EL RODEO
California Polytechnic
San Luis Obispo, California

Depicting . . .
... 1957 ... The Turning Point In

Dedication:

Your El Rodeo staff wishes to dedicate this book, first and foremost, to all Poly students, faculty, and friends of the college... past, present, or future. You are the reason for El Rodeo '57's existence.

It would not be in keeping with the memory and spirit of "1956-57 at Cal Poly" if we did not make a secondary or "special" dedication — a dedication to the new Poly, the turning point, and the new era all rolled up into one — a dedication to the Co-ed, for she is much of the reason for all these new and different things.

So formally: "To the handful of females who have helped pave the way for future females, new buildings, and expanded scholastic programs... not to mention expanded social activities... this yearbook is pleasantly and joyfully dedicated."
The turning point hit us this year . . . in many more ways than one. Surely, we'll all remember 1957 as the year we converted two dormitories, the gym, the cafeterias, and our manners to please the new co-eds.

But other "firsts" went into making of our turning point — A record Cal Poly "family" of 4,550 students and staff in the fall quarter, including the 200-plus co-eds; new occupational curricula, including addition of the Home Economics and Ag Education departments; and the prospect of a 33 million-dollar building program—these were the larger circles in which our turning point moved.
Life consists of a succession of "turning points." This is true because neither men nor institutions can stand still; they go either forward or backward.

Cal Poly believes its function to be that of providing an occupational education for its students which will enable them to move steadily forward to achievement of an effective and successful life. To that end it has sought to provide you opportunities to become informed, to learn to think clearly to right decisions, to gain the knack of working with others, to know the value and dignity of hard work.

To the extent that you, the student, have profited from these opportunities, you will be able to face the turning points of life confident that your turnings will be upward and onward.

Julian A. McPhee
President
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home of the realist
Administration

Divisions
Through Others...

The turning point took a swing in the direction of "straight" education with the addition of new instructors, administrators, and courses. The reasons for these additions were, among others, expanding enrollments and a new type of student... i.e., female.

But mainly responsible is the fact that while we may "learn-by-doing," we must certainly realize that we also learn by watching, and listening to "those who know how to do"... the instructor and the administrator.
Robert E. Kennedy,
Assistant to the President

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Associate Dean of Students

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Howard D. Watts, Housing Manager
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Leo F. Philbin, Registrar

George G. Clucas, Administrative Dean, Finance and Development
James S. Wilkinson, Residence Supervisor
Robert Bostrom, Graduate Manager
Divisions
The turning point, namely the advent of girls in the Ag Division, was looked upon with mixed emotions by faculty and students alike. Some stoutly maintained that 'Poly Ag' would be ruined, and others looked upon the change with a great deal of pleasant expectations.

Actually, girls have arrived for keeps, and except that they are competing very favorably with the boys in lectures and labs, there has been very little change. Those students and faculty who were inclined to believe that the girls would not wish to do their share of the less glamorous chores in agriculture, discovered much to their surprise that the fair sex can be counted on to excel even in the dirty jobs.

Progress continues to be the theme of the Agricultural Division with admission of girls in the fall of 1956.
TOP: Stabled in the AH Horse Unit is "Bras d'Or," top cutting quarter horse acquired by Poly last fall.

BOTTOM: Lyman L. Bennion, AH Head.


Animal Husbandry

Dairy

George M. Drumm, Dairy Head.

PAUL YORK, DM major, turns his classroom theory into practical application in the college creamery.

DAIRY STAFF (left to right): E. McGlasson, R. Nelson, K. Boyle.
Lompoc was the scene of this picture where Farm Management majors were conducted through part of a course, FM 300, actually a tour through successful ranches in Southern and Central California.


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Farm Management

Crops

Ornamental Horticulture

Greenery and plant life grow rapidly in the new green houses at the new OH unit.

Chow time in the Poultry Unit, and the chickens dive for the feed.

Poultry

POULTRY STAFF (left to right): L. Sankoff, F. Meares, A. Carter.
Scenes of activity in the Soils Lab, such as this one, help to prove that science is rapidly becoming the mainspring of agriculture.

John K. Allen, Vet Science Head.

The campus veterinary hospital was the scene of many operations, including this one on a calf's stomach.

VET SCIENCE STAFF (left to right): D. Gillette, J. Allen.
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, girls were once a part of Poly's enrollment "way back when." Shown here, they’re enjoying what appears to be a lab session.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF with the modern version of the female of the species. Who knows — they might stay for good this time.

The Arts and Sciences Division met the turning point in a pleasant way, with the girls — nearly 200 of them in this division! With them came a curricular turning point, the addition of Home Economics, Elementary Education, and an expanded program for girls in Physical Education. The girls helped populate the division's new majors in Agricultural Chemistry and English and added a new look to the "old" major departments. Arts and Sciences' turning point has brought beauty and expanding enrollments.

Agricultural Journalism

Ken Kitch, Ag Journalism Head.
Biological Sciences


Education


The study of this 3 1/4 pound bass, the first ever bred at Poly, was part of a senior project undertaken by Bio majors James Neelands and Richard Hayes.

A. G. Butzbach, Education Head

The Education Department is more than a "counseling center"; its majors find a wealth of material in the small "library" there.
English and Speech

Home Economics

HOME EC STAFF: All by herself in this one is Frances Shuster, Foods instructor. Missing is the other Home Ec staffer, John Jenkins.

Mathematics
Military Science and Tactics

Colonel Postford A. Loiselle, MS & T Head.


Chalk and sweat mix in the late-afternoon math lab.

Milo E. Whitson, Math Head.

John Kehden, civilian storekeeper for the Poly ROTC unit, keeps tabs on the Supply Section in the library.
The Band, the part of the Music Department known as Cal Poly's "good-will ambassadors" of music, left for Fresno this fall where they staged a successful concert.

Harold P. "Davy" Davidson, Music Head.

Music

Physical Education

Crandall Gym served as scene of many of the PE activities.


MUSIC STAFF: Clarence Coughran, new music staffer and Band Director.

Robert A. Mott, Physical Education Head.
Physical Science instructor Bruce Kennelly gives some after-hours help on molecular structure to Lee Fosdick.

Woodford E. Bowls, Physical Science Head.

A. N. Cruikshanks, Social Science Head.

Room Sci. D-41, Mr. Cruikshanks' office, is a place where everything from medieval history to world economic problems is discussed daily.

Physical Science

Social Science

Division of Engineering

NEW BUILDINGS, one being the new Engineering Building, the east wing of which is seen here, were part of Engineering's "turning point" at Paly.

NEW FACES, like the ones owned by these gals washing their hands outside the Printing lab, were seen in the Engineering Division.

Engineers like to think in terms of analogies. One of the favorites in the Engineering Division is the analogy between the art of sailing a boat and the progress of the division toward its objectives.

Sailboats make the maximum progress along their desired course when they have a strong wind astern and a calm sea ahead. However, they can still make progress through troubled seas and unfavorable winds—by tacking. This is the art of nullifying unfavorable components and utilizing the favorable ones to gain progress along the course.

There have been times when lack of facilities and other temporary problems have forced the Engineering Division to make its progress by tacking. With the addition of new facilities and the ever-increasing demand for engineers, the tacking periods are past. The turning point is behind. The wind has shifted astern. There is sure and quick sailing ahead.

Aeronautical Engineering

AERO STAFF (left to right): M. Martinsen, W. Nally, R. Metz, D. Smith, W. Werback, C. Price.

