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The
"CHIEF"
says:

I am happy that the editors of the 1940 El Rodeo have chosen to emphasize in their publication the progress that California Polytechnic has made during the past three decades. I think that this reminiscence is particularly appropriate this year because of the action of the state board of education in authorizing our school to grant the bachelor of science degree starting in June, 1942. We hope that the next 30 years of California Polytechnic’s history will be marked with even greater achievements than those recorded in the past. I hope the editors of the 1970 El Rodeo will choose a theme for their yearbook that will again review the progress expected to be made during the three decades that lie ahead of us.

California Polytechnic is a democratic college of a democratic state, alive to the wishes and needs of the people. The years that are now in the future will challenge us to keep the objective of serving the people always our motivating goal.

The El Rodeo serves as a permanent link between the graduates of California Polytechnic and the college with its memories of hard work and pleasure. On behalf of the faculty and administration I wish success and happiness to all California Polytechnic students, whether they are leaving us this year or returning for additional study.

Julian A. McPhee, President.
California State Polytechnic's new administration and classroom building atop Administration hill is scheduled to be completed before September, 1941.
Reality Replaces a Dream

New opportunities in technical and vocational training in agricultural and industrial fields opened for California youth on April 6, 1940, when the state board of education authorized a four-year technical college at California State Polytechnic. Bachelor of science degrees will be offered starting in June, 1942.

In accepting the authorization California Polytechnic pledged itself to maintain the primary objective of training young men for specific employment in agricultural and industrial occupations; to retain the training on the project basis; and to strengthen and give full support to the present two-year and three-year curricula not leading to a degree.

Although the addition of a fourth year of instruction will necessitate few immediate changes, the editors of El Rodeo are convinced that the board's resolution has opened a new era for California State Polytechnic. They congratulate Julian A. McPhee, president of California Polytechnic, whose efforts during the past decade have resulted in this recognition.
Foreword

For 30 years the staffs of California Polytechnic yearbooks have endeavored to better them. That there has been a steady improvement is a testimonial to the many hours of work of the yearbook staff and the cooperation of all students. The 1940 El Rodeo represents the latest effort to publish an outstanding yearbook for the lasting enjoyment of all California Polytechnic students.

In Memoriam

William Caldwell, meat animals student from Bakersfield, March 22, 1940

Leonard Gullarda, cadet teacher from Chowchilla, April 11, 1940
El Rodeo of 1940

HONORS:

Miss Margaret H. Chase, instructor of English, whose length of service and whose perspective on the history of California Polytechnic exceed those of any other person on the campus. When Miss Chase started teaching at Polytechnic in 1908, the school was five years old. The enrollment consisted of fewer than 100 students housed in three buildings that soon are to be torn down to make way for the new administration and classroom building.

Miss Chase has passed through periods when the school literally waited for the educational philosophy of California to catch up with the advanced ideas that led to establishment of California Polytechnic by the state legislature. She has noted ups and downs in progress of the school, but throughout her long years of service, she has remained faithful to her work of instructing youth in the use of ideas expressed through written and spoken language.

El Rodeo of 1940 is proud to dedicate this volume to Miss Margaret H. Chase. Her charm and graciousness have brightened the days for many hundreds of California Polytechnic students during the past 32 years. No person on the campus better typifies the theme of the 1940 El Rodeo—

30 Years of Progress
From the hill now topped by the radio tower the Polytechnic campus appeared barren in 1910.
In 1940 the view from the same hill shows most of the 1400-acre campus and adjoining farm units.
The power plant, dining hall, Deuel dormitory, and athletic field in 1910.
More than 30 major buildings now dot the green hillside campus overlooking the city of San Luis Obispo.
Opposite page: 30 years ago courses in home economics featured the curriculum.
Administrative Council

Oscar F. Luckssinger
Dean of Instruction

Walter C. Patchett
Dean of Agricultural Education

Charles E. Knott
Dean of Industrial Education
Faculty

Top row:
1912
J. H. Perozzi
Chief Engineer, Power Plant

1920
Capt. Joseph C. Deuel
Dormitory Superintendent, Librarian

1925
Merritt B. Smith
Industrial Arts

1925-40

Vertical row:
1925
L. E. McFarland
Maintenance and Operation

1927
Henry C. Figge
Welding and Forge

1927
John J. Hyer
Electrical Industries
Faculty

Top row:

1930
Richard I. Leach
Poultry Husbandry

1931
M. C. Martinsen
Aeronautics

1932
Carl G. Beck
Farm Management

1930
George P. Couper
Publications

1931
J. I. Thompson
Agriculture Coordinator

1931
George M. Drumm
Dairy Production

1939-40

Vertical row:
Faculty

Top row:
1932
Harry Parker
Meat Animal Husbandry

1932
Alvin H. Hollenberg
Agricultural Mechanics

1939-40

Vertical row:
1932
C. O. McCorkle
Agricultural Economics

1933
Howard R. O'Daniels
Athletics

1932
Wilbur B. Howes
Landscaping, Plant Science

1933
Alice M. Daniel
Registrar
Faculty

Top row:

1933
Dr. W. D. Butler
Physician

1936
G. Weir Fetters
Agricultural Inspection

1936
Don De Rosa
Athletics, Physical Education

1936
Harold P. Davidson
Music, English, Psychology

1936
Harold O. Wilson
Meat Animal Husbandry

1936
Dr. A. M. McCapes
Veterinarian, Animal Sciences

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Faculty

Top row:
1936
Raymond P. Mason
Air Conditioning Industries, Refrigeration

1936
James F. Merson
Agricultural Mechanics

1937
Norman Sharpe
Air Conditioning Industries, Refrigeration

Vertical row:
1937
Paul H. Gifford
English, Economics, Dramatics, Athletics

1937
Roy F. Metz
Aeronautics

1937
Byron J. McMahon
Agricultural Education
Faculty

Top row:

1937
Dr. Woodford E. Bowls
Physics, Chemistry

1937
Dr. Bourne G. Eaton
Electrical Industries Theory

1938
S. Stratton Smith
Machine Shop

1938
Lyman L. Bennion
Meat Animal Husbandry

1937
John Donald McKellar
Aeronautics

1938
Eugene Boone
Dairy Manufacturing
Faculty

Top row:
1938
A. G. Rinn
Agricultural Education
1938
E. W. Everett
Agricultural Education
1939
Paul Dougherty
Crops and Fruits

Vertical row:
1939
Ernest A. Foster
Journalism and Publications

Administrative Office Staff

Left to right—Back row: Dudley Robertson, Cecil Jones, Frank J. Coffey, Lawrence Tuggle, Frank Malloy.
Center row: Genevieve Goff, Irene Coker, Alberta Nolan, Mary Young, Betty Swadener, Doris G. Dilworth.
State Bureau of Agricultural Education


Faculty Singers Entertain at Assembly
Opposite page: Publications staffs of the 1900s.
John Carricaburu, President

Associated Students Officers, 1939-40

Leslie J. Fanoncini
Vice-President

William Himmelman
Secretary

Jack Nolan
Treasurer

James Pappas
Yell Leader

Kenneth Onstott
Athletics Manager
Student Affairs Council

The student affairs council, composed entirely of students, is the governing agency of the Associated Students. It is in this group that all of the projects and activities of the entire student body take concrete form and are put into effect. It is composed of representatives from each department of the school, has control of student finances, and has several lesser permanent committees which assist it in administering its functions.

The S. A. C., as it is commonly known, arranged for a huge reception and open house for the San Francisco State rooters who came in a special train to witness the Cal Poly-San Francisco State game on October 27. Eighty-five students took a northbound train on November 4 to witness as an organized rooting section the game between Cal Aggies and Cal Poly. With the assistance of the social committee, encouragement was given to the music department so that the weekly Colle­giate Club dances became the best attended and most enjoyable dances in the county.
Many entertaining and enthusiastic assemblies were held during the year.

