

STEP ... DOWN

By GEORGE STEPANIAN

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is with the deepest regret that El Gaucho bids hasta luego to the author of Step Down. George Stepanian has efficiently served in the capacity of sports editor during the past year and a half and leaves Gaucholand this week in favor of serving the United States Naval Reserves air corp.

The war situation certainly doesn't faze Coach Wilton Wilton's cagers. They just go their own inimitable way, practicing and waiting for their first game. They've been following this procedure for seven weeks and as yet have still to play their initial game.

And so to wile away the time, Raymond "Ace" Acevedo, the squad comedian has begun nick-naming all the members of the team. Some of them are accurate descriptions; some are satirical comparisons.

FEW NICKNAMES

Here are a few of them. Bill Leveille is aptly called "Frog." Dave Mariani has been the most maligned cager of the bunch with his undesirable name of "Mole" taken from the Dick Tracy funny-paper serial.

Dick Rider and Alton Ballard, the two quietest fellows on the squad have been tagged "Noisy" and "Chatterbox" respectively. In addition, Acevedo has pinned the label of "Joe Palooka" on Rider "Because he's the cleanest living kid you ever saw," says Acevedo.

'PORKCHOPS' STEWARD
Lowell Steward has been named "Porkchops;" Dan Lieberman is known as "Mysterious Danny Lee;" Joe Nunez is known simply as "Whistling Joe;" Bob Sherman in known as the "Alhambra Thrush" or the "Crooning Cager;" Acevedo, himself is known as "Oily," the Mole's pal in the Dick Tracy cartoon, while Don McKenzie has been given the prize name of "Bug Eyes." The latter is also an Acevedo masterpiece.

The track and baseball teams, spring semester sports, will probably be dealt death blows next semester. A lot of the fellows have signified intentions of not returning to college in February; a lot of the fellows have already signed up for service in the armed forces.

We are numbered among the latter. So we'll be saying adios.

Dewhirst Garners 'Mural Net Crown

Morton Dewhirst, sophomore netter, last Sunday afternoon annexed the singles title in the Santa Barbara State college intramural tennis tournament when he defeated freshman Terry Nelson, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

In the semi-finals matches, Dewhirst knocked over Phil Scholl, and Nelson tripped Bill Twell to reach the finals in the 16 man, four round, singles tournament.

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Harder Rates Two 1941 Gridders Best Players In State College History

Athletic Director Names Saenz, Bemoll To Berths on All-Time Grid Eleven; 1938 Football Aggregation Dominates

Two of Coach Stan Williamson's 1941 grid squad were recently rated as being the best in their respective positions in the history of Santa Barbara State college football. The two are Ernie Saenz, backfield ace, and Larry Bemoll, guard.

The all-time grid eleven was selected by Theo "Spud" Harder, Gaucho Athletic director who has been coaching and viewing Santa Barbara grid squads since 1933 and is, therefore, in the best possible position to choose such a team.

'38 SQUAD DOMINATES
The 1938 football aggregation dominates the first team with five men, Danny Mullock, end; Doug Oldershaw, guard and honorary captain of the team; Don Hart, center; Howard Yeager and Bobby Morelli, halfbacks.

Two of the aggregation, Oldershaw and Yeager, made the "Little All-American" team while at Santa Barbara State.

Besides Bemoll and Saenz, two others of the 1941 squad made the second string all-time team, big Dave Hengsteler, tackle and Wayne "Butch" Engle, guard. Sophomores were not considered as two years of varsity competition are deemed necessary to make the all-time team.

LINE AVERAGE
The first string forward averages 198 pounds per man while the backfield averages 183 pounds per man. The second string line also averages 198 pounds per man while the second string backs hit the scales at the 180 pound mark.

Following are the complete first and second string all-time Santa Barbara State college football teams:

FIRST TEAM
Ends: Danny Mullock '38 and Jack Voorhies '36.
Tackles: Marvin Palmer '39 and Ed Larsen '40.
Guards: Doug Oldershaw '38 and Larry Bemoll '41.
Center: Don Hart '38.
Quarterback: Ernie Saenz '41.
Halfbacks: Howard Yeager '38 and Bobby Morelli '38.
Fullback: Sandy Sanderson '37.
SECOND TEAM
Ends: Al Young '38 and Larry Pickens '40.
Tackles: Fred Fredbury '37 and Dave Hengsteler '41.
Guards: Wayne Engle '41 and George Valos '39.
Center: Blynn Wilson '40.
Quarterback: Dave Pollock '38.
Halfbacks: Art Anderson '36 and Bill McArthur '39.
Fullback: Hubert Neely '40.