L. W. Gustafson, Aero Head.

Seen in the Aero lab is the "skeleton" of a Buhl "Bullpup," built about 1930 by the Buhl Aircraft Company of Marysville, Michigan.
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration


G. J. Hasslein, Architecture Head.
In the lab EE senior Kamal Murad pulls the lever on the power panel which shoots the juice to the DC motor and synchronous generator in the foreground.

Fred Bowden, EE Head.

Electrical Engineering


EL major Earl Priest works on his senior project, a "transistorized, regulated, power supply."

C. Radius, EL Head.

Electronic Engineering

Industrial Engineering

1. Is this the career field you want?
2. What job opportunities are available?

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING STAFF: Industrial Engineering's lone staffer, George Hoffman.

Machine Shop

Francis F. Whiting, Machine Shop Head.

The guys "go to it" in the Machine Shop.

MACHINE SHOP STAFF (left to right): C. Richards, R. Hall, E. Betz, D. Keith, L. Roger, F. Whiting.

Recruiting posters and paraphernalia line the walls of the Industrial Engineering office.
The ME lab after hours — lonely and deserted.


J. O. Richardson, ME Head.

A. M. (Bert) Fellows, Printing Head.

Mondays and Thursdays were the busy days for these and other Linotype operators this year, with the publication of a semi-weekly El Mustang.

Mechanical Engineering

Printing

PRINTING STAFF (left to right): C. Gregory, H. Howe, L. Eckrote, M. Steffel, J. Truex.
In the lab

R. C. Wiley, Welding Head.

WELDING STAFF (left to right), G. Seeber, F. Boulton, R. Allen, E. Bangia, F. Olsen.

Welding

Avila "203"

STAFF

Class in session.
Fall Activities
HER MAJESTY BARBARA FOLEY

Barbara, a sophomore animal husbandry major, hails from Stockton, California. She became the first of Poly’s own campus royalty to reign over Homecoming.

Homecoming Queen

Even the sheep in the AH department take to Barbara.

Her majesty rides onto the field during halftime at the height of her reign.

Being escorted to her throne by Harry George, Barbara became Cal Poly’s first campus-grown royalty.
Homecoming
Princesses

The Homecoming activities were many and varied. Beginning with the Bonfire Rally on Friday night until late Sunday the Poly campus buzzed with excitement and activity.

A Long Beach State 49er hangs at the stake in readiness for the Bonfire rally.

Marvin Roberts goes after a fast moving calf during the rodeo Sunday morning.

Jim Flanagan and Glen Gimple wait for their call at the Homecoming rodeo.

Pat Henderson

Elyse Studt

Jan Lovett

Marianne Pantages
Cal Poly's Homecoming royalty reigned over the pre-game rally.

Poly's song leaders started the parade off with a fanfare.

The ugly men on campus vied for position of the Queen's escort.

Queen Barbara and her court highlighted the parade.

Virginia Judd leads the Homecoming crowd in cheering the team to victory over Long Beach State, 65-12.

Pre-game rallying worked Polyites into high spirits.

Last year's queen, Ruthie Holbrook, crowned Barbara at the honorary dance.
Two of the A.E. boys who went to Salinas.

The mad rush for the instruments of higher learning.

Which twin has the toni?

Cal Poly mascot Poly Prince, with Cal Poly coed Deanna Dittrick.

We lost Pat and the Victory Bell, too. Oh, well!

Home Economics — for future wives and confirmed bachelors.

Cal Poly's five song leaders got the rally off to a fast start.

It all started like this when they got the torches.

They got down-town and got the rally going.

... then back to the gym trucks for the talent show.
Freshmen and sophomores were hard at work at a tire race to see who would have to paint the "P."

From the looks of things there’s something fishy in Heron Hall.

The classes battled hard over the possession of the oversized beach ball.

Arts and Crafts or crafty arts?

The victorious freshmen swung off arm-in-arm leaving the sophomores there to climb the hill.

The Majors and Minors wooed the audience with their barbershop ballads.

... and off again on a hayride to a fire and roasted marshmallows.
After getting briefed for the week, the Polyites were ready to go.

Ah—the cooks.

When work was over they sang the old ones and learned some new ones.

In October some of Poly's outstanding students went to the Leadership Conferences at Cambria. They worked, played, sang, ate and, in general, had a worthwhile and roaring time.

"We sang and sang LOUD!"

But serious business came first. They hashed out problems around the table. Coffee time and time for a break.
Wow, what a spread. There is a
time for everything, and now is the
time to eat.

At night the piano was the best place to gather.

There was time to get in a fast
game of volleyball.

Whew—made it! December graduation services.

The R.O.T.C. boys get their bars at
the Commissioning services in De­
cember.

The Christmas formal, "Sleighride to the Stars," has
these three dolls in a dinner.
Learning by Doing...

- R. O. C. C.
- Sports
- Living Groups
- Organizations
- Student Activities
The theory of "learning-by-doing" was experienced by 3800-odd students enrolled at Poly this year. Instead of slackening with the admission of women, as some expected, the spirit of this theory increased . . . as shown partly by the heightened degree of participation in sports, activities, and student government.

Which may serve to show that "learning-by-doing" will always be prevalent at Poly . . . no matter how many turning points or new eras come along.
Cal Poly's outstanding ROTC battalion continued its successful rise to prominence on campus when the current seniors returned to the college last fall with the number one rating after completion of summer camp at Fort Lewis, Washington. Of the 30 colleges and universities represented there from eight western states, Cal Poly's cadets ranked the highest in overall military proficiency.

Today the Poly cadets rate on top . . . and they plan to stay there!

Cadet Capt. Hayden Lee, Battalion Adjutant, on the line.

Cadet Capt. Gordon Wilson receives the coveted DMS award from his wife while Maj. Earl Fletcher, Assistant PMST, watches. The award is presented only to cadets with distinguished cadet service.


Queen Candidates for Military Ball Queen with members of Scabbard and Blade.
Company “B”

Eight graduates received their commissions in December, 1956, (left to right): Second Lieutenants Jack Spak, James Adams, Vern Highley, Omer King, Gene Rega, Charles Bakeman, John Mitchell, and Norman Rader.

Here’s the ROTC mounted Color Guard led by Cadet Sgt. Brad Nussbaum. Other mounted men are Al Dunkelberger, Steve Morill, David Oakley, and Bill Baldwin.

Newly-commissioned graduates received congratulations as gold bars were handed out in December, 1956.
Sgt. Pankow instructs on nomenclature of machine guns in a sophomore ROTC class.

Cleaning their rifles in the Armory are (left to right): J. Shields, M. Kohl, J. Musselman and J. Lee.

Cadets (left to right) Monroe, Fichkoff, Winter, and Horner demonstrate, respectively, the prone, sitting, kneeling, and off-hand positions.

Company "C"

Cadet Capt. Farmer, "C" Company Commander and staff.

"C" Company stands at parade rest.
Company "D"

"D" Company undergoes inspection by its officers.

Cadet Capt. Gill, Company "D" Commander, with his staff.

Kahder releases the unit issue.

A full trophy case in the ROTC unit building marks the progress of the unit.

