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Students Needed in Spring

"With one hundred seniors, one sixth of the college population, graduating in January, the spring enrollment situation seems very serious, unless entering students can augment considerably the student body in February," declared President Clarence Phelps last week.

Although nine and a half per cent of the students this year came from out of state institutions, this entry of non-California residents will be discouraged when the college is officially part of the university, for university fees for out of state students are very high.

To remedy partially the situation, the entering class of approximately twenty-five at the Knapp School of Nursing will attend State College for two semesters starting in the spring, while the Santa Barbara High School has invited representatives from the college faculty to discuss second semester entry and the advisability of directing high school graduates to embark on the college program.

Another favorable sign last week was the recent passage by the state legislature of the bill to allow discharged veterans to be eligible to receive a monthly allowance of forty dollars, tuition, fees, and books while attending approved institutions. Three or four such veterans are already on our campus.

Alpha Theta Chi Tops Stamp Sales

By last Tuesday, \$82.25 worth of defense stamp raffle tickets had been sold by the war-bond committee, according to Chairman Marjorie Welch, with a quota of \$200 anticipated before the end of the week. Last year's total for the fund for returning service men was well over \$300.

Top contributor to the fund was Alpha Theta Chi sorority, having garnered \$18.75 by their unique fish-pond grab last Thursday noon in the quad.

Nani Leilani turned in \$8.00 after fourth hour, Monday, while the Music department had sold \$7.77 worth of tickets during the sixth hour last Friday.

Applications for the position of Student Body President are to be turned in next Thursday, December 16, according to Eleanor O'Boyle, vice-president, who was chosen chairman of the legislative council until the presidential election in January.



Ericson to Go To AVA Meet

Emanuel E. Ericson, director of the State College Industrial Division, leaves tomorrow to speak at the American Vocational Association convention in Chicago, December 14 through 17.

Ericson's functions in connection with his attendance of this convention will be three-fold. He will appear on the program as a speaker under the topic, "Industrial Arts and Vocational Education in War and Post War Years." As a member of the editorial board of the American Vocational Education Journal representing industrial arts, he will attend meetings of this board which are held prior to and during the convention, and will be responsible for editing papers for publication in the Journal. In the capacity of vice-president of the National Association of Industrial Teachers Trainers, Ericson will participate in programs of that organization which are presented as part of the A. V. A. convention.

Theme of the three-day parley this year will be "Gearing Vocational and Practical Arts Education to War-time and Post-war Needs."

Officers of the American Vocational Association are; president, Fred A. Smith, State Department of Education, Little Rock, Arkansas; executive secretary, L. H. Dennis, Washington, D. C.; treasurer, Charles W. Sylvester, Baltimore, Maryland.

Ericson plans to leave during the first week of December in order to visit various schools and teacher training institutions en route to Chicago.

Mrs. Abraham Gives Message to School

"How good are you at spreading good news?" asks Mrs. Jane Abraham, registrar.

"Santa Barbara State accepted as a branch of the University of California at Santa Barbara is offering exceptional opportunities to incoming students. Tell your friends the news when home on vacation. As we go to press today, the entrance requirements have not been changed. Students may enter upon high school graduation, coming in as recommended or unrecommended students, according to grades submitted."

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Work Permits

"Only those students who have obtained Christmas employment and have the employer's statement to verify such employment may obtain a leave of absence for the week of December 13-17, provided the leave is obtained in advance so that the students can notify each instructor of the proposed leave," according to Dean Helen Sweet.

These leaves do not excuse students from their work missed during the absence, nor do they guarantee that students can make up all the work missed during lectures and laboratory.

Work permits may be secured through the offices of the dean of women.

Santa Present At Bond Party

That busy little man with the bright red suit and the cherry nose is going to take time off from his many activities long enough to honor us by dipping his pudgy fingers into our slightly cloudy fishbowl and drawing forth the ticket of the lucky bond winner, tonight at just about 10:00.

Who knows . . . it might be you!

All this and sugar doughnuts too have been planned for the student body-faculty Christmas party to begin at 7:30 tonight in Ebbett's Hall. All members of both the staff and student body have been invited and will be welcomed.

The program for the evening will include square dancing, led by Mrs. Anderson, roulette, bridge and the singing of carols under the able leadership of Mrs. Dorothy Keniston. Refreshments will also be served.