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Santa Barbara Officials Cancel All 1941 Basketball Encounters

Locals Unable to Locate Site for Cage Frays as Armory Closes for Year

Hilltoppers Begin Hoop Campaign on January 2 Against Whittier; Pepperdine, Arizona State, Chapman Tilts Cancelled

"Some of these days," was the sad dirge being sung by cage coach Wilton M. Wilton this week as the basketball game scheduled for this evening against the San Luis Obispo army camp five was indefinitely cancelled because of the war. Last week the game with Cal Poly was called off because of failure to get together on dates. Also cancelled were the Pepperdine and Chapman college games scheduled for the Christmas holidays.

The scheduled tilt with Arizona originally slated for next Friday evening at the armory was also cancelled.

CAGERS DRILL
Meanwhile the Gaucho hoopsters went through their nightly drills still hoping that they would play a game before next year.

All in all the basketball setup appeared at its lowest ebb. Some of the cagers were ready to throw in the towel and call it quits for the year. They have been working out for seven weeks now with prospects for a game this year.

CANCEL GAMES
And to top it off, the Faculty Athletic committee, cancelled the Gaucho's biggest money-making games with the Broadway Clowns on January 23 and 24 on the grounds that they would interfere with final examinations.

Wilton's original schedule of 40 games lined up with some of the outstanding squads of the coast has been slashed to 22.

In an attempt to give the boys some competition under fire, Wilton stated that he has been negotiating with Pepperdine college and Chapman for games in Los Angeles over Christmas holidays.

Coach Gray has not as yet made out a definite schedule for his cage squad but is instead concentrating on getting the candidates into shape.



A perplexed coach these days is WILTON WILTON, Gaucho cage mentor, who is figuring out ways and means of getting his basketball team started.

Blackouts Force Cancellation Of All-College Boxing Show

Elaborate plans for Santa Barbara State college's initial all-college intramural boxing tournament were thrown temporarily into the waste basket as Graduate Manager Bill Russell and Coach Joe Lantagne revealed that they were unable to obtain the National Guard armory for the show.

Previous to the declaration of war by Japan, the Army officials had granted permission to the State college to use the Armory for the boxing show, but the nightly blackouts have made it inadvisable to hold the tournament in the armory at this time.

DRILLS CONTINUE
Meanwhile, the thirty members of the squad continued going through their paces in the local gymnasium in preparation for the California Collegiate Athletic association boxing finals to be held sometime in March. San Jose is the defending champion. "Although our tournament has been temporarily cancelled, we still have hopes of continuing our boxing program," stated Lantagne. "It is our hope to get a couple of collegiate outfits for boxing shows sometime next year. However, everything is still in the 'up in the air' stage and nothing definite will be known for sometime."

ARMORY UNDER GUARD
Russell declared that he did not know when the armory would be available for college athletic activities. At present it is under twenty-four hour guard and no one is permitted to enter its premises. Even the basketball team has been recently denied its use for practice purposes.



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Editorially Speaking...

United States Enters War for Freedom

History has woven the loosely knit warp and woof of human events, at last into a tight little pattern. At last the whole world is involved in a war that will itself make the pages of history as one of the most brutish phases of Christendom.

This war is not as a sudden cloud on the horizon, soon to pass away. Rather it is an aggregation of smaller clouds, coming and going, but now massed to form the cloudburst which has been brewing for years.

Idealistically we have hoped for a cure, realistically we have not found it, and cannot find it until the bloodshed and the wholesale misery shall have been of some avail—to rid this earth of gangsterism, terrorism and totalitarianism.

We in this country have vowed that from this war must emerge tolerance, the right of every man to walk the path of life, unmolested by the bombs and shrapnel of peoples eager for conquest.

We must realize that never again can we live in isolation, apart from the rest of humanity. Economically, politically and culturally all nations, and all peoples, must have a common meeting ground, a basic denominator.

We must fight this war for a purpose, an encompassing purpose that will affect everyone.

We cannot retrace our steps now to the world of the past, that world built on greed, injustice and a false idea that "it can't happen here." It can happen, it has happened. To us again is entrusted the fight for freedom—this time we must do a better job.