Learning by doing.
Cal Poly 25 ...... S. F. State College 7
Cal Poly 32 ...... New Mexico A&M 7
Cal Poly 43 ...... Pepperdine College 0
Cal Poly 6 ...... S. D. State College 7
Cal Poly 65 ...... L. B. State College 12
Cal Poly 7 ...... College of Idaho 6
Cal Poly 27 ...... S. D. Marine Corps 8
Cal Poly 28 ...... San Jose State College 35
Cal Poly 24 ...... Midwestern University 13

Head Coach Leroy Hughes and some of his supporters, all San Francisco boys: No. 20 Bill Jones, No. 77 Jerald James, No. 67 Bob Moore, and No. 66 Willie Hudson.

(Left to right) front row: Coach Sheldon Harden, Jerry Duncan, Rowland Pillaria, Bob Beatheart, Dave Proctor, James Antoine, Dick Mannini, Jack Sears, Danny Delgado, Walt Gunney, Bill Jones, Frank Johnson, Gary Van Horn, Don Adams, Fred Ford, James Mataracchi, Rudy Brooks, and Manager Hank Kula. (Left to right) middle row: John Allen, Lewis Gentry, Bruce Butterfield, Boyd Frame, Morris Melani, Wayne Womer, Larry Mitchell, Rod Gourique, Dave Creighton, Jim Guimarin, Jim Boal, Bob Williams, Frank Harris, Sheldon Williams, Jerald James, Charles Austin, John Byrne, and Coach Howie O'Daniels. (Left to right) back row: Floyd Redman, Frank Ornellas, Don McGoffin, Bob Barcasky, Ray Michael, Willie Hudson, Duane Wickstrom, Tom Cranshaw, Al Mariarty, Jim Cox, Bob Oliver, Charles King, Craig Brown, Bob Moore, Coach Tom Lee, Student Coach Bob Smith, and Head Coach Leroy Hughes.
The 1956 edition of the Cal Poly Mustangs returned to the football gridiron in fine style, handing Coach Leroy “Silver Fox” Hughes an impressive 25-7 opening game win over the San Francisco State Gators on the home field. Next on the slate, and again with the advantage of home soil, was New Mexico A&M. The Aggies were stubborn, and halftime found an even 7-7 clash, but the final 32-7 score more than justified the efforts of the Hughesmen. The Green and Gold next traveled south to meet the Pepperdine College Waves. The Waves were made to look more like mere ripples as the Mustangs battered them down to a crushing 45-0 defeat.

The following Saturday, October 13, found the local fans shedding tears as the San Diego State Aztecs won 7-6, rudely slamming the door on Cal Poly’s bid for another perfect season.

As the 65-12 score indicated, the Mustangs were all fired up for the October 20th Homecoming tilt with Long Beach State. The game was just what the doctor ordered to soothe wounds acquired by the Mustangs during the previous week in their heartbreaker with San Diego. Cal Poly was once more solidly entrenched in the win column. They met and defeated on foreign soil a very strong College of Idaho team by the narrowest of margins — 7-6 — in a true mud battle.

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A New Mexico A&M gridder rushes in to put a stop on Jerry Duncan as the Poly quarterback attempts to sidestep. In the background John Allen cuffs another Aggie.

There is quite an attraction to the center of the field as all hands seem to be drawn in by a magnet. The action is in the Thanksgiving Day game against Midwestern.
Duane Wickstrom and San Francisco back Bob Rodrigo, head for the daisy patch as Bob Oliver, Willie Hudson and Sheldon Williams line up to take a crack at the Gator back. John Allen and Bruce Butterfield approach from behind.

The San Diego Marines close in on Jim Antoine as he completes a first down run while Rudy Brooks and Willie Hudson hit the turf. That determined look is on the face of John Allen.

(top to bottom)
Willie Hudson, line
Dick Mannini, back
Al Moriarty, line
Bob Oliver, line
Poly halfback Jim Antoine breaks up a pass intended for Pepperdine end Ken Reed. Poly rolled over the Waves 43-0 in this Saturday night game at El Camino Stadium in Los Angeles.

It was home again to face the 200-pound-plus San Diego Marine Corps line. They were big, but so was Goliath — and Cal Poly’s half of the 27-8 score. Although packing a hefty line, the Marines failed to contain Poly’s talented backs, especially one Rudy Brooks, who ran for two of Cal Poly’s four touchdowns. The bells failed to toll for the local gridders as they invaded Fresno State. The crowd of 11,000 experienced some fine football as both teams displayed their all. The score with 35 seconds remaining was Fresno 14, Cal Poly 13; the final score was Fresno 21, Cal Poly 13. The Mustangs, however, appeared hindered by the loss of Willie Hudson who was injured about halfway through the game. The San Jose clash was almost a replay of the Fresno game as Poly matched the Spartans touchdown for touchdown until the last five minutes when the Spartans tallied the deficit. The Mustangs were beaten only by the score, 35-28. Home and pay dirt for a climax. “Fitting,” thought the fans as the Mighty Mustangs polished off Midwestern University 24 to 13, Thanksgiving Day.

Fans found themselves amazed throughout the season by the pigskin-attracting fingers of Jim Cox, fine running and passing by Jerry Duncan and Bob Beathard, and weaving broken field running by halfback Rudy Brooks. These were only a few of the standouts that gained nearly 1000 yards more than their combined opponents.

Jim Cox was named second string “All-American,” while Rudy Brooks received honorable mention “All-American.” End Jim Cox, quarterback Jerry Duncan, and halfbacks Jim Antoine and Rudy Brooks were also chosen for the all-CCAA team.
Rudy Brooks is off for the races against San Jose State. John Allen, far left, has his eye on the Spartan back who is following Brooks. Other Poly gridders are Dave Proctor, Boyd Frame, and Jerry Duncan.

Fred Ford heads for paydirt as Rollie Pilaria is about ready to cut down a couple of Long Beach 49ers. Dan Adams, 62, and Ray Michael, 51, come up to aid.

A Pepperdine Wave pleads for mercy as Bob Oliver appears to be stomping the poor fellow. Craig Brown comes up to lend a hand.

A brilliant display of hip movement is shown in the Turkey Day classic as the Midwestern pigskin army goes in hot pursuit of a Mustang who is about to gather in a pass.
A cheer from the home side.

The green and gold victory bell. Lost this year to Fresno State, but have no fear, Cal Poly will get it back next year.

The Mustang marchers and coed majorettes perform.
Ending the season with a 50-50, 3 win-3 loss record was the 1956 edition of the International soccer team under the hands of Bob Holley. Standout players included Vaoud Yassi, Avrello Valez, Demetrio Pardo, Joree A. Villacorta, and Sam Mitchell.

Cal Poly 0 . UCLA 1
Cal Poly 3 . Pomona 2
Cal Poly 6 . Cal Tech 1
Cal Poly 1 . Pomona 6
Cal Poly 3 . Cal Tech 1
Cal Poly 3 . UCLA 4

A Poly soccerman drives to the goal against a tight Tech defense.

Robert Holley, Soccer Coach.
A pile up at the Mustang goal as Pomona and Cal Poly fight for the score.

The Poly goalie saves the day as Cal Tech attempts to score.

Pomona and California Poly rush down field in a wild race for the ball.