Eleanor O'Boyle, acting student body president, will initiate the bond drawing assisted by "you know who." The general committees for the party, under the direction of Helen E. Sweet, Dean of Women and Edie Van Meter, social chairman are: decorations, Erma Lambrecht; entertainment, Gloria Lindsey; refreshments, Twila Johnson and Ruth Langmack; and posters, Marge Riley.

The war bond drive sponsored by the student body during the past week will culminate at tonight's shin-dig by the drawing of the bond. This drive was presented in order that the fund for returning Gauchos' education after the war could be built up.

So, let's see you all at the party tonight, and let's all have fun.

Intramural Returns In for Tournament

In last week's round of the intramural volley-ball tournament, the Alpha Thetas defeated Nani Leilani, Tau Gamma Sigma defeated Tous Les Temps, and Phi Kappa Gamma won by default. Gamma Delta Chi lost to Chi Delta Chi, the Y. W. C. A. won over Pu Ko How, and the Delta Zetas defeated the Sigma Deltas.

The schedule for next week is as follows: December 14, Nani Leilani vs. Tau Gamma Sigma, Phi Kappa Gamma vs. Alpha Theta Chi, and Delta Zeta Delta, bye; December 16, Gamma Delta Chi vs. Y. W. C. A., Sigma Delta Phi vs. Chi Delta Chi, and Tous Les Temps vs. Pu Ko How.

All games are to start at 7:00, and the teams should be on the floor by 6:45.

EDITORIAL

The Jew-baiting children of Boston and New York should remind us among other considerations that education today is woefully inadequate. Since the chief function of this college is to issue automatically full-fledged teachers after a routine of four years of shaping them in the accepted mould, we particularly ought to be able to look with confidence to the day when a lot of us will be teaching children to be tolerant and to accept with understanding the realities of the world, and helping these children to be well-balanced and mentally alert.

Instead, struggling ineptly in its transition period, education seems a poor, misshapen bastard of the emancipating ideal which men have cherished. Education today stands somewhere in the no-man's-land between the traditional education of the past and the progressive education of the future, weakly rejecting the better features of both. Instead of instruction in the fundamentals of grammar, spelling, American history, and the perusal of classical children's literature, little tots fritter away whole semesters perfecting projects on the habits of the Hopi Indians. Lispering lads debate glibly about international politics without hindrance by the complexity of facts which give pause even to experts, for opinion has been substituted for knowledge as the goal of the present curricula. Children are prevented from learning foreign languages earlier, in the universal underestimation of their natural aptitude. For today, children are smart in spite of their education which misinterprets democracy by trying to pull everyone down to the lowest common denominator.

And on the other hand, there seems to be no comprehension by the boards of education or the school faculties that the primary purpose of education is to prepare the student for life in the world of reality, a world where he is better able to maintain his equilibrium if he is tolerant of his fellow men, and if he is aware of the implications of democracy and its shortcomings under our present economic system, which he will not learn if he is restricted to abstract perfection merely, and is told that The Grapes of Wrath and the textbooks of Harold Rugg are fanciful propaganda. It is truly pitiful to hear the high school commencement speakers declaim with earnest bravado of the world of opportunity which will welcome them. They have been educated just enough to be ambitious for jobs which just aren't available.

Teachers cannot be too bold in the face of vested interests, but a few brave teachers have been able to disseminate liberal ideas subtly. It's a thankless job to choose truth instead of apathy, and not for those who pursue the vocation for the salary it offers.



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Gaicho Nights

By SCHEHEREZADE

By way of inaugurating this column, I wish to say that if you want your name in print, or know any facts about your friends you wish to see printed, please contact me. I am open to any reasonable suggestions.

That center of campus activity, Ye Olde Gaicho Room, was the scene of a musicale, Wednesday afternoon, led by GLORIA LINDSEY and JEAN CASEY. Numbers featured were Pistol Packin' Mama and others of similar classical nature.

By way of mentioning the Alpha Thetes' stunt at the U. S. O. dance last Wednesday night — CONNIE ACKERSON upheld collegiate traditions by soundly trouncing a representative of the Marine Corps in a rousing set of table tennis. Time was when one baited one's bear-trap with sweetness, innocence and light. Now the best method seems to be to beat someone into a slightly comatose condition and then hold on with all you have.

