POLY ROYAL: Queen Nedra and her court came to town and the Mustangs gave royal welcome as "The Country Fair on a College Campus" got underway for its 23rd annual edition.

SPRING-TIME: Turning in their most successful Home Concert to date, the music men had a final frelic.

FINALE: It was Cal Poly's 49th annual Commencement and the 391 graduates had their treasured diplomas at last.

So . . .

In these pages of the 1955 El Rodeo Summer Supplement you will find the story of Cal Poly's Spring season and the end of another academic year. Each of you who purchased a copy of the regular yearbook and filled out a mailing slip will receive a copy of this supplement. We hope you enjoy it and give special credit at this time to the photo staff, which kept track of events so you could have this picture-story.

The photographers: Frank "Sam" Reische, Photo Editor: Jim Pearinger, News Bureau Photo Chief: Chuck Letspeich, News Bureau staffer; Jerry Shoop and Galen Grov of the El Rodeo staff.
At right, Queen Nedra Preuse, rides to her reception.

**Poly's "Feast of the Great Spirit"**

POLY ROYAL

Each year as April ends and May claims the calendar, a traditional dizzy spin whirls Poly faster and faster until the "Eve of the Great Spirit" is at hand. Then, as for the past twenty-three years of herd history, "Poly Royal" takes over as the nationally-famous "Country Fair on a College Campus". Visitors gather from all over the West to see Poly's 3,000 acres teem with activity as every department in each of the three divisions goes on public display.

Beneficently reigning over it all is "The Queen"—up to now, borrowed from one of the state's co-educational campuses. With advent of co-eds assured, this year may have seen the last non-Poly queen in Mustang history.

How did the big affair turn out this year? Better than ever, in spite of copious rain. Visitors numbered 12,000-15,000. Displays and exhibits hit a new level of interest. And the architects capped it all with a terrific explosion that may well have typified better than anything else the fizz and boom with which Poly explodes at "Poly Royal" time.

It was a whopper! — the architects' "explosion-casting".
"Welcome" was Poly's theme.
1. At top left, the Queen arrived by Daylight.
2. Ed Slevin was the lucky escort for the week-end.
3. So Her Majesty was paraded to the Poly campus.
4. And President Mr.-Phee introduced the whole court.
5. The reception was held at "The Chief's" big teepee.
6. Next day came the exhibits — the ME's eager hosts.
7. The Ag's also showed the part they play at Poly.
8. And Social Science laid claim to about everything.
9. Even the Brahmas got excited at the big rodeo.
10. And "The Collegians" were at their best for the ball.
11. Crowning of the Queen climaxed the '55 ball.
12. Stanford was rude: Gave Poly its first Poly Royal set-back in 23 years—3-2.
13. But all in all, Poly Royal Adviser Carl Beck and Gen. Supt. Don Love were well-pleased. General consensus: It was a huge success!
Augsberger's fish "chimed".

Blondes saw live mollusk.

ROTC demonstrated Bazooka.

Ag journalists hosted press.

Printers produced souvenirs.

AH produced prize-winners.
Watchers were earnest.

Fluid flow was fascinating.

A shark got big billing.

Sheep were "sheep-shape".

The ladies drove nails.

The menfolks took photos.

And Herefords also posed.

"Sanny" was there.

So was "Big Sister".

So were Mom and Dad.
Thunder: The Ag Engineers staged the finals of their annual tractor rodeo on the proving grounds.

Physical Education: Visitors learned what it took to ride a bicycle.

Alumni: SD's Henry House and Sec. John Jones were on hand to welcome flocking grads.

Special Honor Guests: Ray Lyons, cadet ag teacher; Miss Margaret Chase, one-time Paly faculty member; State Superintendent of Education Simpson; President McPhee formed special honor group. Not shown is Dr. Robert C. Gillingham, Compton College, president of the California Teachers' Association.
When the Spring rains have come and the foothills of the Santa Lucias are green . . . when the wind drifts smoothly up Los Osos Valley . . . Mustangs sign-up for Avila 102. And here's a quiet Sunday afternoon to prove they know the way to their classroom. On week-days, it would give an entirely different appearance—just ask the driver who tries to find parking space. And on these next pages is proof that both campus and Herd are week-day busy.
On the heels of the new Science Building, the East Wing of the Engineering Building will soon be under construction.