The dream to replace the old band uniforms with more attractive attire became an actuality when the S. A. C. investigated and devised ways and means to purchase new uniforms for next fall. A show given by Fresno State on May 2 was sponsored by the Associated Students and provided considerable revenue for the new uniforms.

S. A. C. members actually went to work themselves in April and erected a sign in front of the Administration building to replace one that was torn down at the time of the bonfire in the fall. This sign was designed to attract the attention of tourists on the passing trains and along the highways.

The S. A. C. sponsored a goodwill caravan of students to Santa Barbara State college and communities of Santa Barbara county in April with the joint purpose of arousing interest in the Poly Royal and of establishing friendly relations with Santa Barbara State in view of the restoration of football relations in the fall. Approximately 175 students and faculty members made the trip.

The S. A. C. in Action
El Rodeo offered an innovation in yearbook publishing with this issue. All photographs except those in the graduate section were taken exclusively by students, Wally Baldwin and Wayne Lowe. This plan provided the opportunity to have pictures taken for a definite position in the annual. The snapshot section was enlarged greatly because of popular appeal of these pictures.
For the first time in many years the students of Cal Poly have had a regular weekly campus newspaper, the Polytechnic Californian, an outgrowth of the old El Mustang. Published and printed by students, the Californian has given unbiased reports of news on the campus. Through a special contract with an engraving company, the Californian in the spring regularly presented action pictures of scenes and prominent students.

Don Carlson, Editor
Maurice Freidson, Business Manager
Bruce Broemser, Managing Editor
Frank Fittin, Sports Editor

The Polytechnic Californian
Student Publications Committee

With the revival of a student newspaper came the student publications committee, which handled all finances and details of the Polytechnic Californian and El Rodeo. All work on the newspaper and much of the yearbook work was handled in the California Polytechnic print shop.
Rally Committee and Yell Leaders

Left to right—Mike Libonati, Les Vanoncini, chairman, James Cochrane, Robert Dove, Herb Brownlee.

Social Committee and Cafeteria-Dormitory Committee

Left to right—Les Vanoncini, chairman, George Raymond, Herb Brownlee, Arthur Meck, William Bradley, Mike Libonati.
Student Court and Alumni Association Officers

Left to right—Robert Dove, chairman, Mike Libonati, Charles Solomon, Henry Warren, Bruce Broemser, Herb Brownlee, Ben Snow.

Left to right—Young Louis, state secretary; Mrs. Charlotte Smith, state president; Al Adams, state vice-president.
Eighth Annual Poly Royal Officers

Left to right—John Carricaburu, student body president; Jack Nolan, treasurer; Wayne Miser, program editor; Herbert Brownlee, general superintendent; Robert Thomsen, secretary; James McLanahan, publicity director; George Clute, assistant general superintendent.
Poly Royal Executive Committee

Despite rain and cool weather, the Eighth Annual Poly Royal on April 26 and 27 was the largest ever held on the California Polytechnic campus. Approximately 6000 visitors crowded the various exhibits and entertainment events. Sixteen hundred persons were served in an hour and a half at the barbecue lunch, and more than 1000 packed the gymnasium for the coronation ball. All figures represented increases over the attendance of previous years, according to Adviser Carl G. Beck.

Rain dampened the opening assembly and cancelled plans for an open-air rally, but 500 persons attended the ceremony in the auditorium of the new Engineering building. Muddy grounds forced postponement of the baseball game and the annual Poly Relays until the following week. The rodeo attracted 3000 persons and the greatest interest of any single event, and plans were made for an intercollegiate rodeo next year.

Miss Jeanné Defosset, Queen.
GRADUATES
Graduates

Top row:

Oliver Bruce Akers
Aeronautics, Technical;
Pismo Beach; Aero Club,
C. A. A. Flight Training

Arthur Marne Beaulieu
Electrical Industries, Vocational;
Cloverdale; Poly Phase Secretary, Track Team

Victor E. Bitter
Aeronautics, Technical;
Fresno; Aero Club

Paul Bjurman
Dairy Production, Technical;
Alhambra; Los Lecheros; Varsity Football;
Block “P”

June, 1940

Vertical row:

James Kay Blake
Meat Animals, Technical;
Beverly Hills; Gamma Pi Delta, Block “P,” Boots and Spurs, Future Farmers

Nathaniel Blankenship
Aeronautics, Technical;
Beverly Hills; Block “P,” Aero Club, Track

Charles E. Boggs
Meat Animals, Technical;
Los Angeles; S. A. C., Sigma Phi Kappa, Future Farmers, Polytechnic Californian, El Rodeo

Andy Everett Bowman
Poultry, Technical; Laytonville;
Poultry Club, Gamma Pi Delta, Block “P,” Deuel Dorm President, Boxing, Varsity Baseball, Interdepartmental Basketball
Graduates

Top row:

John Wesley Bridston
Meat Animals, Vocational; Alhambra; Football, Two Years; Basketball, Three Years; Block “P” Treasurer and President, Boots and Spurs, Athletic Chairman 1940 Poly Royal

Bruce A. Broemser
Air Conditioning, Technical; San Jose; Air Conditioning Club, Polytechnic Californian, Student Court

Lester A. Brown
Meat Animals, Technical; Shandon; Gamma Pi Delta, Future Farmers, Boots and Spurs

Donald Carranza
Electrical Industries, Vocational; Santa Maria; Poly Phase Club

June, 1940

Vertical row:

John Carricaburu
Meat Animals, Technical; Los Olivos; Associated Students President, 1939-40, Boxing; Gamma Pi Delta, Future Farmers, Poly Royal Executive Committee, Boots and Spurs

Chester Nathaniel Cash
Dairy Manufacturing, Technical; Santa Barbara; Los Lecheros, Band, Glee Club, Social Committee

Vernon C. Cassity
Electrical Industries, Vocational; Volta; Poly Phase

Moses Clemente
Aeronautics, Technical; Gonzales; S. A. C., Aero Club, Deuel Dorm Club
Graduates

**Top row:**

Donald F. Conaty  
Air Conditioning, Vocational; Downey; Air Conditioning Club, Rally Committee

Ivan J. Crljenko  
Electrical Industries, Vocational; San Francisco; Rally Committee, Poly Phase Club

Francis L. Daugherty, Jr.  
Meat Animals, Technical; Alhambra; Block "P" Yell Leader 1937-38, 1938-39, Sigma Phi Kappa, Swimming, S. A. C., Track, Future Farmers, Boots and Spurs, C. A. A. Flight Training

Lloyd Leo Davis  
Aeronautics, Technical; San Jose; Aero Club

**Vertical row:**

June, 1940

Marcel C. DeBrish  
Meat Animals, Technical; San Luis Obispo; Future Farmers, Boots and Spurs

Lloyd Fremont Dille  
Meat Animals, Vocational; Santa Maria; Boots and Spurs, Future Farmers, Band (Student Director, Manager), Poly Royal Executive Committee, Future Farmer Band Manager; Collegiate Club Manager, German Band

Robert Dove  
Meat Animals, Technical; LaVerne; Poly Royal Executive Committee, Student Court Chairman, Boots and Spurs, Future Farmers

Richard C. Dowdakin  
Meat Animals, Vocational; Weaverville; Future Farmers, Boots and Spurs, Boxing
Graduates

Top row:

Jack J. Eagan, Jr.
Aeronautics, Technical;
Windsor; Aero Club, Band,
C. A. A. Flight Program

Clark E. Farrell
Aeronautics, Technical;
Oregon, Ill.; Aero Club,
C. A. A. Flight Program

