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AVA Elects McPhee As National President

While Cal Poly students were packing to go home over the Christmas vacation period, President Julian A. McPhee was singled out to receive the highest honor that can be given in the field of vocational education.

Unanimously elected national president of the American Vocational Association by the 2200 delegates attending the national convention in Los Angeles, Dec. 15-18, President McPhee pledged himself to carry the fight for stronger vocational education programs on a nation-wide basis.

McPhee, who will serve one year, succeeded Florence Falgatter, home economist of Iowa State college. Elected as vice presidents for three years were Frank Moore, Cleveland, Ohio, in charge of industrial arts; D. V. Armstrong, Louisiana, supervisor of business and distributive education, and Dr. Maude Williamson, Fort Collins, Colo., to handle home economics.

The election climaxed the four-day session of the 42nd annual convention calling for universal military training and urging Congress to appropriate 20 million dollars for the expansion of vocational education programs in the next fiscal year.

Other Cal Poly staff members who attended the national convention were: James McGrath, Oberlin Nareson, Carl Beck, Vard Shepard, C. O. McCorkle, C. E. Knott, Harry Wolf, Phil Bromley, F. W. Whiting, Bert Fellows, and Bob Kennedy.

San Dimas Student Killed In Collision

Theodore Prothero, 21, a Fruit Production major at the San Dimas branch of Cal Poly was killed in an auto-truck collision while returning to school after the holidays, it was learned here today.

Earl Prothero, 20, Theodore's brother who was also in the car, received serious injuries in the accident. Both boys lived in West Covina.

What's Doin'

- Friday, January 9
9 p.m.—Young Farmer dance, Hillcrest lounge
- Monday, January 12
7 p.m.—Central Coast Counties officials association meeting, Adm. 213.
- Tuesday, January 13
4 p.m.—Student Fellowship meeting, Adm. 213.
6:30 p.m.—IVCF fellowship and Bible study, Adm. 213.
7 p.m.—Gamma Pi Delta fraternity meeting, Adm.
7:30 p.m.—SAC meeting, CR 6.
8 p.m.—Women's club meeting, Hillcrest lounge.
- Wednesday, January 14
4 p.m.—Poly Phase club meeting, CR 6.
7 p.m.—Crops club, meeting Adm. 214.
7:30 p.m.—Open Forum, Eng. aud.
- Thursday, January 15
6:30 p.m.—Ag. Inspection club meeting, Ag. Ed. 103.
8:30 p.m.—PDK banquet, JC room.



JULIAN A. MCPHEE . . . Poly's president and the recently elected national president of the American Vocational Association.

Instructors to Attend Institute

By Grant Ball

Four members of the Cal Poly faculty plan to attend the Institute on the Teaching of International Economic Relations on January 17 at the University of California. Dr. Hubert H. Semans reports that Ralph W. Dilts, M. E. Smith, A. W. Cruikshank and himself will attend.

The meeting is being arranged jointly by the Institute of Economics, the Office of Relations with schools, and the Department of Institutes, University Extension, University of California.

The main purpose of the meeting will be to give instructors of subjects bearing upon international economic relations, an opportunity to meet with their colleagues, to exchange ideas, and to discuss materials and teaching aids on matters of common concern.

Discussion rather than lectures will be emphasized at the Institute. Films and film strips, platters of radio broadcasts, charts, and relevant published materials will be on display.

The program committee is composed of representatives of the University of San Francisco, San Francisco State college, Mills college and the University of California.

Student Chosen As Announcer And Editor for KPIK

Using the veterinary conference as the basis for his first four broadcasts, Al Auf der Heide, Cal Poly animal husbandry student and well-known publications photographer and writer, this week made his debut as farm announcer for San Luis Obispo's new radio station, KPIK.

Broadcasting directly from the campus, Auf der Heide interviewed

As a fitting conclusion to the veterinary conference, NHC transcribed an informal interview between Henry Schact, the KNBC director of agriculture, and three outstanding veterinarians. Schact and his engineers arrived on the campus late Wednesday afternoon and made a 15 minute wire recording of an interview with Dr. Charles H. Reid, president of the California Veterinary Association, Dr. R. C. Klussendorf, assistant executive secretary, of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Chicago, and Dr. L. M. Hurt, President-elect of the national association from Los Angeles. The transcription will be released over the KNBC Farm Digest program, "at a more convenient time."

Dr. E.E. Jones on the subject of "Foot and Mouth Disease," at 12:30 p.m. Monday. On Tuesday he interviewed Dr. A.K. Kuttler, of the federal bureau of animal industry, Washington, D.C., on "brucellosis," and on Wednesday he discussed the dread disease of rinderpest with Dr. Kenneth G. McKay, extension specialist in veterinary science, University of California. He then wound up the series on Thursday with an interview with Cal Poly's own veterinarian, Dr. Dean Lindley.

Auf der Heide will conduct daily farm news and feature broadcasts over KPIK.

Other broadcasts during the veterinary conference were released over KVEC, with the opening of the conference broadcast recorded for later release over the Don Lee network. Appearing on broadcasts released over KVEC were Dr. Charles Reid, Dr. R. C. Klussendorf, Dr. A.K. Kuttler, Dr. B.B. White, and Dr. James H. Steele in interviews with Bob Kennedy, Cal Poly public relations director.

STUDENTS DISMISSED

It seems that a few students have recently been dismissed from school, and as usual the dismissals bring many questions and complaints.

Eighty-four students are at present subject to dismissal because of low grade standing. Students are reminded that it is easier to keep off probationary status than to make up a period of probation.

Veterinarians Conclude Three Day Conference

More than 250 California veterinarians were returning to their home communities throughout the state at weeks end following a three-day annual conference of the California State Veterinary Medical Association held on the campus Monday through Wednesday.

Student Helps Build Float

The man who knows told us how to see the Rose Parade in Pasadena without getting stomped by the mob. "It's easy," said John Preston, dairy major and float builder.

"I went to the tent where some of the floats were being put together," continued Preston, "and got a job working on the float of the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West. Jim Hawkins and Co. were the contractors. They paid a buck an hour for farmers; that's general handy men who didn't mind the smell of horse glue."

"The wooden frame had already been built over the old truck body. Chicken wire had been nailed to the frame. We stretched wet cotton cloth over the wire and then sewed it in to place. The whole thing was then sized and painted, and left to dry overnight."

"On Tuesday we started putting on the flowers, mostly small chrysanthemums. The booms were pinched from the stalk and glued to the framework. Somebody figured that it took about twenty thousand blossoms to cover our float. I wouldn't say for sure, never took time to count them."

"The framework wasn't too strong so most of the work was done from scaffolding. They say that position is everything in life. Well, if that is true, we really should be somebody. I got twisted into every shape but inside out in order to get into some of those small corners. Every spot on the float has to be covered with flowers in order for the float to be eligible in the judging."

"A crew of twenty people put in fifteen hours a day for two days in order to get all the flowers put into place, and finally finished a little after the New Year arrived. After that it was just a matter of taking down the scaffolding and rolling back the tent so that we could get the float out on the highway. Then home for a couple of hours sleep before the parade began."

"Oh! yes, I saw the whole show without any pushing at all. One of the girls who worked on the float with me knew a man who lived on Colorado Blvd. We went up on his roof and really enjoyed the show."

Among the visiting veterinarians four former Cal Poly students, all of whom received their veterinary medical degrees from Colorado State, at Ft. Collins. They were: Harlan Detlefsen, of Ferndale; Bob Dove, Porterville; Ben Collins, King City, and John Carricaburro, Santa Ynez.

Statewide press and radio attention was focused on the campus during the conference to report to the public the findings of some of the outstanding veterinary medical authorities in the United States who spoke as special lecturers.

Such well-known veterinary medical figures as Dr. James H. Steele, chief, veterinary Public Health division of the United States Public Health Service, who came direct from Atlanta, Georgia, to deliver a paper on "The Relationship of Veterinary Medicine to Public Health," were heard by the veterinarians. Other nationally prominent speakers were: Dr. A. K. Kuttler, in charge, Tuberculosis Eradication Division, Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C.; Dr. A. K. Carr, administrator, Division of Animal Industry, State Department of Agriculture, Sacramento, Calif.; Dr. William L. Jellison, parasitologist, Rocky Mountain Laboratory, U. S. Public Health Service, Hamilton, Mont.; Dr. R. C. Klussendorf, assistant executive secretary, American Veterinary Medical Association, Chicago; Dr. E. R. Frank, professor of surgery, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas, and many others.

