

Handbooks - Student 1945-46

STUDENT HANDBOOK

1945-1946



WELCOME...

FROM JULIAN A. MCPHEE, *president, California Polytechnic College*: "One of the great pleasures which I enjoy each year is the extending of a most sincere welcome to all new and returning students. My welcome this year is extended not only to our new civilian students, many of whom are veterans of World War II, but to some of our former students who are coming back to complete their education now that the war is over. I also wish to welcome trainees of the eighth and final battalion of the Naval Academic Refresher Unit program who are due to arrive here on October 6. With the war over, Cal Poly is embarked on a post-war educational program which has been well-planned and which should be the starting point for the most successful period in the history of the college. Naval

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and civilian students at this college have co-operated during the war-period in maintaining most of the college's extra-curricular activities; we expect now that it will be a comparatively short time before these activities will be extended beyond any pre-war level of success. Remember always: the administration, faculty and facilities of Cal Poly are here for one purpose—to supply every student on this campus with the type of training he wants."

FROM LT. G. D. WEIGEL, *Commanding Officer, Naval Academic Refresher Unit*: "For over a year, men of the NARU program have been participating in all of the college's extra-curricular activities as regular members of the student body. The cooperation between civilian and naval students has been beneficial to both groups and to the college. As long as we have naval aviation trainees in training here, I hope to see this cooperation continue."

HISTORICAL SKETCH

WHEN California Polytechnic was established in 1901, the legislative act establishing the institution did not specify the level of instruction and the school opened on Oct. 1, 1903 as a state technical high school. At first there were only a dozen or so students and several teachers but Dr. Leroy Anderson, the first president, soon built the school up to the point where it was a recognized forerunner of vocational education in California.

Dr. Anderson left Poly in 1907 to join the faculty of the University of California and he was succeeded by Leroy Smith. In 1913, Col. R. W. Ryder became president and carried on through the trying times of the first World War. During that war, 79 Poly men enlisted—a good record then. Now Poly sends a regular Newsletter to more than 1200 former Polymen now in the service.

Nicholas Ricciardi succeeded Col. Ryder as president in 1921, and two years later when he resigned, Miss Margaret Chase, vice president,

took complete charge. Soon after this Ben R. Crandall resigned from the University of California to become president of Cal Poly. The school received a junior college rating in 1927.

In 1933 the state board of education appointed Julian A. McPhee to continue as Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Education but in addition to assume responsibilities as president of Cal Poly. The greatest strides in the history of the school have been made since 1933 under President McPhee's leadership.

In 1938, a completely-equipped school and farm near San Dimas, admirably situated and adaptable for technical instruction in citriculture, deciduous fruit production, etc., was deeded to Cal Poly by its owners, Charles B. Voorhis of Pasadena, and his son, Congressman Jerry Voorhis.

In April, 1940, the college was authorized to grant Bachelor of Science degrees to students successfully completing the four-year courses. New teachers, new buildings, new courses were added and the college embarked on a new era.

National Defense Training classes were started at Poly on Sept. 3, 1940, and in October of that year the first unit of the National Youth Administration resident project was dedicated and 230 young men began essential shop training. In March, 1942, classes were begun for training of Civil Service employes for U. S. air depots. In July, 1942, U. S. Signal Corps radio classes were begun. War Production training classes trained over 3,500 persons at Poly.

By Feb. 19, 1943, all War Production Training classes were discontinued to make room for the Naval Flight Preparatory school program which began January, 1943. At the close of the NFPS program about November, 1944, approximately 3,600 cadets were trained here.

The Naval Academic Refresher Unit program, which began July 27, 1944, became the largest of eight such programs in the United States with 500 trainees in August, 1945. When the program was cut, Poly was the last school to receive a battalion, some men of which will be in training here until March, 1946.

