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## Congrats, Rosie, For Newsletter

By DAVE ROSE

Last week the "Mustang News Letter" was sent out to 1250 alumni members, and Rosita Fischer, secretary of the faculty public relations committee, should be congratulated for a job well done. She is in charge of the mailing lists, and of editing the copy which undoubtedly helped a great deal to bolster the moral of the former Polyites who are all over the world.

The "Mustang News Letter" was started in 1942, and ever since it has grown slowly as more Polyites left Cal Poly to join the armed services in the early war years. At present, the Alumni association has more than twelve hundred and fifty members, most of who are in the armed services.

The "Mustang News Letters" consists mostly of excerpts from letters sent in from the former Polyites in the armed forces and some news of the Cal Poly's progress, such as the airstrip and the enrollment increases. Continuing of the "Mustang News Letters" should go far toward helping to strengthen the Alumni association of California Polytechnic college.

## Fun Nite Planned by Block 'P' Club Soon

The Block 'P' club met in Chase Hall Tuesday night to discuss the possibilities of having a fun nite in the near future. Fun nites have been a tradition with the Block 'P' club and in pre-war days were held every quarter. It usually consisted of five or six boxing bouts, one or two wrestling matches and numerous speciality acts such as Judo, gymnastics, fencing, and a balloon breaking contest. To obtain the right atmosphere, the no smoking regulation in the gym was relaxed and peanuts and cokes were available.

If there are any students interested in participating in the boxing, wrestling, or speciality acts, sign up with Vern Meacham as soon as possible. Matches will be arranged according to weight and experience. It is not necessary to be a professional as the bouts are of three rounds of one minute duration each.

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## Poly Royal Committee Heads Named

The Poly Royal executive committee launched its campaign for a bigger and better Poly Royal last week, which marked the revival of the "County Fair on a College Campus" that had become widely known in the years prior to the war.

Les Vanoncini, an old timer at Poly and recently a Paratrooper in the army, was elected general superintendent of the 14th annual Poly Royal. Tom Woods, another fixture at Poly, was elected assistant to Les. Adrian Harders was elected secretary and Dwight Wait, who was also here a few years, was elected treasurer. Committee heads as appointed by General Superintendent Les Vanoncini are as follows: Roland Sears in charge of arrangements with Dwight Wait on finance and budget; Elwood Randolph, clean up; Don Fiester, parking facilities and rest rooms; Willard Hagen, signs; Fred Leavitt, campus tours; and Ad Santel, hospitality.

John Shea was appointed head publicity agent, with Ted Wales on newspaper and magazine releases; Merval Mayer, printed program, and Francis Walker, speakers bureau.

Herb Brownlee in charge of agricultural exhibits, with Earl Ambrosini on dairy functions; Harold Steiner, poultry; Laurence Hovely, crops and fruits; Fred Leavitt, agri. inspection; Don Thorndyke, agri. mechanics; and Roy Swanson, ornamental horticulture. Louis Barr heads the committee on industrial exhibits with assistance in the hands of Ernie Larkey, aeronautics; Max Decker, electrical; and Bub Chamberlain, air conditioning and mechanical industries.

Special events are under Tom Woods and Les Vanoncini for the opening assembly; Jack Nolan, farm judging; Arch Arhendes, barbecue; the dance and queen contest will be handled by the senior class; Boots and Spurs club, the rodeo; Block P in charge of athletics and homecoming.

Louis Barr and Herb Brownlee, heads of the industrial and agricultural departmental exhibits, urge all departments to plan and act now for the first Poly Royal in four years.

## Cinch Notices Issued Today

Wipe those smiles off your faces boys, it is once again time for us to shun our mail boxes. Cinch notices are coming out today. It's not as bad as it seems though; because if you receive one with instructions to report to the scholarship committee, don't go expecting to receive "you know what." They are there to give you aid in any way possible to help bring your grades up to passing. If you receive a notice to contact your instructor, do so and talk it over with him. You will be surprised to see how much good it will do.

Reports are sent to the Veterans Administration each six weeks on the scholastic standing of men under public law 16. Several students enrolled under this program have failed to turn in trainee term schedules to the Vet. Administration and serious consequences may result if this is not done immediately, recorder Paul Winner said.

## Youth Group Plan Various Activities

The Methodist Youth Fellowship began their new term with seven officers, six girls and one Polyite, namely Shig Muraasaki.

They expect to work on recreational activities and community projects. They plan on having skating parties, hikes, barbecues, and many outings besides their weekly dinners and their dances.

Some of the Poly students who attend these functions are Shig Muraasaki, Jack Smith, George Thompson, Mac Thompson, Thomas Fitzgerald, Merval Mayer, Lee Shields, Jim Morris, Gary Peterson, Kenneth Evans, Don Lansing, Bill Sweatt, Bob Moeller, Bob McIntyre, and Vernon Luce.