Highlight of the three day meeting was the annual banquet held at Cafeteria No. 1 on Tuesday night. A. R. Noggles and his cafeteria crew were congratulated by the veterinary committee in charge of arrangements for the excellent service and food. Musical entertainment during the meeting was provided by Cal Poly "Majors and Minors," a 12-man vocal group. The crowd of nearly 800 persons who filled the cafeteria stomped and applauded the singers for encores.

President Julian A. McPhee welcomed the veterinarians at the banquet and extended an open invitation for them to return next year. This year was the sixth consecutive year that the association has held its annual mid-winter conference on the campus. Principal speaker at the banquet was Dr. George H. Hart, head of the animal Husbandry division, University of California, Davis.

Many livestock students availed themselves of the opportunity to hear authentic information on such subjects as: Foot and Mouth Disease Situation in Mexico, "Observation of Arabian Horses in the Near East," "Studies on Stimulants with Reference to Thoroughbred Horses," "Bovine Surgery," "Equine Surgery," and many more.

College Veterinarian Dean C. Lindly and Public Relations Director Bob Kennedy assisted the veterinary association committee with arrangements during the conference, as did many others with such duties as handling the public address system, motion picture projection, etc.

Western College Congress Resolutions To Be Discussed in Open Forum

By Don Beaton

As El Mustang readers recall, two Poly students, Bob Rivers and Don Simpson, were sent as our representatives to the Western College Congress which convened at Stanford University over the Thanksgiving holidays.

At a studentbody assembly shortly before Christmas, Bob Rivers gave a short talk on the Congress—what was accomplished, interesting highlights of the trip, and also stated that Cal Poly students would be given a chance to vote on the thirty-seven resolutions that were passed by the Congress.

Rather than to throw the resolutions at the students and ask for a vote, Rivers has announced that Polymen will be given a chance to tear them

apart in an open discussion which will be held Wednesday night, January 14, in the Engineering auditorium.

Mimeographed copies of the resolution will be passed out to men attending the discussion, and under the guidance of Rivers, each point will be thoroughly gone over. Rivers, who was present when the resolutions were passed at Stanford, will be able to give some of the arguments, pro and con, that were presented at that time.

It was also announced that Messrs. Semans, Smith, and Dilts would be present to aid the discussion.

All Poly men and faculty members are invited to the Engineering auditorium Wednesday evening, January 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Peace Reigns Briefly During Christmas Recess

"There is just one thing wrong with vacations; they end."

"Yes, and so abruptly."

"Never again." (We had fourteen of these answers.)

"It was wonderful." (Twelve times we heard that answer.) Some of the other comments on the vacation are unprintable, or rather it wouldn't do any good to print them since our linotype operators can't reproduce the tonal qualities of the voices.

Polymen spread to the far corners of the State and Nation. We haven't heard of anyone going beyond the borders of the Continental United States as yet although a rumor is circulating that at least two students went to Texas for their vacations.

One of the most interesting vacations probably, was the one enjoyed by Stan "Hawaiian War Chant" Raymond who received an invitation to spend the holiday in Wisconsin instead of his beloved islands. Raymond accepted with top speed, and probably qualifies for the quickest departure prize.

San Luis Obispo was extremely quiet. So quiet that when a real, and escaped convict occurred in the Village of San Ardo nearly 100 miles to the north, the local press and radio stations had to strain with their respective consciences to keep from claiming the event locally.

If San Luis Obispo was quiet, the California State Polytechnic college could be likened to a morgue. There may not have been peace on earth, but there certainly was peace here. A very few students remained on the campus, evidently to catch up on sleep. The administrative staff was busy, but the office girls complained that without the excitement of persistent students, the routine was monotonous.

The maintenance crew did quite a bit of repair and refurbishing. A skeletal force of security men were on the job. But the combined efforts of these few people only served to make the absence of the student body, and the absence of noise more pronounced.

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The book store postoffice will be open during the following hours only: Weekdays, 8:15 to 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 to 3 p.m. It will be closed on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

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Four Students To Attend IVCF Convention

Four Poly students will represent California Polytechnic at the state convention of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Mid-winter Conference to be held at Beulah Park, near Santa Cruz this weekend, January 9, 10, and 11.

Marlin Ray, Andy Jensen, Lucius Tilden and Allen Marshall will leave Friday afternoon from San Luis Obispo in time to arrive at the conference grounds for the evening meal at 7 p.m.

Principal speaker at the conference will be Dr. F. Kist, of the University of Budapest, Hungary, who will speak on his experiences with the Nazis and also on "Student Christian Work in the Balkans." Other speakers will be Paul Beckwith, well known musical evangelist and Mel Friesen and Carl Thomas, Inter-Varsity staff members for Central and Northern California.

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship group is an interdenominational group of Christian young people of college age. There are over two hundred chapters in colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada.

It is expected that the Beulah Park Conference this year will attract the largest crowd since the war. The conference will run Friday night, all day Saturday and end at two o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Naval Reserve To Billet Ships Company

A meeting of the San Luis Obispo county volunteer Naval Reserve unit will meet in the Eng. auditorium at 8 p.m. Monday night, January 12. This will be the first meeting of the group since the official commissioning ceremony on December 15, 1947.

Larry Oglesby, Lt. Comdr. U. S. N. R., commanding officer of the unit stated today that the meeting will be devoted to the business of organizing. Division officers and men will meet by individual divisions and commence setting down the actual billeting of the "Ships Company." "Any interested personnel who have not attended any of our meetings to date are urged to attend this one," Oglesby said, "now is the time to get your name on our roster."

An opportunity to enlist in V-6 volunteer Naval Reserve will be offered during the meeting.

"Our numbers have grown from 200 to 300 during the first four meetings," Oglesby stated, "and we intend to keep our group growing so that this area will be allotted a fully-equipped Naval armory for the training of Naval Reserve personnel."

Traffic Violation Fines Instituted

The administration has approved a system of small fines to replace the past procedure of restricting vehicle use on the campus. Hereafter, those receiving traffic citations will be contributing to a fund to be added to the college scholarship money.

The annual MARCH OF DIMES campaign starts January 15. This worthy cause needs our support.

A jitterbug is not an insect. It's a human being acting like one.

Ear Benders Hit High Gear In Preparing to Hit High C

Cal Poly's far-famed music department took a deep breath this week preparatory to bursting forth in song over the better part of the state of California.

Not that they sing that loud. Instead the boys under the able direction of Deacon Davidson merely sing in more than

one place at once. They accomplish this by breaking up into quartets, octets, septets, and etc's. All of these groups are joined in harmony for the local fans and relatives at the annual Home Concert.

Poly can truly be proud of the good will annually smeared all over the upper end of the state. The men in their tour cover a different section of the state yearly and present many programs to high school and civic groups.

This lets the public know that the students do more than classify weeds, collect eggs and study unrelated math.

A complete list of the planned activities of this organization would take up too much room if described correctly, therefore we must content ourselves with a partial list. This year, there will be the inevitable home concert plus the tour. Beside those, the Octet

will warble sweetly for the visiting firemen of the state's veterinary group who could get away from the office to come all the way to SLO to hear them. Later the glee club will sing soft lulling music for the benefit of the girls in the Faculty Wives' club.

Practice is the nub of all unseemly activity on the part of the choristers. For it is no easy job given Bishop Davidson. He must, pound a little treble-cleft-sense into these two-bit Perry Comers.

Practice they will, and good the result will be to hear.

ARTICLES MISSING

The Security Officer reports several articles missing from rooms. He suggests that all students note the serial numbers of their typewriters, watches, and radios to aid in recovering them if stolen.

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{ CLUB NEWS }

Edited By Don Ely

ALPHA PHI OMEGA

There will be a lunch meeting of Alpha Phi Omega Monday January 12 at 12 noon for organization of the fraternity. Announcement of meeting place will be posted on bulletin boards in Administration building. All men interested in scouting are urged to attend.

YMCA ISSUES CALL

The Y. M. C. A. needs you! Many students have had "Y" experience and many more need it. Come on out on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. and enjoy fun and fellowship. The "Y" is endeavoring to promote Christian fellowship among the students here at Cal Poly.

Wednesday, January 14, the "Y" plans a meeting when Dr. Glenn R. Noble of the Poly faculty will give a short talk and show pictures of his experiences in Korea.

The advisors and members of the Poly branch of the YMCA invite all students to attend meetings on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. in room 218, Adm. building.

CROPS CLUB GIVES PARTY

A gala Christmas party was held by the crops club in El Corral on December 17. Each guest brought a wrapped present, and the highlight of the evening was when Jolly Johnny Schaub, acting as Santa and decked out in a specially rigged Santa suit passed out the gifts.