Emmett E. Ferguson
Electrical Industries, Vocational;
Atascadero; C.A.A. Flight
Program, Aero Club

June, 1940

Vertical row:

Raymond Fischer
Electrical Industries, Vocational;
Paso Robles; Poly
Phase Club, Band

Robert Freeman Ford
Dairy Manufacturing, Technical;
Paso Robles; Los
Lecheros

Russell C. Friend
Electrical Industries, Vocational;
Visalia; Poly Phase
Club

Danny P. Galatro
Dairy Manufacturing, Technical;
Los Banos; Los Lecheros, S. A. C., Future
Farmers, Gamma Pi Delta

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Graduates

Top row:

Wells Drummond Gibson
Air Conditioning, Technical; Santa Barbara; Alpha Gamma Epsilon, Air Conditioning Club, Poly Royal Executive Committee

Howard Graham
Meat Animals, Vocational; Lancaster; Future Farmers, Boots and Spurs

Leonard E. Hobby
Aero Drafting, Vocational; Sonora; Aero Club, Poly Royal Executive Committee

Harry Francis Harris Jones
Air Conditioning, Technical; Pacific Grove; Glee Club, Varsity Quartet, Air Conditioning Club

June, 1940

Vertical row:

Lowell Osburn Lambert
Meat Animals, Vocational; Modesto; Glee Club, Collegiate Quartet, Future Farmers, State Farmer, Polytechnic Californian, Boots and Spurs

Roy Frederick Lantz
Meat Animals, Technical; San Jose; Block "P," Boots and Spurs

Francis H. Leach
Electrical Industries, Vocational; San Luis Obispo; Poly Phase, S. A. C.

Ralph H. Lyall, Jr.
Meat Animals, Vocational; San Bernardino; Future Farmers, Boots and Spurs
Graduates

Top row:

William Eugene Melvin
Air Conditioning, Vocational; Lakeport; Air Conditioning Club President

Raymond F. Michael
Electrical Industries, Vocational; Santa Maria; Poly Phase Club, C. A. A. Flight Program, National Aeronautics Association

Robert John Moss
Meat Animals, Technical; Altadena; Future Farmers, Sigma Phi Kappa, Boots and Spurs

Jack Andrew Nilsson
Meat Animals, Technical; San Luis Obispo; Boots and Spurs, Future Farmers, C. A. A. Flight Program

June, 1940

Vertical row:

Minoru Nitta
Poultry, Technical; Santa Ana; Poultry Club, Future Farmers

Dale L. Nix
Electrical Industries, Vocational; Delano; S. A. C., Rally Committee, Poly Phase Club Secretary

Weldon Wade Olson
Air Conditioning, Vocational; Turlock; Alpha Gamma Epsilon, Varsity Football, Glee Club, Collegiate Quartet, Air Conditioning Club Secretary-Treasurer

James Pappas
Dairy Production, Technical; Hayward; Yell Leader 1939-40, Rally Committee, Los Lecheros
Graduates

Top row:

Jack Austin Roesch
Meat Animals, Technical; Cajon; Boots and Spurs, Future Farmers, Rally Committee

Kenneth C. Root
Dairy Production, Technical; Turlock; Los Lecheros, Future Farmer Alumni, Delta Pi

John E. Ross
Air Conditioning, Vocational; Seattle, Wash.; Air Conditioning Club, S. A. C.

William Franklin Ruffner
Electrical Industries, Vocational; Lompoc; Poly Phase Club, S. A. C.

June, 1940

Vertical row:

Henry Clinton St. John
Electrical Industries, Vocational; Solano Beach; Poly Phase Club, Band, Track, C. A. A. Flight Program

Donald Sande
Dairy Manufacturing, Technical; Dos Palos; Future Farmers, Los Lecheros, Gamma Pi Delta

Leo Edward Sankoff
Poultry, Technical; Arroyo Grande; Poultry Club, Gamma Pi Delta, Poly Royal Executive Committee

William A. Schmid
Electrical Industries, Vocational; Cleveland, Ohio; Poly Phase Club President, Poly Royal Executive Committee, Rally Committee
Graduates

Top row:

Benjamin E. Snow
Aeronautics, Technical; Inglewood; Aero Club, Football, S. A. C., Student Court, C. A. A. Flight Program

Charles J. Solomon
Poultry, Technical; Reedley; Poultry Club, Gamma Pi Delta, Poly Royal Executive Committee, Social Committee, Student Court

Floyd M. Spessard
Electrical Industries, Vocational; Santa Ana; Poly Phase Club, Glee Club, Poly Royal Executive Committee

Victor John Tomei
Meat Animals, Vocational; Sherman Oaks; Block "P," Football, Intercollegiate Boxing, Intercollegiate Rodeo, Boots and Spurs, Dramatics, Alpha Gamma Epsilon, Chase Hall President

June, 1940

Vertical row:

Richard John Wasson
Meat Animals, Technical; Gustine; Boots and Spurs, Future Farmers, Glee Club, Varsity Quartet, Band

Jay Wormser
Air Conditioning, Technical; San Francisco; Air Conditioning Club, Polytechnic Californian, Swimming

Philip Sanders York
Air Conditioning, Technical; Campbell; Alpha Gamma Epsilon President, Collegians Dance Orchestra, Band President
Graduates, June, 1940

No Pictures

George Barnett
Meat Animals, Vocational;
Madera; Boots and Spurs,
Future Farmers

Ray Mondo
Aeronautics, Vocational;
Los Gatos; Aero Club

Alfred L. Canclini
Aeronautics, Vocational;
Ferndale; Aero Club

Lester McCray
Agricultural Mechanics,
Technical; Santa Rosa; Fu­
ture Farmers

John A. Chamberlain
Meat Animals, Technical;
Pasadena; Boots and Spurs,
Future Farmers

Alex Park
Meat Animals, Technical;
San Diego; General Super­
intendent 1940 Poly Royal,
Gamma Pi Delta, Future
Farmers, Sigma Phi Kappa President, Student
Court, Poly Royal Execu­
tive Committee, Boots and
Spurs

Mervyn Chamberlain
Air Conditioning, Techni­
cal; Reedley; Air Condi­
tioning Club, Delta Pi

George Silva
Meat Animals, Vocational;
Los Banos; Varsity Foot­
ball, Block "P," Future
Farmers, Boots and Spurs

Joseph Halliday
Meat Animals, Vocational;
Point Arena; Boots and
Spurs, Future Farmers

Jack Washington
Meat Animals, Vocational;
El Cerrito; Boots and
Spurs, Future Farmers

William Himmelman
Air Conditioning, Vocational;
Sacramento; Alpha
Gamma Epsilon, Air Condi­
tioning Club, Delta Pi;
Secretary Associated Stu­
dents 1939-40

Arsham Zakarian
Aeronautics, Vocational;
Fresno; Aero Club
Opposite page: Farmers' Institute in the 1900s; forerunners of the Dairy club; early Thespians.
The Sigma Phi Kappa service fraternity was established in 1939 through efforts of Walter Crance and W. B. Howes, adviser, to serve the college and community at large.

It has been influential in aiding the local chapter of Boy Scouts to promote interest in scouting.

Officers for this year have been Charles Boggs, president; Walter Crance, vice-president; and George Raymond, secretary-treasurer.

Plans are being drawn up for a fraternity house.

Sigma Phi Kappa


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The Alpha Gamma Epsilon fraternity was founded in 1936 by members of the first air conditioning class for the purpose of associating students of the class in a fraternal organization. Advised by Raymond P. Mason and Norman Sharpe, instructors in the air conditioning department, it has become one of the most active groups on the campus.