(Left to right) front row: Orlando Navarrotte, Jaree Calderon, Josee A. Villacorta, Carlow Farfan, Sam Mitchell, Rafael Gonzales, Manuel Cutti, Miguel Galindo, and William Olyzlager. (Left to right) back row: Coach Dick Bell, Vooud Yossi, Victor Mirzayoo, Jose J. Alvarez, Alberto Voavia, Aurelio Velez, Octavia Ramirez, Alfonso Garza, Demetrio Parbo, Keith Hillegoss, and head coach and manager Bob Holley.
Basketball

1956-57 SCHEDULE

1. Cal Poly 57 .............. Fresno State 74
2. Cal Poly 71 .............. Redlands 51
3. Cal Poly 62 .............. Pasadena 75
4. Cal Poly 75 .............. Pomona 65
5. Cal Poly 78* .............. Fresno State 67*
6. Cal Poly 74 .............. Rockhurst College 70
7. Cal Poly 51 .............. Creighton 65
8. Cal Poly 81 .............. Drake 87
9. Cal Poly 63 .............. Bradley 82
10. Cal Poly 78* .............. Santa Barbara 77*
11. Cal Poly 64* .............. Los Angeles State 65*
12. Cal Poly 72* .............. San Diego State 67*
13. Cal Poly 54 .............. Whittier 51
14. Cal Poly 54 .............. Long Beach State 47
15. Cal Poly 78* .............. Long Beach State 74*
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17. Cal Poly 69* .............. Pasadena 71*
18. Cal Poly 90* .............. San Francisco State 78*
19. Cal Poly 53 .............. Santa Barbara 61
20. Cal Poly 60 .............. San Diego State 65
21. Cal Poly 73* .............. Santa Barbara 68*
22. Cal Poly 76 .............. Westmont 75
23. Cal Poly 67* .............. Los Angeles State 70*

LEAGUE GAMES

CAGE REVIEW

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Standouts on the team were Atwood "Sonny" Grandberry, guard, and the only man to graduate this year from the team; and Theo Dunn, center. Both were unanimously picked for the CCAA first team. Dunn established 3 all-time school scoring records during the season, and Grandberry and Dunn shared another record, both sinking 13 free throws in a single game.

Other outstanding players on the team were Mike Simmons and Flemen Hardy, forwards, and Len Oswald, guard.

Sportsmen...

Big Theo Dunn drives to the basket, while 41, Flemen Hardy blocks. Sonny Grandberry, 23, and Mike Simmons, 31, are also there to help.
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Go get 'em, Mustangs!
Two Poly ballboys, Flemen Hardy, 41, and Theo Dunn, 42, push the ball into the basket while Big Tony Davis from Los Angeles tries to help.

Mike Simmons, 31, goes leaping up for the lay-in while two Santa Barbara men try to stop the show with no success.
A Harlem Clown dunks the ball, while the Poly Cagers just look in wonder.

A balanced throw out of the key, as Theo Dunn, 42, gets the ball around a Los Angeles man in the second night of the Christmas Tournament. Poly lost this game by one point, 65-64.

All Tournament Team at the Cal Poly Christmas Tournament. Left to right: John Osborne, Santa Barbara; Bill Baron, Long Beach State; Tony Davis, Los Angeles State; Theo Dunn, also most valuable player, Cal Poly; and Larry Brenner, Los Angeles State.

Sonny Grandberry, 23, and a Santa Barbara man both dribble the ball in this very close play during the first night of the Christmas Tournament.

Will Strong, 34, moves out to work the ball around, while Sonny Grandberry, 23, shouts directions.

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J. V. BASKETBALL

The Mustang Colts of 1956-57 had a good year. Under the guidance of Coach Jim Gilbert they won quite a number of games and lost others by close scores. The big men on the team were Arman Gunnerson, Steve Richie and Stewart Pritikin. All three of these boys played on the varsity at one time or another during the year.

J. V. Basketball

Steve Richie, 15, goes sliding through the defense for a lay-in, while Arman Gunnerson, 9, blocks. Both these players were later moved up to the varsity.

Stew Pritikin just about dunks one in the inter-squad match.

Everybody plays in the Inter-squad games. Both experience for the team, and entertainment for the spectators.
WATER POLO TEAM

(Left to right) front row: Fletcher Kolb, George Bolin, Kenny Bardner, Pete Cutino, Ted Trendt, Karl Bell, Bob Stein, Tom Went, and Bob Wright. (Left to right) back row: Coach Dick Anderson, Jim Olson, Wes Warwich, Charles McCargar, Jerry Jorgensen, Jerry Tresler, Steve McDonald, Don Reeves, Bob Reeves, and Bill Duffock.

Water Polo

The Mustang splasher shoot a goal against Pomona. Poly drowned the Pomona water boys, 8 to 3 in this home game.

WATER POLO

Coach Anderson's Mermen started the season by winning second in the State College Tournament. They also beat Pomona and Los Angeles State to end the season with a 2 win, 5 loss season. High point men were Pete Cutino, 22; Karl Bell, 20; and Bob Wright, 20.

SEASON SCHEDULE

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The ball is snapped to center in a practice scrimmage as boys rush from both ends to retrieve it.
Gene Lenz, Cal Poly’s representative at the Nationals in Chapel Hill, N.C. He swam the 1500 meter and the 200 and 440.

WAKE OF THE MERMEN
Led by freestyler Gene Lenz, butterfly swimmer Bill Duflock, and diver Jerry Googins, the 1957 Mustang swimming team has been very successful. One of the biggest affairs at the Cal Poly pool was the performance of Hungarian Olympic gold medal winning swimming and water polo teams which swam against the Mustangs.
Boxing
Eyes toward the ring, J.V. Coach Vic Buccola and Head Coach Tom Lee watch a Mustang Boxer do his stuff.

MITTMAN REVIEW 1957
Cal Poly's first National champion, Eduardo Labastida, 112 lbs., one PCI champion, Bob Gow, 147 lbs., and a third place for the team in final PCI standings was a fine finish to one of the most successful years in Mustang boxing. In dual meet competition the glovemen also had a great season with five wins and a lone loss to San Jose State.

Outstanding on the team besides Labastida and Gow were: Ed Murakami, 112 lbs., PCI runner-up; Gordy Martinez, 178 lbs., PCI runner-up; and Don Adams, 165 lbs. Murakami, Gow and Adams also went to the N.C.A.A. National Tournament in Idaho.

"... Labastida smashes a solid right to the face of Nakana. Nakana's knees are buckling ..." Labastida beat the boy from College of Idaho in the first night of the PCI's.

Take that and that and that and ... and it looks like Gordy's PCI opponent is doing just that.

Looking and jabbing, Sipes waits intently for the perfect time to swing a left.

PCI's

OW WINS PCI 147 CROWN. Bobby fights tooth and nail to beat Haynes of Idaho State for the Championship.
Mr. Brooks is fixin' to start punching.

Loduca shows concern over the look of his opponent's face, but hits him in the nose again anyway.

Better watch out San Jose, Mr. Brooks is fixin' to start punching.

Tzark starts the round-house right.

Help him up now, Don.
Tennis


"That's right, keep it straight," says Coach Jorgenson.

TENNIS 1957

The Cal Poly netters were led this year by veterans Roger Hing, Chuck Harbor, and Frank Johnson. Bill Jibbey has also been moved up from last year's Jayvee squad. Under the direction of Coach Ed Jorgenson the team met tough odds all the way with uncompromising spirit!
Gymnastics

POLY GYMNASTS (left to right): Coach Glen Noble, Gordon Walt, Roger Booth, Herman Farough, Don Shepp, and Joe Silva.