At center left of photo is the row of shops and laboratories that will be moved to make room for the new engineering structure. With ME-Power Building and Science Building it will form basis for a quadrangle.

and the Co-eds Are Here →
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Cal Poly
College May
Add 21
Instructors

When the budget for the operation of California State Polytechnic College was passed by the state legislature, it marked the largest budget for the largest enrollment in the history of the local college.

The budget was based on 3,100 individual regular students for the 1955-56 school year with another additional 200 persons with limited programs.

New Teachers
Donald R. Nelson, college business manager, says that $3,250,000 support budget includes supplies, equipment and salaries for the addition of 21 new instructors, eight clerical personnel, one technician and seven craftsmen.

"This budget calls for $125 regularly established positions at San Luis Obispo," Nelson states, "which does not include hourly employees, student assistants or temporary help."

Some $1,250,000 is set aside for salaries.

The state budget does not include the student body or Cal Poly foundation budgets and other separate operations such as the bureau of agriculture education.

Construction
Listed for major construction are:
1. San Luis Obispo campus engineering building, $1,430,500;
2. Development, $1,432,000; rehabilitation and equip buildings, $1,432,000; partial street lighting, $32,000.

At last they're official!

Co-eds...

pres. mcphie's statement

Applications from women will be accepted now at Cal Poly and women teachers will be admitted for both the 1955 summer terms, according to the SIO announcement of President McPhie. The four-weeks summer term opens June 27. To be admitted prior to September, 1956, however, women must be holders of a valid teaching credential. Other women will be admitted beginning in the fall quarter, 1956.

The announcement followed signing by Governor Knight of an appropriation bill which included $184,500, necessary for the housing and instruction of women students. It provides for remodelling of Heron, Chase and Jespersen dormitories for the use of women, for remodelling of the Health Center to provide facilities for women, for suitable space for instruction in homemaking and for additional campus street lighting.

Although Cal Poly operated during its early history as a coeducational institution, in 1929 legislation limited registration to male students. The limitation was repealed in 1937. Since then, there have been many applications for admission from women. Officials were forced to deny these applications on the basis that "no adequate facilities exist for girls."

New Programs

Admission of women will involve additions to the curriculum at beginning fall of 1956. Approved are new sequences leading to the general secondary teaching credential with majors in physical education for women, homemaking and to the elementary teaching credential. Cal Poly already offers suitable sequences leading to the general secondary credentials with majors in life science and general science, mathematics, physical science and general science, and social science.

Women will be permitted to enroll for studies leading to the bachelor of science degree in any of the college's present major departments which include agricultural journalism, biological sciences, health and physical education, mathematics, physical sciences, social sciences, agricultural engineering, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry and manufacturing, field fruit and truck crops, ornamental horticulture, poultry husbandry, soil science, aeronautical engineering, air conditioning and refrigeration engineering, architectural engineering, electrical engineering, electronic engineering, mechanical engineering and printing.

Women admitted to the 1955 summer terms may enroll for the courses already listed for offering during those terms. The full list of courses to be offered this summer may be obtained on request from Admissions Office of the college.
Ready Soon . . .

With part of the huge 90,000 square-foot building scheduled for acceptance within the near future, Cal Poly science departments and allied units will have their new home complete during the coming year.
THE LONG HOUSE: This aerial view shows the length of the new Agricultural Mechanics building rising at the northeast corner of Vetville. In immediate foreground are the present Farm Shops.

THE LONG LOOK: Far down the campus the new Ag Mechanics Building is laid, and it’s rising rapidly.

TIP-OFF: There wasn’t much doubt about co-eds when the new P.E. facilities showed plans for a row of hair dryers.
On their 1955 Spring Tour to the Bay Area, Cal Poly's Glee Club and Collegians programmed Mare Island Yard.

Home Concert vaudeville is part of Poly tradition.