Each year the Alpha Gamma Epsilon holds numerous formal dinner dances. At one, the neophytes, having completed a four-week pledge period, go through final initiation and are welcomed into the fraternity.
Chase Hall

Chase hall has the honor of not only being the newest of the larger dormitories but of being named after the English department head, Miss Margaret Chase, the only woman member of the faculty.

This year the men of Chase hall are prouder than ever before of their athletes. In the lounge hangs the basketball banner won for the second successive year and also the swimming banner.

Some everyday happenings in the dorm: “Cap” waking Picton up in the morning to do the janitor work; “bull sessions” in Libonati’s and Rogers’ room; wild bridge games in the lounge; Cook looking for something he thinks he’s lost; Brad writing a letter to Berkeley; Tomei arguing; friendly “beefs” between Ryan and Raymond; Milich in bed by 9 p.m.

Vic Tomei is president of Chase hall, Ben E. Snow, vice-president, Charles Cook, secretary-treasurer, and Capt. J. C. Deuel, superintendent.


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Jespersen Dormitory

Recognized as the neatest dormitory on the Cal Poly campus, Jespersen men take pride in keeping up the appearance of their home. It is one dormitory that stands ready for inspection at any hour.

Jespersen’s 52 student residents hail from neighboring states and every corner of California. The easy friendly atmosphere these boys create within the walls gives Jespersen a traditional name of “the friendliest dorm on the campus.”

Ranking highest in scholastic standing of the four large dormitories, Jespersen residents have retained the honor throughout the school year of having the best average per student for grades. These boys take courses in every industrial and agricultural line of study offered.

Officials of the dormitory are: Bob Mills, president; Marion Huffman, vice-president; Jack Held, secretary-treasurer; and M. C. Martinsen, dormitory superintendent.

Heron Hall

Heron hall, the second dormitory on the campus named after the former deputy director of education in the state, was constructed in 1928. For many years the dormitory has been under the supervision of Merritt B. "Pop" Smith—the most waited-for man on the campus who brings that very important mail around.

The dormitory is self governed, with residents selecting their own officers and meeting once a month for discussion of regulations. Bill Himmelman replaced Jack Tudor as president in mid-year, and Paul Jones acted as secretary-treasurer.

Now for the personal history: the greatest cause of consternation is the telephone. When it rings nobody wants to answer it; some are too lazy; others are afraid of talking to the caller. Then there are the great lovers who use the phone as a means of conveying hours of words to their feminine friends.

Heron hall has the distinction of having the highest dormitory scholastic standard on the campus.

Deuel Dormitory is the oldest and largest dorm on the California Polytechnic campus. It was named in honor of Captain Joseph C. Deuel who was one of the first dormitory superintendents.

Within the dorm is the Deuel dormitory association composed of the students who live there. President of the association at the start of the year was Gilbert Manning who resigned and Roy Brophy who was vice-president was elected to the office of president. Raymond Schwab, vice-president; Kenny Hawkins, secretary-treasurer; and Arthur Meck, cafe-dorm representative are the other officers of the dorm.

The Christmas party was the big social event of the year for the Deuelites. This event was the first of its kind to be held on the campus. It combined an open house with an informal dance and party. This party, whose arrangements were carried by Bub Johnson, was so successful that it is planned to make it an annual event.

Superintendent of the dorm is Oscar “Pop” Hanson.

To relieve an acute shortage of living accommodations, six cottages were opened in the fall of 1939. The cottages had a capacity of 12 men each, making a total of 72 in the six units. The A, B and C cottages, known as the lower units, were in charge of Les Vanoncini, senior agricultural inspection student. Landscaping students have planted a lawn and shrubs to improve the appearance of the grounds.
In charge of the upper cottage units, D, E, and F, during the past year was Charles Ball, dairy herdsman. Residents of the cottages developed a close friendship and informality that would be difficult in a large dormitory. The cottages of both lower and upper units were open for inspection at all times and developed a reputation for cleanliness.
The Mustang Masquers form the dramatics club on the California State Polytechnic campus. Activities for the year 1939-1940 included three radio programs depicting early California life that were written and enacted by club members, Cal Poly's contribution to the junior college and high school exchange programs, and a play given for delegates to the Future Farmer convention in the spring quarter.

During the school year meetings were held almost every Thursday night. Paul H. Gifford is the club's adviser. Scripts for the original radio programs given by the club were written by Al Aufdor Heide and Dave Carlin. The two plays presented by the club were the comedy skits "Dead Line" and "If Men Played Cards As Women Do." The first social event of the year was the initiation of new members given at Avila, where in addition to the initiation of neophytes a weiner roast was enjoyed by those present.

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Gamma Pi Delta

Gamma Pi Delta is the honorary society for agricultural students, and its purpose is to recognize achievement in scholarship, personality, and leadership. Its membership is small, yet it includes students who have attained high official rank in student activities and scholarship.

Activities of the organization this year have been largely social in nature. Two new groups of neophytes were elected into the club. Several beach parties and dinners were held—although the highlight of the year was a party at a cabin owned by C. E. Knott at Morro Bay.

The group revised its constitution, setting up purposes and policies in a more definite and concise manner. It has pledged itself to help furnish leadership in student activities and scholarship for the rest of the student body.

Definite aims and duties are formed for future years, and it is planned to take one long sightseeing trip and to undertake one project to benefit the student body and the college.
Drum major, Bruce Ponton; assistants (left to right) William Cooper, Charles Knokey, Jack Rose.

The Cal Poly Band

Lloyd Dille, Manager
Mort Lavers, Assistant
Phil York, President
Chester Cash, Vice-President
Yale Brand, Librarian
H. P. Davidson, Director
Adding greatly to the zest of California State Polytechnic activities during the year were the units of the music department under Director Harold P. Davidson. The 50-piece band played for home football games and accompanied the team for the game against Cal Aggies in Davis. The nine-piece Collegians built themselves the reputation of the finest college dance orchestra in the south coast area. Popular for assemblies and group meetings were the Four Colonels, an instrumental quartet.

The Cal Poly Collegians
The Men's Glee Club


Collegiate and Varsity Quartets


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The Horticulture Club had a very active year, particularly in social activities of parties and picnics. Members also participated in Poly Royal with a display booth and a plant identification contest.

Highlight of the year was a five-day field trip to San Francisco to visit the flower markets, nurseries, parks, and the Golden Gate exposition. Numerous field trips were made to other nearby nurseries, botanical gardens, landscape sites, and flower shows.

The Horticulture Club

During the school year of 1939-40 the Poultry club enjoyed many activities. Among them were the annual turkey banquet, skating party, fryer feed, a deep sea fishing trip held in May, basketball tournament, and the annual Poultry club jamboree which tops off the activities for the school year. Students carrying projects have made fine records; during 1939 all pullets in the trapnest made an average of 226 eggs during their first year. RB 360 passed its 1325 eggs record and is still going strong.

Poultry Club

Officers
Charles Solomon, President
Buddy Dosa, Vice-President
Arnold Zumwalt, Secretary
Guichi Omori, Treasurer
Richard I. Leach, Adviser
Los Lecheros

Los Lecheros is Spanish for “the milk-men” and is the name of the dairy club for both production and manufacturing students. The purpose is to provide a gathering point for the social and project activities of the dairy students. Enrollment in the dairy department of 60 students was the largest in history for 1939-40.

The biggest event in the year was the visit of 25 students to the National Dairy Show on Treasure Island. Animals from the school herd won awards in their classes in several fairs and expositions held in the state. The club’s social activities included a dance, the Christmas formal for the school, a freshman party, and a roller skating party.