Student Body Gains Union by Cooperation

It would be a cinch to blame the relative failure of Family Day upon its chairman, make him the goat, place the burden on him and promptly forget about it. It is just as easy to wish off the present poor showing of the paper drive on its chairman and the A. M. S. Just tell them they let the student body down, instead of the opposite, which is nearer the truth, and let it go at that.

In "Witch Hunting" and "Goat Finding" we can always point to the Board of Athletic Control, Rally committee and Activities Control board, and say "they did it," but the question of how close to the truth are we remains. Finally, if you are a Democrat, you can always blame the depression on Hoover but all of this finger pointing and saying "who done it" is too easy. In fact, it over-simplifies the case.

Of course, we must expect some difficulties when only one student out of 80 has enough interest in student affairs to attend a student body meeting.

With a debt like ours and just six months of school remaining, it's time for "Union Now." The big departments like industrial education, home economics and elementary education will have to shelve departmentalism for a while and put their shoulder to the wheel if we expect to surmount the problems that face us.

We have Barbary Coast Carnival and Roadrunner Revue coming up next semester. If we can be rid of that portion of defeatism that still exists in time to make these two activities a success we can still clear the big hurdle.

For the remainder of this semester, the paper drive and the number stenciling need your support. We can reach "pay dirt" but this "We" must be an active majority of our student body and not just a few.



GEORGE BLUMENSON'S Much Ado...

"Business as usual." That is the slogan of the United Kingdom despite bombs, slaughter and unhappiness which have been given to the people of England, Scotland, Wales and North Ireland. And it might be well for this nation to adopt this slogan. There is no sense in this column's writing scathing condemnations of "Our Little Brown Brothers." This has already been done by better journalists in better editorial columns in better papers all over the United States. However, this war cannot be won by editorial writers.

It seems, for the moment, hard to believe that this nation is actually at war. The possibility of war has been hanging over the United States for so long that the actual declaration of war comes as a distinct letdown. But make no mistake about it. Japan has the element of surprise on her side. This may be a long, drawn-out war, a war which may take us years to win; it may be a short war.

This is not a war between Japan and the United States, as one nation usually fights another. It is a war to see whether "that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure." This is a war between two systems—a system of freedom versus a system of slavery. It is the forces of death, disaster and a war on one side of which are all oppression, and on the other side of which are freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion and the right of every

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On Monday, following "December 7, a day that will live in infamy..." we were one of the rank and file who pleaded tolerance. An American is an American, we insisted along with others, no matter the color of his skin or slant of his eye. As long as his ideals are American and his ways are American, so long as he lives by American codes, so long as he is a citizen of our democracy—born or naturalized—he is an American with the rights of Americans. Allow him freedom, we all insisted. How soon we saw the opinion of our fellows reversed.

It has been said that it might be difficult to quickly build up a racial hatred for a war that is strictly economic, that has almost no ideological basis. Yet how soon we hear remarks tinged with rancor which are enthusiastically hurled toward our enemies. How promptly we chime in the chant of persecution of our neighbor simply because his ancestors are not Occidental. Indeed, the innocent suffer with the guilty.

Understand, we would not advocate the relinquishing of the current investigation of any and all suspects of misguided patriotism. That practice is a good safety measure. We owe our allegiance and shall insist upon the same from every man, woman and child under the flag of the United States. But need we be all-inclusive of our recently developed hatred? Need we become one of the horde who employ allness in judgement? Our suggestion is that we discriminate in our choice of demoralizing remarks. There is an insistent cry for unity in the present crisis; let us pull together against a foe and protect our loyal (yes, let us be sure) own.

We are a spoiled lot, we Americans. We've had, all our lives, the better things. Words like freedom, rights, patriotism, democracy we have banded around with the greatest of ease and with the least thought. Now it hits home. Things of which we've read and which we've seen pictured by the movies are daily being realized. Blackouts, reports of enemy planes, bombings in one of our strongest arsenals, the presence of armed forces, clearance of air lanes, cancellation of social activities, etc. are conditioning methods. The adjustment naturally comes difficult to us of the Land of Plenty, Home of the Free. Necessity, as it has been declared, is mother of invention, thus, we conscientiously turn our attention to the necessity at hand. We will adjust, and soon. Let them Over There beware.

Turning our focus to the local front, the social calendar, with some alteration, demands note. At a late hour last evening, the Christmas formal, annually and always a splendid affair, had not been cancelled. If for only one reason, that of attending that which may easily be one of the final social affairs of the school year, we suggest that you get your share of fun to be had. The dance is to be held tomorrow evening at Rockwood.