Golf

POLY GOLF TEAM (left to right): Lou Brenner, Dan Shier, Harold Hensel, Gary Kneipfer, Tom McFadden, Ben Garry, Thomas, Bob Peterson, George Momaka, and Dave Keppin. Standing: Coach Charles Hanks.
BASEBALL

While O'Daniels has stated that his 1957 aggregation was "very thin," he expressed belief that the Mustangs showed marked improvement over last year. He was also extremely happy over the team's hitting power — no less than 11 hits in each of the first four games. Only six lettermen returned — Pitchers Ken Matson and John Freddi, infielder Owen Hand, outfielders Lew Gentry, and catchers Art Dyer and Walt Gurney. Newcomers included Carl Underwood, Dick Machado, Navor Lopez, and Moco Tashima.
As the first baseman stretches out toward short to snag the ball, the runner hits the base.
Batter's up... and now the pitch.

Beating the throw.
The Experts.

Another run comes in.

Trying for the ump?

Will he drop it?
Coach Sheldon Harden looks over his three PCI wrestlers, Lynn Dyche, Norman Gomes, and John Allen. Dyche and Gomes both placed fourth at the PCI's.


MUSCLE MEN

Although starting the season slowly, due to lack of experience, the Mustang Grapplers were able to finish the season with a 2 win, 1 tie, 6 loss record. Three wrestlers went to the PCI's in Oregon: Lynn Dyche, Norman Gomes, and John Allen. Dyche and Gomes both placed fourth.
ALONG THE CINDER PATH
Poor weather, causing lack of practice, has been the biggest problem to the track team. The Mustang runners, according to Coach James Jensen, are thin, but hold their own. Many of the new men could develop into dependable tracksters.
Outstanding men on the team are: Bob Heffron, sprints; Gordon Ustick, pole vault; Cliff Rowland, 440; Lynn Lloyd, distance; and Mel Hawkins, javelin. Heffron is one of the speediest men on the team, going the 100 in 9.8 and the 220 in 21.5.

Round and round.

A high jump over a low hurdle.

The three pictures below were taken at the Interclass Track Meet, which is held every spring to find new talent for the track team and is a part of intramurals.

Bob Heffron, sprinter, and Cliff Rolland, 440, ready for the start.

Not quite as easy as walking.
RODEO TEAM (left to right) First Row: Greg Ward, Skip Parker, Marvin Roberts, and Bill Stroud. Second Row: Tony Araujo, Bill Neilson, Bob Miller (FA.)

Spurring all the way, Skip rides 'em to take top money.

RODEO TEAM

Heels down, Monty applies the brakes.

Stroud in action atop a rough black bull.

Rodeo Team

Neilson and Ward team up to tie a calf.

COWBOY PROSPECTS

"The Cal Poly Rodeo Team will be the only team in the arena," so to speak, "if they work like they can." They are expected to repeat their performance of last year when they won the championship by almost 2000 points. Returning members on the team are Marvin Roberts and Greg Ward.
INTRAMURAL NOVICE BOXING TOURNAMENT

California Poly's 8th annual Intramural Novice Boxing Tournament was held December 5 through 7, under the guidance of boxing coach Tom Lee. Excitement was the vogue as the full house crowds watched 38 novice bouts and two exhibitions by veteran Boxing Team members.

 Outstanding fighter of the tournament, Don Adams, ready with his right to finish Ed Sipes and take the 165 lb. championship.

Don Tsark, decisioning Dave Correa, in the third and final night of the tournament, to take the 126 pound championship.

Mixed emotions as Rudy Brooks, member of the Poly Boxing team, leads R. J. White, 156 pounder, back to his corner before a very close decision to Wally Dollace.

Outstanding fighter of the tournament, Don Adams, ready with his right to finish Ed Sipes and take the 165 lb. championship.
Deuel Dorm, Wednesday Night Intramural Basketball Champions, and Runner-up in the playoffs.

Ten Year Men, Tuesday Night Intramural Basketball Champions.

For final results of Boxing, Gymnastics, Swimming, Track, Baseball, Tennis, and Golf please refer to the summer supplement which will appear in July. A complete schedule of 1957 Football competition will also appear then.

Mat Pica Pi, Thursday Night Intramural Basketball Champions.

Intramural Mixed Volleyball, played during the first of the year, became a good mixer, for both boys and coeds.

Over the top.
More than 40 per cent of California Poly College's student body actively participated in the College's intramural program, reported Dr. Robert Mott, head of the Physical Education Department. Mott indicated that during the intramural basketball season 600 men competed on 40 teams.

Intramurals at Cal Poly are under the student direction of a physical education major and therefore develop a two-fold result: Benefit to the competitors, and beneficial training to the aspiring physical education instructors.

Presenting the Champs, the MOONSHINERS, Champions of the Monday night league, and Champions of Intramural Basketball, 1956-57.

This same group also won the Intramural Football Championship this year.

Two points for Jespersen.

Printers and Moonshiners wait for the pass down court during the playoff games.

Chris takes the ball downcourt during a close game in Girls' Intramural Basketball.

Play begins with the whistle.
Living Groups
Calaveras Dorm

We first came to Cal Poly — all strangers from different parts of the globe. We were scared, but eager to gain new friends and achieve a college education. And as time progressed, we became pretty good buddies (darn good buddies!) We studied hard together, helping one another out whenever we could. We also played hard as a team in our intramural sports, and increased our ability to get along with our fellow man. The participation in dormitory projects showed that we were capable of working as a group.

We will also admit that we have had our share of laughs. We will remember our "friendly gags," and other harmless expressions toward one another, which all contribute toward a colorful college life.

Calaveras Dormitory . . . "You mean a lot to US."
Chase dwellers Marshall Elliott, Bob Burk, Ron Curry, and Howard Birlew strain mightily, attempting to lift the 2,000-pound bar.

By golly, the athletes do study, as is testified by this view at Mustang footballers (and Chase inhabitants) Dave Proctor and Jim Antoine.

CHASE OFFICERS (left to right): Howard Birlew, Sec-Treas.; Robert Magoffin, V-P; Sheldon Green, Pres.; Vic Buccola, Dm. Mgr.


Chase's main claim to distinction, this year, was the Co-ed party thrown for the girls of Heron Hall in the Chase lounge. This was the first such shindig on record, probably since 1929 when the last girls attended Poly ... and the men of Chase have reason to believe that it was the first ever in Poly's history. Names of Chase inhabitants showed frequently on the rosters of most inter-collegiate sports. Chase also entered intramural teams in football, basketball, and soccer.

The comparatively strong dorm organization, achieved mainly through the efforts of Dorm Manager Vic Buccola and the dorm officers, helped make Chase life a pleasant, educational, and memorable experience.

CHASE OFFICERS (left to right): Howard Birlew, Sec-Treas.; Robert Magoffin, V-P; Sheldon Green, Pres.; Vic Buccola, Dm. Mgr.
Diablo Dorm

Diablo Dorm, working with a strong Dorm organization, has proved itself to be one of the most active dormitories on campus. Activities included the fielding of teams in intramural sports, a Christmas display judged the best of all mountain dorms, and a year-end Dorm party.

Hewson House is the largest off-campus dormitory of California State Polytechnic College. Operated on a very democratic principle, the members of the House elect their officers from the entire house. These officers, with a representative from each floor, form the House Committee which governs the social activities. Each year the House has a formal dance which
House

is the highlight of the season. During the school year there are many other informal dances, barbecues, and other activities. The House has an administrative staff of housemother and assistant. In addition the kitchen employs a staff which puts out what the boys are proud to say is the best food in San Luis Obispo.

Grace Flannery, Housemother

Creative Geniuses.