Prizes were given for the winners of "musical chairs," and group singing of Christmas carols was enjoyed by all. The "Three Dukes" entertained the guests during the evening.

PENGUINS PLAN TRIP

The Cal Poly Penguins (Motorcycle club) plan a road run this coming Sunday, January 11 through one of the back trails of San Luis Obispo county. The club will meet at the J.C. Grill at 10 a.m. and return about 1 p.m. All student motorcycle owners are invited to join in this run.

BOOTS & SPURS MEETING

A speech by Vard M. Shepard, dean of agriculture, was the highlight of the Boots and Spurs meeting held on the evening of Dec. 16. Shepard presented some interesting facts and figures concerning the future of swine production in California.

Due to the resignation of Warner "Snuffy" Smith as club proxy it was agreed that John "The Genius" Connors, vice president, should take over the office for the remainder of the school year. Bob Meyers

was elected to the office of vice-president.

Following the adjournment of the meeting, refreshments were served by program chairman, Bowers and associates.

POLY ENGINEERS TO MEET

The Poly Engineers club will hold its regular meeting on January 14 at 7 p.m. in room 212, Adm. building.

The club will discuss the ratification of a new constitution and a change in the name of the club. All members are requested to be present.

FUTURE FARMER ANNOUNCE

A meeting of the Collegiate Future Farmers chapter will be held Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in room 214, adm. building.

Paul C. Winner advises that any student interested and preparing for the teaching of agriculture is welcome to attend the meetings of this group.

POLY PHASE BARBECUE

The Poly Phase Barbecue was held two days before the Christmas vacation in order to properly celebrate the end of the membership drive. The affair was a huge success, with the steaks tender and the refreshments cold. Over one hundred members were on hand for the rare, mediums and well done, turned out by chefs Max Decker, George Harper and Virgil Waldorf.

Entertainment in the form of touch football and volleyball were enjoyed by the more physical men at the party, while sweet music, cigars and gin rummy satisfied those whose stomachs were so full that they couldn't do much running around.

MUSTANG FLYERS MEET

The Mustang Flying Association held its first meeting of the new year Tuesday evening, January 6. An election of officers was held and the following men were elected to serve as the Board of Directors for the coming year: Alden Turner, faculty advisor; William S. Carter, Bob Roney, Ken Taylor, Earl Seely, Bruce Borrer and George Ruggie.

A motion was made and passed that the club's airplanes may be used on overnight and extended cross-country hops. Several applications for membership were received and it was announced there are still openings for membership and all who are interested in low-cost flying are invited to submit an application.

Poly Phase Begins Publication Of 'Conductor'

A bi-quarterly newspaper called the Poly Phase Conductor has published its first issue. The paper, originated and organized by the Poly Phase club, contains articles of interest to all Electrical Engineering majors, news of the EE department, faculty personality sketches, Poly Phase sports news, and an editorial page.

The new publication is edited by Sid Berkowitz who is assisted by Aaron Abrahamson and Dale Daniels. George Abel, department instructor, is acting as publication advisor.

According to Berkowitz, the Poly Phase Conductor is going to give El Mustang some stiff competition and will eventually force El Mustang into bankruptcy.

Notwithstanding any threats received, El Mustang's staff wishes to compliment the Conductor's staff for a well written, well edited little paper and hopes for their continued success.

CLASSIFIED AD (unclassified)

FOR SALE—1938 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, model 61 OHV, tip-top condition. \$450. Paul Madge, room 5, Chase Hall.



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Veterans Guidance Center Expands

The Guidance center has been expanding rapidly in the past few weeks in order to carry on a more extensive program of veteran aid.

O. B. Nereson, guidance director, reported that he had to take in part of classroom unit F for his testing program. The back room of CU E, which was formerly used for this, has been converted into a vocational library where any veteran can visit and examine material on a complete list of vocations. An effort is being made to obtain as much material as possible to be placed in a filing cabinet for the students' convenience.

CLASSIFIED AD
LEARN SPANISH—Beginners' class forming. Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 to 5. City Recreation Building, Santa Rosa and Mill. By Cal Poly student.

AIRLINE KNOCKS SELF OUT RETURNING TEXTBOOK

There is some free air-express waiting at the information desk for Joe Griffin. Seems, he flew home for Christmas and left a book on the plane. The subsequent travels of that volume bear mentioning. They held it for him at Los Angeles... no call. They flew it to San Francisco... no call. Finally Southwest Airways flew it to San Luis Obispo and called their campus representative, Emmons Blake, to pick it up for delivery. So Joe, go clip the wings of your flying book.



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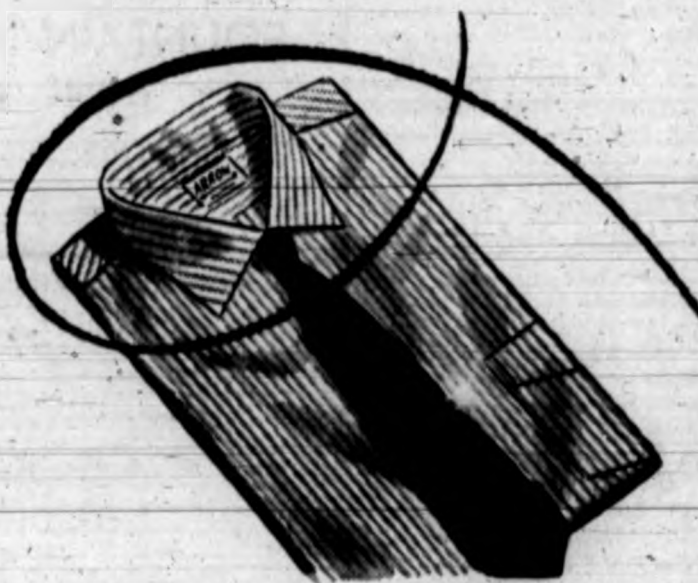
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Poets Edge Mustangs in Hardwood Thriller

After going into the Xmas vacation with a record of six wins and one loss, the Mustang cassaba artists took a big drop, losing to Whittier, Pomona and San Francisco State while winning one from Alameda Naval Air Station to begin the New Year with a record of 7-4.

The night of December 19 can well be regarded as one of the most hectic in Poly basketball history. Taking the floor against Whittier, a team that was supposed to beat us by a big margin, Poly succeeded in playing its best game of the year only to lose 50-58 in the dying seconds of the game.

Poly lost no time in drawing first blood when "Little Poison" Bobby Coughlan dropped in a push shot from 25 feet out, but the fast breaking Whittier poets came right back to tie it up and then go ahead.

The first half was nip and tuck all the way with the Poets leaving the court for the mid-way intermission with a 27-26 lead. But the second period proved to be better yet as Bob Coughlan and "Big Poison" Hank Moroski stayed right with the Quakers all the way to make a sensational game out of it.

Coughlan, who was high point man for the evening with 23 counters, couldn't be stopped, along with the fine two handed shots by Hank Moroski, Whittier was continually kept on the spot. But alas, all this couldn't hold up. With less than 20 seconds to go, "Whitie" Tilstra, who played his best game of the year, dumped through a free throw to put Poly in the lead 58-57. But then the roof fell in as Pederson, one of the Poet's guards, dribbled down the floor and with 3 seconds to go in the tilt put one in from 30 feet out as the game ended 59-58.

Coughlan and Moroski were high point men for Poly with 23 and 18 points respectively. Moore, who played a great game at the pivot position for the visitors, led Whittier's scoring parade with 19 digits.

Having shot the works on the previous evening, the Mustangs just didn't seem to have the needed spark Saturday night against the Pomona Sageshens, losing 41-52 in a very one way game. Pomona led by their stellar center, Olson, who threw in 18 points, held the lead throughout the game. The shifting zone defense set up by the Sageshens completely befuddled the locals until late in the second

Mustang Boxers To Meet UCLA And Idaho

The home fans will receive a taste of big time collegiate boxing February 29 when the UCLA rosin artists will make a stop off at the campus to engage Coach Chuck Pavelko's pugilists in an eight bout contest.

Coach Pavelko has announced that he plans to send his best two or three boxers to the Rocky Mountain tournament which will be held at Idaho State college.

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Alameda NAS Loses To Mustangs By Narrow Margin

After taking a brief Christmas vacation the Mustang cagers journeyed to Alameda Naval Air Station Friday, December 29. This game proved to be very ragged and Poly just barely eked out a 48-48 win. Held back by lack of practice and a touch of the flu, the Polymen just couldn't get going.