DIRECTORY

California State Polytechnic

Julian A. McPhee, president . Room 142
C. O. McCorkle, assistant to the president

. Room 136

Donald S. Nelson, comptroller . Room 108

Eugene A. Egan, registrar . Room 133

C. Paul Winner, recorder . Room 102

Wm. Troutner, in charge, resident students

. Room 112

Vernon Meacham, athletic director Room 117

Harold Davidson, music and SAC adviser

. Room 117

R. E. Kennedy, publications adviser .

. Room 208

U. S. Naval Academic Refresher Unit

Lt. G. D. Weigel, Commanding officer

. Deuel Dorm

Lt. Charles W. West, Executive officer

. Deuel Dorm

Student Body Officers

Allen Renwick, president, pro-tem

John Miller, student manager

HOW TO GET ALONG

YOU'LL have a better chance to make good in college if you:

Safeguard your health;

Participate in athletics, even if you never make a varsity team;

Have occasional "dates";

Find a friend whom you can trust with "confidences";

Keep up a satisfactory religious worship not inconsistent with your science and philosophy;

Keep up fellowship with your parents and old friends by writing letters;

Live on the campus;

Study as many hours daily as are required to finish assignments;

Learn how to make and keep a schedule of work, reading, recreation, exercise, and rest;

Make your own decisions promptly;

Seek competent advice without becoming overdependent upon it;

Keep track of your money;

Enlarge your reading interests, particularly in books;

Learn to appreciate English literature for its light on the real life of man;

Take part in occasional big "bull sessions";

Ride a hobby without letting it ride you;

Participate moderately in club work and religious associations;

Concern yourself with the larger community outside the campus, including world-wide events.

"A successful student is not one who fits in smoothly to the college as it is, but one who helps to change what needs to be changed in the college. When students learn how to make the needed changes, they may go out from college confident that they can make good in a world that needs changing and carry their full share of the work of change."

TO YOUR HEALTH

YOU can't be a success in college if you don't safeguard your health and for that reason the college requires every student to pay the small fee necessary to receive health and medical services. The college physician is at your service at all times. This, of course, doesn't apply to NARU men who have the services of a Navy physician at all times.

ATHLETICS

WITH the resumption of a peace-time sports program, Poly is again fielding a varsity football team. Following is the present schedule:

Sept. 15, 8 p.m.	Fresno State	Here
Sept. 22, 8 p.m.	Cal Tech	Here
Oct. 6, 8 p.m.	Merchant Marine Cadets	Here
Oct. 13	Fresno State	There
Oct. 28	Goleta Marines	Sta. Barbara
Nov. 4	Minter Field	Here
Nov. 10	U. of Arizona	There

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Collegiate and service-team competition will be scheduled in the other major sports of basketball, baseball and track.

In addition to the major sports, minor sports such as boxing, wrestling, swimming, etc., are included in the athletic program. Such events as Fun Night smokers are planned whereby outstanding men in these fields will vie for intramural championships.

The coaching staff includes Vernon Meacham, director of athletics; Lt. Homer Cole, Navy Coach, and Ronnie Henderson, civilian coach.

GETTING A DATE

BACK there in the section on how to get along you will notice it says "have occasional dates." The word "occasional" is used advisedly. According to rumor there seems to be a shortage of girls in San Luis Obispo and it's no secret that some of the Poly men have had trouble finding girls with whom to go out. However, some of these fellows would have trouble find-

ing a girl if they stood on the corner of Hollywood and Vine all day.

You've got to get acquainted; introduce yourself (don't whistle), have friends introduce you—then be a real gentleman and you will have plenty of girl friends.

When you see a young lady you think you would like, don't be backward, just call her up, or go see her, and invite her to one of the Poly social functions.

WHAT TO WEAR

Some fellows get the idea that because Poly is an ag-industrial college that Levis or coveralls are proper dress for all school functions. Just remember those are your work clothes. When you go downtown shopping, to a show, for a midnight snack—try to find time to get "slicked" up a bit. Put on some clean clothes, leave your manure-caked boots under the bed (or better still, hang 'em out the window) but whatever you do, remember that the person sitting next to you in a restaurant or movie may not be used to the hog or cow barn smell.

