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A NEW NAME TO REPLACE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF PUERTO RICO.

A mis queridos hijos de Polytechnic desde el tiempo de Don Popo hasta la clasa de 1956:
Your miles of smiles made my heart rejoice even though I walked among you without her whom I loved and who loved every one of you. I thank you for your courageous support and enjoyment that helped us in laying the foundation of our college of today. Let us all together thank God for having called President Brauer to emphasize anew the threefold objective of the founders of our college, the training of the HEAD, the HEART and the HAND,... the intellectual, the

religious and the manual training selected from good homes and admitted because of their high standing in the Public Schools but never because they were merely rich or poor, students who were taught by example and precept of consecrated evangelical personalities dedicated to the realization of the school's ideals. In addition to the curriculum of the Public Schools we added religious and manual training for graduation. Our great benefactor of accreditation of

EIGHTH Grade and High School is none other than the good old Quaker, Dr. Jesse Padin who inspected our school and reported when asked about our equipment, library, our buildings and endowment, replied: "They have none of these but they have great IDEALS, well prepared teachers and an eager high grade of students, just what makes a real school of learning." We were accredited.

Our college is NON-Sectarian but EVANGELICAL,... that is it stands for the personal union of the individual with Christ, the Trinity, the fallen condition of man, Christ's atonement for sin, salvation of the individual by faith and not by works and the regeneration by the Holy Spirit, founded on the Bible as an authoritative revelation of God to man, "stressing the fundamentals that unite Christians and not teaching sectarian or controversial views." Thus to produce well rounded character, resourceful, independent and of sturdy Christian faith. "As its is to resources increase it must be of the rank of a college or University." (from Charter)

Now as to the new name to replace in our Charter POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF PUERTO RICO.

PIPR has always been a misnomer. I had no other choice when incorporating my proposed idea.
As you who attended the Alumni Meeting held in the Masonic Temple of San Juan, I heartily endorsed the idea of PAN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY. After serious study and realization of the highly controversial PAU and consultation with those who know more about our Latin American Republics, I have changed. Even the Univ of PR does not go further than to state their purpose as International Relation under our own Dr. Gallardo's direction.

The new name should embody the original concept of the college as expressed in the Charter and I have in part stated above, Dr José Padin, who has always been a sincere well wisher and support of our college expressed himself to me recently that what has made FIPR of today are ideals and purposes of the college, which are accepted by all as a real contribution to Puerto Rico as only a private institution can carry out. Commissioner of Education, Dr. Juan B. Huyke upon request of Judge Emilio del Toro and Dr. Harris took our ideal of manual training into his first Public School System and called it THE SECOND UNBT which has now covered the Island. The U.of PR has a course in Industrial Training. Only FIPR has a required course for all college students of Manual Training in the Arts and Sciences.

President Brauer is dedicated to the training of the HEAD, HEART AND HAND which made our college, under God the great and beloved institution of today. Dr Brauer has today the great Presbyterian Synod of New York State as Sponsor of FIPR, which opens up the greatest opportunity for financial development. He has the Ford Foundation approval and recognition of FIPR. Laurence Rockefeller has sent a sizable donation recently. Let us all back up President Brauer 100% with our hearty support in making our college the greatest institution under God, for development of what the HEAD, HEART AND HAND represent symbolically.

Let's get a new name that embodies what FIPR stands for. Dr. Beverley and others suggested to me the Name HARRIS. I do not propose that name. However, if you think it will perpetuate the best IDEALS of our college when we shall all be forgotten, and hold it true to the original IDEALS by that name ... but remember we did not give to our college a Library like John Harvard did to Harvard Univ. of millions like Duke did to Duke University. We only gave our best lives and hopes to our college, up to date.

Whatever the name may be, let's get behind the President and Trustees for a renewal of the original IDEALS of our college for the advancement of future generations. Signed, J.Will H.