Several dairy students formed a team that won the national championship among college teams in judging Holstein dairy cattle. Members of this team are shown above with Sir Bess Gettie of Taylaker, 2nd, the grand champion bull at the 1939 state fair. From left to right members of the judging team are Robert Bell, Robert Denby, George M. Drumm, coach, Danny Galatro, and James Pappas.

Boots and Spurs

The Boots and Spurs club, composed of the meat animals students, is one of the largest organizations in school. The members carried on many activities during 1939-40.

Showing project-owned livestock, members displayed many grand champions at the state fair in Sacramento, Los Angeles county fair in Pomona, and Great Western Livestock show in Los Angeles. The grand champion carlot of steers at the Great Western is shown in the picture above.

Officers for the year were Jim Blake, president; Howard Hubbard, vice-president; Lester Brown, secretary-treasurer; and Leon Austin, yell leader.

Future Farmers of America

Activities of the California Polytechnic chapter of the Future Farmers of America during the past year have been many and varied. Besides the extensive project program which has been carried on by students in each department, the members of the local chapter have carried on many social events, including a Christmas banquet; the Dog Patch Fling, acclaimed by many as the best student body dance of the year; a basketball tournament, won by the poultry department; the annual barn dance; participation in the State F. F. A. convention and a barbecue held in cooperation with the Boots and Spurs club.

Officers of the year were Tom Mathews, president; Dick Whitney, vice-president; Robert Thomsen, secretary; Robert Dove, treasurer; Elliott Waits, reporter; Carl G. Beck, adviser.

Officers of the Future Farmers at California Poly are shown kneeling in the picture on the opposite page. From left to right, they are Henry House, state FFA president during the 1939-40 year; Robert Dove, Cal Poly chapter treasurer; Robert Mills, member of the executive committee; Tom Mathews, president of the Poly chapter; Robert Thomsen, secretary; Jack Lange, publicity; Elliott Waits, state and chapter reporter; John Carricaburu, member of the executive committee; and Carl G. Beck, faculty adviser.
The electrical department has been of good service to Polytechnic. With a minimum of expense to the school for instruction facilities, it has saved the school hundreds of dollars in labor by doing such work as the construction of the broadcasting line to radio station KVEC over which Poly broadcasts programs through the electrical department's facilities.

The organization of the electrical department is the Poly Phase club in which every member of the department takes an active part. The officers of the club are listed above.

Among the instructional activities of the club was the recent trip to Boulder Dam where the group was guided through the dam by the chief operator, a graduate of the Poly electrical department.

No one will forget the annual Poly Phase dance whose theme this year was "The Far North," and the Poly Phase members hope that no one will forget the lighting effects of the other dances which were made possible by the electrical students.
The Aero club started the 1939-40 year by sponsoring a student body dance in October. Several new ships were brought to the aeronautics workshop, starting the cooperation among club members that continued through out the year. The flying wing, constructed by aero students from plans originated by Instructor John D. McKellar, brought widespread publicity to the department in newspapers, magazines, and radio broadcasts.

The new sectionalized Wasp engine, lengthened and separated to show the inside workings of all moving parts and oil lines, was of great interest to outsiders and instructional benefit to engines students.

In November aero seniors made a visit to important factories. The club visited the annual glider meet near Bakersfield in the spring and came back enthusiastic for a glider club in San Luis Obispo.

The Aero club won the trophy for the finest industrial display at the 1940 Poly Royal.
Air Conditioning Club

The air conditioning department under the supervision of Raymond P. Mason and Norman Sharpe has been one of the outstanding clubs on the campus this year. Composed of all men majoring in air conditioning, the club has many functions including parties, beach gatherings, and participation in interdepartmental athletics.

The school year’s activities began with the initiation of new members. Taking the form of a combination beach party and weiner roast, the proceedings were enjoyed by all who were present at Avila beach. Basketball and football activities scheduled with other clubs on the campus have kept the sport-minded men busy throughout the year. A basketball game played with the Poly Phase club ended in a score of 52 to 51 favoring the Poly Phase men.

The final graduation dance, sponsored by this club was one of the highlights of the school year.

The Crops club was organized during the present school year. Officers for the year were Ralph Hanks, president; Henry Warren, vice-president; and Rodman Danley, secretary. The club promoted a special exhibit for Poly Royal. This exhibit included cereals and other plants grown in the commercial plant garden, materials and equipment used in the crops work and an illustrated, illuminated map of the Cal Poly farm showing the location of fruits and crops. Two contests during the last day of Poly Royal were conducted.
Composed of men who have earned their letters in one of the four major sports, the Block “P” acts as a service club for campus activities. This year the club sponsored the Golden Glove tournament in a series of Fun Nights.

Highlight of the social program was the annual trip to Arroyo Seco in the latter part of May. Officers were Wes Bridston, president; Herb Brownlee, vice-president; August Milich, secretary; Fred Lopez, treasurer; and Capt. J. C. Deuel, adviser.

The Block “P”
Off-Campus Students

For the first time an attempt was made during 1939-40 to organize students who reside off the California campus. They entered a team in the interdorm basketball tournament, and in the spring posed for the yearbook picture. The attempt at organization was important because of the anticipated growth of California Polytechnic under its new four-year, degree-granting status. It was expected that in future years, unless large new dormitories could be provided, larger and larger numbers of students would be forced to reside away from the school. A more compact type of organization was made the goal of the future.
Cal Poly Rodeo Team

Winners of Intercollegiate Rodeo at Victorville April 13, 1940

Left to right—Carl Miller, Gilmore Ross, Jim Blake (shaking hands with President McPhee), Hugh Kroupa, Gordon Moore, President McPhee, Jim Cochran, Rodney Clare. Kneeling: Vic Tomei, Bill Gallagher.
Opposite page: Cords of 1904 framed by arch of Administration building.
THE YEAR
California Poly 30 years ago: Farmers' Institute—forerunner of the modern Poly Royals; off to a fast start; graceful pose of Cal Poly coeds; the latest in transportation.
September

What's that, Mary? No date tonight (upper left)?

Going up—a September view of the air conditioning wing of the Engineering building (upper right).

And so the sophs won at the brawl (left upper center).

Which one's the steer—at the Great Western (right upper center).

Coming out—brrr—during frosh hazing (left lower center).

After the brawl was over (right lower center).

Denby rubs his nose in it (lower center).

Heron moves outside during record heat wave (lower right wing).

Hey, Bud, where's your pants? (bottom left).

Tie 'em up, boys (bottom right).
October

F. F. A. Feed—the annual banquet (top).

We need higher standards (upper left).

Our flying laundry service (upper center).

A frosh has a drag (upper right).

Prexy confers with Fitzgerald of S. F. State (center left).

Ring around the rosy—the frosh take a bath (center right).

A real horse skills class—during S. F. State invasion (lower right).

And two were beautiful (upper left wing).

Ponton wheels the baton (lower center).

Nice, those six! (lower right).

We need a little more of this (bottom left wing).

S. F. S. band plays (bottom left).

Move over (bottom right).
November

Poly on parade—before the bonfire (top left).

Fresh build up the bonfire (top right).

Dick Kaimo speaks at bonfire rally (upper center).

And up she goes in flames (center left).

Gads, for 20 winks—on the Davis excursion (center right).

Mowing 'em down (lower left).

Poly gauchos (lower right).

Agglette (bottom right).

Bill Caldwell and Wilbur Davis win at Great Western (right wing).

Johnny and Heilman mix it up at Fun Night (bottom left).
December

The Friday night jam sessions (top).

Giving himself up after all these years is James Merson (upper left).

McPhee and his "Chopsticks"—at the Christmas banquet (upper right).

Chop chop—cafeteria workers (center left).

"Gypsy Rose" Steele (lower right).

Aeronautics pledges get the works at Oceano—that Paddle-Wielder Bitter looks mean (left wing).