This idea of cleaning up shouldn't be reserved entirely for off-campus jaunts, either. When you go into the cafe for your evening meal, try to go in as clean as you would if your mother and sisters were going up to be eating at the table with you.

When it comes to dressing for dances—what's proper depends on the kind of dance it is. Most of the organization-sponsored dances are costume affairs, and when they are you are expected to dress according to the specified theme. Sometimes you'll dress like a cowpoke, Lil Abner, Kindergarten Kid, etc.

Most dances are sport. For sport dances, wear slacks or any good pants, matching or contrasting coat, tie or sport shirt. (Don't forget to wear shoes.)

ORGANIZATIONS

SOCIAL FRATERNITIES

GAMMA PI DELTA—a social fraternity. Membership is invitational and is limited to agricultural students with good scholarship who have been at Poly at least two quarters.

SIGMA PHI KAPPA—a social fraternity. Membership is invitational.

ALPHA GAMMA EPSILON—a social fraternity. Membership is invitational.

SERVICE CLUBS

BLOCK P SOCIETY—an organization for men who have taken part in one of the major sports to such an extent that they have earned a varsity letter. The club sponsors Fun Nites and does other service jobs for the college.

PRESS CLUB—an organization composed of members of the editorial and business staff of the college publications. They serve the college by doing a serious job of editing the regular publications and undertaking any special publications such as the Frosh Handbook, football programs, Poly Royal pictorials, etc.

YOUNG FARMERS OF AMERICA—Probably the largest club on the campus. This organization is composed of young men interested in farming and allied occupations as a vocation. They serve by presenting special programs and entertainments. Mr. Beck is the adviser.

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DORMITORY CLUBS

Each dormitory on the campus has its own club. These clubs are independent of each other and make their own rules governing the conduct and activities within the dorm. Activities include several inter-dorm meets such as swimming and basketball. The dorms each year have their separate pictures in the annual.

DEPARTMENTAL CLUBS

For every major course in school there is a departmental club. To join, one must be enrolled in the particular department either as a major or as an elective.

VETERAN EDUCATION

CAL POLY is duly authorized to train veterans under both Public Law 16 and Public Law 346 and has had veterans enrolled under these programs since March, 1944.

The ability of Poly to meet the educational demands of returning veterans as well as regular civilian students is based on these factors:

1. Since 1901 the school has had an understandable program of vocational and technical offerings not restricted by tradition or directive to any particular kind or level of instruction. Work may be offered in an almost unlimited number of agricultural and engineering fields, on levels from the acquisition of particular skills leading to a single job, to the granting of Bachelor of Science degrees for the successful completion of degree requirements.

2. There has been no cessation of educational service through the war period. While classes have been small, with enrollment of 17-year-olds, 4-F's, and men waiting for instruction, the thread of continuity has been maintained.

3. The permanent faculty has been retained with little change; a situation made possible by their use in the naval training programs which have been in operation on the campus since January, 1943.

4. The flocks and herds at the college, which include some of the finest breeding in the state

in dairy and beef cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and light horses, have been kept up.

5. Since the beginning of emergency defense courses in 1940 the college has gained in dormitory space, so that it can now comfortably house and feed about 1000 men. Naval units now on the campus are using less than one-half the housing and dining facilities.

STUDY HELPS

TO BE a good college student you must learn to do independent work. That is, you must learn how to supplement your text book reading with collateral reading, how to use the library and all the reference material there available, how to concentrate when concentration is necessary and how to relax and enjoy life at the proper time so that you will be refreshed to carry on again with serious work.

A few principals that tend to help a conscientious student are listed below:

1. Keep awake in class. Be alert during lectures and take good, clear, concise lecture notes—and then make sure you review them.

2. Do the required outside class studying. Academic courses require at least two study hours for every hour of lecture. Remember, you are only cheating yourself if you try to kid yourself into thinking you can do in 15 minutes an assignment which an instructor knows should take you two hours.

