the road to invade the huge Camp Roberts reservation of basketball cagers. They came home well trounced and tired. Height proved to be of great advantage to the Army boys with the score ending 52-33 in favor of the Rangers.

The game seemed a little ragged at times but the Poly cagers are still improving their defense. Bill Goodman, Don Davenport, and Harry Simcox were the spearhead of Poly's defense but they just couldn't hold the fort against such height.

Pence of the Rangers was high point man for the night with 14 points followed closely by his teammate, Asoy, with 13 points to take second honors. Harry Simcox and Don Davenport tied to lead in scoring for Poly with 8 points each.

The local boys will get their chance for revenge tomorrow night when the Camp Roberts Rangers will return the game on Poly's floor. There will be a preliminary game between the JayVees and the King City cagers. The first game will get underway at seven p.m.

Block P's Hold First Meeting

Poly's own "Block P" club is really going to get things moving next Thursday, January 17, at 4 p.m. when they hold their first regular meeting of the quarter in room 207.

Among the things which will take place are the election of officers, and the discussion of activities for 1946, including the annual camping trip and fun night.

All "Block P" members and former members are urged to attend this meeting and help organize and continue one of Poly's classiest clubs!

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Orders were issued to all V.A. offices December 15 by General Omar N. Bradley, administrator of veterans affairs, to have every trainee paid up to date by January 15. According to Colonel Chapman this order gives regional offices the green light to simplify procedures, add clerical help, arrange night shifts, and whatever else is necessary to get all payments cleared on that date.

"We'll beat that deadline if possible," Colonel Chapman declared, "but in order to do so we ask the cooperation of the schools and the veterans." Requests have been sent schools to return eligibility certificates in special envelopes within 24 hours after the veteran has registered. "Veterans should not grow impatient and write or telephone the V.A. in regard to these checks. It takes time to answer communications—time which otherwise would be spent making out checks and meeting the deadline."

Veterans in Southern California are applying for schooling and training under the bill at the rate of about eight thousand per month. "Every month shows an increase," Colonel Chapman said.

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Drive Underway To Reorganize Campus Ski Club

Did you know that skiing was a major sport in California twenty years before the Scandinavians ever thought of conducting a ski-race? Yes, in the 50's and 60's the miners of the Mother Lode country used to hold races almost every winter-Sunday on their ten to fourteen feet long "snowshoes". One of the more famous events was revived in recent years by the Sugar Bowl Ski Club's Silver Belt race, where the winner, as in former times, receives a beautiful silver-studded belt.

Skiing as a modern sport began to draw enthusiasts again in the early 1930's and by 1941 thousands of skiers were going to the mountains every winter weekend; the season lasting from December until mid-April. Gas rationing, lack of transportation, as well as the draft, forced most of the skiers to abandon their favorite sport. This year, however, all who once had been bitten by the bug are again turning to skiing with a zest never before equalled.

Most of us don't even know that Poly once had a ski-club. It was organized in '41 but did not last more than one winter. This was, however, not due to lack of enthusiasm of the members but

solely for the same reasons which kept other skiers from the snowy slopes.

Why not start the ski-club again? The original constitution should still be somewhere in the records and a renewed authorization by the SAC could undoubtedly be secured. One of our new students, Hans Hagemaster, a veteran of the 10th Mountain Division, is a skier of many year's experience, who would be glad to stand by with help and advice. Hans was a ski and climbing instructor in the army together with such nationally famous coaches as Walter Prager of Dartmouth and Friedl Pfelfer of Sun Valley. Having skied in the Sierras, the Rockies and Eastern Resorts as well as in Switzerland, Austria and Italy, he is, no doubt, qualified to answer any questions you could ask.

According to Hans, the closest ski area from here is at Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) south of Maricopa, in the Los Padres National Forest, with a ski-lodge at 6,200 feet altitude. The ski-tow may not be operating this year. The most satisfying area is probably to be found in the Sequoia National Park with a ski-tow at Wolverton, approximately 100 miles via Visalia. Let's hear from you ski-bunnies, scissorbills or snow-bugs!

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