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## SENATOR JESPERSEN BRINGS LEGISLATURE BRASS TO POLY

More than a score of top-ranking state legislators and state administrative officials spent more than four hours Wednesday afternoon touring the Cal Poly campus and farm with President Julian A. McPhee, Dean of Agriculture Vard Shepard, and Dean of Instruction C. O. McCorkle as guides.

More of the legislators were members of California's legislative interim committee on agriculture and livestock problems who had been invited by San Luis Obispo's state senator, Chris N. Jespersen, to visit the college so they would have first hand knowledge of the college's expansion problems and long-time building program plans.

The interim committee, whose chairman Senator George Hatfield of Merced was one-time lieutenant-governor of California, met at the county courthouse during the morning to hear expressions from local cattlemen regarding hide and grand inspection service. The legislative group included Hatfield, Senator Fred Weybret of Salinas; Assemblymen George A. Clarke, Planada; Lloyd W. Lowry, Rumsey, Yolo county; Sam L. Helsing, and Harry Johnson, Porterville.

Others in the official party were State Senator Chris N. Jespersen and State Assemblyman James Whitman, whose inclusion in the tourings aided in developing local information; James M. Dean, state director of finance, who is Governor Warren's official representative; Ralph Eason, agriculture expert for the state department of finance; Roland Vandergrift, legislative budget auditor, and Von T. Elsworth, representing the California Farm Bureau federation.

Following the court hearing, the entire group was brought to the campus where they were President McPhee's guests at a luncheon in the J.C. room. After the luncheon President McPhee explained various aspects of the college's future expansion plans and called upon Vard Shepard, dean of agriculture; C. O. McCorkle, dean of instruction; and Blron J. McMahon, chief of the state bureau of agricultural education, to give supplementary information.

A discussion of the percentage breakdown of the state's share from horse racing, from which Cal Poly receives all its finances, brought the statement from Finance Director Dean and Legislative Auditor Vandergrift "that Cal Poly is not receiving more funds than it needs to operate the college."

Finance Director Dean stated that "it would take at least five million dollars more than Cal Poly receives to bring this college's long time permanent improvement program funds to a par with those of the other state colleges."

Using the school bus the group spent more than three hours touring the campus. Because it was an agriculture and livestock committee, the group made stops only at agricultural departments but the function of all departments was explained by President McPhee.

## SPRING FLING SHOULD BE A WHIRL DING

The annual 'Spring Fling' of the Cal Poly employees is to be held at Spooner's Cove on June 5. This year's 'Fling' promises to be the "springiest" of any 'Fling' ever given.

John Jones is accepting the two dollar entry fee which is supposed to buy a genuine 'Hammus Alabamensis' and lubricator with which the 'Alabamensis' will be digested. All employees are apparently invited to enter.

## NO MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Regular classes will be held as scheduled on Monday, May 31, according to the Recorder's office. This is in accordance with the regular calendar for the 1947-48 school year.

## Class of '48 Plans Rehearsal Breakfast

"Paul Perrots," at 8:00 a.m., Friday, June 4th, was the place and time agreed upon for the 'Graduating Class' breakfast. This was decided at the Senior class meeting of May 18th. Those members of the class planning to attend should contact Don Mills or Pete Hillman in the near future. The cost will be \$1.08.

Other business included a discussion of the graduation rehearsal. The time was set for 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 3rd, after which the seniors will adjourn to Avila for the traditional "beer bust."

President Hillman urges all men, who plan to graduate in 1948, to see Ray Garrett, Jim Lamount, or Frank Smith as soon as possible concerning the payment of the \$5.00 for the Senior class gift.

## "Learns By Doing" Civics Class Visits Local Government

The "learn by doing" system of education is not limited to the agriculture and industrial departments at Poly, this was shown by the science and humanities division Monday night.

A State and Local Government class made up of 30 students accompanied by Dr. Hubert Semans attended a county supervisors meeting gathering information on the whys and what-fores of such a get-together. They also "checked in" at the superior court and the district attorney's office obtaining a slant on the place and people of the prosecution. Along with these stops they "sat in" on a meeting of the city council accumulating first-hand information on the types of problems dealt with by such a body of government.

The members of the class in government observed in operation the teachings of their books and pointed out that they are certainly following Poly's policy of "take a cow to school with you."

## Critic Enjoys 'My Partner'; In Spite of Disappointing Turnout

By Bob Bertram

I spent what I consider a very enjoyable evening Wednesday night, when I attended the opening night of the Little Theater's production of "My Partner".

Arriving a few minutes before curtain time I expected to find the place a little crowded. But to my dismay there were only about 300 people scattered over the auditorium. This also was the total attendance for the evening.

What is wrong with the people in this town? Someone is always commenting that there is nothing to do in S.L.O. But, these same people haven't even the decency to attend, when something different is put on for their entertainment. The audience didn't seem to enter into the mood of the play at all. They were about the stiffest and coldest audience I have seen in a long time. This was not the mood that was trying to be put across by the actors.

As far as the play itself went, it was not bad and was good entertainment, although I do think it was a wrong choice for the people

## Alert Firemen Save Feed Storage Barn From Destruction

Fire which broke out in the rear of the old feed mill and storage barn late last Saturday night was quickly brought under control by the Poly volunteer fire department and other alert students.

Apparently caused by spontaneous combustion resulting from stacking sacks of orange pulp too closely, the fire damaged or destroyed 20 sacks of the feed, and damaged the south double doors of the building, according to E. A. Steiner, Poly security officer.

John Askins, electronics student, was the first one to spot the fire. He discovered smoke pouring from a roof ventilator about 10:30 p.m. and promptly turned in the alarm.

The Poly volunteer fire department with the capable assistance of 14 other students worked for more than an hour extinguishing the stubborn, smoldering fire, and removing 50 sacks of feed into the open.

Steiner expressed his appreciation for the assistance of the extra students and for the efficient manner in which the regular volunteer fire crew worked. The fire, which could have been disastrous had it gone undiscovered much longer, was brought under control with the least possible damage.

## SAE Names Officers To Present Assembly For Industrial Majors

The Cal Poly chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers held their first meeting last week to elect temporary officers. It was decided that the ME and AC club officers should act jointly as interim officers for the group until Oct. 1 when the SAE official year begins.

Tom Hardgrove, ME instructor and SAE advisor, announced that he, working with Dr. M. Nelles of the USC air college at Santa Maria and E. W. Rents, western representative of the SAE, had contacted and invited Charles Drexel of the research engineering staff of the Air Research Manufacturing Co. to speak at an assembly to be presented by the student SAE branch.

Drexel will speak on the Air Conditioning of Pressurized Cabin Aircraft, at this assembly which will be held today at 2 p.m. in the Engineering auditorium.

All students interested are invited to attend.

## NATIONAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY ESTABLISHES CAMPUS CHAPTER

At the May 4 meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Radio Engineers in New York, unanimous approval was given to Cal Poly's petition to establish an official student branch of the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE).

It was announced by Clarence Radius, head of the department of Electronic and Radio Engineering and official IRE representative for the college.

This announcement follows the news published in the February 6 issue of El Mustang, stating that California State Polytechnic was now a "college of recognized standing" in the fields of electronics and radio engineering.