Howie must be winning the game—he’s smiling (bottom left).

Jones, Lowe, and Bradley take to wooden wings (bottom right).
January

Sorry, but the cashier's out—as usual (top).

Snow what (upper left).

Lowe bites the snow (upper right).

Leap year comes to the campus, or Daisy Mae gets her man—at the Dog Patch Fling of the Future Farmers (center).

More Lil' Abners, Daisy Maes, and sech (lower center).

Swing the bull—like eau de Cologne (bottom left).

Benny the Barnstormer—as C. A. A. flight training starts (bottom right).

Skinner's second childhood (right wing).
February

Davidson turns his back—at a February student body assembly (top left).

What are you thinking about, Pop? Oscar Hanson (top right).

The high school entertains Poly-men at a little jiving (upper center).

Tip, the cow puncher (center left).

Some ugly frosh (center right).

Water seems strange to these Polyites (lower right).


They act as if they lived here (bottom right).

Cal Poly wool production increases (bottom left).
March

Must be Sunday—they're all dressed up (top left).

Bingo, goes another run for Poly as baseball season starts (top right).

They can dish it out (upper right).

Good thing the horse is standing still—Wally Baldwin (upper left).

Hammering it out—Tom Slaton in the Ag Mechanics lab (center right).

Must be McCorkle's econ class—Henry House catches a few winks (lower center left).

The midnight oil—Bill Bradley (lower left).

Ain't she sweet? (lower right).

Hey, teach, let's us go to school—the faculty present an assembly (right wing).

They must all be Camels—Dick Pimentel (extreme left).

On your marks, get set, go! (bottom).
April

Troubadour Pappas (top left).

Load and unload (top right).

Pretty Boy Davidson, the cynosure (upper left).

Grunt and groan by Figge—at the faculty track meet (upper right).

"Deacon" Schipper—on the Glee club trip in Newport bay (upper left center).

And it still isn't done (center left).

Cal Poly's public works administration—all supervisors (center right).

Bennion wins by a stomach, followed closely by Drumm and Davidson—at faculty track meet (left upper wing).

Eternal triangle—Johnny, Jeanne, and Herb (lower right).

Publicity (?) tour—at Santa Barbara State (left lower wing).

Potts put one over—the Apache dance—on Ponton (bottom right).
Opening assembly, first major gathering held in new Engineering auditorium, attracting 500 (top).

Two pretty contest winners (upper left).

Water, water, everywhere, at the Ag Mechanics pump display (upper right).

Four bells and five tries, and I finally backed it in (center left).

Uncle Dudley tells 'em—broadcast of the poultry exhibit (center right).

A few more cars than on page 95—but, it rained that day as usual (bottom).
The 1940 Poly Royal

What a bore! That was the hog-judging contest (top).

They say it'll fly—McKellar's new flying wing (upper).

Scientific farming—at the dairy exhibit (center).

Poly cows off the hoof—at the barbecue where 1600 were fed in an hour and a half (across lower center).

Oh boy, I win it (bottom right).
And all the parts move, too—Roy Metz's separated airplane engine (top).

The staff of life—the crops department exhibit (upper center).

Dan Childs takes another ribbon—at the livestock showing contest (center right).

Bane of the Okies—the tractor display sponsored by the agricultural mechanics department (center left).

Greased lightning—the electrical exhibit (bottom left).

Fresh air and hot air for everyone in the air conditioning laboratory (bottom right).
The 1940 Poly Royal

Dots and dashes and a lot of flashes—at the electrical exhibit (top).

Coming out of chute No. 3—at the big rodeo (upper left).

Oh, gracious! Just like sitting in a rocking chair (upper right).

Round-up time at Poly (center).

Fast, present, and future (?)—Betty Lou Aleixo, Jeanne Defosset, Betty Kaiser at the coronation ball (left wing).

Dentyne wins again with a parting smile (lower right).

At the FFA convention President McPhee shows the tents (bottom right).
Opposite page: The old swimming hole; the "flying wedge" football formation; the girls' basketball team of 1906.
Capt. J. C. Deuel
Baseball, Boxing

Howie O'Daniels
Football, Basketball

Don De Rosa
Football, Swimming

Athletic Coaches, 1939-40

Paul H. Gifford
Track

George M. Drumm
Tennis
Cal Poly Football, 1939

The Mustangs, coached by Howie O'Daniels and Don De Rosa, started the season with a bang by soundly spanking the Cal Tech Engineers from Pasadena, 24-6. Traveling to Eureka on Sept. 20, the Mustangs suffered a bitter loss, 13-9, at the hands of Humboldt State when an intercepted pass early in the first quarter was run back for a touchdown. Playing an entire defensive game, the Pintos took a 30-0 shellacking from the Arizona State team at Tempe on
Oct. 7. Although outgained in yardage by the Ventura junior college Pirates, Poly won by a 13-0 score.

Keeping a clean record of no losses on the home field, the Mustangs held San Francisco State to a scoreless tie. When the two great agricultural colleges of California, Cal Poly and Cal Aggies, met at Davis, the Aggies got the breaks and won, 28-0. To prove that the Mustangs had good reserves, the second squad defeated San Luis J. C., 27-10. When the frosh football team from the University
of San Francisco visited San Luis, the Polymen played heads-up ball and won, 16-6. U.S. Marine reserve power spelled defeat for the Mustangs at San Diego on Nov. 17. Until the fourth quarter the Marines were held to a 7-7 tie, but the tired Mustangs were unable to stop the fresh first team of the Marines. The final gun left the score 20-7. The Mustangs ended the 1939 season by dropping a 13-0 game to Chico State at Chico.

George Silva, who showed a consistent ground-gaining and defense skill throughout the season, was named outstanding player.
Herb Brownlee, end, was named honorary captain, largely as a result of his breaks through the opposing line during the University of San Francisco game. Other lettermen who recorded fine performances were Harry Wineroth, George Radnich, Bob Martinez, Al James, Fred Lopez, Howard Nelson, Bill Nakunas, Paul Bjurman, Bill Hazard, Bob Danielson, Lawrence Lopez, Jake Estrada, George Silva, Bob Garcia, Al Duchi, Joe Stombaugh, and Jim Nolan.
Jake Estrada
Left half

Bob Martinez
Right guard

Bob Garcia
Quarterback

Al Duchi
Quarterback

Varsity Football Squad

Varsity Basketball, 1939-40


Outstanding players on the Poly squad were Gil Trillius, tricky forward who sank 58 field goals and 21 free throws for a total
of 137 points, and Howard Picton, who amassed 112 points with 53 field goals and six free throws. Ratings of other players follow: Woolcott, 82; Bridston, 67; Wineroth, 59; Mikuriya, 40; Arthur, 39; Sanders, 30; Nolan, 27; Anderson, 26; Yerxa, 24; Davis, 21; Periera, 14; Fisher, 12; Dahlstrom, 2; Lievre, 2; Coates, 1.

Varsity Basketball Team
Junior Varsity and Mules Basketball

Track and Field, 1940

The first annual Poly Relays were held this spring, attracting teams from Santa Barbara State, Chapman college, and San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria junior colleges. The Santa Barbara varsity had entered a team but was forced to withdraw when rain and a muddy track caused the postponement of the relays from the date in conjunction with the Poly Royal. Chapman college won the meet by

Laurence McLanahan
Pole vault

Bob Bogner
High jump

George Ballert
440 and relay
four points, amassing 48 points to 43½ for Poly, 25 for Santa Barbara Frosh, 12 for San Luis, and 8 for Santa Maria.

