



# Student Organizations





EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rex Parker

Ila Tretheway

Homer Guernsey

W. F. Ellis, Jr.

George Buck

Louis Fox

Lenore Neumiller

Wilber Leffler

George Fortune

Jack Raggio

Lee Hickinbotham





## Executive Committee



The Executive Committee for the year 1915-16 has proved efficient in every way.

As the most important body in the school, the students expect a great deal from their Executive Committee, and this year it has undoubtedly fulfilled the highest expectations of the Student Body.

Rex Parker, as its president, has worked constantly and earnestly during the term, and is responsible to a great degree for its success.

Ila Tretheway, vice-president of the Committee, has proved herself a faithful and interested member.

Lenore Neumiller, Senior representative, deserves praise for the manner in which she has attended to the interests of the Student Body.

Jack Raggio filled the important position of secretary-treasurer in an admirable manner, keeping his accounts and minutes in a strictly businesslike way.

Mr. Ellis, as auditor, expended his energy in overseeing the work of his department and his successful handling of the Senior play tickets without the slightest discrepancy was the crowning success of his efforts.

Wilbur Leffler, custodian of the Committee, attended to his duties faithfully and was present at every meeting throughout the year.

George Buck, also Senior representative, proved himself a proficient member. He was the author of a resolution providing for the revision of the constitution of the Associated Students.

Homer Guernsey and Louis Fox, Junior representatives, Leland Hickinbotham, as Sophomore, and George Fortune as Freshman representatives gave strict attention to the business before them.

The attendance of all eleven members has been especially good. The Committee has successfully financed all athletics during the term, and has begun a revision of the constitution, obliterating all irrelevant and ambiguous portions. It is hoped that next year's Committee will complete the task.







STUDENT CONTROL

Rex Parker  
Marie Park  
Thomas Louttit

Fraser Young  
Ralph Herring  
Mildred Jenkins

Ila Tretheway  
Nadine McQuigg  
Louis Fox





## Student Control



Undoubtedly the board or power in which all students are mostly concerned is that of the Student Control. This board has more power over the individual student than has the Executive Committee, and at least as much power as the principal, if not more. The control members may suspend, expel, or recommend the expulsion of any student whose conduct they deem undesirable to the student body.

This position, therefore, contains little honor, but demands calm judgment and sincerity of purpose from every member. Being students themselves, they can render a suitable punishment better than the principal or even the faculty. Also, since they are students, they are open to criticism and must be careful that they are neither too lenient nor too strict, because they they would be accused of being a failure or of being unfair.

The difficult position this year has been entrusted to Rex Parker, president of the Student Body; Ralph Herring, Tom Louttit, Louis Fox and Fraser Young for the boys; Ila Tretheway, vice-president of the Student Body, Mildred Jenkins, Marie Park and Nadine McQuigg for the girls.

The boys' meetings and trials have been held in the "Guard and Tackle" room, while the girls have met in the rear office. Trials are held during the advisor period, unless the case be unusual and required longer time.

There has been during the year approximately sixty trials by both the boys and girls, but of this number only two were suspended, a fact which speaks well for the conduct of the Student Body as a whole.

The committee this year has been unusually efficient, each and every member having worked earnestly and faithfully for the interest of the school, attempting to be absolutely fair and impartial in passing sentence upon the students.





## The Big "S" Society and the Honolulu Trip

The "Big S Society" of the Stockton High School was organized four years ago by a group of boys who had distinguished themselves in various athletic contests and were later awarded their block "S," hence the name "Big S Society." The object of such an organization was to promote honest athletics in the High School and to keep the reputation of the school and its athletics above reproach. In both these original aims the society has thus far been highly successful, so that today the name of Stockton High is respected in all of the cities of the state in which its athletic teams have appeared, not only because of their strength but for clean playing as well. Its teams have been adjudged the champions of Central California several times, and always has Stockton been able to boast that the position was gained by giving their opponents fair and square fights.

But never in all of the four years of its existence has the "Big S Society" undertaken a proposition as big, in its fostering of honest athletics in the school, as the financing of the Honolulu trip. When this plan was first proposed by Coach Amos Elliot, the society immediately decided to devote the entire proceeds of the annual vaudeville, something which has come to be looked forward to with interest, to the fund. But to make the trip a success, something more than money was first necessary—enthusiasm—the real meaning of which in this case meant work. The boys seemed to realize this, and from that time on, not a moment was wasted. Business men seeing that they were really in earnest, were anxious to aid such a good cause. The local newspapers have donated valuable space liberally in bringing the subject before the public, so that by this time most people in the city are familiar with the plan to send eighteen of the local High School students across the Pacific this summer to make a tour of the islands. This team will be chosen for their fitness and will be the best representatives that the school can send out. At the end of the school term a survey of the school is to be made and the team chosen. Three things are to be taken into account in the selection of the team—athletics, the students' entertaining abilities, and his scholarship record. No one will be given a place on the team because of his athletic ability alone, for entertainments are to be given on the tour to aid in paying expenses. Neither will a boy be chosen because of his ability to play the piano or to perform certain other feats, for the playing of games is to form another source of revenue. But as strong a requirement as either of these two will be the boys' scholarship abilities, for would Stockton care to send boys across the ocean to advertise the city wholly by their entertaining qualities? No, the boys who are finally chosen for places on the team will be boys who are good examples of what the school system of this city turns out. From this, it can be seen that those chosen for the team will be very good representatives for Stockton to send to a foreign country and much beneficial advertising is sure to be received from the trip.