President Julian A. McPhee commenting on the recognition received, said, "Such recognition as was given to us by the IRE is of great value to the school as a whole. I know that the official recognition given our work will make it possible to increase our contacts throughout the country and to benefit our training program in many ways. I want your group to know my great interest in them as students of our college. Their success here and after leaving school is the success of the entire institution."

This is a milestone in engineering education at Poly since it is the first professional engineering society established here, according to Radius. Not only does it give recognition to the college, but will also bring professional engineering talent to the campus.

Already official welcome has been received from Walter Kenworth, chairman of the Los Angeles section of the IRE.

Fifteen advanced students in the Electronic and Radio Engineering department are charter members of the student branch: E. Jenkins, president; W. Stafford, secretary; W. Mills, treasurer; C. Arnold, D. Bernstein, F. Freiberger, R. Hubbard, H. Larsen, R. Meyers, J. Murray, L. Renihan, G. Sampson, T. Solferino, N. Williams and Instructor H. Wolf. Four new memberships are being processed now by the New York office. Minutes of the meetings of the local chapter will be published in the Proceedings of the IRE, which is the official monthly publication.

Plans are now being organized for next year's activities. The year will be started off with consideration.

## Engineers To Present 'Bubble Dance' For Last Student Hop

A "Bubble Dance" complete with everything but Sally Rand has been scheduled as the theme for the next student body dance. The dance, slated for Saturday night, May 29, will be presented by the Poly Mechanical Engineering Society.

A dance committee headed by Ed Marbe has been appointed to make this, the last dance of the school year, the best and most memorable. The "bubble" theme will be carried out extensively using balloons of all sizes and shapes as the only decorating medium.

The dance will feature the inimitable Collegians with their own very popular brand of "Sophisticated Swing." Refreshments and a door prize will also be included.

## Tuesday's Assembly To Ring Down Convocation Curtain

Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. has been scheduled as the time for the last general student body assembly of the school year. Don Seaton, student body vice-president, has announced that at this assembly the coming year's student body officers will be formally installed in their respective offices.

The new officers include President-elect Marty Engler, Vice-President-elect Ken Lucas, and Secretary-elect Hank Moroski. After a short installation ceremony, Gene Pimentel, student body president, will speak briefly on the Pacific Schools Presidents Association convention which he and Engler recently attended in Tempe, Arizona.

Athletic awards will be presented at this time.

The few students who are eligible for activity keys will also appear at this assembly. They will be given a certificate in lieu of the key which is not yet available.

## What's Doin' . . .

Friday, May 21

4 p.m.—Tri-County Nurserymen's Assn. meeting, Eng. aud.  
6:30 p.m.—Nurserymen's dinner, cafe No. 1

Sunday, May 23

1 p.m.—El Corral employee's picnic, Atascadero lake

Monday, May 24

4 p.m.—Poly Royal board meeting, Adm. 209  
6:30 p.m.—Cal Poly Christian fellowship, Ag. Ed. 102  
6:30 p.m.—Alpha Phi Omega dinner meeting, JC room  
7 p.m.—CCC Officials Assn. meeting, Adm. 213

Tuesday, May 25

7 p.m.—Intnl. Rel. club meeting, Adm. 212  
7 p.m.—Gamma Pi Delta, meeting, Adm. 214

Wednesday, May 26

11 a.m.—Student body assembly, stadium  
4 p.m.—Poly Phase club meeting, CR 6  
6:30 p.m.—YMCA meeting, Adm. 214

Thursday, May 27

6:30 p.m.—Ag. inspection club meeting, Ag. Ed. 103  
7 p.m.—Los Lecherons club meeting, CR 6



## Aero Graduate Now Serving As TWA Flight Engineer

Dudley G. Grimes, a graduate of Cal Poly in aeronautics, is one of 250 "Aerial Hawkshaws" who sit in the pilot's compartment of all Trans-World Airline four-engine planes. Known as a Flight Engineer, he is constantly on the alert for "clues" to safe operation of the airliner. His check-and-double-check procedure involving use of 425 instruments makes him a safety liaison man between TWA's mechanical experts on the ground and skilled pilots in the air.

There is a Flight Engineer in the pilot's compartment of all TWA four-motored Lockheed Constellations and Boeing Stratoliners used in the United States, and on Douglas Skymasters and Constellations flying TWA's International routes to four continents and 16 nations.

Like a woman in the home, FE Grimes' work is never done. He is first to inspect the plane; last to leave it. He goes over it with a fine-tooth comb, pushing levers and pulling controls. He tests every button and inspects each device. After he examines the plane from stem to stern, it is ready for flights anywhere along TWA's 32,500 miles of aerial routes, from Los Angeles east to Bombay.

FE Grimes served 3½ years in the Army Air Force as a pilot on B-17 Flying Fortresses. He flew 35 missions from England to Germany and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, and ETO Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

He joined TWA as a Flight Engineer in 1945 and now is domiciled in San Francisco, assigned to TWA Lockheed Constellation flight crews. He lives at 3809 Edison Street in nearby San Mateo, California.

He and other TWA Flight Engineers played a big part last winter in the completion of 97 per cent of the Constellation's scheduled mileage in the face of the worst weather in years.

TWA has Flight Engineers with 4,000 to 8,000 hours of flying time—the equivalent of almost two and one-half million miles of air travel, or about 100 aerial trips completely around the world.

## Young Farmers Plan Event Of The Year

Closing a successful year of activities, the Cal Poly chapter of the Young Farmers is planning a big beach party which will be held at Avila on Friday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. There will be food, drink, music, and fun to spare. Members will be admitted free.

The highlight of the evening will be the crowning of "Noodles Noddies" as "King For a Night." A beautiful wreath of golden sea orchids will encase the cranium of his Royal Majesty.

The guests of the evening will be: President J. A. McPhee, C. O. McCorkle, Vard Shepard, C. P. Winner, Byron McMahon, J. D. Lawson and Gene Smith.

## Ski Club Elects Officers

The Cal Poly Ski club held a business meeting Thursday May 13 for the purpose of electing officers for the next school year. Charles Hinkle was elected president; Edward Luttman, vice president; Ben Radlatts, secretary; Oscar Bettendorff, treasurer. Aron Abrahamson was named social chairman.

This was the last meeting for the skiers, ending a highly successful year in both skiing and social activities.

J.O.K-E

A chemistry professor was approached by his grader. "Sir," he said, "I think Jones is copying Smith's paper. The papers are just alike."

"What makes you think Jones is copying from Smith rather than Smith from Jones?" asked the surprised professor.

"Well, the papers were just alike until the last question. There Smith had written 'I don't know' but Jones had written 'I don't either.'"

## New Navy College Training Program For Aviators

A new program which gives approximately 650 college graduates an opportunity to enter the Regular Navy as commissioned officers and to receive 18 months flight training has been adopted. Each officer appointed under the program will attend an indoctrination course of from one to four months after which he will enter upon approximately 18 months of flight training and will be required to agree not to resign from the Naval Service for two years after the completion of flight training. It is expected that the first group of appointees will be ordered to Pensacola, Florida about July 1, 1948.