Mike Kohl and date at annual formal Dance.
HERON OFFICERS (left to right), Lorraine Bruno, Social Chairman; Carolina Wong, Vice Pres.; Pat Henderson, Pres.; Jo Jarvi, Sec.; Carol Herd, Treas.

Mrs. Gertrude Jerge

Just Relaxing . . . Left to right, Sunna Kuntz, Vee Eby, Virginia Judd.


Heron Hall

Heron Hall on College Avenue has been re-done with a feminine touch to house the forty-six girls that represent Cal Poly's first freshmen women in a long time.
The girls have made a place for themselves and their dorm by winning the plaque for the best Christmas decorations for '56, holding a party to celebrate the Chinese New Year with their two coeds from Hong Kong, and running a Poly Royal booth. They even received a porpoise as a gift from some well-meaning, but misguided admirers.
The long, long "Row," looking southward.

Hillcrest Dormitory, commonly termed "Skid Row," must be the most unorthodox dorm on campus! It houses seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. All major departments are represented.

When one enters Hillcrest, he will see the spirit of Cal Poly's "learn-by-doing" in action. Each student helps the other and everyone profits from this... not only academically, but socially as well.

Courtesy and respect for the other man are the primary "learned" concerns of the Hillcrest Dorm inhabitant.

HILLCREST DORM OFFICERS (left to right): Bob Yount, V-P; Dave Weiss, Sec.-Treas.; Clyde Wolters, Dm. Mgr.; Gene Walker, Pres. and Ass't, Dm. Mgr.

Lassen Dorm was quite active this year in intramural sports, winning the football championship with five wins and one tie. Lassen also was active in the intramural basketball and baseball leagues, and was a top contender.

Entertainment for dorm inhabitants can be found in the dorm lounge where a TV set and ping-pong table are available, along with the latest magazines.

One of the high-lights of the year was held during the spring quarter when the dorm enjoyed its annual beach party. Swimming, sports, and eats were enjoyed by all.


LASSEN OFFICERS (left to right) Seated: B. Smith, Pres.; R. Mossey, Treas. Standing: E. Hardin, V.P.; G. Kelton, Sec.; T. Lile, Mgr.

Home sweet home . . . and high on a windy hill.
Jespersen Hall holds the honor of being one of the first two dormitories to be converted to femininity housing some of the first women students to be admitted to Cal Poly since 1929. The women of Jespersen organized early in the year with the aim of establishing their sex as participating members of the college community.

At the opening of the school year, Mrs. Charlotte "Mom" Smith, who graduated in the last co-ed class nearly 30 years ago, was housemother to the newcomers. An unfortunate accident caused her to be replaced for the winter quarter by Mrs. Mae Nichols.

Realizing that they are a pilot group, the girls of Jespersen have worked to set realistic and dignified precedents by which Poly co-eds of the future may be guided.
As we will glance through the pages of our college life, there will be some events that will not leave our minds completely. Probably the most reminiscent of these is the participation of our dorm in intramural sports and our dinner dorm meetings. The credit of the dorm’s success goes to our faithful dorm managers whose tireless efforts withstood the trials of freshman eccentricity.
Among its thirty residents, Modoc dorm boasts hometowns as far away as Tehran. Having long been known as the “International Settlement,” the dorm houses only two foreign students at present. Activities for the year included two private dinner meetings, intramural football and riding out the wind and rainstorms on the mudflats of Cal Poly.
Palomar Dorm

Palomar Dormitory is located at the summit of the Mountain Dorms, affording an excellent view of the entire campus. Occupied by 95 “intelligent” young men, this dorm participates in a great variety of activities.

At the beginning of the year, the Dorm sponsored a successful social with the residents of the co-eds dorms. Palomar participates in intramural sports with a football team, two basketball teams, and a volleyball team.

One of the more memorable activities was a farewell party for fall quarter Dorm President Tom Kullunki.

Study and relaxation amid pleasant surroundings in Palomar.
SHASTA DORM . . . as strong as its namesake! A leader in wholesome activities for its residents, and an instigator of lifelong friendships. In keeping with traditions set in previous years, this "mountain monarch" turned out one championship intramural football team in the fall quarter of the 1956-'57 school year. Their power remained constant throughout the various intramural sport seasons.

Men from every major are represented here. Through their combined talents, activities were able to be formulated that included every dorm resident . . . an asset of accomplishment for future community life.

Shasta were barbecues held in the shadows of the Santa Lucia Mountains where the men could relax and let their hair down. The unitary working order of the dorm produced one of the finest Christmas displays on campus. All this was accomplished through the well organized dorm meetings.

This is SHASTA . . . home of those bound for success.

Shasta

Dorm

SHASTA CHAMPION FOOTBALLERS (left to right) Kneeling: Mike Hale, John Mitsuchi, Ron Barclay, Ken Kolsbun, Strandling, Bill Peterson, Bob Olivas, Goynell Mullford, Barry Gustafson, Al Miller.

Jim Winter (left) and Warren Yee bat out a game of ping-pong in the lounge while Larry Litchfield watches for signs of foul play.

After-hours in Shasta's lounge - jacks or better.
Plumas Dorm

PLUMAS MEMBERS . . a conglomeration of majors, interests, and goals.

A group of Plumas dwellers with nothing better to do.

Plumas ran the usual gamut of a freshman dorm this year. Studies, after-midnight bull-shooting sprees, and a liberal portion of wholesome recreation and activity filled the year for its inhabitants.

Composed mainly of agriculture students, the Dorm provided a spawning ground for some of Poly's future leaders.
The most outstanding features of Tuolumne were the Dorm's autoshop, chess parlor, rodeo arena, pig pens, roving businesses, fire alarm, polo team, KATY, kitchens, beach parties, steam baths, ukelele jam sessions, Elvis Presley dart board, and the gymnast team which worked out regularly during study hours. What it all amounted to was a great experience and all-round "education" for a bunch of swell guys.
Hammers pounded and the sound of buzz saws filled the air...it all started this fall when half of the Sierra Dorm was converted to a Health Center.

Now the boys share the building with Dr. Lovett and his many colored pills. Last report...the Sierra boys are the healthiest on the Campus!
If water travels \( X \) feet per second, and an arrow travels \( Y \) feet per second, and a T-square travels \( Z \) feet per second, what's going to hit who where and when?

Tehama — which in Indian tongue means "hot low-lands" — has had a full year. There was a full season of real fellowship in which lasting friendships were made by men from far scattered portions of the state. During the year members of this freshman dorm worked together to ease their own orientation to college life. Among its "civic" activities, the group participated in intramural athletics.


Deuel Dorm with its ninety residents is the largest and oldest dormitory on the Poly campus, and will be the only male dorm on College Avenue next year when neighbor Chase will house coeds. Deuel features high standards in scholarship, social activity, and athletics.

The annual barbecue was again held in the county park, with a record number of residents attending.


Theo "Shorty" Dunn, Deuel Dorm's longest member.

Deuel's basketball team—Rahl

Eduardo Labastida, 112 pounder from Mexico, won first NCAA boxing title for Poly.

Proud of the plumbing.

MONTEREY DORM — Memories mounted for members in this freshman dorm with a first place plaque for outstanding Christmas decorations, a present for their dorm manager in the form of a robe followed by a "burning" ceremony with his old robe, big organized gripe sessions where every member had a chance to get things off his chest, and a wind-up farewell party.

First prize plaque for Christmas decor. Everyday decor... very art-ty!