The Mustangs left the floor at halftime trailing 22-28, but came back to roll up a 10-point lead only to have the Sailors tie it up later in the game. The Jorgensen crew was still able to hang on long enough, however, to win, 49 to 48. Moroski, playing his usual steady game, sank 17 points for the Mustangs to gain high scoring honors for the evening.

The next evening Poly crossed the Bay to play a hot San Francisco State team. The Gators just couldn't miss and Poly couldn't hit, which seems to be the answer to the way State rolled over the Poly five, 62-41. Frisco made close to 70 percent of their shots while the local five only managed to sink 23 percent of theirs.

State led 23-13 at halftime and came back at the second half to score at will. In fact, you might say they were unconsciously hot at times. "Little Poison" Coughlan, for the first time this year, was stopped cold as he only rang up four points. "Big Poison" Moroski, who has been setting a hot scoring pace of late, tanked 14 points for what proved to be the only bright figure on the Poly side of the ledger.

Janech was high point man for the evening with 17 points and played a beautiful game for the State aggregation.

WELDERS TO BUILD BASEBALL BACKSTOP

The welding shop has received an order to construct an all welded steel pipe and wire backstop for the new baseball diamond. The backstop will be 25 feet high, over 100 feet in linear length, and will be completed before the start of the baseball season.

WRESTLING REPORTS

Coach Carl Voltmer, wrestling mentor, has announced that the Poly grappling team will hold elimination bouts January 15. The first inter-collegiate matches will be held here with Santa Barbara, January 28.

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Intramural Cage Tourney

By Byron Culver

The second week of competition among the intramural basketball leagues was completed before the Christmas vacation began. Competition in the three leagues will continue until February 10 when the league winners will compete in a combined playoff which is scheduled for February 12, 16, 17, with February 24 being set aside for additional playoffs if they are needed.

The intramural program looks like a success having attracted a good representation from the students along with a good competitive spirit. The games are also attracting a fair crowd of spectators which is an encouraging factor to the athletic office which is attempting to put over the intramural sports programs here at Poly.

BIG "6" LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Poultry	2	0	1.000
Jolly J'S	2	0	1.000
All Stars	1	1	.500
Deuel Dorm	1	1	.500
Seagull	0	2	.000
Young Farmers	0	2	.000

The Jolly J'S remained undefeated by downing the Young Farmers 42 to 27. The Jolly J'S showed offensive power which definitely makes them the main league threat. Milkovich and Makatin each scored 11 points to lead the Jolly J'S scoring power.

Hume and Warner got 10 points apiece to pace the losers.

Poultry 40 Deuel Dorm 26
Neil playing guard for the Poultry five scored 10 points to lead them to a 40 to 26 victory over Deuel.

McCreary scored 10 points to be high scorer for the Deuel Dorm quintet.

This win gave the Poultry a tie with the Jolly J'S for the league lead.

All Stars 46 Seagull 25
The All Stars evened up their record making it one win and one loss by swamping the Seagull five 46 to 25. The All Stars combination of 6 foot 5 inch Bill Sweat along with sharpshooting John Wright proved to be too much for the Seagull team. Sweat scored 13 points

while Wright scored 15 points to set the pace for the winners.

Seagull scoring honors were divided among Larson, Spini, and Tollar who got six, six and seven points respectively.

FAR WESTERN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Dairy Club	2	0	1.000
Crops Club	1	1	.500
Air Conditioning	1	1	.500
Chase Hall	1	1	.500
Avenger	1	1	.500
Buffalo Hall	0	2	.000

Dairy Club 27 Air Conditioning 24
The Dairy club noosed out the A. C. five by a one point margin to make it two wins and no losses for their team. Gill playing guard and Connolly playing forward each scored 10 points to pace the winners.

Ken Peters hit the basket for six field goals to lead the losers. Heuston came next with seven points.

Avenger 24 Crops Club 16
Avenger five showed good teamwork. Crops club its first defeat with a 24 to 16 victory over them. The Avenger five showed good teamwork along with a little more "careful" brand of playing than the Crops club five could show. The Crops club five committed 17 fouls which added to their defeat.

Nelson sank four out of four free throws along with one field goal to be high scorer for the victors.

Martinez scored eight points for the losers.

Chase Hall 28 Buffalo Hall 23
Chase Hall led by Roth defeated the Buffalo quintet by a 28 to 23 margin. Roth accounted for 11 of his teams points.

Georvis scored 11 points for the Buffalo five to be their main scorer of the game.

OLD TIMERS LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Ball and Chain	2	0	1.000
Mariner Hall	2	0	1.000
Poly Phase	1	1	.500
Los Higuera	1	1	.500
Dauntless	0	1	.000
Walnut Club	0	1	.000
Aero Club	0	2	.000

Ball and Chain 36 Aero Club 20
The Ball and Chain quintet made it two wins with no defeats

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Collegiate Digest



Barbara Jo Walker (right), Miss America of 1947, and her parents attend a football game between Memphis State College, where she is a student, and Missouri School of Mines.



Gene Hermanski, Brooklyn Dodger slugger, prepares a column on the world series for the "Setonian," newspaper of Seton Hall College, where he is now a student. Gene Collins, sports editor, and Frank McNally, editor-in-chief, look on.

S-T-R-E-T-C-H!



Three pairs of outstretched arms seek to get the rebound in this hard-fought basketball game between Drake and Oklahoma A. & M. Drake won, 42-34.



Equipped with identical pipes and equal amounts of tobacco, 50 Rutgers University students recently engaged in the country's first collegiate pipe-smoking contest. Winner Franklyn J. Sullebarger kept his pipe going for 64 minutes and 42 seconds.



Hot Dog!

At the freshman class wiener roast at Waynesburg (Pa.) College, Jim Harvey finds that it's much more fun to eat Betty Riefer's sandwich than his own—when it's done this way!

Personalities in Campus News



Long Distance Learning . . . David Greenburg, of Tel Aviv, Palestine, and Newtonville, Mass., carries on his studies as a freshman at Boston College in spite of being confined to a hospital bed in New York; 400 miles away. Recovering from a spine operation, David hears the lectures by means of wire recordings made by his professors and sent to him at the hospital.



Gloria Stevenson (left) of California and Pat McCabe (right) of Florida, roommates at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College (Indiana), leave it up to Joan Timpco of Ohio to determine by actual measurement whose home state grows the biggest oranges.



Bill Jepson tries his hand as a radio commentator in Denver University's new radio management course. He is one of 96 students enrolled in the course who aspire to one day manage a radio station.

When 491 delegates from 33 states and Canada converged on Minneapolis for the Associated Collegiate Press convention, they were guests of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune at a special press luncheon. Above, Alan Malcher, N.Y.U.; Kathleen Marshall and Jerry Hayne, Washington U., St. Louis; Oideon Seymour, Executive Editor, Minneapolis Star and Tribune; Bower Hawthorne, City Editor, Minneapolis Tribune; and Shelly Akers and Dee Speed, University of Maryland, discuss the finer points of makeup.



Family Portrait - 1947 Style . . .

. . . of William Bruce, with his wife Ima Jean and daughter Jeanie, on the steps of their trailer home just off the campus of California State Polytechnic College, where he is studying air-conditioning engineering. Bruce is the ex-sergeant who recognized a Japanese-American in a Los Angeles department store as the prison camp interpreter who had incited guards to beat Bruce and other American prisoners on Honshu. The F.B.I., acting on Bruce's tip, arrested the suspect, who now faces a punishable-by-death treason charge.