The Cadets staged their annual President's Review.
Bakersfield agricultural leader Bill Camp was speaker at the first annual Crops Club Banquet.

Top left, the Rally Committee, year-round hosts: (left to right) Dan Lawson, adviser; Jack Cook, Charles Pratt, Mike Simmons, Ed Cheilini, David Morgan, George Futas.

Activity Key Committee: (seated, left to right) James Collipriest, Charles Andersen, chairman; (standing) Fred Barnett, Don Clark, Ahmad Omid.

And the ROTC Ball was a social high-point.

Bill Galliher received a special trophy from ASB President Martin for his legislative leadership.
After two years of planning, Poly Botanists dedicated their botanical garden to President McPhee, shown here signing the record book.

Just out of sight beyond the final curve, the garden is up Poly Canyon.

For the third straight year, Poly engineers won the Mac Short Award; Bob Kreps, ME, was 1955 winner, shows it to ME's Richardson.
They, like you, will read about Polys's —

SPRING SPORTS

Just as you, Governor Knight will receive a copy of El Rodeo’s Summer Supplement. As governor, he is Cal Poly’s “top boss”.

Photo Editor Sam Reische and President McPhee also presented a copy of El Rodeo to State Superintendent Roy Simpson at Sacramento.

GOLF: (Front, left to right) Joe Alcaser, Tom Trefts, Frank Bernard; (back) Gene Knott, Phil Coffin, Dick Wilson, Coach Don Watts. Not shown is Tom McFadden.

TENNIS: (left to right) Bill Barclay, Coach Ed Jorgensen, Javier Ascarrunz, Vic Bowker, Vern Hobson, Roger Hing, Ed Schmitz, Chuck Harber, Lloyd Bush.

BOXING: (back, left to right) George Cox, Coach Tom Lee, Lambert Lelevier, Vic Buccola; (front) Frank Loduca, Pete Godinez, Eduardo Labastida. Godinez is holding trophy as outstanding boxer of year.


Two-Three-and-Five!
Three seconds, a third and a fifth quickly summarizes the spring sports program.

Weak hitting and almost 100 errors in 24 games told the story of the baseball season. Coach Tom Lee's baseballers ended up third in the conference, winning five and losing seven. A freshman pitcher, Ken Lee (no relation to Coach Tom), was the leading moundman by winning six games and losing three and supporting a 2.60 earned run average. Lefty Paul Patrick started late and broke even during the season with a win and a loss and a 2.66 ERA. Leading hitter was Clive Remund, first sacker, who found his eye and climbed to a .306 percentage at season's end.

Ken Martin tossed the discus 146 feet one-half inch to win the conference event, but the Mustangs took a fifth in the final CCAA team standings.

Dick Genger set a new state college mark in the 100 yard breast stroke and joined teammates Dick Thompson and Pete Cutino to set a new standard in the 300 yard medley relay during the state college championships. The Mustangs tallied 96 points just behind San Jose state for team honors. Coach Dick Anderson's mermen ended an even season of four wins and four losses. The highlight was a 48-36 dunking of UCLA.

Coach Don Watts' golfers downed Fresno State college twice in dual meets but lost out by four strokes to the Bulldogs in the conference tourney. Louis McFadden and Frank Bernard sparked the divotmen.

The Mustang netmen suffered the same fate in taking second to Santa Barbara in the conference tourney.

FOOTBALL
The Greatest!

When Coach Roy Hughes came out of last football season with a comment that he would never spend another year like 1954, he was referring to a backfield famine.

After watching the "spring bowl game," local observers feel maybe they'll have to agree with another Hughes statement made at the beginning of spring drills.

He commented, "This could be the greatest backfield in Cal Poly history."

The spring game showed that the Mustangs will be plenty deep in the backfield. Veterans Jerry Duncan, Perry Jeter, Danny Delgado and Marian Ancich will have to hustle to keep ahead of newcomers Glenn Harman and Vernon Kee at fullback, Rudy Brooks, Jim Antoine, Andy Brownwood and Jack Goodnight at halfbacks, and Vern Valdez, Jack Sears, Don Tucker and Tom Reynolds at quarterback.