With greater opportunities before them, in which to live up to principle of promoting honest athletics and to keep the reputation of the school, city, and its athletics above reproach, it is to be hoped that the team of eighteen will return from Honolulu with numerous victories to their credit besides leaving lasting friendships in all of the cities of the islands which they may touch.

The "Big S Society" is composed of the following members at



the present time:

Dan Alley, Percy Ahern, William Barnacle, Van Dennis, Lee Dunne, Ray Dunne, Vincent Dunne, Burchard Higby, Russel Higby, Wilbur Leffler, Dewey Leffler, Mosnette, Gordon Patterson, Newton Robinson, Wilmerth Hildreth, Joseph Stout, Lloyd Burgess, Melvin Parker, Jack Raggio, Paul Murray, Lee Hickinbotham.

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## Debates and Debating

Who was it that first cried in accents wild, "How fickle a thing is public opinion"? At any rate, that is one of the truest sayings possible, and it applies only too well to the High School Debating Club. Long ago, so long ago that we can hardly remember, public opinion said that debating was popular, so a Debating Club was organized and flourished like the proverbial Bay tree. The subjects were carefully chosen, the debaters spent months gathering data with which to wipe their opponents off the earth, and finally the debates were given before a packed room full of students and friends. The popularity of the Debating Club lasted about a year; then the novelty had worn off, and it was no longer necessary to hang out the S. R. O. sign. So it has come down even to our own time, and this year there has been a moderate revival of interest. However, what's the use of working hard to prepare your part in a debate, when there is barely a handful present to hear the sonorous phrases fall from your lips? In other words, that fickle opinion again! This year the students tried everything in their power to awaken the "beast" to enthusiasm, but it was hopeless. Early in the year an energetic meeting was held in Room 19 and George Buck was elected president, Marie Parks vice-president, Jordan Williams secretary-treasurer and Donald McDermid sergeant-at-arms. These officers pluckily decided to hold some interscholastic debates. The first of these was the Lodi-Stockton-Modesto. Bernice Frankenheimer and George Buck debated against two students from Lodi, while Jordan Williams and Frazier Young went to Modesto. The subject was, "Resolved that California should adopt the commission form of government" and the result was defeat for both Stockton teams. This was discouraging, but since both of the other towns had been active in interscholastic contests for several years they resolved to try again. The next tragedy was the Oakdale-Stockton affair, with Elbert Parks and Herbert Coblentz suffering defeat in Stockton and George Dean and York Eves at Oakdale. There endeth the interscholastic debates as far as Stockton High was concerned. One or two debates were held at the school, one in particular being interesting because it was the first. The subject was, "Resolved, that the army and navy should be enlarged according to the report of the general staff." The affirmative was won by York Eves and George Buck, who were opposed by Frank Dutcheke and Jordan Williams.

As this goes to press the Debating Club has suddenly awakened and an exciting debate is to be held on the subject of United States intervention in Mexico. G. Buck is to uphold the affirmative and H. Gumpert the negative. An interesting meeting is expected.

That is the brief history of this honored pastime in the year of grace, 1915. Let us hope that next year Mr. Public Opinion will be madly crying, "I want to hear a debate. Let's get in and have a real debating club this year."

What do YOU think about it?



## The Band

The High School band this year was not the success that it might have been. However, this was in no way the fault of the members, but due rather to the lack of material, for the band has all year been in need of players for several instruments—especially basses. On this account the boys have not played much before the school, but they have had some very good times practicing at the homes of the various members, and have kept themselves supplied with all the latest music.

A "Dutch Band" took the trip to Berkeley with the S. H. S. basketball teams in February, and had an enjoyable trip.

This year's band was led by Paul Leipelt, while Donald McDiarmid has acted as manager. Theodore McMurray has kept charge of the funds, and Maurice Kennedy has looked after the music. The other active members this year were Ellis Sanderson, Ralph Herring, Howard O'dell, Harold Quail, John Jackson, Arthur Storm, George Garland, Jess Summers, Phil Horstmeyer, James Barcy and Mr. Amos Elliot.

We sincerely hope that next term will bring with it ample material for a large, well balanced band, so that the praises of Stockton High may be sounded the louder.

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## Commencement

### I

Now that your elders have done for you,  
All that parents are able to do:  
Are you going to try to make them proud?  
In the ears of the world, will your name ring loud?

### II

Stop and think. Will you go to college,  
To ripen the fruit of the tree of knowledge;  
Or drop back into the daily grind,  
Weakening muscle and dulling the mind?

### III

Just one chance for every man.  
Ponder it well. Then, if you can,  
Meet her, ready with smiling face;  
For you, in the world, she holds a place.

### IV

Perchance that college is denied to you:  
Well then, stay here, nor stop to rue.  
For he who works, if the work's well done,  
A beaten path to his door shall run.

### V

Think not you shall go without reward,  
Whether you wield the pen, or the sword.  
Strength to the sword, brains to the pen.  
Never despair, ye sons of men.

### VI

Now you must plan for things to come,  
Ways to be thought of, and deeds to be done.  
Pause, then, awhile at this gate of life,  
Ere you set forth in this field of strife.

LAWRENCE BACKES '16.