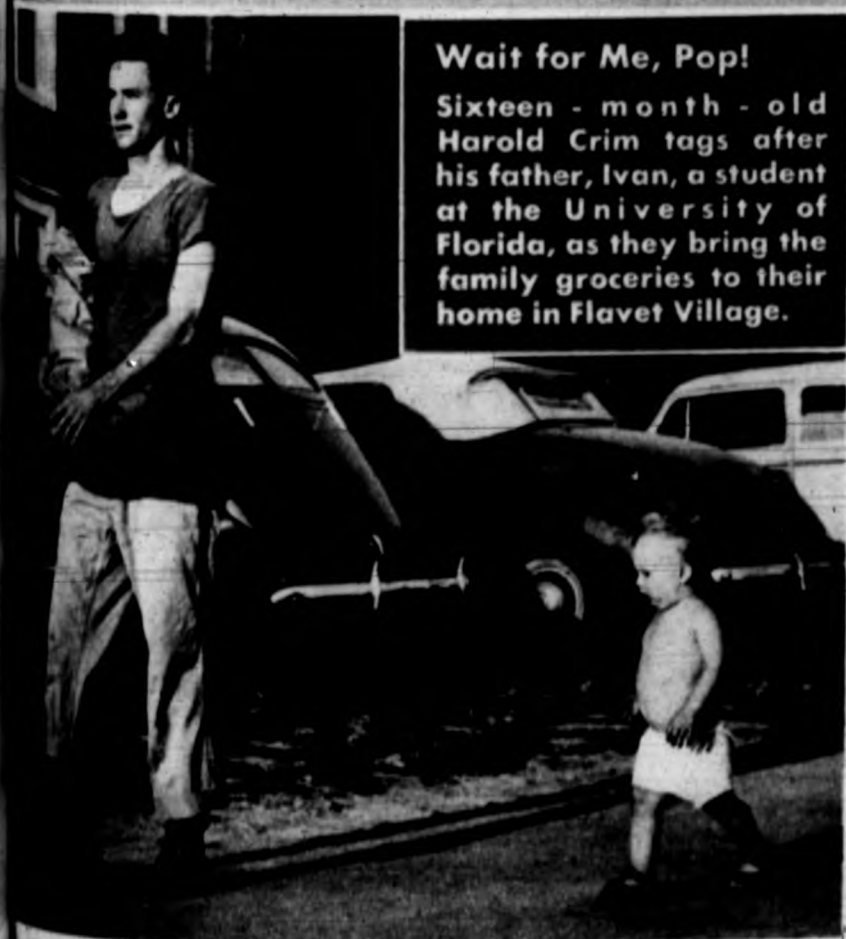
... About's Fair Play . . .

Bye, from Oslo, Norway, teaches an evening class in Scandinavian culture at Fremont College, Fremont, Neb., where he is a student. In the center of the front row is Prof. Oscar Lyders, who teaches Bye in a music class in the morning. Before coming to the U. S., Bye served with the Norwegian underground.



The old horse and buggy . . .

... was the transportation chosen by Dan Dunwoody and Jules Green to take their dates, B. A. Smith and Gerry Smith, to a costume tea preceding the "Old South Ball," held annually at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.



Wait for Me, Pop!

Sixteen-month-old Harold Crim tags after his father, Ivan, a student at the University of Florida, as they bring the family groceries to their home in Flavet Village.



Head Model U. N.

WESP-BUZZELL PHOTO

Gearing campus-wide interest in world affairs to a practical level, Cornell University students have organized a model United Nations with year-round activities. Three of its officers (above), Leonard Lehman, Martha McKelvey, and Alvin Arnold discuss the new constitution recently adopted by the group.

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Three sets of "James and John" twins who enrolled this fall at Occidental College, Los Angeles, pose a problem for Jean Burke of the Associated Women Students, who finds their duplication of names a bit confusing. They are, left to right, James and John Wheaton, James and John Cochran, and James and John Penney.



Watching her first football game is Mary Bei-li Loh, of Shanghai, China, a student at Georgia State College for Women. Cadet Major Robert Ledbetter of Georgia Military College gallantly explained the game to her.



STARKWEATHER PHOTO

2nd Lt. Norbert Weisend, 1st Lt. Edward Vallish, Capt. Paul Howard, 2nd Lt. Robert Cleary, and 1st Lt. Walter Eckert, all student members of the Air Force association at the University of Akron, plan their next flight.

Pinned "Kappa Sigma Sweetheart" by the Brown University Chapter, Esther Williams takes the arm of Don Kauth while Gov. John D. Pastore smiles his approval of the choice.



Cookie McCook, Betty Renegar, Joan Ryan, Ruth Blatteis, and Philippa Garcia do a group exercise as part of their water-skiing class at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla.

HOOF PRINTS

By PYLE

It's lecture time in the shade of the old Peak once more and time for that stirring drama, "It cost us the game," brought to you after each home game with the compliments of the local referees, callers of those close personal fouls.

When we left yesterday's story, a Whittier man was at the free throw line shooting foul shots—five foul shots to be exact, only two of which counted. But on picking up the score book today we notice that the Mustangs lost by one point—a point dropped at that foul line thanks to the splendid cooperation of the rooting section. But now time out for a sponsor's note.

It seems, gentlemen, according to the men who get paid for calling the game, that it is perfectly legal to call the coach nasty names, yell at the ref, or pull the hair of the spectator in front of you, but this business of razzing an opponent at the foul line is strictly for the birds. And the longer you chip your teeth the longer that man is going to continue shooting.

Don't get me wrong. We're not the first school to do it, but it's just that it hurts us a little more. So come on gents; Let's get on the ball—what say. If cost us one game but there's no use losing anymore.

The 2C2A basketball season for 1948 gets under way this weekend and what a season it's going to turn out to be. While the conference coaches had telescopes trained on the COP encampment, the Gauchos from down Santa Barbara way suddenly came up with a red-hot five. So far the Gauchos have polished off Pepperdine, New Mexico State teachers, and Whittier to name a few.

Word has been received, so direct from the horses' mouth that I had to brush the oats off before I could read it, that we definitely won't have to sit on each other's shoulders to see our basketball team play next year. Yes, the enlarging of Poly gym will take place some time this summer—and remember you heard it here last.

Bob Coghlan and Hank Moroski both made the flu-five over the Christmas intermission. Hank was hard hit during the Pomona and Whittier tilts while Bobby held out until the trip up north where he was finally bitten by the bug.

Individual Scores

Hearing many arguments over who has made the most points we went to a lot of trouble this week to compile the season's points and show you just who stands where in the scoring column.

Name	N.G.	T.P.	A.C.
Coghlan	11	148	18.4
Moroski	11	147	13.3
Ellis	10	61	6.1
Tilstra	11	56	5.1
Ross	10	45	4.5
Babich	9	42	4.6
Gerry	7	19	2.7
Guttierz	7	15	2.1
Andrus	4	8	2.
Neal	3	7	2.3
Robinson	3	5	1.6
Bruna	1	2	2.

Swimmers Needed

Coach Dick Anderson is still looking for breast stroke and back stroke men for the coming season. He is anxious for anyone who has any swimming talent at all to come out and give the local pool a try.

Coach Anderson has also announced that there will be an inter-squad meet January 17 at which time the swimmers will engage in their first competitive tests. "The team so far is in pretty good shape," stated Anderson, "but we're still going to need more men."

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C.O.P. and Fresno Open Mustang Cage Conference

The Mustang cagemen will receive their first taste of conference play when they meet the COP Tigers and the Fresno Bulldogs this weekend. After dropping three out of the last four, Coach Jorgensen's boys will be out looking for a win which is not going to be too easy to get.

No team could face a much tougher conference opener than do the local five Friday night, and as if meeting COP wasn't enough for one week-end they will venture into the valley Saturday evening to meet Fresno State.

From all reports received from the Stockton campus, Coach Kris Kjeldsen isn't expecting too much from his defending 2C2A champs this season. So far the Bengals have bowed to such teams as UCLA, Pepperdine, Santa Clara, and the University of California. On the other side of the slate the Tigers have knocked off the Sacramento Senators, COP Alumni and San Francisco State.

Coach Kjeldsen's main trouble this year has been in finding his best five men. With such outstanding forwards as Hank Pfister, Stan McWilliams, Ted Collins, Wayne Hardin and Don Hamilton, it's hard to pick the best two for the starting positions. For guards, Coach Kjeldsen will have Bud Proulx, Jim Enos, Ted Adkins and Al Levy.

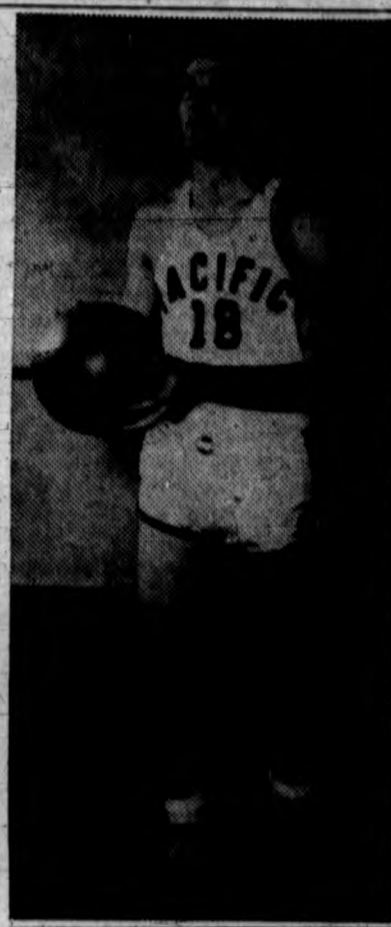
As for Coach "Dutch" Wamerdam's State aggregation, not much can be said except that they are probably the tallest team in the conference. Spark plug for the Bulldogs this year is Vern Riggins, six-six forward, who is not only tall but also a dead shot. If the green and gold boys can hold him they can hold Fresno.