3. Make a schedule of hours. Division of time between work, reading, recreation, exercise, and rest is important. Remember that college life includes “bull sessions” as part of the experience, but don’t make the tragic mistake of mixing “bull sessions” with study hours.

4. Use all available facilities for study far in advance of an examination. Don’t wait for the last minute to cram. If you have required reading to do before an ex, read it as soon after the assignment has been made as possible. If you wait until the night before—you’ll discover

some other “crammers” did too—then the problem is, which one of you will get the book to read.

LIBRARY RULES

The library is located in Room 208, Administration Bldg., and may be used by all students, faculty members, and officers during the following hours:

Daily, Monday through Friday: 8 a.m.

until noon and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Saturdays, 8 a.m. until noon.

Evenings, Monday through Friday: 7 p.m.

until 10 p.m.

Sunday, 7-10 p.m.

1. The library is not to be used as a study hall but only as a reading room for books and magazines checked out for study.

2. Current magazines, bound periodicals, and reference books on the shelves in the main reading room MAY NOT be taken from the room; but they may be used in the room without checking them out. They must be returned to

their proper places when the user is through with them.

3. All books in the stacks, both non-fiction and fiction, and books on display racks may be checked out for 14 days unless marked as seven-day books.

4. Pamphlets, bulletins, and circulars found in the files may be checked out for 14 days.

5. Books and other material located on the reserve shelves may be checked out for one hour at a time for use in the library. If a reading assignment in a reserve book is not completed within the hour it may be renewed for another hour unless someone is on the waiting list for it.

6. In checking out books which have a book card in the pocket on the inside of the cover, place your name and initials with your dormitory address or other identification on two lines, leaving space beside your name for the date due to be stamped.

7. In checking out any material not provided with a regular check-out card, use the appropriate type of card found at the check-out desk, filling in all information needed.

8. There are no fines for overdue books, but anyone who habitually returns books or other material late will find his library privileges revoked. Anyone who fails to return RESERVE material at the time due will be prohibited the use of the library.

9. All books in the library are listed in the card catalog under title and author. Please consult the catalog before requesting assistance from the librarian.

10. Learn to use the Cumulative Book Index (which lists under subject, title, and author all books printed in English during any particular period); Reader's Guide to Periodical literature, and the Agricultural Index (both of which list under subject, title, and author articles written in most magazines).

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

YOU'LL hear the words "extra curricular" a million times before you're through college. Without stopping to consult our friend Webster

for a definition, let's define it as those activities into which you enter in addition to your regular study load or major objective. You can get unit credit for some extra curricular participation, like publications and music, so it is not entirely unrelated to class work.

Extra curricular activities rightfully occupy a large part of college time. They are as essential to an education as the old school fundamentals of "readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic." Noted educators agree that 90 per cent of the knowledge acquired at college is acquired outside the classroom. Once you realize the importance of extra curricular activities, getting into them at Poly is a cinch.

We'll talk about some of the things you can get into, learn a lot, and help your fellow students—in just a moment. The main thing to remember is to pick out an activity that interests you and then give it all you've got—without, of course, hurting your studies.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

THE power of the student body is limited by its own constitutional regulations and by the authority of the director of the institution only where campus government affects the educational policy of the school. The executive body of the school is known as the Student Affairs Council. All official business is passed through this body. There are representatives from all departmental groups in school in the ratio of one person from every group of 50 students. All expenditures of funds must be passed upon by this body. The official business representative of the student body is the Student Manager.

STUDENT BODY CARDS

TO BE a member of the Associated Students of Cal Poly you must have a student body card. Membership cards, which will sell for \$10.00 for the school year, entitle a student to all privileges of membership in the Associated Student organization.

Here are some advantages: a membership card will admit you to all official Cal Poly athletic contests, you receive reductions on admission prices for many other social and athletic events in San Luis Obispo; you cannot hold a student body office without one; you cannot become a member of any campus organization without one; you have no voice in your student government unless you have a card as you are not allowed to vote without one; and best of all, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to support and equip all Cal Poly athletic teams, the snappy band, the student publications, and other activities.