## SAC SEEKS IMPROVEMENTS

A long and detailed list of immediate long-term improvements pertaining to the college and submitted to the administration was the result of an extra long session of the SAC last Tuesday night.

Copies of the list of needed improvements sent to President J. A. McPhee, C. O. McCorkle, assistant to the president, and to W. Troutner, in charge of resident students, by a committee appointed by SAC President Santel consisting of Archie Arhendes, John Miller, and Leon Garoian.

## Mustang Club Organized by Business Men

Rosiest prospects in history for Cal Poly's inter-collegiate athletic program were assured here this week with the organization of the "Mustang Club" by business and professional men of San Luis Obispo county.

The club, a "booster" organization to promote a revived interest and greater support for the inter-collegiate athletic program of the college, was the outgrowth of a meeting Thursday of nearly 100 of the county's leading business and professional men who are interested in seeing Cal Poly put on the map both athletically and academically.

Ed Atkinson, as temporary chairman, called on Bill Shipsey, Al Ferrini, and Don McMillan, as alumni members, to explain to the group the need and purposes of the newly formed club.

Officers elected were Fred Kimball, president; Bill Shipsey, first vice president; Al Ferrini, second vice president; Ed Atkinson, secretary; Joe Kirk, treasurer; and Don McMillan and Sandy Leguina, executive committeemen.

## OMAR KHAYYAM

How long, how long, in infinite Pursuit

Of This and That endeavour and dispute?

Better be merry with the fruitful Grape

Than sadden after nons, or bitter, Fruit.

—Omar Khayyam

## What's Doin'

Mon. 4—Boots and Spurs Skating party, Athletic club, 7:30 p. m. Basketball—Cal Poly vs. Jay-Cees; Native Sons vs. Octanes.

Wed. 6—Basketball—Cal Poly vs. JayCees; Legionaires vs. Native Sons.

Thurs. 7—Student Body assem., 10 a. m. A. C. Aud. Junior Class meeting, 5:30 p. m. J. C. room. Student wives meeting, 7:30 p. m., C. R. 14.

Fri. 8—Concert—Grauman Ensemble, S. L. O. Hi Aud., 8:15 p. m.

Mon. 11—Basketball—Cal Poly vs. Octanes; Native Sons vs. Legionaires.

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## Athletic Scholarships?

Commercialized athletic programs for colleges have been debated pro and con ever since the establishment of inter-collegiate sports. It again appeared in the news when St. Luis University's president, the Rev. Patrick J. Holloran, S. J., envisioned big time football on a coast-to-coast basis for his college.

"We feel there are enough boys in this area who want to play football who, if given the proper inducement, will come here. By that I mean not the paying of money just to play football, but the North Central Association (of colleges and schools) allows us 15 to 20 per cent of our student enrollment for athletic scholarships. I feel a boy who reports for football from the first of September until December and takes a beating three or four hours each afternoon and then takes another clubbing on the day of the game is contributing something to the university," Father Holloran said.

Whether or not this is commercialized football hinges on the principles of commercialization maintained. The fact that an athlete is given room, board and tuition by the school or by supporters is no more commercialization of athletics than is commercialization of education by granting scholarships to outstanding students.

This is particularly interesting, because colleges throughout the nation are facing similar problems of enlarged post-war athletics. It is all an athlete can do to practice three hours each afternoon, eat supper, and then lie down to rest, neglecting his studies and other activities to which he should attend. If he has to depend on part-time employment to carry him through college, his chances of serving the school through athletics are lessened.

The principle of purchasing athletes from colleges and various other sources, of which a Southern California institution has been guilty, is justly outlawed; but the granting of athletic scholarships to deserving athletes should be encouraged as a means of offering men a chance of securing an education which perhaps they could not receive without financial help.

L. GAROLAN.

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## Survey Question of the Week

Scuttlebut this week got around to asking various students a question pertaining to the student store. A fair representation of the answers given, follows.

The question: Should the student store be kept open evenings till 9 p. m.?

**Bill Brittain:** The student store would be fully patronized by students who have a yearning for a warm trickle down the throat and a feeling of content in the stomach before retiring if the store is kept open until 9 p.m. After all, the bus expense could be beat, too.

**Paul H. Bowman and James Case:** Being an off-campus student, I would not be too interested in the store staying open later on week days, but I do believe it should stay open longer on Saturdays. This would benefit those stu-

dents who are feeding livestock and working at various jobs on the campus.

**Shorty Morris:** Yes, I believe the store should be open longer because as it is, the student who lives on the campus has to go down town to get something to eat. And when they are studying, it takes up a lot of valuable time to run down town. It will pay in the long run.

