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Harris Letter to Trustees

Trustees

1. "No. of Teachers" - is not 46 but 30 full time + 9 part time = 39 full time
2. "Loss of Educational leadership in P.R." - As far as numbers are concerned, we are small colleges - smaller than UPR (3000) Col. Agric (2000), Santa Maria (1100). - but all imitate Poly procedures. Our academic standards are the highest in the island.
3. "Religious instruction is very limited outside the classroom." How does he know? Our program has been designed to reach free student body - not just ~~class~~ resident students as under his leadership. "Relig is caught, not taught only". The number of special worship services and the nature of those services is not a true measure of the relig. influence at work on campus. "No blessing asked at dining tables - because we ~~do~~ now serve cafeteria style to take care of larger number of boarders. - You can't force relig. on student
4. Auditorium - He doesn't like it, nor its location - neither do we, but it is serving & usefully as no other assembly will accommodate all students & faculty. - Pleased where it is because it is not attractive & because gov't gave it for Field House. - It is not permanent - why ~~didn't~~ ^{didn't} a free college set up a good chapel when money was "easy" to get?
5. "Ph.Ds" He is right - we need one for every major dept at least in a math physics, chemistry, history, English, psychology. We must offer better salaries to attract Ph.Ds. We have been getting our own people prepared (by rotating leaves) Santos Lopez, Child.
6. "90 buildings must be built" - Buildings are a means to an end. ~~but~~ The Trustees' policy not in accord with so extensive a program. P.R. can not today support so fantastically a program ^{no 3000 no 7000 student but 700}

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6. Industry - "work Dept." - This idea of 1/2 manual work doesn't fit our present situation. - incompatible with ^{accredited} college standards. ^{+ economy of money}
- We need funds to ~~pay~~ insure scholarship grants to worthy students. Must be careful not to "exploit" them. Economy of management
- ① We have no Mr. Clarence ② We have an accelerated program ③ college students want work with brains - everywhere. How many boys who missed concrete at Poly have missed any since? ④
7. 'Publicity' - Polygraph goes to 4000 - more articles in P.R. press than ever - His 200 letters to rich people a drop in bucket compared with what we are doing. "None so blind as he who will not see" - Correa Cotto's pursuit prevented news coverage, but not ^{radio} ^{television} ^{newspapers} ^{magazines} ^{press week} we average three news items in P.R. papers.
8. Trustees should meet on campus - He is right - How many camps once a year for a two day meeting, - or even ^{a one} ~~an~~ day meeting? Society of P. Ricans fitted for Trusteeship. - Need of Continentals - active Protestants
9. Relationship to church boards - should be closer to insure the character of school & continuity of program.