After two years total service, officers who successfully complete flight training will be permitted to request retention in the Regular Navy as officers. Prior to completion of three years of service, applicants will be considered by a selection board and if selected for retention and found physically qualified, they will be promoted to the grade of Lieutenant (junior grade), U. S. N. Officers not requesting retention or not selected for retention after three years service will be given commissions in the Naval Reserve and promoted to the grade of Lieutenant (junior grade) U. S. N. R. They will be required, however, to remain on active duty for the period of their contract. Candidates failing flight training will have their commissions revoked and will be discharged from the Naval Service, except that upon their own request, they may be considered for retention in the general line of the Regular Navy.

Qualified Naval Reserve officers on active or inactive duty will be permitted to apply for the new program provided they have not previously filed any military flight training program. Reserve Officers on active duty who hold the designation "Naval Aviator" will, if accepted, be in addition to the quota of 650 and will not be required to take the indoctrination course or flight training course.

Any Reserve officer appointed under the program regardless of his previous rank or date of rank will be given an original appointment as Ensign, U. S. N., with a new date of rank specified in his new commission. His previous service will count only for pay and longevity benefits. Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps contract students will submit applications for the program via their Professors of Naval Science, and Reserve officers on active duty will submit applications via their Commanding Officers. All others should apply to their nearest Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Naval Air station or Reserve Naval Air station.

To be considered for the first group to be ordered to active duty about July 1, 1948, applications should reach the Navy Department no later than May 15. The qualifications required for appointments under the program are that the applicant must be native-born or a naturalized citizen of the United States for a period of at least ten years; not less than 19 or more than 25 years of age on July 1, of the calendar year in which com-



"WELL, WELL— THE SHINING KNIGHT IN WHITE ARMOR, THE GAY LOTHARIO FROM THE WEST, THE BEAU BRUMMEL OF PARK AVENUE —COME IN, JERRY!"

## 'Mr. ABC' Campaign SNAFU; Students Pull Own Campaign

The local Chesterfield representative is usually a very genial guy. But his little campaign to induce others to enjoy drawing on a Chesterfield has hit a snag.

The plan, his plan, was to take a few cartons of cigarettes into El Corral and corral those men smoking, asking them what brand they were burning. If they were smoking Chesterfields he would hand over two free packs of Chesterfields. If they were merely toting, but not smokin' his brand he'd give them one pack.

Frankly, he was astounded at the situation he ran into in El Corral. A minute after he arrived a dense cloud of smoke puffed out of a group of students which looked a little like the Bikini puff. He breezed over and started his spiel. Thirty seconds later he was holding three empty cartons and a blank look. Later he learned that he had been laid for, by a bunch of butt-bandits. Student Tom Holes (who smokes 'em and likes 'em) had passed a pack around among his cronies, Townsend, Goodman, Young and others, and they had all set fire to a Chesterfield . . . and collected their ill-gotten gains from "Mr. ABC".

Therefore, dear students, the program has been suspended for a few days while "Mr. ABC" dashes off a note to Lord Chesterfield to build up his cigarette reserve. But he will return soon, a little smarter, and with Chesterfields to burn.

missioned; physically qualified and aeronautically adapted for the actual control of aircraft and must attain a minimum grade of "C" in the aviation classification test, the mechanical comprehension test, and flight aptitude rating; shall have satisfactorily completed at least four years in a college or university accredited by a national or regional accrediting association; and shall be strongly motivated to fly, of unquestioned loyalty to the United States, and have potential officer-like qualities.

## CRITIC ENJOYS 'MY PARTNER'

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do it at times, his gaging gave the play its much needed shot in the arm.

Bouquets especially should go to the members of the stage crew, who did a wonderful job on the front curtain. The play would have been nothing, without the good background of sets. Also good was the job of make-up, done especially well on Wing Lee.

Also deserving mention was the job of directing done by Mrs. Celia Leury, who has spent a great deal of time in putting on this production.

All in all I think it was an evening well spent.

## NATIONAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY CHAPTER HERE

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able enthusiasm when the Poly group with other city sections and campus chapters attend the IRE West Coast convention at the Biltmore hotel in Los Angeles on September 30 to October 2. Radius is planning a full schedule of meetings and visits in and about the Los Angeles area for the entire week of September 27.

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## Engler Turns Reporter; Reports on Tempe Convention

**Note**—Marty Engler, student body president-elect, and Gene Pimental, incumbent student body president, recently attended a convention of the Pacific Schools Presidents' Association. Marty reports herewith on the activity and purpose of that convention.

By Marty Engler

Last week two representatives from Cal Poly boarded the "Daylight" destination, Tempe, Arizona. This sounds like the ideal place for a short vacation in all of that warm Arizona sunshine—it was a grand trip but the vacation part was a myth.

Each year the Pacific Schools Presidents' Association (PSPA) holds a convention. This convention is made up of two delegates from each of the universities and colleges on the west coast. These delegates, representing the student bodies of each institution meet to discuss plans, activities, and methods of conducting student affairs. Gene Pimental and I were fortunate in that we were two men chosen to attend on behalf of Cal Poly.

The conference was held at Thunderbird Airfield—a short distance from Phoenix and now a part

of the Arizona State college campus. This was an ideal location in that we all stayed in quarters right at the field. It was not necessary to leave for any reason; meals, meetings, and entertainment were provided which kept the group together during the two day conference.

I was particularly pleased to find the atmosphere one of true interest in the conference topics and each delegate only too glad to sit and "bull" about his or her school. It was very easy to learn the problems that each of the represented student bodies faced and attempted solutions and reactions of the students to various activity plans.

The conference sessions were all informal. The topic was introduced and from that point on each school representative addressed the floor telling of their approaches to the problem and asking for opinions if their solutions had failed.

I can only mention briefly here the information brought forward in these discussions, but I would like to summarize each topic.

**Student Body Election Procedures**  
Most of the schools have a similar program to that of Cal Poly;

The petition system prevails. I asked for an opinion of our nominating committee after a brief explanation of its function. A majority voted against it saying that it causes a split similar to that experienced by schools with a Greek and Independent block.

2. The question of candidate campaigning was raised, and it was the general consensus of opinion that it is a healthy activity. If done properly campaigning arouses enthusiasm and interest in the student affairs.

3. Campaign fund limiting—Some schools allow no campaign, no posters, no handbills, etc. Those same schools also had a very low turn out at the polls. Other schools limit the amount of money any one candidate may spend. This amount is checked by an appraising committee. Several schools have an examination for the candidates on the school constitution and also on Roberts' Rules of Order. Each candidate must pass this exam before being eligible to run for any student body office.

**Student Body Finance**

All schools obtain their funds in the usual manner through the sale of activity cards. The appropriation of funds varied a bit with each school. However each school does appropriate about 40 percent of its budget to the athletic department. It was interesting to note that only about one third of the 40 schools represented made a profit on their athletic program—We are not alone.

These were the main topics discussed and lasted for about two hours each. We had a very interesting talk by George Yates of Arizona State college on the topic "Students Relations to the Nation's World Problems". He emphasized the seriousness of the world's affairs and the resulting feeling of indifference to the challenge presented. Indifference to atoms, racial problems, housing, and voting were all commented upon. "We have to face these problems now," he said, "Tomorrow may be too late."