**Don Adams:** Yes, this is a student store and I believe students should work in it and benefit by it. This extension of time would give the boys a place to get coffee instead of wasting time by going to town.

**Jim Ople and Jack Morell:** Yes, we do believe the store should be open in the evening for student use. Most of the students on the campus go to town evenings to eat and then stay up late and try to study.

**Archie Ahrendes:** Yes.

**Bud Brandon:** I think that the students' store should be kept open later and run by the students if necessary. This would be valuable to the students who are without cars and save time for studying in the library.

**Charles A. Cook, Jr.:** Some of the fellows would like to have their dinner in the store, then go to the library to study without going to town and then coming back to the campus.

**Mervel Mayer:** Usually at nine o'clock I just begin to think about something to eat. I wonder if this wouldn't result in a rush just at closing time. But, all in all, it's a good move.

Hope you all bought your auto license tags already. As you have heard, today was the last day. From the looks of the Highway Patrol office on Saturday just about everybody in town was just meeting the deadline.

## "Dear John"

**Editor's Note:** Anonymous contributions, for obvious reasons, cannot be accepted by El Mustang for publication in this column. Letters must be signed by the writer, but initials or "pen names" may be used at the request of the writer.

**Editor:**

Recently as I was standing in El Corral at lunch time to be waited on, I observed several students who were lucky enough to be served earlier than I, sit at one of the many tables that happened to be vacant. Just as they set their food on the table, some fellow with a varsity jacket yelled to them, telling them to move. What I want to know is, should I have some "reserved" signs printed to furnish these glorified characters so they will be saved the effort and embarrassment in the future? And could you quote me some prices for the job, since I have to get by on what little money the government furnishes.

**Parkington Smythe**

**Editor's Note:** My man Schwartz has left with the Navy and therefore I have no one to refer you to. Anyway, it might be against the Fair Trades Act to do so.

**Dear Editor:**

For some time now we have been reading letters in this column written by a Parkington Smythe, and the final conclusion I've come to is that this fellow is a habitual gripe, not worthy of representation as a student at Cal Poly. Perhaps the administration had better help him pack his bags and move him enmasse, and rid the rest of the students from contact with this type of man, and then I question whether he is a man or not. I've heard of a lot of rats around the campus!

Perhaps these few words of "friendly" advice will strike home and he will realize what is thought of him by others.

A disgruntled student

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## Maughmer Leads Scoring Race In League Play

Cal Poly's hoopsters maintained their lead in the city basketball tournament last week by smothering all opponents.

Tied for second honors are the Octanes and the Native Sons, both having two wins and one loss. Third spot is held by the Legionnaires, with one victory and three defeats, while the Jaycees trail with four losses.

With a total of 52 points Maughmer of the Jaycees five leads all players in the scoring race. Second spot is held by Sweatt of Cal Poly with 46 tallies; Arthur, Cal Poly, 42; Oberholser, Octanes, 39; Moore, Cal Poly, 38; Castro, Legionnaires, 30; Ball, Octanes, 29; Rosa, Native Sons, 27; Bubar, Native Sons, 27; Green, Octanes, 23.

Next Monday will see the end of the first half of the city basketball games when the Octanes and the Native Sons will tangle in what should be a very tight game. These games have proved to be of interest to many townsfolk.

The undefeated Poly team is piloted by Coach Howie O'Daniels who was instrumental in starting the present series of bouts.

Benny's Cafe has made Poly students an offer that should be interesting. Those who eat Sunday dinner there will receive a ten cent discount by presenting their student body cards. This reduction is good on any dinner on the menu.

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## Hatfield Concert Thrills Audience

By TED WALES

Beautiful music sounded throughout the rafters of the S.L.O. high school auditorium recently when Lansing Hatfield, outstanding young baritone, sang to a thrilled and enthusiastic audience.

Hatfield, with Collins Smith at the piano, rendered both familiar and little known classical selections including the aria, "Non Pote Andrai," from "The Marriage of Figaro," by Mozart; "Bois Epals," by Lully; "The Jolly Young Waterman," by Dibbin; "Three for Jack," by W. H. Squire; "The Ballad of John Brown," by Wolf; "The Little Mawhee," "I Ride On Old Paint," American folk-song, and two Negro spirituals, "Hard Trails," and "Go Down Moses," and selections by Schubert, Verdi and Clarke.

Among the encores taken were "The Chinese Dance" from the "Nut-Cracker Suite," and a piano solo by Smith; Hatfield responded with "The Lord's Prayer," by Mott, "Cuand la Flame de L'Mour," from a Busby opera. This scene depicts an old man surrounded by a bevy of beautiful girls. The old man, being just a little too antiquated to enjoy his feminine companions, was drowning his sorrow with a bottle of wine. The drinking

## Revised Schedule For Second Half Basketball Loop

A revised schedule for the second half of the city basketball league schedule was announced today, to open at the Cal Poly gym this Monday night. It follows:

Feb. 4—Native Sons vs. Octanes (last game of first half); Jaycees vs. Cal Poly.

