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 tuition 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 a 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 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 $300 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.

Hani 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 Eileen O'Boyle, vice-president, who was chosen chairman of the legislative council until the presidential election in January.

Mr. Abraham Gives Message to School

"How good are you at spreading good news?" asks Mr. Jesse Abraham, registrar.

"Santa Barbara State accepted as a member of the University of California at Santa Barbara is offering even greater opportunities in obtaining interest in the college. 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 recommendee, or as unrecommended students, according to grades obtained.

The teacher-training program has not been changed. Placement record is 100%, according to figures from the placement bureau. Housing facilities are good. Our Early Childhood Elementary Education, and Junior High teachers are snapped up by superintendents needing good teachers. If the student wants a cultural program, no finer courses can be offered than those in liberal arts, social sciences, sciences, and English." 

"Just off the wire. Under the management and control of the Veteran's Welfare Board service personnel released on honorable discharge are eligible to receive in this or other approved institutions tuition and other fees; necessary books and supplies; monthly allowance not exceeding forty dollars, provided that the amount available for one person shall not exceed $1,000. Provided that applications will be first received in the order received, they are received up to a cost of $500,000 appropriated by the legislature. Application blanks are expected in a few days."

Work Permits

"Only those students who have obtained Christmas employment and have the employer's state-ment 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 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 office 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 dimly fabulous and drawing forth the ticket of the lucky bond winner, tonight at about 10 o'clock.

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 Elbert'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, rounds, 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 committee for the party, under the direction of Helen E. Sweet, Dean of Women and Edie Van Meter, social chairman are: decorations, Erna Lambruch; entertainment, Gloria Lindsey; refreshments, Twila Johnson and Ruth Langmack; and posters, Margo Riley.

The program for the evening will culminate at tonight's shin-dig by the drawing of the bond.

This drive was presented in order that the fund for returning Gaucho's 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 last week's round of the intramural volley-ball tournament, the Alpha Theta Chi defeated Nani Leilani, 9 to 7, Monday. On Tuesday, Zetes defeated the Sigma Delts, 21 to 16.

The schedule for next week is as follows: December 14, Nani Leilani vs. Tau Gamma Sigma; December 16, Alpha Theta Chi against Chi Delta Chi; Wednesday, December 15, Gamma Delta Chi vs. Chi Delta Chi; Monday, December 16, Gamma Delta Chi vs. Y. W. C. A.; and Tau Gamma Sigma vs. Chi Delta Chi.

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 ofshaping 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, weekly 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. Lipping lads debate ably 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 equiliburm if he is tolerant of his fellow men, and if he is aware of the implications of democracy and its shortcomings under our present curricula. 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.

Discriminating Ladies Buy Gifts of Quality

from a store with a reputation of giving good values . . . good merchandise . . . throughout the year . . .
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 Zeets 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.

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.
FORMER STATE ATHLETE
ELUDES PERILS OF PACIFIC

Lieutenant Dewitt Trewhitt, former star athlete of Santa Barbara State College, who received his A.B. degree in physical education in 1939, escaped with three companions, after their plane crashed, after sixteen harrowing days on a rubber raft in the shark-infested water of the South Pacific and fifteen more days of travel through Japanese-occupied jungles and mountains to safety. This was told for the first time in a Navy release from Washington over the weekend.

Lieutenant Trewhitt 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 crashed 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 melted milk tablets.

Islands were visible the third, fourth, and fifth days, but because of the current the flyers were unable to reach them. There was no water left, and only one melted 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 melted milk tablets remained for three days. Hands were black and swollen and pronging to turn.

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. Trewhitt shot another fish which the flyers ate. Sharks followed the raft. That night a large battle could be heard to the south, and it continued during the night, the flyers 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 coconuts milk and meat gave them 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, cigarettes, soap, and candy—the flyers’ first real meal in sixteen days.

A score of Japanese approached their hut the next day and the flyers 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.

Phrateres Social

Thursday, December 16, is the time scheduled for the all-Phrateres Social. Carolling 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 carolling, 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.
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 Calorian 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, Balleibo, 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, "reeling" 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 splash- ers. I looked out at 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.

YWCA Holds Social
The Y. W. C. A. will hold a box social at the Methodist Church, Saturday, December 11, at seven o'clock. Girls are to decorate box lunches and bring them to be raffled off. All girls and servicemen are welcome.

America's Best Gift A War Bond
THE HUGHES
The store that is tops for Handkerchiefs — Costume Jewelry — Hand Bags Hosiery — Lingerie — Sweaters — Coats Suits and Dresses

The Growing Store
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 is now a prisoner of war. I am a guard. Engel was graduated last June with an AB degree. His home is in Orcutt, near Santa Barbara, and he is a member of the Gaucho eleven, a concert band at Santa Barbara State College football team. He was recently commissioned a member of the Gaucho eleven, enrolled in Reserve Officers School for advanced officer training.

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. Any tent with a handy foxhole is more to be desired than one with a free 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 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-Gaucho, Pvt. E. J. Mathias, stationed in Indianapolis, Nebraska. Engel, for three years a student of Santa Barbara State College. No examinations are printed on holidays or during examinations.

The next excerpt is from a letter received by a reporter for El Gaucho from a Marine in the South Pacific area. No. 17, 1926.

The following excerpt was from a letter received by a reporter for El Gaucho from a Marine in the South Pacific area. 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 is now a prisoner of war. I am a guard. Engel was graduated last June with an AB degree. His home is in Orcutt, near Santa Barbara, and he is a member of the Gaucho eleven, a concert band at Santa Barbara State College football team. He was recently commissioned a member of the Gaucho eleven, enrolled in Reserve Officers School for advanced officer training.

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. Any tent with a handy foxhole is more to be desired than one with a free 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 and it slowly leaks from the other, thus simulating the effect of the good old days.

The next excerpt is from a letter received by a reporter for El Gaucho from a Marine in the South Pacific area. 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 is now a prisoner of war. I am a guard. Engel was graduated last June with an AB degree. His home is in Orcutt, near Santa Barbara, and he is a member of the Gaucho eleven, a concert band at Santa Barbara State College football team. He was recently commissioned a member of the Gaucho eleven, enrolled in Reserve Officers School for advanced officer training.

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. Any tent with a handy foxhole is more to be desired than one with a free 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 and it slowly leaks from the other, thus simulating the effect of the good old days.