MONTEREY OFFICERS (left to right): R. Kalua, D. Klingbiel, R. Mendes, L. Ginner.
Organizations
The Zeta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is composed of active or former members of the Boy Scouts of America. Aims of the fraternity are to provide a group dedicated to leadership, fellowship, and service. This fall the members sponsored the Ugly Man Contest and donated the proceeds of $700 to the permanent college union fund. They organized the March of Dimes campaign during the Winter quarter and donated $300 to this worthy cause.
The purpose of the Agricultural Engineering Society is to disseminate knowledge of engineering and mechanization, as applied to agriculture, and to encourage student participation in college activities for the development of future professional careers.
Mr. Cederlund, left, of International Harvester Company, and Manuel Marques, Senior Ag Engineering student, discuss the new portable electric power unit now available on IH tractors.

This year, the Society participated in the orientation of new students, the Homecoming Parade, and Poly Royal as well as the sponsoring of several departmental social events, highlighted by an extensive field trip to the San Francisco and Sacramento areas.

Membership in the Society is open to students majoring in the Agricultural Engineering and Mechanized Agriculture departments.


AG ENGINEERING SOCIETY OFFICERS (left to right): Everett Warnock, Treas.; Dick Moe, Poly Royal Chm.; Greg Lewis, Pres.; Byron Culberson, Sec.; Frank Winer, V-P.

Ag Engineering Society's float entry in the Homecoming Parade featured some attractive props...
The Amateur Radio Club was formed so those interested in amateur radio could continue their hobby while in college. The Club, as part of its service to the college, provided communications and direction-finding equipment for the Flying Saucer Experiment of November 7, in cooperation with the Engineering Council. The Club also provides communications for the Poly Penguins'-sponsored Annual Hi-Mountain Enduro.
American Society of Tool Engineers

Since its start in February, 1956, Cal Poly's chapter, or the twelfth student chapter of the American Society of Tool Engineers has increased steadily in membership. Majors in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, interested in the methods and processes of manufacturing, make up the bulk of ASTE's members.

The Club often invites engineers and representatives from industries to speak at the monthly meetings. Opportunities in the Association to gain knowledge, education, and enjoyment include receiving ASTE's monthly technical journal, participating in field teams to manufacturing centers, and the increased possibilities for scholarship eligibility.
The Air Conditioning Club is one of Poly's most congenial engineering societies. The professional interests of its more than 100 active members stem, naturally, toward the fields of refrigeration and air conditioning. However, many of the members are noted participants in intercollegiate and intramural sports.
Defrosting: for a change, the AC Clubbers staged a successful barbecue in Cuesta Park last fall.

The AC Club's float in the Homecoming Parade depicted the Poly football team as "Poly's Cooling Machine," which was quite apropos to the outcome of the game (Long Beach got cooled—65-12—but good!)

AC Club officers got together with the President of the American Society of Refrigeration Engineers (fourth from left) for a confab following the ASRE President's speech to the Club.

Twelve AC Club members took off for an Air Conditioning field trip to San Francisco last fall.

Engineers from the major west-coast industries came to meetings, explaining the problems encountered and new types of equipment in use today. This year, the Club was fortunate in having on campus Carlyle Ashley, American Society of Refrigeration Engineering President, who spoke at a program held in his honor.

A majority of the credit for the success of the department's Poly Royal exhibition and Homecoming float, as well as the many Club-sponsored social functions, must go to Chairman Richard Morehead and his officers, whose resourcefulness and enthusiasm were a stimulating influence to all.
Recognized in 1954 as one of Cal Poly's technical organizations, the American Welding Society works in conjunction with the National Society. The primary goal of the Society is to promote better understanding of the field of Welding Engineering and its allied activities to the engineering student; and to expose the interested student to the nature and scope of the welding field through the presentation of lectures, papers, and technical journals. Field trips and speaker-dinner meetings are but a few of the many educational activities enjoyed by the members.
Block "P" Society

Block "P" member Rowland Pilaria helped represent the Association on the gridiron.

Gene Lenz, one of "P"s watermen, shows his stuff in Crandall's pool.

Block "P" is a society for Cal Poly lettermen, organized to coordinate activities among those lettermen for the betterment of the college. Entering Bob Cheatley in the Ugly Man Contest, constructing a float for the Homecoming Parade, holding an Awards Banquet and neophyte initiation ceremony... these were only a few of Block "P"s many and varied activities this year.
This year's Cal Poly Bowling club monopolized the lanes at El Camino Bowl on Monday nights with 16 teams representing various campus clubs and organizations, under the guidance of Club President Jack Rector, and Secretary-Treasurer Jim Spencer. This year's Club will have a banquet where presentation of the team and individual awards will be made. This year the first and second place teams will be presented with individual awards. This will be a deviation from the past practice of presenting only the first place team a group award.


WRONG FONTS (left to right) Front Row: Jack Pierce, Bert Mehting. Second Row: John Flynn, Vern Turner, Bill Warren.


M.E. SOCIETY (left to right) Front Row: Ed Fryk, Bill Lewis. Second Row: Jim Spenger, Jack Rector.


MAT PICA PI (left to right) Front Row: G. Greenlee, Stan Goff, D. Rustad, Rod Kalua, D. Hamill.

MISGUIDED MISSILES (left to right) Front Row: Harry Mueggenburg, Ron Allison. Second Row: Dave Stork, Chuck Joel, Ron Reich.

THEY FLOATED THE QUEEN . . . Cal Poly's Homecoming Queen with princesses wave from the float constructed by Keymen.

BEGINNING OF A BEAUTY . . . Keymen and feminine aides building the Homecoming Queen's Float.

The Blue Key . . . symbol of leadership at Cal Poly. Members are selected upperclassmen who have proven their leadership qualifications in extra-curricular activities. Established in 1952, Keymen have contributed to a richer student life through service. In years past, they have purchased new uniforms for band members, renovated old Hillcrest Dorm into a temporary student union, and served wherever and whenever needed.

Blue Key

One of the largest clubs on campus, the membership of Boots and Spurs totals nearly 250 members. The club is made up of Animal Husbandry majors and persons interested in the livestock industry. Its activities include monthly meetings with prominent men in the field as speakers, western dances, spring and fall barbecues, annual awards banquet, livestock show at Poly Royal, and field trips to different sections of California. This year the club also sponsored a turkey shoot to help out the Ag. Council, and had an alumni vs. Judging Team livestock judging contest.
AIAers contemplate the expected taste of steaks sizzling at the Freshman Barbecue.

Club members also got involved in a fast game of volleyball at the Frosh Barbecue.

Here's the Charles Eames House seen by AIA members during the Los Angeles field trip.

Members, officers, and advisors of the Cal Poly student branch of the American Institute of Architects.
The Gross House was one of the structures viewed by the touring AIAers.

Many different architectural designs were seen and digested by AIA members during their Los Angeles field trip.

The Cal Poly branch of the AIA is one of the student chapters of the national American Institute of Architects, a professional organization comprised of practicing architects. The purposes of the student chapter are to develop the professional aspects of student activities; to promote fellowship and cooperation between students and practitioners; and to represent the students of architecture and all matters relative to the faculty and administration of the college, the profession, and other campus organizations. The Cal Poly chapter had an active membership of 130 students during the 1956-57 school year.

AIA OFFICERS (left to right) Kneeling: Bill Roth, Pres.; Allan Chipp, Sec.; Wayne Harris, V-P. Standing: Kenneth Holmes, FA; Richard MacRae, Treas.; Benito Sinclair, Sr. Rep.; Bert Nelson, Jr. Rep.; Dale Denis, Fr. Rep.; George Hasslein, FA.

