



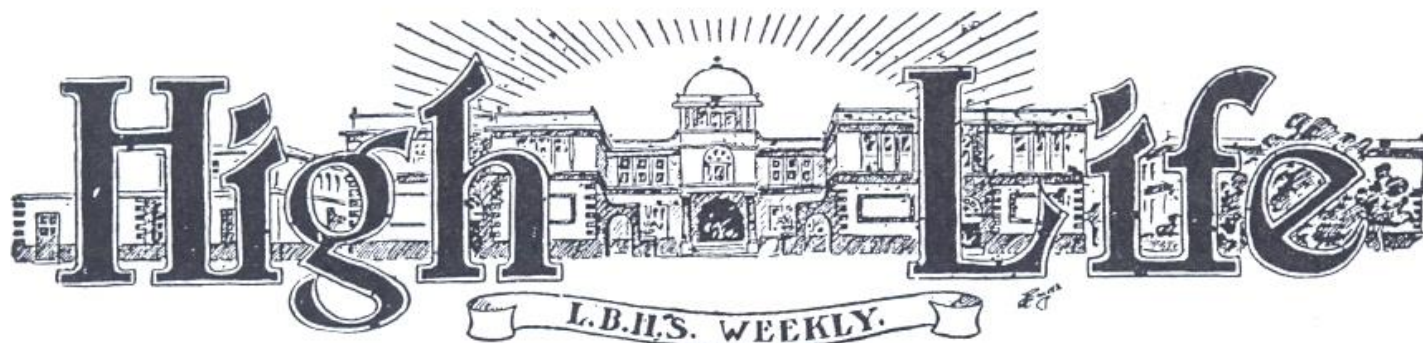
**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SOUTHERN SECTION
(CIFSS)**



89th historical "tidbit."
Dr. John S. Dahlem

**THE FAMOUS CARTOON FROM LONG BEACH POLY HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT NEWSPAPER – "THE HIGH LIFE"**

Long Beach Poly removed from the CIF-SS – 1920



"FOOTLOOSE AND FREE"—By HUBBELL



The 1919-1920 football season was very controversial as Long Beach Poly decided that they had a far superior team and opted out of the CIF-SS play-offs with the intention of gaining a National Title. During the 1919 football season Long Beach High School (Long Beach Polytechnic High School) had won the first CIF State Football Championship game. In the first seven games of the 1920 season, Poly had outscored their opponents by a score of 438-0. Coach Eddie Kienholz's wanted to play out of state schools and along with Harry J. Moore, Poly Assistant Principal, told the CIF-SS that they wanted to play Eastern teams and, "...voluntarily forfeited her rights in the semi-finals in the football and waived any claims for Southern California or State Championship." CIF-SS reacted quickly and banned Long Beach Poly from the CIF-SS organization (41 out of the 44 schools in CIF-SS voted for their removal). This was all very embarrassing to Harry Moore, who was the State CIF-SS represented, and was caught in the middle of this power move (Harry Moore would later have the Moore League named after him). Poly would go on to play Everett High School from Washington and lose to a team full of overage players.



1920 Long Beach Poly Football Team

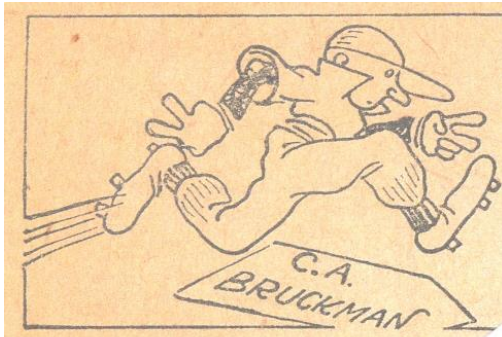


Coach Edgar Harrison Kienholz
Long Beach Poly Head Coach

The "Caerulea" 1921 Yearbook dedicated to him



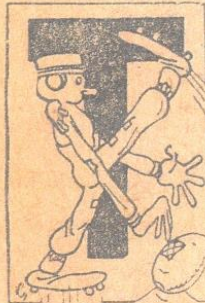
The local newspapers were very irate at the CIF-SS as indicated in this "Los Angeles Examiner" December 14, 1920 column:



SEASIDERS INDIGNANT OVER BAN

C. I. F. Action Arouses Ire of Long
Beach Citizens; Jackrabbits
Deserve Hearty Commendation

BY C. A. BRUCKMAN



HERE has been considerable comment in public print lately on an organization known as the California Interscholastic Federation, otherwise known as the C. I. F.

The purpose of this organization, as we understand it, is to lend a fine guiding hand to high school athletics throughout California, paying some attention to the development of good competition, and so on.

Recently, Long Beach High School withdrew its football team from the prep play-off series of games for the Southern California championship. They made this fact known to the C. I. F., or rather the local branch of that organization, and we have been informed that the C. I. F. reluctantly accepted this withdrawal.

NOT EVEN LEAP FROG

Following this the C. I. F. met, and to punish Long Beach for withdrawing from the play-off series, it was decided to eliminate Long Beach from all prep athletics, controlled by the C. I. F., until that time when Long Beach might signify that it would be good and never—yea, never, allow students of their school to play leap frog on the campus again. This was done.