PUBLICATIONS

DURING normal times, Cal Poly has a number of publications, including a weekly newspaper, El Mustang, printed on the campus in the school print shop, and a yearbook, El Rodeo. However, since October, 1942, the only student publication has been the monthly pictorial news-humor magazine, MUSTANG ROUNDUP.

This publication has been functioning as a publication jointly edited by civilian and naval students.

If enough interest is shown in Journalism classes and publications, it is possible that the weekly paper will be resumed.

Anyone interested in writing, editing, photography, cartooning, etc., is invited to contact Mr. Kennedy, publications adviser, Room 208.

COLLEGIANS

FOR a number of years Cal Poly has been noted for the excellent dance bands which have been produced here under the leadership of Music Director H. P. Davidson. This organization sponsored weekly Collegiate Club dances which drew crowds to the campus, travelled all over the state with the Glee Club on annual spring tours, and generally brought acclaim to the music department of the college.

A successful 14-piece Navy Collegian orchestra played for student body dances this past year.

CAL POLY BAND

ACCORDING to Mr. Davidson, prospects of having a fine band again this year are good.

Cal Poly always has a fine band and during the past year it was made up of both civilian and navy students.

GLEE CLUB

ANY men that are interested in the vocal end of music, are invited to try out for the glee club. Tryouts are held at the beginning of the school year. The group has for years made a week-long trip during the spring of each year to advertise the school. Two quartets are picked from the club: the Varsity and the Collegiate.

POLY ROYAL

THE biggest extra-curricular undertaking of California State Polytechnic's student body is the Poly Royal, the "Country Fair on a College Campus." The event has been held each spring since 1933 (with the exception of last year) and has attracted visitors from all parts

of the state. Thousands pour in to the two-day celebration which includes all types of good entertainment such as judging contests, baseball game, milking contests, ladies nail-driving contests, night track meet, collegiate rodeo, and innumerable other exhibits and shows. This is concluded with the coronation ball and dance in the evening of the second day.

EL CORRAL

El Corral is the student co-op store owned by the student body for the benefit of all students. It supplies necessities and luxuries to the students. El Corral is the social, as well as the business center of the campus. It is located in the basement of the Administration Building.

This Student Handbook is made possible by a donation from El Corral.

CAMPUS CONDUCT

We pride ourselves on having but a few rules and giving the individual responsibility for his own conduct.

Every student is expected to act the part of a gentleman at all times and in all places, on or off the campus.

FROSH RULES

1. Thou shall wear thy dink at all times but not in buildings or when talking to the fairer sex.

2. Thou shall learn the songs and yells of your Alma Mater and be prepared at all times to sing her praises.

3. Thou shall address all upperclassmen as "Sir."

4. Thou shall carry the frosh handbook at all times.

5. Thou shall forget your high school achievements. You're in college now.

6. Thou shall learn the location of all buildings on the campus and be able to direct any and all persons visiting our campus.

7. Thou shall not smoke anything but corn-cob pipes and roll-your-owns.

8. Thou shall not wear any high school rings or insignias of any sort.

9. Thou shall not sit on the senior benches.

10. Thou shall not park cars in front of dormitories.

11. Thou shall not walk on the grass.

12. Thou shall not loiter on the steps or in the halls of the Administration Building.

13. Thou shall not climb any fences.

14. Thou shall attend all assemblies and athletic contests.

15. Thou shall not forget to have shoe polish and boot grease on hand to keep the upperclassmen's shoes in the best of condition.

FROSH DICTIONARY

Exams—A party given at least once a quarter by the teacher to his students.

Senior—A shareholder in the institution.

Dink—An essential covering for the frosh cranium.

Freshman—A servant of the upperclassmen.

El Corral—Our student store. Use it.

Mustang Roundup—Get one and see your picture.

Card—Student body card. Get yours!

Mustang—Pet name for our team. Yell it.

Report—A call on the Kangaroo Court.