It is definitely up to the college men and women of today to take the lead in controlling the actions of this country and the world."

Yates further specified by saying, "We can do this by our com-

## Roman Holiday For Architects

The Architecture club plans to turn back the clock 2,000 years for this year's annual banquet. The festivities will be an authentic Roman banquet, such as the architects participated in during the early days.

The Architecture club is making the banquet as authentic as possible by requiring all members and guests to wear the regalia of the early Roman days.

Dinner will be served on low tables, making it necessary to be seated on cushions. Another requirement of this banquet will be that all those participating eat with their hands.

Entertainment will include Roman dancing "girls" and Roman songs, sung with a touch of Spanish accent.

The dinner will be made up of sea foods, cold cuts, fancy cheeses, and other foods that were served by the Romans at their banquets. The dinner will be held at the Monday club, May 21, at 7:00 p.m.

## Melody Lane Draws Capacity Crowd

A capacity crowd was on hand for the Ag. Inspectors' dance. "Melody Lane," last Saturday evening in Crandall gym. Dancing to the music of the Collegians, the many couples swayed about the floor under a ceiling of pink and blue decorations. In keeping with the theme, "Melody Lane," huge musical notes were attached to the walls and the low pink and blue ceiling. Soft fluorescent lighting added more color to the already cleverly decorated scene.

During intermission all persons holding free handbills were asked to come forward and claim one of the many prizes. Five handbills were redeemed for prizes and those prizes left over were given away in several spot dances held after the intermission.

binning voting power, and personal interest and participation in government."

Gene and I truly feel that the conference was a success. Bill Propp, president of the PSPA, and Wendell Patterson, host and student body president of Arizona State, are to be commended for a fine job of organization.

## So I Says To Him.....

After long, dry years of dime cokes and warm coffee we have finally been enabled to purchase a fountain drink for a nominal fee. After drinking a \$.05 "pop" it seems to me that there isn't a bit of difference between one drink and the other, especially if there's enough lemon in it. The coffee tastes better without the lemon.

Never even thought about writing a story on this subject until I noticed that there was no sign on the bill of fare advertising this beverage at this low rate. "Hey, Gord," I says, to the guy behind the counter, "how come no good word about Pepsi-Cola on the sign over your head?"

"What do you want, a personal invitation? We have a huge picture of a Pepsi on the mirror for all to see and heed."

"Humph," says I, "we've been at Poly too long to believe in signs of that sort. They look like no parking signs, and you know what Polyites think of those."

"If you're so concerned about the welfare of the pocketbooks of the local lads, why don't you write a story for El Mustang?" says the boy in the blue apron.

After reading this little dissertation, I doubt if he'll go around giving me any more silly suggestions. To end off this conversation with Carl, I spoke to the lad with these words of wisdom, "If more of you lads would watch your nickle—you would have six dimes rolling around in your pockets by the 19th of the month so you could go to town and enjoy great dramatic accomplishments such as the Little Theater production of "My Partner." Further more, I just happen to have two tickets left for this production, how many do you want and for which night?"

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# El Mustang

## ★ SPORTS ★

### Mustangs Sweep Three From Spartans; Move Up To Third Place In 2C2A

By J. T. Morosky

Coach Bob Mott's Mustangs finally reached their top form of the season as they swept a three-game series of Conference games from San Jose State, here at the Poly diamond last weekend. Plagued by bad weather during most of the season, the Mustangs never did have a chance to display the form that was expected of them. The recent warm spell however, has given the squad a chance to sharpen up. And, brother, were they SHARP! Get this, all three starting hurlers went the distance in their respective mound assignments and gave a total of only six runs; the hitters produced 20 hits good for 19 runs; and the defense was at its tightest when the chips were down.

The three-game sweep moved the Mustangs up to fourth place in the conference standings. A gain of two places, not bad for one weekend. Following is a resume of the three games:

#### First Game

With Don Garmon hurling a five-hit shutout the Mustangs had little trouble in downing the Spartans by a score of 6-0 in the opening game on Friday afternoon. Garmon displayed magnificent control in allowing one walk while fanning ten batters.

The Mottmen jumped to a two run lead in the very first inning on Fraser's walk and Pinky Hebernes' four-bagger into deep center. After that Garmon took command, the small portlander allowed only one safe blow during the first seven frames. Meanwhile, the Mustangs hammered away at Walt Romero's offerings for a total of 10 safeties and four more runs.

The Mustangs played stellar ball in the field and committed only one error. Wayne Gill subbing for the ailing Bob Coghlan played a bang-up game and was on the starting end of a fast double play that erased a Spartan threat in the eighth stanza. Fraser, Bulart, Bennett, and Luker contributed some timely clutch-hitting for the Mustangs.

**Score by innings:**  
San Jose 000 000 000 -0-5 -2  
Cal Poly 201 000 21x -6-10-1

#### Second Game

In the first game of Saturday's twin bill, Big John Williams and Al Pifferini matched their tossing abilities. Big John and the Mustangs emerged on the lead end of the 7-5 score. Although each pitcher had his share of trouble, Williams proved to be the man with the stuff in the pinches.

The potent stickwork of right-fielder Bob Bennett was a deciding factor in the Mustang victory. Burly Bob slammed out three hits, two of them triplets, for a total of three runs. He also scored two runs. Second sacker Bob McCutcheon also contributed to the hitting by slamming out a homer and double in four trips to the plate. John Kling took the hitting honors for San Jose by hitting four for five.

The Mustang infield looked very flashy when the chips were down by coming up with a couple of sparkling twin-killings via the Coghlan-McCutcheon-Luker combination.

**Score by innings:**  
San Jose 012 000 002 -5-8 -3  
Cal Poly 212 000 02x -7-10-3

#### Third game

In the seven inning afterpiece, southpaw Don Crawford displayed some of his last season's form by downing the Spartans 6-1. Crawford allowed only six scattered safeties and was never in danger of being overtaken by the spiritless Spartans.

After knotting the count at one-all in the first inning the Mustangs tagged pitcher Bob Santos for two markers in the second stanza on a sharp single to left with two runners on the basepaths. After that, both teams had goose eggs hung up on the scoreboard until the Mottmen came to life in the last half of the sixth to ice the

### Spartan Netmen Fall To Mustangs For Second Time

Cal Poly's tennis team with a season's record of seven wins and five losses, defeated the San Jose Spartan netmen there last Saturday by a score of 5-1. This was the second meeting of the two net squads this year, and the second win for the Mustangs.

The Spartans started strong in the singles taking four of the six matches. Mustang hopes were dark until the doubles matches when the Poly racketmen came back to sweep all three of the doubles events and the meet.

This was the last appearance of the Mustangs on the tennis courts this year. Coach Gene Smith has led his tennis team from last place in the 2C2A conference last year to third place in the league this year.

**Singles**  
Bulwa (SJ) defeated Redden (CP) 6-2, 6-1.  
McKenzie (SJ) defeated Chaffee (CP) 8-6, 6-4.  
Waterman (SJ) defeated Ebat (CP) 1-6, 6-3, 6-1.