Coach Bob Mott's Frosh quintet will furnish an eye-opener for the early arriving fans Friday night when they entertain the invading Bakersfield JC five in a preliminary to the main event.

C.O.P. Hoop and Backboard Twins



JOHN GUILFOYLE



STAN McWILLIAMS

Sharp shooting Stan McWilliams and 6 foot 3 John Guilfoyle who will lead the invading Tigers Friday night. Guilfoyle has been filling the vacant shoes left by Jack Toomay this season and is Coach Kris Kjeldsen's main hope for controlling the backboard.

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Make Time

Starting this year and continuing for three more, the sovereign state of California is going to really show off and give its citizens a blow-out.

About a hundred years ago California united with the United States. Because it was California that united with the United States, the centennial celebration of that event couldn't last only one year. It's going to last for three!

The State Chamber of Commerce boys are starting off by throwing speeches and luncheons on January 24, commemorating James Marshall's discovery of gold at Coloma. San Francisco is staging a big parade on this date depicting the "Century of Gold."

All of this is coming off right away. What will they do during the actual centennial year?

Most of us weren't around when the state was actually admitted to the union, (1850) and if you follow my lazy inclination there won't be much celebrating. I think I might celebrate over a cup of coffee (one lump, no cream).

—D.J.

WARNING

In a scant four or five months we will be leafing through a brand new issue of El Rodeo looking for sharp, clear pictures of ourselves showing both front and profile views. However, most of us will be somewhat disappointed and will wail and carry on about the low state of photography before us. In an effort to get this weighty lead paragraph tapered off into a correct editorial flourish, I say, Whose fault will this be? Ours! Ours, because back in January we were too busy breaking in Christmas ties to have the picture made at the local shutter shop.

The above short editorial refers to you not me. In fact after looking around at some of those men threatening to graduate or otherwise distinguish themselves I feel that the book suffers little sans their picture. Personally, I have had my picture taken any number of times and carry with spare prints to foist upon ye editor of El Rodent at a moments' notice.

Last year's issue was rampant with pictures. There were pictures of students on practically every page . . . the only trouble was that they were either pictures of John Shea or John Patterson. This was bearable for the first two or three pages but began to pale upon one shortly. Shea grinning from the steps of the ad building (third from left, front row) and then looking somber (same step, two places over) etc.

Patterson's gay face leered at one from banquet tables, from behind desks heavily propped to give the effect of vast enterprise being interrupted. As I recall he was in Queen Kates court at Poly Royal, but he will no doubt deny this.

The whole point being, that if you want junior to see what you looked like when you had your youth and your hair, read the photo schedule carefully and get your picture made . . . or, heaven forbid, they might stick another picture of Patterson in, in your place.

—E.B.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

The recent rash of auto accidents involving students and ex-students of Cal Poly, bring to mind the fact that SAFETY IS A FULL TIME JOB. At the risk of being redundant we wish to urge all Poly students, faculty and staff to exercise extreme care while behind the wheel. The nights are foggy and the roads slick in San Luis Obispo county this time of year. But, safety on the road is not enough. The state has gone to great expense to equip Mr. Steiner, our safety and security officer with the best available safety gear, but it is next to worthless without our fullest cooperation. Let's back him and his crew up, and make Cal Poly and 1948 a good example for safety throughout the state.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

The following letter has been received by President McPhee. If any of the student body are interested in contributing to a small fund, this money will be sent to CARE for the purchase of food packages for the writer of the letter. Contributions may be left with Mrs. Olga Martenson at the Information desk.

V. H. Meacham

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Mr. Julian A. McPhee
President of California Polytechnic
San Luis Obispo, Cal., USA

Dear Sir:

When reading the interesting article in 'Readers Digest' about Cal Poly I could not forbear my mouth to water and my stomach to convulse at the thought of all those nourishing and delicious food that is being produced by the students of your college.

Much is being done now in the United States to help the starving peoples of the Old World over this winter. Not so much—if anything—however, seems to be forthcoming for this country where people collapse in the streets and in offices for want of food and due to emaciation.

Christmas, once the highest festive season of the year is now approaching. This time the holidays will pass by here as drab and unnoticed as any other ordinary days, as there is nothing to give them a special note, such as some extra food, a Christmas tree or Christmas candles, and some hope for a better future. However, with a last flicker of hope I beg to ask you whether you or some of your students would feel inclined to make up a parcel of some inexpensive food items, such as flour, dried potatoes, beans, peas and, if possible, some fat, all of which would greatly help my family to withstand the hardships of the approaching winter.

Unfortunately, I am unable for the present to offer you any payment, as no clearance facilities have been established as yet. I can only assure you of our lasting gratitude and trust the sensation of bringing relief to others will also give you joy and satisfaction. Do you think you can give us a helping hand?

Excuse me for addressing you with this request, but the thought struck me that some surplus food might perhaps be available at your college. May I hope to get a line or two from you in reply?

Thanking you already in advance for anything you might be able to do, I am, Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely
J. Bleneck

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a few comments on an article entitled, "An Unholy Christmas in the Holy Land," by Phillip Nasrallah. It seems to me that Phillip was not as impartial as he claimed.

First off, Phil, you mention a little child born there 1948 years ago—that child was not Arab, which to me means that there might have been a few people in the Holy Land that were not Arabs.

In giving the Arab position in the Holy Land partition, I can find no mention of the Grand Mufti, the leader of the partition fight. He used to be one of Hitler's playmates, as I recall.

Phillip implies that someone else implies that there is a Jewish press. I think he must mean William Randolph Hearst, Col. McCormackski and Scripps-Howard-asputin.

Arnold M. Hoffman.

Dear Editor:

In a recent Switch List I made a rash statement. I will admit that diplomacy could have been used with greater effect instead of the statement I used which lacked thought and coherence.

The criticisms from the readers were appreciated, for through criticism I can better myself—providing those criticizing do so without malice.

One point I do want to make clear, however, is that I am not an advocate of communism. I have always leaned toward the Republican party, and take pride in exercising my right to vote. But when any individual or members of a certain party hinders the passage of important legislation, for no other reason than personal gain, then I feel I have a right to complain.

Donald Miller

El Mustang
Cal Poly

On behalf of the San Luis Obispo county Tuberculosis Association I wish to express our appreciation for the fine support El Mustang has given to the Christmas Seal campaign.

Through your generosity in publicizing the drive, the personnel of California Polytechnic has been made aware of the importance of supporting the campaign to wipe out tuberculosis. Tuberculosis still kills more people between the ages of 15 and 45 than any other disease. Only through a continuous educational program can it be controlled.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Parker Talbot
County Seal Sale Chairman

Switch List . . .

By Donald Miller

Words having two or more meanings make the English language confusing in some instances.

Sam McDougal, a good brakeman, of my acquaintance decided to take in the summer sunshine so he leisurely reclined on the steps of the caboose. As the scenery rolled by and the warm sunlight made him relax, he soon fell into a light sleep.

In the meantime, "T-bone" Owens, the conductor, decided that his grizzly unshaven face needed a shampoo. So "T-bone" filled the old rusty wash tin with water and went to work.

After finishing the tonsorial project, "T-bone" took the pan and stepped out on the rear platform of the caboose to dump the water. Upon seeing Sam slumbering peacefully on the steps, "T-bone" felt he'd better warn Sam to watch out for spraying water.

"Look out!" shouted "T-bone" as he dumped the pan full of water into the air.

Sam jumped to his feet and looked out down the side of the moving train. Just as he stuck his head out, the train passed under a bridge. One of the massive concrete retaining walls was so close to the train that it knocked Sam's hat from his head.

Now Sam was quite put out about this. Not that he lost his hat, but because he almost lost his head. Turning to "T-bone," Sam yelled, "Why you fool, what are you trying to do, get me killed?"

"T-bone" with the empty pan in hand looked bewildered. Finally he said, "I said, 'Look out' when I dumped the water from this pan, because I didn't want you to get wet."

"Oh," said Sam, "I thought when you said 'Look out' you wanted me to look down the side of the train to see if there were any hot boxes."

The English language is rather confusing at times.



Rodeo season ended for all contesting cowboys as far as major rodeos are concerned, at the Los Angeles Stock Yard show the last part of 1947.

The boys are "wintering in" getting ready for the next season which will start off with a bang at Tucson, Arizona in the middle of February. In the meantime, the Cal Poly boys are practicing over at Mike Meyer's arena with their calf roping and riding events. A few of the boys are hitting jack-pot shows down south.