Cinch Notice—You have been playing around too much. Settle down!

Cafe—Our dining hall. You can't miss.

Hog Wallow—A place for frosh to stay clear of.

FROSH TRADITIONS

1. Wearing their "dinks" and carrying their handbooks.

2. Attending all student body meetings, rallies, and all other activities including home athletic contests.

3. Occupying front seats at assemblies.

4. Freshmen, at a date set by the rally committee must build and guard a bonfire for a rally. It must be built by the frosh and whatever assistance they can muster.

5. Respecting the upperclassmen, especially the sophomores.

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6. Calling at the home of the President of the school at his invitation.

7. Putting on the Senior dance.

POLY TRADITIONS

1. All students shall stand when the Alma Mater is played or being sung. Hats off.

2. No one shall smoke in buildings with the exception of the dorms.

3. No high school or other college monograms or insignias shall be worn by any student.

4. All frosh and sophomores who hold student body cards shall take part in the annual frosh-soph brawl.

The traditions of a college are honored by its students as the laws of a nation are by its citizens. The traditions of the campus are the laws of the Polyites. They are as much a part of college as curriculum duties. Obey them. Honor and respect them. Learn to play the game. In doing so you will become a true Polyite.

It shall be the purpose of the old students to show those entering what the ideals of char-

acter cherished by the institution are. Honor
is the foundation stone.

SONGS

ALMA MATER

ALL HAIL GREEN AND GOLD

All hail Green and Gold! May your praises
e'er be told,
Of Friendship and of Courage, and stalwart
sons of old.

All hail Green and Gold! In your name we shall
prevail,
So to California Polytechnic—Hail, Hail, Hail!

SEND OUT A CHEER

Send out a cheer for dear old Polytech,
Lift up your head and let it ring!
We'll sing our praises to you always,
And our best to you we'll bring.
Tear up the fields you roaring sons of Tech!
And let the cheering fill the sky—
We are the Mustangs!
We are the Mustangs!
We'll win or know the reason why!

ON MUSTANGS

On Mustangs down the field! Fighting for Poly-
technic.

Make every enemy yield, to the onward march
of the Green and Gold.

Yea—On Mustangs down the field, victory to
win tonight.

Fighting for Polytechnic, Fight, Fight, Fight!

YELLS

M-U—M-U—M-U-S-T

A-N—A-N—A-N-G-S

M-U-S-T-A-N-G-S

Mustangs, Mustangs,
MUS-TANGS

(Soft at first, then let go)

C-A-L-P-O-L-Y

Cal Poly, Cal Poly

CAL-POLY

M-U-S-T-A-N-G-S

Mustangs, Mustangs,
MUS-TANGS

LOCOMOTIVE

C-A-L-P-O-L-Y

C-A-L-P-O-L-Y

C-A-L-P-O-L-Y

Cal Poly

Cal Poly

CAL POLY

C—Rah, Rah, Rah

P—Rah, Rah, Rah

CP—Fight, Fight, Fight

Go, Go, Go, Mustangs

Fight, Fight, Fight, Mustangs

Fight Mustang Teach

Go-o-o-o-o Poly

Go, Go, Go—Rah

CALENDAR

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Fall Quarter

Sept. 10—Registration for New Students

Sept. 11—Examinations for New Students

Sept. 11—Registration for Old Students

Sept. 12—Instruction begins for All Students

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Oct. 24, 25, 26—Mid-Term Examinations

Nov 26—Classes Resumed

Dec. 5, 6, 7—Final Examinations

Dec. 7—End of Fall Quarter

Winter Quarter

Dec. 10—Registration for All Students

Dec. 11—Instruction Begins

Dec. 22-Jan. 1—Christmas Holiday

Jan. 2—Classes Resumed

Jan. 23, 24, 25—Mid-Term Examinations

March 6, 7, 8—Final Examinations

March 8—End of Winter Quarter

Spring Quarter

March 11—Registration for All Students

March 12—Instruction Begins

April 16, 17, 18—Mid-Term Examinations

April 19-21—Spring Vacation

April 22—Classes Resumed

May 30—Memorial Day Holiday

June 3, 4, 5—Final Examinations

June 5—End of Spring Quarter

June 5—Commencement

EL CORRAL...