**Doubles**  
Redden and Chaffee (CP) defeated Bulwa and Waterman (SJ) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.  
Carlson and Johns (CP) defeated McKenzie and Sawyer (SJ) 8-6, 6-3.

**Seaton and Ebat (CP) defeated Nelson and Pock (SJ) 6-1, 6-3.**

game with three more rallies on three hits, two passes, and two Spartan miscues.

**Score by innings:**  
San Jose 100 000 0 -1-6-2  
Cal Poly 120 000 x -6-9-2

### Intramural Sandlot League

By Lefty Reel Mustang League

The Faculty sluggers retained first place by overpowering another challenger last week. This time it was Josperson Dorn that took the beating.

The final count was 17-2. The Faculty got 16 hits, and in one inning 10 men were up to bat, five getting hits and five scoring runs with Coach Ed Jorgensen swatting a four-bagger.

Bill Troutner hurled for the Faculty and he allowed but two runs on seven hits.

In another game the Dynamo Twirlers defeated the Helldiver nine, 10-5, getting 10 runs on nine hits. Six of these runs came in the first inning. Helldiver started a rally in the seventh inning, but couldn't keep it going. The rally died after four runs.

The third game of the week found Josperson Dorn finally winning a game at the expense of the Dairy club which has yet to be a victor. The fight to keep out of the cellar ended with the score 20-12. Josperson scored in every inning but one and took 20 runs on 16 hits with Hank Whaley connecting for two home runs.

#### Pony League

The All-Stars broke the tie for first place by winning two games both from the Boots and Spurs club. But only one game counted; the other was protested because of Umpire "Bird" Simpson's decisions and the game was played over.

The second game was a pitcher's battle between Carter of the Stars and Hutchings of the Cowboys. The Cowboys got through Carter in the first inning for three runs, but then Carter settled down and allowed no more damage to the Stars.

Meanwhile, the All-Stars were ticking away at Hutchings and tied up the score with two runs in the first and one in the fourth. The game was decided in the fifth inning when the Stars put three men on by a hit, a walk, and an error, and J. T. Morosky came through with a screaming double into left center, clearing the bases. This ended the scoring and the game finished 6-3.

Carter allowed three hits, three runs, and struck out four, while walking three. Hutchings gave up five hits, six runs, struck out three, and walked four.

In the other games Dauntless id long last found someone to defeat. They were the victors over Mariner Hall by 5-3 score, and Mariner won a close game over the winless Crops club, 4-3.

Next week the playoff for the championship is scheduled.

#### TEAM STANDINGS

| Mustang League | Won | Lost |
|----------------|-----|------|
| Faculty        | 4   | 0    |

### SAN DIEGO UP FROM SOUTHLAND TO INVADE MUSTANG DIAMOND

By Bob Coghlan

With a triple win over the not-so-mighty Spartans from San Jose State last weekend, the hustling Mustangs from Cal Poly meet the Aztecs from San Diego State this weekend for the second place spot in the 2C2A league. The opener will start today at 2 p.m. with a double-header tomorrow commencing at 12:30 p.m.

Resting in the cellar the past three weeks, the Mustangs responded vigorously to Coach Bob Mott's pep talks by sweeping three straight games from last season's second place team, now resting in the cellar spot, thanks to the smart baseball turned in by the whole Mustang squad. The Mottmen are now one-half game out of second place with the San Diego series coming up. Second place will rest on this series, so you can depend on a lot of hard fighting from both sides.

The Aztecs are coming here with eleven lettermen from last year's championship squad. Eight of these players won some mention on the all-2C2A selection last year. Catcher Earle Brucker, and outfielder Fred Pierce were first string selections. Second baseman Mickey Aguirre, shortstop Bob Kennedy, and pitcher Bill Ruzick, were all second string berth holders. Aztec pitchers Bob Palish and Phil Sewald, and first baseman Don Smith all were given honorable mention ratings.

The infield, which was picked by opposing coaches as the smoothest working unit in the league will be handled by the same guardians with the exception of Jim Bass taking over the third base job vacated by Don Brown.

Starting lineups announced by Coach Bob Mott will be "Pee Wee" Fraser, center field; Dick Bulart, right field; "Pinky" Hebernes, third base; Bob Coghlan, shortstop; Bob "Pell Mell" Bennett, left field; Lee Rosa, catcher; Bob McCutcheon, second base; Jim Luker, first base; and Don "Free Chow" Garman, pitcher.

**League standings of this week:**

|               | won | lost | per. GBL |
|---------------|-----|------|----------|
| COP           | 11  | 3    | .768     |
| San Diego     | 6   | 6    | .500     |
| Fresno        | 6   | 6    | .500     |
| Cal Poly      | 5   | 6    | .455     |
| Santa Barbara | 6   | 9    | .400     |
| San Jose      | 4   | 8    | .333     |

**Dynamo Twirlers** ..... 3 1  
**Helldiver** ..... 2 2  
**Pony Phase** ..... 2 2  
**Josperson** ..... 1 3  
**Dairy Club** ..... 0 4

**Pony League**

|                 |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| All Stars       | 4 | 0 |
| Boots and Spurs | 3 | 1 |
| Seagull         | 3 | 1 |
| Dauntless       | 1 | 3 |
| Mariner         | 1 | 3 |
| Crops Club      | 0 | 4 |

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## Hoof Prints

By Pyle

Someday the gods will cry.  
My gods, how they will cry.

The gent that knocked this out sometime back in history, Herman, probably never heard of Cal Poly, let alone San Jose, but it does fit the occasion rather well.

Seems the boys from Washington Square are weeping in their "Mother's Out" after last weekend. You can't blame them too much. They went to a lot of work convincing everyone that we were nothing but a bunch of farmers. It does look bad for the Spartans to lose after all their talk, but that's the breaks. I hope it doesn't hurt their chances of getting into that new conference. Hate to see them hang around with us small colleges when they have such potential material—burp.

The general opinion seems to be that Poly ball team has finally hit its stride. Could easily enough be since the weatherman pulled one dirty trick after another on Coach Bob Mott this season. By taking two out of three from the Aztecs the Mustangs will have an equal shot at second place with Fresno State. With three out of three against the Aztecs, the Mustangs will be second under the wire with no strain.

The horseholders weren't the only ones to shove those nasty words back down the Spartan's throat this last week-end. The Poly tennis men took their northern hosts for the second consecutive time this year. Coach Smith hasn't inked a contract with the Mayo brothers yet, but from all reports his ulcers almost got the best of him during this last San Jose match. After being knotted up at four all, the Poly-men came through in the last match to walk off with another conference victory 5-4.

Santa Barbara will be the cause of us switching to Culverts yet, Herm. Seems Spud Harrier, Gaucho headman, wants to take Los Angeles City college and Sacramento City college under the 2C2A wing if San Jose and COP should drop the loop. The SRC office, however, stands firmly against the admittance of Loyola and Pepperdine because of the obvious reason subsidization of athletics by the two L.A. Independents.