Hughes and his staff are aware of a line weakness, but the "Fox" rates his ends as "excellent" and the centers as "good."

Clarence Crow and John Josephson join Al Moriarty, Bud Chadwick, and Jim Cox at the end slots while newcomer Jim Africa teams with the much-improved duo of Steve Reid and Duane Wickstrom, centers.

1955 Schedule

The passing attack looked sharper in the spring game, which the Greens won 18-6. Duncan passed to Cox for 63 yards and a score and hit Cox for additional gains of 80, 20, 13 and nine yards.

Hughes' final comment, "We need guards and tackles."

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COMMENCEMENT

California State
Polytechnic College

Saturday, June 18, 1955
President McPhee and Senior officials watched Senior Adviser Houck plant the class's tree. At Senior Breakfast, Herb Leech, South Gate, was announced Poly's "Thousandth Engineer".

Activity Keys: Seniors announced as Activity Key winners at Senior Breakfast—(left to right, front row) James Yoshino, Wilbur Sloat, Jess Herrera, Don Clark, Charles Andersen, Ahmad Omid, Dick Johnson; (back row) Bill Galliher, Eugene E. Robinson, George Martin, Byron Harrison, Ed Wyneken, Jerry Hill, Bert Caldwell, Ron Frazier.

Commencement Day: Waiting! Administrators waited, too. Here came Speaker & Co.
PROGRAM

“Procesional March” .......... Gounod
California State Polytechnic College Band
*Alen Roberson, Student Director

Invocation .......... Reverend Francis W. Read

Collegiate Quartet—“Integer Vitae” .................. Flemming
“Peace Be With All” ........ Lithuanian Melody
*Donald Clark, Ken Beatty, Don Marshburn, *Albert Giraudo

Farewell Address .......... Kenneth Krossa
Senior Class President

Presentation of Senior Class Gift .......... William Stewart
Senior Class Vice-President

Band—“The Three Trumpeters” .......... Agostini
*Philip Johanknecht, Student Director

Commencement Address .......... Reese H. Taylor
President of the Union Oil Company of California

Men’s Glee Club—“Gloria Patri” .......... Palestrina
*Grant Milner, Student Director
“Salvation is Created” .......... Tchesnokof
*Norbert Baule, Student Director
“Heavenly Light” .......... Kopylow
*Richard Winklow, Student Director

Presentation of Honorary Degree .......... Dr. Julian A. McPhee
Ralph Vince Garrod

Commissioning Ceremony—ROTC .......... Colonel P. A. Loiselle
United States Army

Presentation of Class .......... Dean of Instruction Chester O. McCorkle
on behalf of: Yard M. Shepard, Dean of Agriculture
Harold P. Hayes, Dean of Engineering
Dr. Robert L. Maurer, Assistant Administrator,
Liberal Arts Division
J. Cordner Gibson, Executive Dean,
Kellogg-Powerhouse Campus

Presentation of Diplomas .......... Dr. Julian A. McPhee
President of California State Polytechnic College

Benediction .......... Reverend Francis W. Read

“All Hail Green and Gold” .......... Alma Mater
Band
*Graduating Seniors

Lee Beddow was Poly’s first blind graduate.
Down the hill they filed to the Stadium.

It was a beautiful day—a big crowd for a big class.
"Integer Vitae" Stewart presented the gift. And the band relaxed. Speaker: Reese H. Taylor.

Degree was presented to Vince Garrod, long-time California leader.

Poly's first commissioning: seven cadets took the oath. Dean McCorkle presented the class for its diplomas.

This was the magic moment as the candidates for Master's Degrees began the final march.

The diploma, the handclasp — the world is just beyond.
The diplomas are gone! Then comes benediction.
It is a hallowed silence.

What were the thoughts in the bent heads as Seniors, their families, the faculty paused for that last moment together?

Then it was over! And many a proud father was sought out by his proud youngsters.

The reception in the Library Patio—the class breaks up—henceforth, it will be Homecoming, Poly Royal, Alumni Association reunions that will bring them together. What more appropriate way than for El Rodeo to also say "goodbye for 1955"?