Tim Doheny broke his leg the week before Christmas when his horse "George" fell with him while roping calves here in San Luis Obispo.

POLY ROYAL RODEO

The boots and spurs club has laid plans for the annual Cal Poly Rodeo to be held in May here on the campus. The rodeo and stock events will be made possible through the cooperation and sponsorship of instructors "Gus" Beck, Lyle Hoyt, and Lyman Bennion.

The events of the rodeo will be Brahma bull riding, ribbon roping, (single roper with mucker), and calf roping. Other events in the arena will be musical chairs, horse quadrille, and cowboy clothes race. There will be prizes for first, second, and third in each event. In the bull riding, ribbon roping, and calf roping there will be a point award system to determine the all-around champion of the show who will receive an extra prize other than the first, second and third place prizes given in each event. The cowboys will this year do as they did last year as far as a jack pot is concerned for the three main events. Entry fees and entries will be taken by Mike Meyers and will be announced in this column far enough ahead of time to give all students who wish to enter, the chance to do so.

There will be a special event at the first of the rodeo called the wild steer scramble which is for fellows who do not care to draw into the bulls.

Stock will be furnished by Manuel Cardoso Jr., of Cayucos, California. Announcers and judges will be hired outside of the school. Criers and bull fighters will be "Oke" Vernon, and Herb Houston.

Any persons who own horses and would like to enter the quadrille (square dance on horse back), please notify Lyle Hoyt.

Awards and prizes this year will be donated have written the Levi Strauss company to by individual concerns in San Luis Obispo. We present awards for this show.

I Speak For Poly

By Philip Nasrallah

Educational circles at the present time are debating at a higher pitch than ever, a question that is essentially an old as man himself. Today, this question is manifested in such a form that we, the students and staff of Cal Poly, must inevitably take a stand and speak out with force and resolution.

We are called upon to defend the educational system under which we are operating and to prove that by virtue of our "Learning by Doing" motto our school has finally put the right side up and established the inadequacy of the traditional, liberal education.

Two Systems

Two lame educational practices have been handed to us from the Greeks: The classical, liberal, deliberately impractical education of the leisure class, and the productive, utilitarian, and deliberately thoughtless training of the labor class.

The first was inadequate because it ventured deep into meaningless symbols and aimless thinking, and because it defies the very nature of knowledge and science which is based on experimentation, doing, and observation.

The second was obviously inadequate, because to varying degrees, it was void of any element of thinking and, therefore, lacked the possibility of abstraction, organization of knowledge, and progress.

Elaborating on the origin of this controversy, the great educator John Dewey wrote:

"The simple fact is that the present situation in both life and education is a continuation of the Greek situation, despite certain social changes.

"We may think with the moderns but act with Greeks. The idea that learning is properly a monopoly of those few predestined to govern social affairs has been destroyed. But the aristocratic idea still prevails that a truly cultural education for the few has nothing directly in common with industrial affairs, and that a useful education for the many has nothing directly in common with the nurture of appreciation and the liberation of thought. Let this solid remainder of Greek practice be destroyed.

"A culture that is useless and a utility that is uncultivated we reject in a democratic society as survivals of aristocratic Greece."

And thus the two extremist systems, each lacking the other and yet standing in sharp contrast,

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marched down the annals of history reflecting the bitterest conflict of society and education at the same time.

To the educational field this dualism has marched with defying might, waiting for a strong grasp to unify it and mould it into one harmonious, compatible whole.

Poly Pioneers

Other schools and persons may have found the solution, but, as far as I can tell, Poly is the only school to supply this strong, moulding grasp, and apply its motto of "Learning by Doing" to the least of its activities, to make it a living reality in its classroom, and to employ all means to indoctrinate it into other schools and colleges.

To Poly alone have the two ever contrasting principles finally reconciled to live friendly under one roof, mutually grow and prosper, and serve the ever advancing interest of man.

Conservative educationists have good reason to be puzzled, because they cannot classify Poly in any of the two traditional hostile camps. They are puzzled, because our graduates, the product of the dynamic educational system of our school, have emerged into the world with a competent working knowledge backed by creative, alert thinking.

Origin of Method

Let us take a small peep into the mechanism of this method. Way back to prehistoric times there existed an unlearned man who, long before there ever was a book, a school, or a teacher, had to battle singlehanded against a hostile environment, learn and advance at the hands of mother nature by experiencing, failing, thinking, and trying again.

While he acted and observed the results, his intellect, his greatest advantage over all other beings, concluded and planned to act again. His thinking enriched his second act which in turn reflected upon a wider and richer thinking. And thus, the two indispensable aides, work and thought, co-worked, improving each other at every step, and expanding man's knowledge and mastery over a wild nature—deed by deed and day by day, on a constantly rising level. This

knowledge was organized into laws and was expressed in conventional terms, words and symbols.

Key To Learning

This is the key to the nature of learning. It is indeed pitiful to find so many educators who prefer to wander aimlessly into symbols, and among words and ideas, failing to realize that by removing the activity and the practical significance the idea loses its function, and the word alone remains, carrying only the ghost of a meaning.

The story of human progress is definitely a story of "Learning by Doing."

To sign off here and be satisfied would be to act against the realistic spirit of Cal Poly—to say nothing of the wave of disapproval that may arise from within and without. It is obvious that the present situation does not totally agree with the above outlined picture. But, it is also obvious that this picture is the aim toward which we are striving, and that no matter how imperfect our present records are, the day will come when reality and aim shall coincide.

Method Lacks Experience

Our present unideal condition, to put it more optimistically, is attributed to many factors. On the one hand, our system is young and new, which makes our school an inexperienced pioneer.

Our staff, with all respect and consideration to many of its members, is similarly pioneering, and is not altogether competent and equipped to meet most efficiently the requirements of the new system. They, too, are the product of traditional, classical schools, and a total change of method and outlook is a strenuous process that requires conscious effort and time.

And finally we, the student body, the backbone of this school, cannot yet rightly declare that we are conscious of the advantages and difficulties of the system under which we are operating, and that we are contributing our share to surmounting the difficulties and reaching the aim.

So, next time we drive a tractor, manage an egg-laying project, or step into the welding shop, let us remember well our task and the educational system through which we learn.

For, when we do it consciously, we do it well.

College Life in Britain Offers Breakfast in Bed

Breakfast in your room, one exam every two years, and classes if you're in the mood—those are a few features of college life in Britain. A life that's being shared by several hundred Americans—mostly veterans—currently attending English universities.

Living and studying in colleges built before Columbus discovered America, these Yanks are enrolled in institutions ranging from Oxford and Cambridge to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and the Leathersellers' Technical College. And according to Paul Pearson, reporting on college life abroad for Varsity, the young man's magazine—Americans are deeply impressed by England's system of education.

"Casual" is the word to describe the English student, says Pearson. He is more serious than his American counterpart (but no more "eager"), is jolly without being a backslapper, and tends to "talk shop" constantly. Instead of cheering wildly at a soccer or cricket game, he can be counted on—in cases of extreme excitement—to say, "Well done, Cambridge!"

Modest and quiet application, the

Varsity article states, is the keynote of the English educational method. Degrees are awarded only on the basis of long exams given at the end of two or three years of study. Classes are optional but "tutors" require essays at the weekly meeting with students, and follow these with long, involved discussions. The luxuries of breakfast in your room are countered by heavier restrictions on leaving the college area in the evenings or for week-ends.

Pearson concludes his overseas report to Varsity by saying that English school officials expected the Americans to act like "cow-boys." Instead, he declares, they now say: "The Yanks are kind, thoughtful, and quick to return hospitality. And their personality is second to none."

Nature Trips Open to All

A series of five field trips are now scheduled by the life science department. These trips are being offered in response to a popular demand from Cal Poly students. Any student is welcome to attend. The trips will fall on Saturdays. The schedule is as follows:

January 24—Marine algae; Dr. Hoover.
February 21—Trees and shrubs; Mr. Stevenson.
March 20—Field mammals and reptiles; Mr. Thompson.
April 24—Ferns, mosses, and mushrooms; Dr. Essig.

May 15—Tidepool animals; Dr. Noble.

Dr. Hoover requests that all students interested in going on the first of these trips contact him as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made for transportation. The group will meet at the school at a time convenient to the group. For all details contact Dr. Hoover.

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Intramural Cage Results

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by trouncing the Aero Club five by a 36 to 20 score. Weber gathered in 10 points to be high scorer for the winners. Winslow and Hutching also scored six and eight points respectively for the Ball and Chain five.

The Aero Club distributed the scoring honors among themselves with high point honors going to Hall with five points.