For a school that was talking about enrolling in the PCC a couple of weeks ago, talk like this isn't very becoming. Maybe the Gauchos just want a chance to get back at someone else what Oregon will do to them next season. But, all in all, it sounds like a dumb poor excuse for not wanting to play teams of such caliber. Loyola and Pepperdine may not have the best reputation in the country but their's isn't much worse than any of the others. Besides its no longer a case of who pays what. Its the old story of who can afford to pay what, and if the schools have the money—more power to them.

Boulder, Herm, if we're going to start admitting JC's into the conference we might as well go all out and get the best, but maybe Santa Barbara wouldn't like the idea of playing Compton. It would look bad for Stan Williamson and his established Gauchos to get beat by his old team mate Tay Brown's red hot JC team.

Just to show you that it doesn't pay to gamble Herm, I put my lunch money on Salamagundi instead of the Poly baseball team last week-end and what happens. While the team won all three games, the big nag never finished near enough to Citation to get



IT'S PEE WEE FRASER HITTING THE DIRT. . . "Pants" Fraser who is enjoying his second year on the Cal Poly varsity will be out there in center field when the Mustangs meet the invading Aztecs of San Diego State today and tomorrow. Although Fraser isn't the biggest sticker on Coach Bob Mott's squad, he makes the opposing pitchers sweat once he gets on base.

### Wheels And Tables Add Attractions To Lions Club Dance

Rolling dice and spinning roulette wheels will greet couples who attend the sport dance, Saturday, May 22, in the City Recreation hall, sponsored by the San Luis Obispo Lions Club.

Bill Meeds, dance chairman, has announced that the lounge in the hall has been decorated to represent an old time gambling casino. He emphasized, however, that stage money will be used for wagers on the various games. This play money may be purchased by individuals desiring to gamble.

All proceeds will go towards buying votes for Fiesta Queen candidate Diana Martinez, who is being sponsored by the Lions Club.

Meeds stated that Dick Toni's orchestra will provide music for dancing from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. He added that 49'er costumes are optional.

(Everyone is invited.)

his name in the evening final. Yeh, Herman, the mail money goes back on the baseball team this week, at least two out of three.

### Sewage Disposal Methods Attract Engineering Class

Sewage treatment was the order of the day as R. H. Reece's class in Mechanical and Sanitary Equipment of Buildings last week inspected the San Luis Obispo sewage and disposal plant south of town.

All of the sanitary sewage of the city is collected here for treatment. To anyone who has not visited a plant of this type, the environment of this plant will be a surprise. The aero-filters, sludge removers, and sludge digestion tanks are all painted an attractive green, and the grounds are banked with flower beds.

Sewage treatment at this plant follows a standard process of filtering and sludge removing and after treatment the sludge is run onto sludge drying beds and later sold as fertilizer. The effluent after being chlorinated is piped off and drained into San Luis creek.

This is a model sewage plant of which the city can well be proud. It is under the efficient management of City Engineer Guido Ferini and plant superintendent C. E. Fauntleroy.

### Biological Department Takes Field Trip

The Biological Science department had a very successful field trip last Saturday stated David Thompson, biological science instructor.

The trip was for the study of marine life which, according to Thompson, was very abundant. The group also noted many unusual birds that hadn't been seen on previous trips.

The trip took the group of instructors and students to Spooner's Cove, which is south of Bayview. There were about 25 students and four instructors; Dr. Glen Noble, Dr. Fredrick Essig, Dr. Robert Hoover, and Thompson making the trip.

### Avila 203? No, EE Students Inspect Union Oil Tanker

EE students, who are taking the power plant course, completed a field trip to Avila on May 12; according to Hugh Haroldson, ME instructor. Here they examined the engine room and other sections of Union Oil company's tanker, S.S. Santa Paula.

The ship, Haroldson stated, is 529 feet long, displaces 22,000 tons, and is driven by a 6000 horsepower turbo-electric drive.

Haroldson said the students also saw Union Oil company's loading facilities at Avila. Avila is one of the main oil shipping ports in the country.

### NO MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Regular classes will be held as scheduled on Monday, May 31, according to the Recorder's office. This is in accordance with the regular calendar for the 1947-48 school year.

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## OUR DUTY

To vote or not to vote, that is the big question in the minds of many today. Why should we vote? This country of ours is one of the few countries left in the world, that still has the right of free election. Just recently Italy's people had a free election, in which every person who could be moved was brought to the polling place. In that way everybody voted, and in that way they got the kind of government the majority of the people wanted.

Here at school we get into bull sessions and gripe about the way our government is running things. We don't like what the UN isn't doing about this and that. We don't like the way Senator so and so, is voting in the Senator the way our congressman is pushing the draft bill. Does a bull session help matters? What will help matters? I'll tell you what will help. Let's all get out there and VOTE on June 1, in the primaries, and most important, know what you are voting for and whom.

There will be two precinct boards set up here at Poly for those who have already registered. They will be in Crandall Gym and will be divided for those with last initials of A to K. L to Z. For those of you who have not registered, it is too late for the primaries. But if you go down to the County Clerks office now, it is not too late for registering for the November finals.

Let's not let our country down at this time. Get out and vote. Then if there is a gripe we can all blame ourselves and not the other fellow who didn't vote either.

Remember June 1, for the primaries.

R. J. B.

## Back Breaking Parallel

Ed. Note - This is an editorial.

We had a little fire on the campus the other night. It wasn't much as far as fires go, but it did OK for itself during its brief existence.

According to "Chief" Stiener, the "conflagration" probably started spontaneously. Anyhow some 20 sacks of orange pulp in the old feed mill and storage barn aren't good for much right now.

We don't want to go into reasons for the fire, why, whose fault, etc., or rather we don't want to mention them here. We're going to compliment some of the reserve fire fighting volunteers who appeared on the scene to lend a hand.

A fire, of course, always attracts a crowd, and this blaze was no exception. There was a crowd, and they saw a pretty fair free show. Some of the crowd got into the act. The sacks of smoldering pulp as well as the sacks surrounding the hot stuff had to be removed. This job wasn't particularly dangerous, but it was hard work.

So under the able direction of "Battalion Chief" Stiener, and his regular fire crew, 14 or 15 extras pitched in to "ditch the hot stuff." We saw some real cooperation up there Saturday night. Dean Meacham, no less, with hair and necktie askew, was on the operating end of an overloaded handcart.

I like to brag. Otherwise you'd never know that I too darn near broke my back totin' sacks out of that barn.

Now from this illustration of working together, we could draw some sort of parallel. But we'll leave the parallel drawing up to you. I'm too tired from bucking those sacks.

—D. J.

## File Thirteen - - -

During the past week a couple of ideas have come up that I think are worth talking about. The first is the Little Theater. If anyone saw the play or read the reviews, he knows that most of the people in the production had some connection with our school. On the basis of this fact it's a pretty poor set-up that keeps us from having a theater group on the campus. We know that there is all kinds of talent around here: Why not some productions from our campus without joining the high school in order to get some dramatic training.

The same thing holds true for the radio. Two radio station in town, lots of public service time available to us if we want it. We could put on dramatic shows, as they do at other schools, or run Poly news programs and special events on the air.