Feb. 6—Cal Poly vs. Octanes; Legionnaires vs. Native Sons.

Feb. 11—Native Sons vs. Jaycees; Legionnaires vs. Cal Poly.

Feb. 13—Jaycees vs. Octanes; Native Sons vs. Cal Poly.

Feb. 18—Legionnaires vs. Jaycees; Native Sons vs. Octanes.

Feb. 21—Legionnaires vs. Octanes.

soon brought on a crying jag. As Hatfield explained this, Carl Beck was heard to ask, "What is a crying jag?"

Hatfield, in an interview, said that he was at present on a concert tour that will take him from here into the northwest, then through the southern states, thence to the middle western part of the country, the whole tour culminating in New York.

## This Little Sheep Went to Market

Student project lambs have been sent to the South San Francisco stock yards and are scheduled for sale there today.

Project owners making the trip to the sale to observe sales procedure and to secure experience in handling sales stock include Jim English, Joe Brown, Ted Haskel, Herb Riley, Jerry Davis, Jerry Bowman, Dan Grim, Alvin Copeland, Bud Brandon, and Dick Livingston.

After the sale a tour of the Swift packing plant will be made by the group, followed by a dinner given by the stockyard owners. If time permits, the group plans to take a trip to an Alameda county sheep ranch.

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## "Just Between Us"

By MERRILL

Three cheers for the basketball team! They really have what it takes and can prove it. The second half of the town series starts tonight so come out and see Poly win again.

Be sure you are watching the "What's Doin'" column on the front page of El Mustang. Who knows what you might miss without even knowing it.

Next time you see Mr. Kennedy, just ask him how he catches rabbits.

Listening to the plans for Poly Royal bring back wonderful memories of past years. Students Arthur, Vanoncini, Wait, Woods, Sears, and Held will be in charge of even a greater Poly Royal than ever before.

Saturday was Groundhog Day, and by the time this paper goes to press we should know just how long Spring will be in the coming; or are groundhogs accurate nowadays, with the new time and all?

Remember to have your portrait taken for El Rodeo. Watch the schedules and come out, 'cause the yearbook wouldn't be the same without your smiling face.

Still I am watching for those new housing units. Maybe with good accommodations in sight, Cal Poly will see an increase in marriages.

Cy Hovig is trying so hard to sell his Harley Davidson, p'haps John Miller could use transportation to Berkeley. Anyway write Box 184 to get in touch with Cy.

We've been wondering when the military situation in regard to San Luis Obispo would be announced. Now we know the Second Engineers—4000 of them—will be here in a month.

### AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Making \$200 overnight is now a possibility for any student interested in welding. The A. F. Davis Welding award which will consist of four cash prizes totaling \$700 to be presented annually to authors and publications for the best and second best articles on welding published in under graduate magazines or papers during the preceding year. Any undergraduate of a college, university or institute of technology in the United States is eligible.

The awards will be as follows: \$200 each to the author of the best paper and to the publication in which it appears, and \$150 each to the author and the publication for the second best paper.

Any paper if thought worthy of

## Young Marrieds Hold Shin-Dig

The married students and their better halves really got together en-masse last week and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The forty-four couples put in an appearance at the El Corral, partaking of refreshments furnished by the charter members. Cakes galore and all the coffee desired was on the house.

The ping pong and pool tables were kept very busy. In fact, it is surprising that they are still usable. When a few of the more enterprising fellows finally got the juke box to work, the dancing couples really got under way.

Each couple had a pair of hearts pinned to his or her shoulder with that person's name in the bigger heart and the spouse's name in the smaller heart. In this way introductions, which would have been impossible, were unnecessary.

The "Charloteers" gave several of their famous renditions, which those present thoroughly enjoyed. Archie Ahrendes played as bartender and did a remarkable job of keeping the crowd well supplied with fountain delicacies.

Future plans of the group include a meeting Thursday, Feb. 7, in classroom 14. Transportation problems will be cared for by Blanche Lancaster.

winning in the opinion of the editor will be published in the El Mustang, regardless of size.

Students who "are in the know" about welding should get on the so called "ball" and make themselves an easy \$200.

## Valentine's Dance Scheduled Feb. 15

Portraying the theme of Valentine's Day, the first student body dance of the year will be sponsored by the Crops club February 15, held in Crandall gymnasium.

Furnishing music for the dance dedicated to returning servicemen will be Giblian Brown and his six piece orchestra, committee chairman Ken Holmes announced.

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