Mariner Hall 27 Dauntless 17
Led by forward Daw Mariner hall kept their record clear with two wins and no defeats by winning over the twice beaten Dauntless 27 to 17. Daw took eight points for the winners while Clinton got 21 to be high scorer for the losers.

Los Higuera 31 Poly Phase 29

In a close hard fought game the Los Higuera quintet edged out the Poly Phase five 31 to 29. This win kept the Los Higuera team in the unbeaten list and at the top of their league. Padjin sank three field goals along with four very important free throws for a total of 10 points to be high scorer for the winners.

Pryor hit for five field goals from his guard position for a total of 10 points to lead the losers in scoring.

LEADING SCORERS FOR LEAGUES

Big "6"

1st Neil	24 points
2nd Milkovich	19 points
3rd Lollar	16 points

Far Western

1st Roth	17 points
2nd Georvis	17 points
3rd Connolly	17 points

Old Timers

1st Winslow	18 points
2nd Higgins	15 points
3rd Mock	13 points

Fire Dept. Reports Quiet Christmas

The members of the Cal Poly fire department that spent Christmas on the campus are reported to have had a very nice time with no fires, lots of sleep, and very good chow from Noggles' beanery.

During the vacation much needed repair and maintenance work was done on fire fighting equipment located in the various buildings on the campus. This included the painting and flushing of fire hydrants and the checking and recharging of fire extinguishers.

One three hour fire drill consisting of various hose lays and a ladder drill was conducted by E. A. Steiner, security officer, to improve the efficiency and further the training of the Poly Fire department.

EE Department Adds New Course To Curriculum

By Jerry Mason

Keeping pace with an expanding program, the Electrical Engineering department has added a new course, "An Introduction to Electrical Engineering," to be given during the fall quarter of the freshman year.

The course, already initiated by instructor Warren Anderson, is intended to present to the incoming EE majors a summary of the Electrical Engineering profession as it actually exists. The course is designed to overcome any false illusions a new student might have concerning preparation and entry into the field.

In keeping with its aim toward making Poly's electrical curriculum the finest to be offered anywhere, the Electrical department, headed by E. C. Glover, is offering this unique subject as one of the springboards to a sound and practical knowledge of the Electrical Engineering profession.

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Former Student Critically Injured

James A. Parkson, former Poly Animal Husbandry student, suffered the loss of his left leg and received severe injuries to his right leg when the tractor on which he was riding overturned last Friday, December 28.

Parkson was plowing the edge of a deep gulch on the Mike Hernandez ranch when the accident occurred. He was taken to the General Hospital by ambulance, and was given several blood transfusions. He also received injuries to his left shoulder and back.

Parkson left Poly in March of last year to lease a ranch in the upper Arroyo above the county park where he has been raising Angus cattle.

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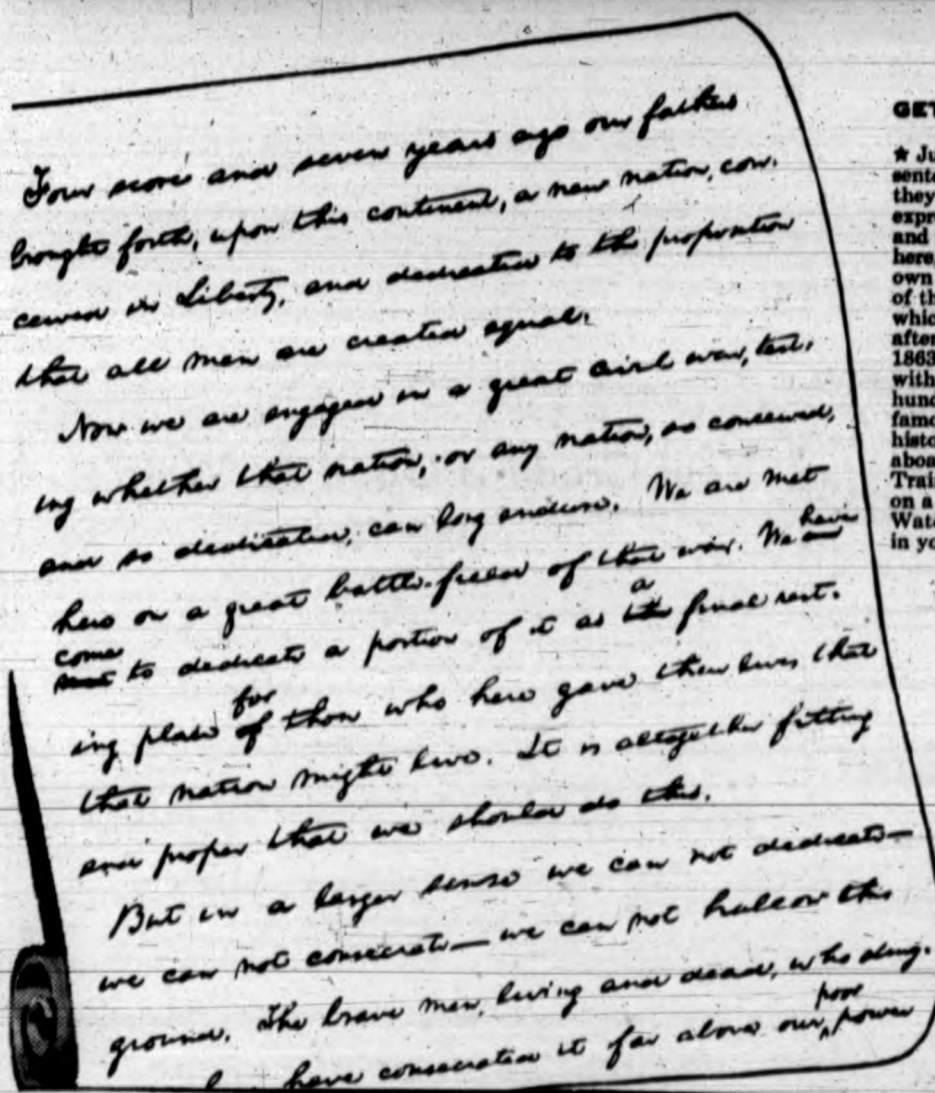
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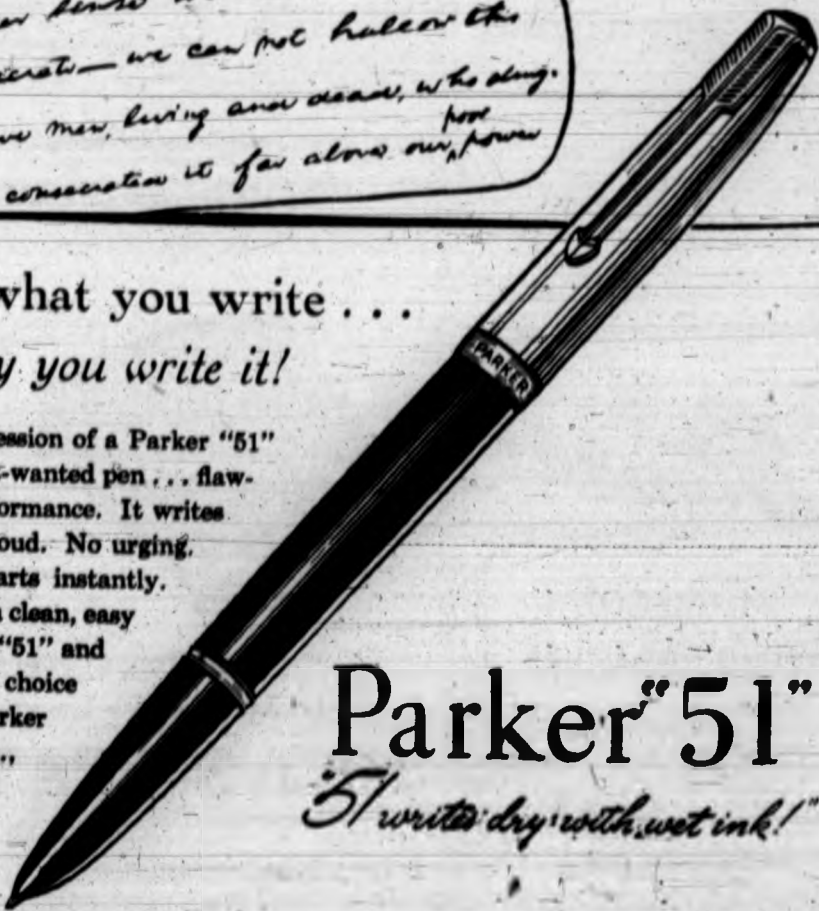
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