On the face of facts it appears that Long Beach is to be punished for a withdrawal that was accepted by the C. I. F.

The Long Beach Poly High School student weekly newspaper, the "High Life," had been at odds with the CIF-SS for quite some time. The paper, first published on campus in 1916, had always taken a hard look at controversial subjects such as the early debate on high school fraternities.

*Los Angeles Times (1886-1922); Feb 13, 1917;
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Long Beach.

EXPEL FOURTEEN FRAT STUDENTS

*Board of Education Takes
Drastic Action*

*To Exterminate High School
Secret Bodies.*

*Offenders Include the Most
Prominent Boys.*

[BY DIRECT WIRE—EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH.]

LONG BEACH, Feb. 12.—Members of the Long Beach Board of Education tonight took the most drastic action ever resorted to in the history of this city to exterminate fraternities and secret organizations from the public schools, when, in compliance with the State laws governing such matters, they expelled fourteen of the most prominent students and athletes of the Long Beach Polytechnic High School.

The fourteen were all, with one exception, admittedly members of the Phi Sigma Fraternity, although stoutly denying the charge until absolute evidence was produced by the board in the form of a certified copy of Phi Sigma Escutcheon, the official organ of the organization, published in Los Angeles, containing the names of the active members of the Long Beach chapter who were members of the High School. The board refused to divulge the manner in which it secured the telltale magazine, in which was published letters from the members telling of their activities here.

THEIR CONTROL.

One letter told how twelve students controlled 1700, the entire enrollment of the High School, through their representative in the government of the High School.

Harold Peck, manager of football last year, was the only student who did not deny at first questioning that he was a member of the secret society. Herbert Lounsberry, manager of High Life, the High School paper which had recently attacked fraternities in the high schools, was the only student whose name was on the list of active members in Long Beach who maintained until the end that he was not connected with the fraternity.

The "High Life" had expressed the belief that Long Beach should be able to play anyone they wanted in football and not be encumbered with the rules of the CIF-SS. The "opinions" and cartoons of the paper evidently did not sit well with the power structure of CIF-SS as indicated by this classic retort in the CIF-SS minutes of March 22, 1919:

MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

March 22, 1919.

A meeting of the California Interscholastic Federation was held at the Y. M. C. A., Los Angeles, Calif., at 10 A. M., March 22, 1919, with the following representatives present:

B. S. Milliken	Central League
Ervin Hague	City League
H. J. Moore	Bay League
F. F. Palmer	Valley League
R. A. Coverdale	Orange League
W. L. Richer	City League
W. C. Wilson	Secretary

After discussion of articles appearing in the "High Life" published by the Long Beach Student Body, a motion was passed accepting the apologies of the Principal of the Long Beach High School for said articles and directing that correction of the opinions of the Student Body of the Long Beach High School be made in reference to criticisms of the administration of the California Interscholastic Federation.

Upon motion funds, to the amount of \$25.00, were set aside to pay clerical expenses incurred by the Manager for the State Track Meet.

The Council adjourned to meet in annual session Wednesday, May 21, 1919, at 3 P.M. The first order of business shall be the consideration of the sectioning of leagues.

B. S. Milliken, Pres.

W. C. Wilson, Sec'y.

Staff of the Long Beach Poly "High Life" – 1920-1921



Curtis Avery, Waldo Drake, Hugh Hollembeak, Howard Wenrick, Frank Richey
Eve Richardson, Clarence Nelson, Beulah McNeeley, Wayland Hoyt, Winchell Boice
Miss Watts, Mr. Lynn, Mr. Kendall, Margaret Nickell

HIGH LIFE

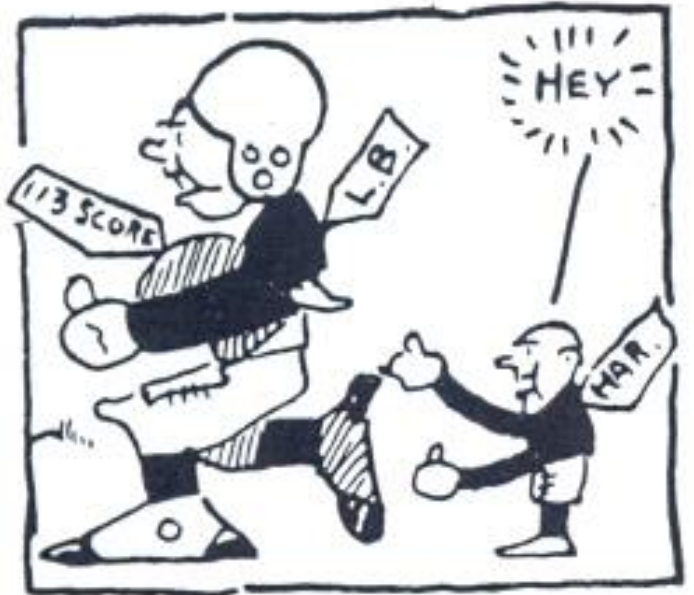
With Waldo Drake as its editor, High Life's standard of journalism was one which could be favorably compared with that of the professional press. After Mr. Drake's graduation, Curtis Avery assumed the captainship of the paper. **The motto, "Go and Get It," is one which High Life lives up to in every way.** It has been through the journalistic skill of the editorial staff and the superior management of the business staff that High Life has been able to maintain its reputation for better journalism. This exceptional staff is Curtis Avery, editor; Hugh Hollembeak, associate editor; Alfred Cates, news editor; Clarence Nelson, business manager; Frank Richey, advertising manager; and Howard Wenrick, circulation manager.