December 21 is a day to circle with red pencil for this is the date on which LELAND KENISTON sets foot in California once more. For the sake of clarification, LELAND is DOROTHY KENISTON'S husband.

That dashing man about the I. E. campus, BOB GOULET, was revisiting the scene of his crimes on Friday. CLIFF WRIGHTSON, a former

student here, received his wings and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps on Sunday. EDVISH SMITH, who graduated several years ago, is being married to LIEUTENANT ARMAND ZEFFERY, of the Army, on December 12.

The Christmas dance at the Marine Base was a success and thoroughly enjoyed by all attending. There were lots of beautiful dresses, but particularly outstanding was DEE SIMONOFF's quaint yellow organdy gown, sprinkled liberally with silver dots. To forestall any arguments as to who picked it out, it was a marine named EDDY, whose advice was asked concerning this vital problem. During the intermission, we noticed JEAN BURRIGHT and RICK RUPPEL, PATSY HEWLETT and JIMMY HARE, JEAN NELSON and ARNET MECE, JOHN CRAGIO and TINA SANCHEZ. PHYLLIS PRIERLY asked us to mention her name. Her pardner remains anonymous.

MARGIE HOSKINSON and a Marine lieutenant were seen at Elmer's Saturday night, as were BETSY RHODES and DON JONES. The aforementioned DON JONES would like very much to know who wrote the story about the hike in last week's paper. It is inscribed on tablets of purest alabaster that when one boy tries to go on a hike for girls only, he deserves all he gets.



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Charities Featured at Greek Meetings

Members of Greek organizations were busy this week completing plans for Christmas festivities in the form of parties and various charity work.

DELTA ZETA DELTA

At the regular business meeting on Monday night Delta Zetas completed plans for a party to be held December 13 for fifteen men of the Navy Section Base. A sorority party will be held December 15 at the sorority house, at which time gifts will be exchanged. Following the meeting a bridge tournament was held with members of Tau Gamma Sigma and Alpha Theta Chi participating.

PHI KAPPA GAMMA

Plans for activities following the Christmas vacation were discussed and arrangements made for the Christmas party to be given by the U. S. Coast Guard stationed here at the regular meeting on Monday.

The Second Open House tea was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Mayno Ross. An old fashioned winter theme was carried out in pine cones, evergreens, and holly berries.

CHI DELTA CHI

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Chenoweth were hosts to the Chi Deltas Monday night at the sorority's annual Christmas dinner party. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lucking, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nair, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Schauer who are patrons and sponsors. Presents were exchanged and the hostess presented members with silk covered hangers. The sorority was also presented with a punchbowl, dipper, and cups by the sponsors.

GAMMA DELTA CHI

The second Open House tea was held Monday at the sorority house on Loma Street in the form of a barbecue featuring roasted hot dogs and cokes. Following the tea a dinner meeting was held in which

plans for the Christmas party were planned. Mrs. Waldo Phelps, the former Dorothy Depwig, alum, attended this Meeting.

SIGMA DELTA PHI

Sigma Deltas planned for the sorority Christmas party to be held at the house. Committees were chosen to buy gifts for the sponsors and patronesses. Arrangements were also inaugurated for a Rose and Silver Tea to be held January 7.

DELTA SIGMA EPSILON

The regular meeting of Delta Sigma Epsilon was held at the home of Frances Grigg.

Final preparations were made for the open house to be held at the home of Betty Wescott, Thursday, December 9. The theme of the open house is to be school colors, carried out with a motif of king football.

Members and Alumnae planned a Christmas party to be held at Jean Gier's residence on Sunday, December 12.



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Lieutenant Trehwitt was reported missing last summer and later the Navy announced he had been found safe and well. His wife, the former Miss Mary Frances McKinney, makes her home in Santa Barbara.