There was every indication that this event, handled by Coach Paul H. Gifford and Student Manager Bruce Ponton, would grow into a major central coast attraction during the years to come. The Polymen also took part in several other meets, losing 35½ to 84 to Salinas J. C. in a four-way meet at Salinas, winning second in a three-way meet at Taft.
but nosed cut by Taft J. C., winning a three-way meet against Santa Barbara frosh and Santa Maria J. C. with 79½ points, and winning a three-way meet against Santa Maria and Ventura J. C.’s.
Baseball, 1940

The California Polytechnic baseball team came through their tough schedule in 1940 with a record of five wins and six losses. The Mustangs were a tough team to beat when they were right, as it was shown against the Santa Barbara State varsity. The Gauchos were able to take the Poly team twice, winning the first game by a score of five to three. But next time they met Santa Bar-
bara was again victorious in a game that should have been Poly’s by a score of 6-5 in 10 innings.

Capt. J. C. Deuel was pleased with the showing of his team, especially the work of Glenn Arthur and Seirin Ikeda in the field. Les Vanoncini led the team batting average with .466.

Results of games follow: Salinas 5, Poly 4; Santa Maria 1, Poly 8; Laverne 3, Poly 16; Pomona 6, Poly 3; Santa Barbara 5, Poly 3;

Santa Maria 1, Poly 9; Bakersfield 1, Poly 7; Taft 1, Poly 7; Santa Barbara 6, Poly 5; Taft 6, Poly 3; Bakersfield 7, Poly 6.

Junior Varsity Baseball Team

Joe Soroka
Pitcher

K. Ikeda
Catcher

John O'Brien
Center field

Frank Jacinto
First base
Varsity Swimming, 1939-40

Highlight of the swimming season at Cal Poly came on April 19 when San Francisco State college sent down the first full-fledged college swimming team ever to take part in the Poly natatorium.

Two outstanding San Francisco girl divers, Patsy Robinson and Leota Woodmansee, shown at the left, accompanied the team and presented several exhibition dives. Miss Robinson was a student at San Francisco State, and Miss Woodmansee held the northern California women's senior diving championship.

Highlights of the Swimming Season

Events at the meet included five diving features, springs, medley races, and other competition. Cal Poly's team lost the contest, but several Poly swimmers and divers turned in good performances.

Tom Shirakawa, diver shown at right, showed up well in comparison to the experts.

Swimming forms the nucleus of a minor sports program to be developed in future years at Poly.

Ranking next in interest is the tennis team, coached by George M. Drumm, which met teams from nearby colleges and junior colleges, and the fencing team, coached by Dr. W. E. Bowls. Both sports will grow along with increased interest, according to forecasts.
Opposite page: "Uncle Charlie" Fourhis and President Julian A. McPhee reminisce in the shade of a tree.
Vernon H. Meacham, in Charge of Voorhis Unit.

Voorhis Unit Shows Steady Growth

The Voorhis unit has enjoyed a very substantial, healthy growth during the past year. This has undoubtedly been due to the growing interest among the students in the high schools of the southern region in the fields of instruction offered. Another factor of considerable importance in this past development has been the success of those men who have graduated.

Beauty of the campus and fine student spirit are of great value in lending a home-like and pleasing atmosphere to the Unit. With additional effort being put forth to add to and improve the landscaping about the campus, the addition of propagation facilities and improvement of dormitories, the Voorhis unit should be a campus which lends itself to study and living comfort to a high degree.

Addition of a fourth year to the California Polytechnic course of study will add materially to the worthwhileness of the instruction. Students of the future will benefit in many ways from this change.
Faculty, 1939-40

Top row:

Reginald Miller
Ornamental Horticulture, English

Vernon Meacham
Surveying, Mathematics, Athletics

Second row:

W. E. Court
Agricultural Inspection, Poly Vue

Dwight Thompson
Truck Crops, English, Publications

Third row:

Robert Balch
Agricultural Mechanics, Plant Maintenance

Stanton Gray
Deciduous Fruits

Bottom:

Howard H. Hawkins
Citrus, Fruit Production, Store Adviser
Associated Student Officers
1939-40

Don Ferrall, President

Joe Bay
Vice-President

Jack Helfend
Secretary

Don Adams
Yell Leader

Ed Yarbrough
Athletic Manager
The Student Affairs Council

One of the most active committees of the student body on the campus is the student affairs committee. Composed of representatives from each dormitory, this committee's duties consist of drawing up the annual student body budget, nomination of student body officers, and submitting suggestions for school regulations to the faculty. Amendments to the school constitution are drawn up, and all expenditures from the student body funds must pass this body before any appropriations to student activities can be made. They meet several times a year with faculty members and make any suggestions that they feel would benefit the school and the students.
Cafeteria-Dormitory Committee

The underlying purpose of the cafe-dorm committee is to make recommendations to the dining hall and dormitory division. Many problems have been solved by this well-organized group. Through their efforts, a new tray counter has been installed, facilitating the meal service. Meal hours have been changed to suit the needs of students. As for the dormitories, rules have been set up to make life pleasant and homey. Regulations govern the cleaning of rooms, visitors, and the turning off of radios and were satisfactorily enforced by the students of each dormitory. The committee consists of one representative from each dormitory and an officer of the student council.

Left to right—Back row: Cliff Talley, Bill Alexander, John Garrity, Joe Bay. Front row: Don W. Adams, Cecil Hanson, Ray Peterson.

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Like an annual plant which has but one bloom in its lifetime, the El Rodeo staff similarly prepares for only one event. Here in this book is the product of all its activity.

It has endeavored to present life on the campus in an informal and true-to-life style, and also to keep this section of the book uniform with the rest of the annual.

Jack Lessinger is the editor, with Don W. Adams, assistant editor. Dan Wong, Ted Middleton, photography, Pat Elliot and Eugene Hayes on the staff. Dwight C. Thompson is adviser.
The Bronc's Cheer

This year marked the beginning of one of the most important activities on the Voorhis unit campus—the school paper. With no precedents to follow, those coming together for the first time to discuss methods of procedure held their breath and hoped they were setting proper examples for future staffs. They chose the punning name, the Bronc's Cheer.

The group declared at the outset that its immediate aim was the bringing about of greater interest in school activities by giving as complete a news coverage as possible. Jack Lessinger is the editor, Douglas Tomlinson, assistant editor, Jack Helfend, sports editor, and Dwight Thompson, the adviser.
During the winter quarter one outstanding event was the dance put on by Sunset dormitory. Contributing to its success was the cooperation given by all members of the group. It was one for all and all for one when the group did its work of scenery-making, arranging for an orchestra, and other necessary jobs. Other distinctions won by the men were the inter-dorm football and basketball championships. Officers are William Hayward, president, Roland Bridston, vice-president, and Ray Peterson, secretary and treasurer.
"We'll never forget the fun we had at Rose," is probably the opinion of its every member. While the rest of the dorms have fun too, their brands perhaps do not have that same oil-well-gusher-pressure developed by Rose men. When Rose decides that it has studied long and hard enough for one evening, it has a full bag of practical jokes to select from—and does. Another feature of Rose is the "barbell studio" in the back room. Howard Haddock is president of the dorm, Jack Lowry is vice-president, and Dan Wong, treasurer.
Uncle Charlie’s Cottage is situated in such a way that a complete view of a great deal of the San Dimas area is possible from the dormitory windows. Evidence of residents’ swimming skill was displayed at the meet on the day of Poly Vue, when Baker, Rossi, Alexander and other members of the dormitory received first place awards in their events.

Uncle Charlie’s has the smallest membership of any cottage of its size on the campus, but its members have taken an active part in student and special committee activities. Pat Elliot is president, Paul Brusseau, vice-president and Alan Baker, secretary-treasurer.
Located immediately above the administrative offices, the Pent House men have practically only to slide down their back bannisters in order to get to classes. Although not turning out to be champions in basketball, Pent House came out a close second in that event. The Pent House sponsored a very successful student stag. A large number living in this dorm work in the school cafeteria. Neil Clarke is president, Joe Bay, vice-president, and Don W. Adams, secretary-treasurer.