All this activity would be of interest to the town and student body besides being good training for those men who intend to enter the field of public relations. Down here in the Mustang office we've often discussed the possibility of having a major course in Agricultural Journalism or Public Relations. From the scores that many fellows have pulled in the various guidance center tests it is obvious that a lot of the men here would fit into this line of work.

This is a job where you would use your agricultural or industrial background and your natural aptitude for meeting and greeting the public, to from a place in society for yourself that would suit you, and still where you could do the most good for your preferred line of industry or agriculture.

"Never let a Mustang walk," that's a good thing to remember when you go shooting past your school mates in your hot rod. Never can tell, your heap may be the next one to break down.

We've been getting a lot of visitors down in El Mustang office since we plastered the walls with pictures. Can't say that I blame the lads, especially when half the shots are of Pat Walker and other equally interesting personalities. However, it is plenty on the Chicken side when the lads develop sticky fingers, and start cleaning the walls of said photographs.

For those readers (if any) who still don't know the meaning of the phrase, file thirteen, it is an old newspaper slang expression, referring to wast basket. Any similarity between this column and the article referred to is strictly intentional.

Spent a couple of hours the other day digging out all the old El Mustangs from '39 to the present and setting them in book form for easy reading. Anyone interested in the old rags can see them in the office. Got a charge out of the minor revolt that changed the name to The Polytechnic Californian for a few issues. Fitting the papers together became a rough deal due to extreme assortment of sizes of the different issues. They ranged from 16"x22" to 9"x12", or half the size of the present issue to twice the size.

Emmons Blake cut me deeply with his snide remarks (Campus Personality) about the way I murder the English tongue. To prove that all is not lost said Mr. Blake may visit me in the basement latrine where he can watch the rehearsal, before the mirror, of round tones of "how, now, brown, cow," intermingled with the feeble attempt at "Veronica played her harmonic on the pier at Santa Monica."

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In reading 'Letters to the Editor' concerning the views and opinions of 'Rank and File' I find them more interesting and better written than was 'Rank and File'.

It is evident that many students are quite awake when it comes to current issues. Thanks for the comments fellows. —Jim Carley

Dear Editor:

A little over 2000 students tasted sweet revenge when the Mustang baseball team stamiped and ground the Mighty Nine from San Jose State into the local sod at Poly last weekend.

Most abashed of all should be the sport section of the Spartan Daily, S.J.S.'s daily rag, whose mighty boasts and strategic copy lead one to believe that the Stater's are unmitigated champions, belonging in the same league as the Olympic Games.

In the reading over of last weeks editions, it was humorous to compare the blazing headlines, stating that San Jose had swept the CCAA track and field events and had noxed COP on the swimming tally, to the article in the lower right hand corner, which in about three and one half inches, told ALL about the tennis tournament held at San Luis Obispo (and carefully omitting the college's name) wherein it mentioned that COP took first, San Diego second, and San Jose tied for fourth (again carefully omitting the college that placed third.)

No— that little item was a sore spot and a smudgy mark against the Mighty Men from State, so it was only allowed a small space squeezed near an ad and at the edge of the page, where it was hoped to pass unnoticed.

On Friday, the day of the first baseball game,

## Rank &amp; File...

—BY JIM CARLEY—

Is the 'Bear' a threat to the 'Eagle'? Many and varied are the answers. Russia hugs one-sixth of the world's land, and according to Governor Dewey she now has eleven satellite countries in her control. A country of such size would seem to be a very great threat to other nations, if she so desired.

Let's review some facts about this great country. According to Henry J. Taylor, noted economist, author, and journalist, Stalin's goal for national oil production is 60,000,000 tons a year by 1951. In 1947 the U.S. produced 270,000,000 tons of petroleum. Stalin wants a production of 500,000,000 tons of coal a year by 1951. The U.S. passed that amount 30 years ago.

American geologists estimated Russia's iron reserve as about eight and one-half billion tons. Stalin has announced that he wants a 60,000,000 ton output of steel by the end of the present five-year plan, or the next one. The U.S. produced nearly 50 per cent more than that before the end of the last war.

Russia is not a sea power as is the U.S. and England. Her present gross tonnage in ships is about two million. At present 39 Japanese shipyards are scheduled to start construction on 175 vessels for Russia in exchange for coal and coke.

The Moscow Journal made a comparison between an electric power-generating station at South Amboy, New Jersey, and one at Kemerovo, Russia. The plants are identical in output. The American station employs 51 persons, while the Soviet station employs 480. The American station has 17 office workers and the Soviet station has 91.

Under the communist economic system 11 men are required to produce 1,000 kilowatts of electricity. In the U.S. two men are required to produce the same amount of electricity. In the U.S. more than 90 per cent of all bituminous coal mined underground is mechanically cut. Approximately 60 per cent is mechanically loaded. Only four per cent is mined by pick and shovel. Nearly every ton of coal, in Russia, is dug by hand.

Now let us look at her armed services. Russia's Army ground forces number 2,600,000; Soviet Navy, 600,000; Soviet Air Force, 450,000; M.V.D. (Internal Affairs Militia), 400,000. This totals up to 4,050,000 men. Not covered by these figures is an important semi-military organization known as Osoaviakhim. It is a sort of home-defense organization represented in factories, collective farms, etc. It provided a large reservoir of partly-trained personnel for worker's brigades and guerrilla groups in the last war.

These statements were made by Mr. Taylor in a pamphlet entitled "Russia: Peace or War." It offers food for thought. Many a man has been held up with a wooden pistol.

One last significant statement made by Taylor is worth mentioning; "Russia expects us to lick ourselves by our own confusions and over expenditures and to knock ourselves out in our own gymnasium." Who could have accused 'Uncle Joe' of soothsaying—ten years ago?

blazing headlines and first paragraph were donated to the cause that the Supermen from State were coming down here to show those farmers from (that weak sister college) Cal Poly, how to play baseball and jaunt merrily home with a series win. . . . were you a little dismayed, San Jose? To top it off, the Spartan racquetmen had there strings plunked for the second time this year, and were sent home with their brother base-bawlers to report the sad results to "farmer hungry" San Jover's.

How do you enjoy eating those "weak sister" words, Spartan Daily, or has it opened your biased eyes enough to see the truth in the old adage, "When you start crowin' you stop growin'." P.S.

After glancing at Monday's Spartan Daily, I still note they keep their unbiased policy of never showing defeat.

About last weekend's setback. A small article of not more than two inches appeared down at the bottom of the page (I could say in small print) to the general fact that San Jose suffered an upset.

An Upset HELL, they weren't expected to win!

Art Gandy



# A Critical Review of Edw. Bellamy's 'Looking Backward'

By Irwin W. Boxer

Ed. Note — As further evidence that this period in Cal Poly history will be referred to as "the period of emergence from the literary desert," we offer the first in a series of critical book reviews written by students of English 311, The American Scene. Before you accuse EL MUSTANG and today's book reviewer of an alliance with Pravda, remember this literary masterpiece, written by Edward Bellamy more than 60 years ago, has in that time appeared at least once in every college newspaper in the United States. Uncountable thousands of freshmen have been converted by Bellamy to "Socialism" — and the same thousands have reverted slowly step by step until they were died-in-the-wool Republicans by the time they were seniors.