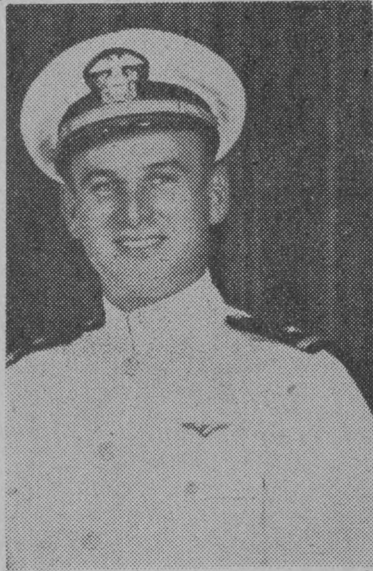
All four men were injured when their plane crash-landed in the water. They managed to save a gunner's mat, two cans of water, and, for food, only three cans of pemmican, a package of chocolate and a bottle of malted milk tablets.

Islands were visible the third, fourth, and fifth days, but because of the current the fliers were unable to reach them. There was no water left, and only one malted milk tablet was eaten by each man daily.

Rain fell on the sixth day and several gallons of water were caught in a sail. More islands were spotted, but the current carried the raft past them. One of the men caught a small fish which was eaten raw.

By the tenth day, the raft had again drifted from the islands and no land was in sight. Despite strict rationing, only enough malted milk tablets remained for three days. Hands were black and swollen and peeling from sunburn.

Another fish was caught on the thirteenth day, and it, too, was eaten raw. On the fourteenth day all food was gone, but a thunderstorm that night blew the wave-tossed



raft closer to an island. Trehwitt shot another fish which the fliers ate. Sharks followed the raft. That night a large battle could be heard to the south, and it continued during the night, the fliers watching the flashes.

Morning found the men closer to the island. They began to pick up wreckage from Japanese ships—life preservers and coconuts. The coconut milk and meat gave them

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Phrateres Social

Thursday, December 16, is the time scheduled for the all-Phrateres Social. Caroling on the hill from 7:30 to 9:30 will be featured that evening. All girls participating are requested to bring enough wraps to keep warm. Following the caroling, which will be only on the hill around the college, the girls will return to the A. W. S. room where they will be served hot refreshments.

sufficient strength to row toward shore. They continued rowing all during the day and night of their sixteenth day at sea and finally reached shore after two Zero planes and one U. S. plane had flown by but had failed to see them.

The four found an abandoned Japanese barge which produced food, medicine, cigarets, soap, and candy—the fliers' first real meal in sixteen days.

A score of Japanese approached their hut the next day and the fliers fled into the jungle. They were found by a native who took them to his chief. Later they were guided through swamps, jungles, and mountains to the beach where a rescue party returned them to their base.

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Welfare Committee Plans Benefits

Christmas welfare for soldiers at Hoff Hospital has been planned and carried out for several weeks by the Welfare Committee. The girls have covered gift boxes with Christmas paper, and are filling cellophane bags with things to give the patients. A tree will be decorated for the holiday season.

There will be a sale of Christmas tags for the benefit of Neighborhood house sponsored by the committee next week.

Mary Tenney Hubbs is chairman of welfare work, assisted by Dorothy Sands.

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Night Clubs Made

Members of Mr. F. D. Griffin's bench woodwork class were formally thanked in a letter received last week by Griffin for the fourteen night sticks which they made for Camp Cooke soldiers.

The communication from Major James Kelley of the one hundred and fifth evacuation hospital stated that the clubs have helped the unit out in their guard duty, since they were without any form of weapon before.

Members Initiated

Kappa Omicron Phi, national honorary home economics sorority, held a formal initiation banquet at the Californian Hotel last Tuesday at 7:15. Twenty-six members were present, eleven of whom were new members who were initiated just before the dinner. Turkey was served.

This little masterpiece of verse came from the Pasadena Junior College Chronicle via the Santa Jose State paper:

"They find fault with the editor,
The stuff we print is rot,
The paper is as peppy
As a cemetery lot.
But when the Gaucho is printed,
And the issues are on file,
If someone misses his copy
You can hear him scream a
mile."

**SMEDLEY SMASHES JAPS
IN SOUTH PACIFIC ZONE**

A former Gaucho, first Lieutenant Kenneth C. Smedley, 24, of 1916 Castillo Street, Santa Barbara, California, member of a Marine dive bombing squadron in the South Pacific combat zone, has, together with another California Marine pilot, delivered crippling blows to Japanese installations in the Solomon Islands, according to an official Marine Corps release from Guadalcanal.