Your Student Store

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

FOUNTAIN SERVICE

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

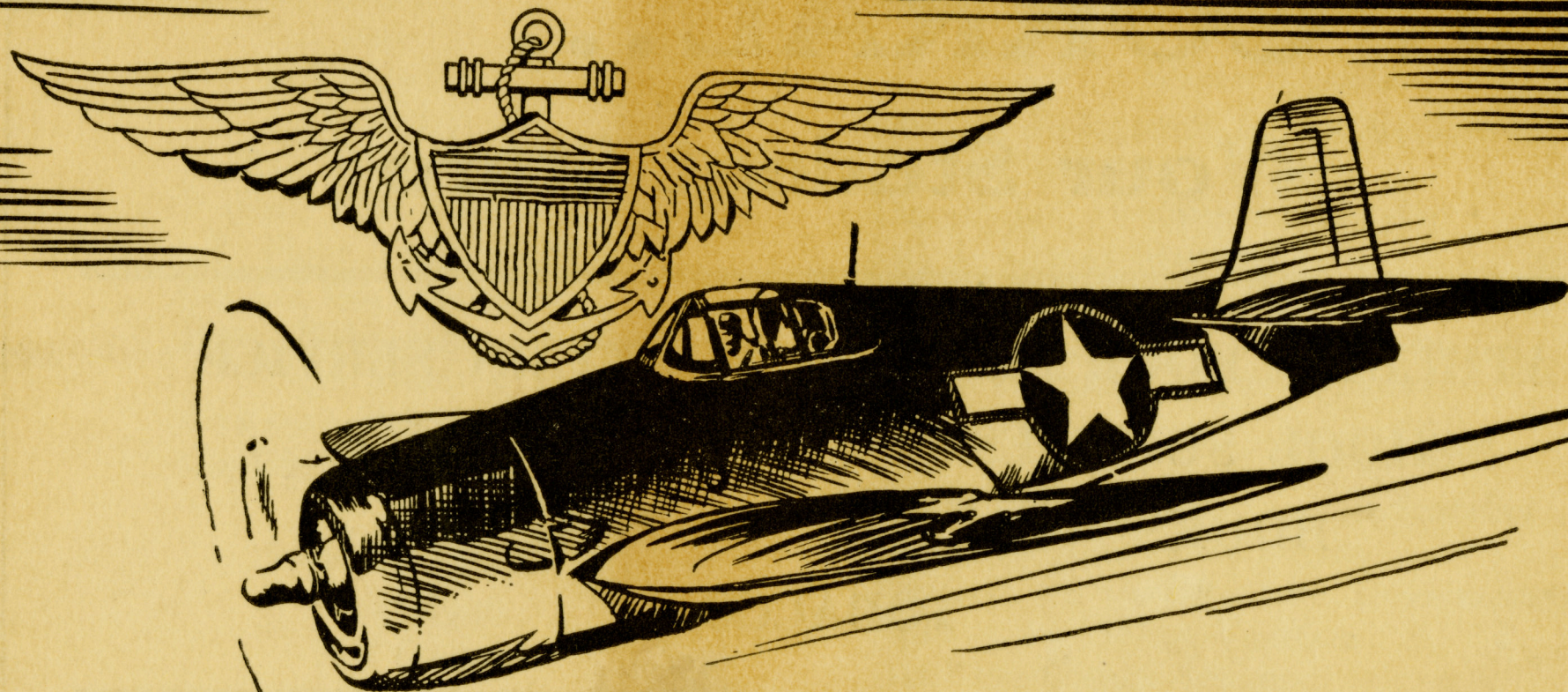
JEWELRY

BOOKS

CANDY

TOBACCO

Located in the Basement of Administration Building



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