However, because LOOKING BACKWARD will always be a fresh challenge to college students to re-examine the "sacred cows" of our political and social system, this review is timely.

The problems dealt with by Edward Bellamy in Looking Backward, 2000-1887 cover almost the entire range of the problems of our modern society. The questions posed and answered in the tale are put forth in narrative form by one Julian West of the late nineteenth century and a Doctor Leete of the close of the twentieth century. The means used to bring about a communication of two persons of different stages of history is one of involuntary intombment of a hypnotized individual of a period of years or centuries.

The only feature of the book, aside from its narrative form, which keeps it from being solely a treatise on the American System accompanied by a possible outgrowth of a higher order of living, is a very sterile love story interwoven with comments on capitalism. The most striking aspect of the book is seen to be the imagination and daring of the author. It is most impressive when one realizes that only a true visionary of his time could have written that book in the year 1887. Even putting political issues aside, Mr. Bellamy's forecast of the radio is enlightening.

Julian West's fictional description of nineteenth century society and institutions to a mythical twentieth century reader is illustrated by some very apt metaphorical situations. One parallel is a comparison of nineteenth century capitalistic society to a heavy coach, drawn by the proletariat beasts of burden and upon which ride the precariously seated, parasitic, monied classes. The illustration continues to compare the keeping of seats on the coach to the economic instability of the system; he compares the transfer of unearned seats to the leaving of great estates by wealthy men to their offspring; the fierce struggle of the team over a miral road to the lower classes' striving for a livelihood. The nonexistence of true equality of opportunity is suggested by the inability of many of the team to climb upon the coach and to secure a seat for themselves. The oversimplification involved is obvious, but the point of the inequitable distribution of the load on the backs of the working classes is clearly illustrated.

The American capitalistic economy of our day is compared by Mr. Bellamy to an inverted pyramid, which, while resting on its unstable apex, needs many thousands of laws and acts of legisla-

# Reporter Conducts Straw Vote

By Harold Hoffman

The following data was gleaned by your roving reporter while on a mission to ask 10 students the question: "Who is your choice for president in 1949?"

The answers came from the first 10 willing to reply.

Thirteen students had to be interviewed in order to get the 10 replies quoted below. All answers were taken. None were eliminated but the three 'don't knows'.

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"Vandenberg is my choice because to the best of my knowledge, he has been mixed up in less political graft than others in the field."

Harold Aarset, O.H.

"Earl Warren; he puts the benefit of the people ahead of party interest. He is level headed and can lead us out of chaos. He is not the emotional type."

Andy Jensen, Crops

"Wallace—Compulsory military training and war with Russia can be the downfall of our nation. He offers us a way to prevent both."

Dick Milkowitz, M.E.

"Warren; he treats management and labor equally and cannot be swayed easily. He is fair."

George Schroeder, Social Science

"Douglas, Supreme Court Justice; he has had the right kind of

experience on the bench, supported good measures as a congressman. He is more like Roosevelt than any other possible candidate."

Louis Witt, Crops

"Stassen; I am for him."

Harley Kowall, A.H.

"Stassen; he is an old timer in politics and knows the ropes. His ideas don't seem to be radical. He is more the Roosevelt type."

Bill Stairs, Electronics

"A composite between Dewey and Eisenhower would be my particular choice. Developments in the international situation would decide my final choice between the two."

Paul Rush, Arch.

Warren; his recent speech on social issues convinced me. He called on the Republican party to carry out a progressive program of social security, better medical care for all, and a sensible program of compromise between labor and management."

Willie L. Thoma, M.E.

"Truman is my choice. He proposed the civil rights program at the risk of losing his chance of being nominated."

Ed. Note: Continuing with Reporter Hoffman's straw vote, El Mustang releases the following "choice ballot." Results will be published in next week's issue.

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tures to act as props for the structure. The constantly shifting load brings about a buckling and a rending, ineffectual of the various legislative supports. This necessitates the constant remodeling and patching of the laws. Mr.

Bellamy suggests that the pyramid be set upon its base, and his twentieth century world is the one which he pictures as having that solid foundation. As Doctor Leete ex-

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by Mal Eno

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"Don't push, shove, grab, or deliver a knockout blow when cutting in. A tap on the shoulder, a smile, or 'please, may I,' is enough of a signal.

"At a public dance or one where girls may be unescorted, there are also several rules to remember. Be careful to see if a girl came with an escort before asking her to dance. If she didn't it is perfectly proper to introduce yourself and ask for a dance. But if she did, you should ask the escort to introduce you to her. After you've danced with an unescorted girl, you may take her back to the place you found her, thank her for the dance, and excuse yourself. Don't ever leave her standing in the middle of the floor.

"Don't try to force a name or address out of a girl. If she is unescorted and you'd like to take her home, you can tell her so, but chances are you won't make first base by trying to command the situation.

"Here's one sure tip. Don't try

to keep up a steady stream of conversation while you dance. You don't have to talk at all. Act as though you were so entranced with the girl, the music and the movement that words fail you. Your dancing will be better, too.

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## More Review

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plains the new culture to Julian West, the millenium is truly at hand, but he is silent concerning the immediate steps necessary to reach a more equitable distribution of wealth and culture.

The clearness with which Edward Bellamy states issues and his powers of perception regarding the faults of our system are a challenge to one who would argue the merit of retaining the status quo as regards the American way of life. But, on the other hand, that is no argument for his corrective measures. In truth he has no corrective measures as such, but he has devised a system which would necessarily have to be imposed on the whole country at once and could not be applied by easy stages. In that respect his system is much like Communism, and, carrying the similarity farther, would fall prey to a totalitarian trend as in Soviet Russia today.

The impossibility of anyone's doing anything other than work in or for an industrial army, is not something a people as freedom minded as Americans could countenance. It is true that our modern citizens cherish the improbable possibility of each becoming a millionaire, but also cherish the right to determine what they shall do for their allotted span of years. The average citizen of the United States has always been too selfish of his personal idiosyncrasies and too prone to emulation of his social or economic betters to countenance a self-sacrificing allegiance to an entity called "the Nation." Soldiers in wartime and a handful of visionaries are the notable exceptions to this. Mr. Bellamy claims that such a disclaiming of personal sovereignty would not be against human nature. I believe the author depends overmuch on the rational sense of right and wrong rather than on the erratic fear of our people of being over-governed.

The principle that the government should be the one capital and the one employer is a far cry from the Taft-Coolidge-Harding, Laissez-Faire attitude toward government controls. Even Eugene Debs would not have gone as far as Bellamy in the fight for equality and social reform. Indeed, the Utopia described by Doctor Leete is almost of a totalitarian nature. It is true that all have a choice of jobs within a certain not-to-be-questioned framework, but the inability to question the form of control leaves a feeling of forceful compliance. Debs wanted to ameliorate the conditions prevalent in the lower classes, but he realized that the time required to affect a

complete change would be considerable. In fact, he saw that such a change to a more equitable form of government should be brought about within the existing frame-

work to be effective.

To keep the writers, doctors, etc. from high public office gives evidence to one of the atavisms his book looked down upon. Namely,

the idea of the trade union members—that only another working man can understand the problems of those he directs.

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