Aunell has many things to boast of.

First, there's Queenie, mascot dog, who gave birth to six pups on St. Patrick's day. Another Aunell achievement challenging that, was the maintaining of the highest grade point average of any dorm on the campus for the winter quarter.

Many of Poly's distinguished men live at Aunell. For instance, there's Carleton Yonge, Poly Vue general superintendent, and Don Adams, assistant superintendent, Cecil Graham, Jr., president of the upperclassmen, and Don Ferrell, former student body president.

Hack Hanes is president of the dorm, Jiro Kai is vice-president, and Bill Whitaker, secretary.
Smith Cottage

Easily winning the distinction of being the most active dorm on the campus, Smith has initiated many different enterprises.

Two of the dorm’s most important ideas are the “fraternity plan” and its system of distributing the janitor work of the house among the men, putting the money for this in their treasury.

During the first quarter, plans were drawn up for charter and membership plaques. In its steady development, the “frat,” which is really a social organization, not a formal group, gave out fraternity pins. A pledge routine was provided for and a scholarship key was awarded.

In addition, Smith was highest in scholarship for the first quarter. Cliff Talley is president.
Although only recently established and initiated as part of our extracurricular activity, the Landscaping club has accomplished a great deal. The club has set a few goals which it is endeavoring to reach. During Poly Vue the club put up an excellent exhibit and sold plants to raise money for new plants and equipments to beautify the school campus. The members of the club are H. Haddock, president; J. Garrity, vice-president; R. Peterson, secretary; F. Ferris, treasurer. R. E. Miller is adviser.

Glee Club Officers
1940 Poly Vue
Officers

Carl Yonge, General Superintendent
Don Adams
Doug Tomlinson
James Abeloe

Left to right: Don Ferrell, Douglas Tomlinson, Mr. W. E. Court, Carl Yonge, Arnold Crawford,
Don R. Adams, Cliff Talley, James Abeloe, Jack Helfend.

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At the Poly Vue

Up a tree—showing the fine art of citriculture (top left).

No bugs today, mister—the entrance to Poly Vue (upper right).

Campus of the skies (upper left)

Orva Dorv Vaughan and his little sign (upper right).

Curly locks (center left).

Oh, what profile (center).

Blow hard pot washer (center right).

Omelets in the raw (lower left).

Bug stiffs (lower right).

Let's forget about it (bottom right).

Fly catcher (extreme lower right).

So what? (bottom right).

Puss in boots (right wing).
At the Poly Vue

Meacham abdicates; long live the queen (top).

The agricultural inspection exhibit (upper left).

Up a tree—the poultry department display from San Luis (upper right).

Hey, get out of the picture (center left).

Here I am, you lucky people (center).

Coke-kay (center right).

Our Deere little tractor and Frank (papa) Livingston (lower left).

Giving San Dimas the bird (lower right).

Must be Los Angeles city limits (upper left wing).

They're pul-lenty good at San Luis (bottom left).

Air conditioning and electrical displays (bottom right).
San Dimas Basketball

Basketball received the complete support of the school as demonstrated by a turnout of one-fourth of the student body. With only a few returning lettermen, but with a lot of promising material Coach Glen Tovani turned out a team which the school can be justly proud. The squad was handicapped by lack of practice due to no gym on the campus, having to travel four miles to use a high school court two or three times weekly.

Cal Poly is not represented in any league but plenty of games were scheduled with junior colleges and college frosh teams. Games were played with the Poly Varsity of S. L. O., Whittier College frosh, La Verne frosh, Glendora Athletic club, Citrus J. C., Pomona J. C., Santa Maria J. C. and several town teams.
The team was fast which made up for its lack in height. As for individual members, Neil Clark center and forward, and the other forward spot was “Rol” Bridston, high scorer in early games. Bill Alexander, tallest man on the team, was a good defensive player and hard to stop under the basket. Forward and center, Bill Whitaker came through in the pinches. At guard Lawrence Rossi, Bill Hayward and Jim Abeloe smothered opposing offenses. Warren McPherson, Charles Shaw, Arnold Crawford, Arnold Solesbee, Stanley Johnson, and Norman Burhans comprised the rest of the squad.
San Dimas Baseball

The junior Mustangs opened the season with only three returning veterans, but about fifteen new members turned out, making a sizeable squad.

The team opened its initial game with Pomona college. Inexperience and lack of confidence resulted in a victory for Pomona.

At Pomona J. C. the hard hitting Mustangs tied the Pomona Junior college team with a score of 10-10. Leading the Poly batters was Ray Nordell, former captain of the Modesto J. C.

On April 6th, the team again had a victorious day at the bat, downing the Cal Tech Varsity 8-6.

Other schools played included U. C. L. A. frosh, Claremont high school, Citrus J. C. and the La Verne frosh.
As for the individual players concerned, it would be well to make a few statements regarding each. Cecil Hanson has been the mainstay of this year's mound staff. He has improved considerably and looked particularly well against the Cal Tech squad.

Ed Yarbrough, last year's catcher, is holding down the same position and has shown improvement. Ed is also a fair hitter.
Neil Clark, first baseman, is the third letterman back this year. Neil is one of the best all around players on the squad, plays his position in fine shape, and is a very dangerous hitter when hits are needed.

Of the new men, Ray Nordell a transfer from Modesto J. C. has probably had the most experience. He is the balance wheel in infield and the strongest hitter on the squad.

Jud Holden at second, Tommy at third, complete the infield. These two players are improving rapidly and are fair hitters.

The outfield is patroled by Larry Rossi, Danny Wong, Jimmy Abeloe and Orval Vaughn. These boys have all been playing fine defensive ball and their hitting strength improved as the season progressed.

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Scatterbrains and station wagon (top left).

Jack (Rubinoff) Lessinger (top right).

Don’t wrinkle my tux, fellows—at the brawl (upper left).

The three bares (upper right).

Just arrived for that big weekend—the Glee club from San Luis Obispo (center right).

“Any mower” grass, asks Yarbrough (left center).

The mermen (lower left).

Penthouse No. 2—while harvesting walnuts (right wing).

All balled up (bottom left).

One of the “snap” courses (bottom right).
Life at San Dimas

On the scent of the cent—Book-keeper Tovani (top).

Four Knights and the Queen (upper left).

Let us trim 'em—the lettuce trimming crew at Imperial Valley (upper right).

A misstep and squash! (center left).

Hey, you got two desserts there—Ticket Puncher Clark (center right).

Dead-end Borger gets his exercise (left wing).

Put up your dukes (lower center right).

The Sunkist kids—the citrus marketing class (bottom left)

Switch to Edgeworth and smoke inside (bottom right).
Life at San Dimas

Crunch, crunch, burp, burp—Danny Wong munches his celery (top).

Jumping jive, 1919 model (upper left).

Must be Meacham lecturing—“Sleepy” Joe Ferris (upper right).

Into the deep—“Big Boy” Schwanders takes his daily dip (bottom left).

Big Shots meet (upper right wing).

Watch the Fords go by—Hack “Speed” Haines (lower right wing).

Collecting parachutes—“Wong” Adams (bottom right).
Life at San Dimas

Big shots of Uncle Charlie's (top).

Bill (Joe Penner) Hayward (upper left).

Straddling the fence—hazing time at Voorhis (upper right).

Five of an Aunell kind (center left).

Quite a mouthful—the first shovel on the All-American canal (lower right).

Dimas demon hashers—the kitchen crew (bottom).
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