Many believe the real hero of this student protest towards the CIF-SS was Ralph Hubbell, the cartoonist whose work had drawn the ire of the officials. Hubbell was the responsible for the cartoons that appeared in the "Caerulea '21" yearbook.

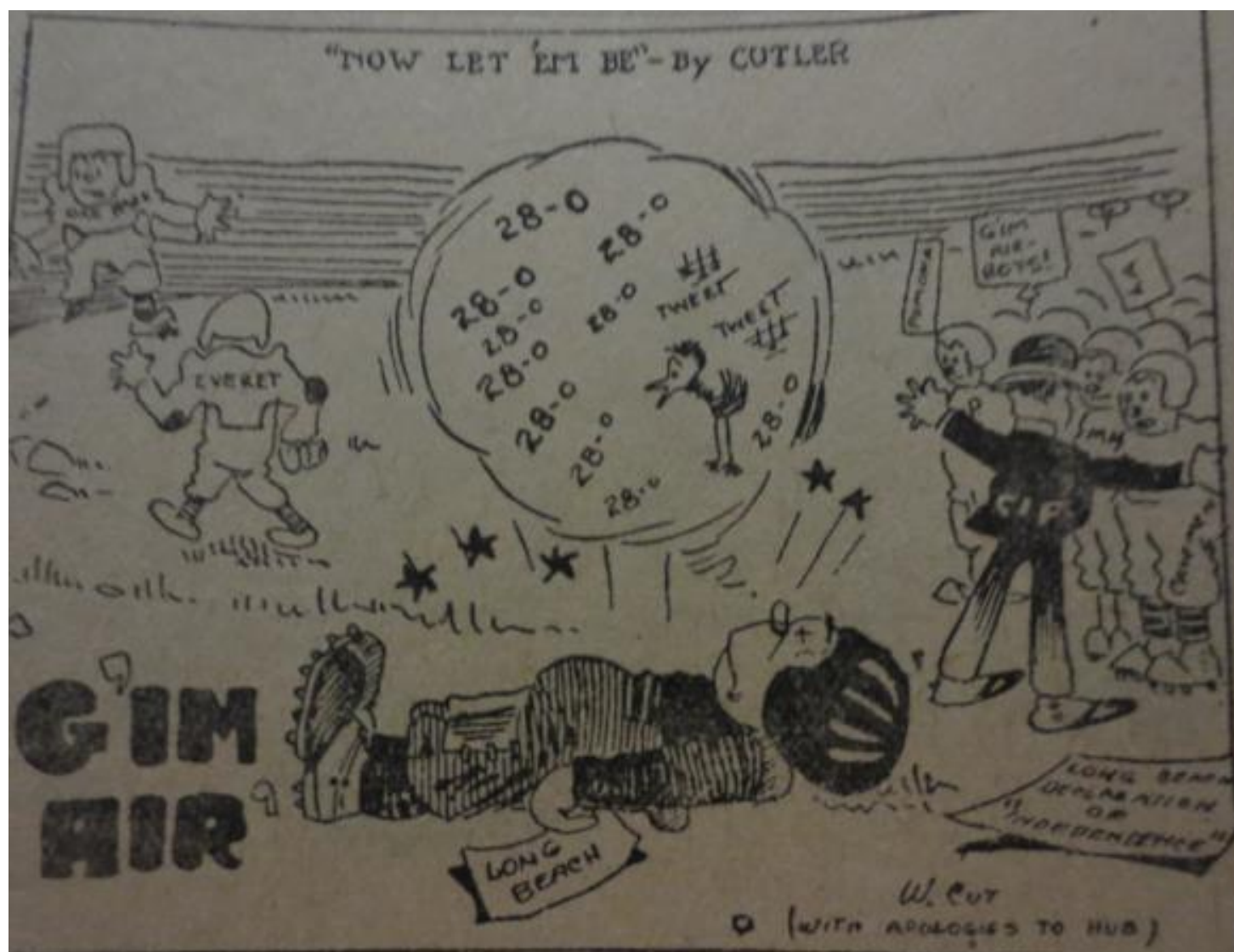
"Hub"



Other Hubbell cartoons found in the "Caerulea."



Other student newspaper cartoonist took the CIF-SS on as evidenced in this cartoon with reference to Everett High School, Oak Park High School from the East, Long Beach Declaration of "Independence" and "28-0" which was the score of the Everett defeat.



On January 6, 1921, thanks to the lobbying of Harry Moore, the CIF-SS passed a motion that stated, "...Long Beach High School be reinstated to full relationship in the C.I.F. except the football schedule next fall."