If our reader (Hi, Mom!) will recall, we have taken more than one crack at the Housing Situation at S. B. S. C. For that nasty bit of nosing, we got smacked onto a committee of investigation appointed from the council's session of last week. So what happened? With another loyal investigator, we investigated. Sparing details, and there are many, and prior to a more formal report to the council, suffice it to say that it is our sincere conviction that gradual improvement is being inflicted upon the so-called "situation."

The Ironing Board

Dear Editor:

There have been plenty of letters beefing about one thing or another sent to this column and so, not only to break the monotony, I'd like to go on record with a good word for those professors who were kind enough to realize that we students, too, are human.

On Monday, crisis day, everyone knew they should concentrate but couldn't. Certain understanding professors postponed exams and dismissed classes.

During the rest of the week, by little they've helped us to get adjusted. On the other hand there are the others, but the thing that stands out is the thoughtfulness of those who really tried to help us to face facts. And isn't that what education is? Isn't it supposed to help us adjust to and solve life's problems?

Crisis Victim, L.M.

Dear Editor:

Don't take the defeatist's attitude on the good work you are doing in helping to correct or clear up some of the major problems at Santa Barbara State college.

We think that you are on the right track.

Yours for better housing.

Editor's Note:

Heaven forbid the defeatist attitude! We assure you, however, that after numerous conferences with the powers that be, both the committee and the adviser would sincerely appreciate a practical solution that you, perhaps, have up your sleeve.

Dear Editor:

Only one thing this week was sufficiently engrossing to take my mind off the war. That was a cold. One of those nasty, mean ones, it was. And is. And the reason for my catching the cold? In downpouring rain, we of the exposed pulchitures, tripped from the gymnasium dressing rooms to room 30. Ordinarily, I don't mind the ribbing and whistling that follows the class as we run past wolf's row. But in rainy weather, it hardly seems to coordinate with the purpose of ed-

ucation. First of the Cardinal Principles, I've been told, is health. I'm unhealthy right now following the expose.

Modest

Editor's Note:

As you well know, the gymnasium holds, inadequately, about one class. When three classes are scheduled for the same hour—and when isn't that so?—what is the instructor to do but hold classes wherever is available. The rain makes a painful situation more impossible, and a cold is beastly. Suggest you see Nurse Hendrickson for advice in that channel.

To the Editor,

I thought you said something was going to be done about the filthy mess upon the college auditorium stage. It's a disgrace to the college.

I repeat, E.D.

ED. NOTE. There is not much that we can say, but after all this war has upset more than the readjustment plan for the college stage. What is paramount now is securing blackout curtains for the auditorium windows or there won't be any stage left to worry about.

Dear Editor:

I don't know just how to say this in the newspaper lingo, but I would like to propose that the State college take time off every once in a while to forget the horrors of war that which seem to be threatening this nation, not ignore them mind you, but just relax and forget them for a few moments fun and frolic.

I suggest that the students start this out next Saturday night with the Christmas formal at Rockwood. Yours for Relaxation, L.C.

Students Poll War Reactions

Confronted this week by questions pertaining to Japan's attack on the United States, students expressed surprise and shock.

When queried regarding the Nipponese hostilities, Carole Helman, graduate, remarked "I was shocked, disbelieving." Melvin Fuchs, sophomore, "It came as complete surprise but they (the Japanese) signed their own death warrant." Eugene Stevenson, junior, "I was surprised, I'm thinking seriously of joining the forces."

Homer Tunger, sophomore, stated, "It was a dirty, sneaky trick, there was no chance that those Japanese diplomats were sincere." Paul Silverman, sophomore, "I felt utter disbelief... no realization of the situation... thought we'd complete negotiations." Bill Hutchins, freshman, "Surprise... a credit to Japanese strategy... they were able to maneuver and... pulled the wool over our eyes... was Hitler's hand to keep our resources from Britain."

Remarked Bob Dufek, freshman, "It will be a short war... settled in one year or less... we'll have treaty rather than one-sided victory." Chuck Crow, senior, "They've got guts... not under six weeks... United States will win... Germany is behind it."

Said Alison Owen, senior, "Surprised... they were extremely rash."

Completely reversing the general opinion, Helen Morrison, junior, had this to say, "I expected it sooner but the actuality was a complete surprise."

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