Teaming up when their Marine dive bomber outfit was organized in El Centro, California, Lieutenant Smedley and Captain Eugene McIntyre of Butte City have flown side by side on numerous raids deep into enemy-held territory.

Official records credit them with hits on anti-aircraft installations, coastal guns, troop concentrations, bivouac areas, and barges on Bougainville, Ballele, and Kolombangara islands.

Captain McIntyre has returned from forays into Japanese areas with many bullet and anti-aircraft holes in his Douglas dive bomber, but Lieutenant Smedley is one of the few pilots whose plane bears no battle scars. "Just unbelievably good luck," he says.

Lieutenant Smedley's closest call came while he was spotting artillery

fire for the Army, "resting" between dive bombing raids.

"Our job was to fly low over the Japanese positions and radio back to the battery where their shells were falling. I was flying along so interested in the fighting below me that I wasn't paying much attention to anti-aircraft fire.

"The ocean below me all of a sudden became spotted with splashes. I looked on out a few hundred yards and it was still calm. Then I looked around. The sky was full of anti-aircraft bursts—big black puffs of smoke. The shrapnel was missing me by a few yards and falling into the water.

"I pulled back on the stick and climbed upstairs not a second too soon."

Lieutenant Smedley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Smedley of Santa Barbara. He enlisted for flight training December 18, 1941, after attending Santa Barbara State College, winning his wings and a commission September 25, 1942, at Corpus Christi.

Before their squadron was transferred to the South Pacific, both he and Captain McIntyre served at Midway and the Hawaiian Islands.



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Wayne "Butch" Engel, 24, former Santa Barbara State College football player, was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia.

He received his gold bars December 1, after being graduated from Officer Candidates Class. He is now enrolled in Reserve Officers School for advanced officer training.

Lieutenant Engel, for three years a member of the Gauche eleven, was graduated last June with an AB degree. His home is in Orcutt.

Editor's note: Students are urged to bring in any interesting letters they have received from men in the service or from any ex-Gauchos. The following excerpt was from a letter received by a reporter for El Gauche from a Marine in the South Pacific area.

There has been a lot going on in the last several weeks—to say the least about the most—I'll merely fill in a few minor details and leave the rest to your favorite reporter in the Santa Barbara whatever it may be called. . . . At any rate life in the great outdoors does have certain advantages—for instance no floors to sweep or swab—in fact, no floors, period. Anyway a tent with a handy foxhole is more to be desired than one with a mere floor. Fortunately our predecessors favored many good foxholes, thus saving us the labor of constructing our own. The laundry situation looks bad—due to lack of time to do anything toward its remedy; I have this day changed from this week's dirty clothes into last week's not quite so soiled ones. And we have just built a fine shower bath—which consists mainly of a gas drum fastened to a coconut tree in which you pour the water in this end, and it slowly leaks from

the other, thus simulating the effect of the good old days.

The next excerpt is from a letter by ex-Gauche, Pvt. E. J. Mathias, stationed in Indianola, Nebraska. Editor,

I don't know you well enough to say Dear Editor, so that will have to suffice. Last year I left the Gauche room long enough to go to the aid of my county and my fellow men. I was all set mentally to kill Japs or Germans with my bare hands. After considerable shunting around from post to post, I have been assigned to cover no-man's land. It is truly God's country as no one else would take it. They call it Nebraska. It has within its borders a thriving community of some 721 souls and bodies. Near this metropolis is a prison camp for German prisoners of war. I am a guard. They put the prison here because if a prisoner should escape he could be seen for three days after he left. Now you have an idea of what a patriotic soldier such as I am is up against.

Former Teacher Featured in Life

Doris Rosenthal, artist featured in the November 22 edition of Life magazine, taught at Santa Barbara State College in the art department for one semester in 1919.

The pictures shown in Life, which are now on exhibition at Manhattan's Midtown Galleries, were painted on her recent trip to Mexico. Her first paintings, of Taos Indians, were sold to the Santa Fe Railroad.

Miss Rosenthal is now teaching at the James Monroe High School in the Bronx, New York.

Death at Redlands

Two people met sudden death within the space of a week at Redlands University last month. A woman jumped from a third story window of the administration building in a successful suicide attempt. Five days later, an employee of the University was found on the steps of the cafeteria, having suddenly expired from a heart attack, apparently.

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