Everything from studying statues, such as this one in the foyer of the new Los Angeles Police Building ... to roughing it in the "great outdoors," made 1956-57 a full year for AIAers.
The prime objective of the California Student Teachers Association is to develop better teachers by introducing future problems to the student teacher. Their meetings consist of panel discussions, educational movies, and various speakers such as Mrs. Rhodes, Vice-President of the California Teachers Association. The Association sponsors the Teachers of Tomorrow Organization composed of prospective teachers from the local high schools.
Canterbury club meetings are held twice a month on Sunday evenings and are always preceded by a home-cooked meal, prepared by women of the church. Programs consist of panel discussions or seminars on practical, social or moral issues; slide films and movies on the church and its teaching; outside speakers from church or community groups; foreign students speaking on their homelands, and other topics of common interest to students.

Canterbury members participated last fall in "Religion in Life Week" at the campus, thus filling Canterbury's dual role as a church group and campus organization.
Christian Fellowship

Cal Poly's Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship strives to promote growth in Christian faith and service through Bible study, prayer, free discussion and fellowship. The group meets once each week. Inter-Varsity welcomes those of all faiths, and those who have no church connection. Guest speakers, music, conferences with other college Inter-Varsity groups, dormitory Bible studies and prayer meetings are all a part of Inter-Varsity activities . . . "that in all things Christ shall have the pre-eminence."
Circle "K"

Circle "K", the college Kiwanis, has just completed another meritorious year. The membership this year has increased tremendously. Circle "K" members served their community in numerous ways. The projects undertaken this year included the maintaining of the information booth, as well as the trophy case. During the holiday season the Club decorated the main lobby of the administration building. The group worked with the Chamber of Commerce during the "Barbary Coast" and also assisted their Kiwanis sponsors by serving at their installation banquet.

With this year's active officers, the organization has exercised its international motto "We Build."
A featured guest of the Farm Center this year was Bert Smith of the Board of Water Resources who spoke to the group on water problems.

FARM CENTER OFFICERS (left to right) Front Row: E. D. McLeachlin, FA; Leland McCorkle, Sec.; Wallace Brown, Rep. Second Row: Lionel Middlecamp, FA; Rodney Homer, Chm.; Tom Avenell, V-Chm.; Roland Sanchez, Treas.


Club Chairman Rod Homer answers a question from the floor during one of the Center’s regular meetings.


The Cal Poly Farm Center, celebrating its second year in 1956-‘57, doubled its membership, making it the largest non-departmental club on campus and one of the largest and most active clubs of the college. The Club also holds the distinction of being the first collegiate Farm Center in the nation.

This year, the Farm Center hosted the State Farm Bureau Staff Institute, sponsored the Poly Royal adult judging contest, participated in a field trip to the State Legislature and the State Farm Bureau building, sponsored several dances, including the first school dance of the year, and presented an exhibit at Poly Royal.
The Poly Farm Management Club was officially formed and recognized in September of 1956. Among its goals is the aim of providing recreation, education, and activity for Farm Management students.

Club members participated in a Farm Management course called "Successful California Farm Operations," invited California agriculture experts to speak on farm management problems, and staged a successful Farm Management banquet in March, 1957, at the Monday Club. The members also entered a float in the Homecoming Parade, and put on a display during Poly Royal. These among other activities and events, made the Farm Management Club's first year a productive and eventful one, to say the very least.
Here’s the barbershop quartet — composed of Sort, Thompson, Stuit, and Knowles — that entertained at the Annual Collegiate FFA Banquet last February.

Walter Atwood, Director of Agriculture at Fresno Central Union High School, spoke to the FFA-ers during their Annual Banquet held at the Edna Farm Center.

Future Farmers of America

Cal Poly’s Collegiate FFA Chapter was chartered in 1947 to act as a consolidating organization for interested, prospective agriculture teachers from other agricultural departments. Activities carried on by Chapter members are designed to provide a "learn-by-doing" opportunity for those interested in Vocational Agriculture teaching.

One of the major aims of the Collegiate Chapter is to train prospective agriculture teachers in their duties as advisors of FFA chapters.
Experiences gained through the Chapter enable the future instructors to be better fitted for their advisory duties.

Collegiate FFA Officers (left to right): James Bart, Senior; John Boston, Reporter; Vance Boldwin, Pres.; Jesse Harris, Reporter; Donald Hendricks, V-P; Donald Stanley, Treasurer; Henry Stuit, V-P; Charles Delometer, Sec.
The meeting breaks up with pandemonium.

... and this is the serious side.


IAS OFFICERS (left to right): Lester Gustafson, FA; Lee Beckwith, Chm.; Steve Parrish, Rec. Sec.; Herb Chelner, Cor. Sec.; Dick Geib, Prov. Chm.; Warren Dalezal, V-Chm.; John Ulyate, Treas.

Institute of Aeronautical Sciences

The IAS, organized in 1932 as a professional society dedicated to the advancement of the aeronautical sciences through exchange and evaluation of technical ideas, sanctions student branches on major college campuses. These serve as social and technical steppingstones to associate fellowships in the national organization. Cal Poly's chapter joined as a student branch in 1950.

Activities for the current year included a float in the homecoming parade, a smoker, the IAS banquet, and participation in the regional student conference and Poly Royal.

Upper left corner: It was a big turnout that produced one of the Homecoming Parade's outstanding floats.

The Crops Club chalked up a series of events hard to beat. They won't forget their Fall barbecue, their Homecoming float, nor the Christmas party with its big turnout. There is also the memory of their third annual banquet, the alumni reception, and the After-The-Game dance.

And they'll be talking for a long time about their Poly Royal exhibit, the crops judging contest, and the success of the student orientation.

Crops Club — one of Cal Poly's largest organizations.

Crops Club
On May 4, 1948, the first campus charter issued by a professional society was awarded to the student branch of the Institute of Radio Engineers. During the past year, another first occurred: Interest groups, similar to those of the IRE, were established on campus. Semi-monthly meetings with guest speakers and social activities ranging from the Student Bulletin, barbecues, dances, Homecoming, Poly Royal, intramural sports . . . to the final banquet . . . helped make the student branch a successful organization.

Lower corner. Featured speaker, Dr. Van Winkle, Head of the Semiconductor Research Laboratory for the Hughes Aircraft Company.

H. J. Hendriks, Faculty Advisor.

International Relations Club

Khalid Abdul Mawla gives Fahmi A. M. Hakkak and Marshall Nathanson a tip on a problem in Math 117.

Luis A. Segura, Jean Jump, Ahmed Omar, and Houshang Mattahida exchange thoughts over a cup of "American custom" that probably originated in their own countries.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS (left to right): Ali Parsa, Pres.; Grace Walker, Sec.; A. N. Cruikshanks, FA; Dorothy Wright, Ass't. FA; Kalam Soled, V-P; Beatrice Adams, Pub. Chm.; Handsollah Kazemi, Treas.

With a membership representing nearly every country in the world, Cal Poly’s International Relations Club has served as both a social and service organization. During Fall quarter they shared in the Cal Poly Women’s Club International Night and were hosted in numerous staff members’ homes for dinner, followed by a party in the Student Union. During winter quarter, they again joined forces with the Women’s Club to assist in putting over the big “Foreign Fashions Festival” held in the Veterans’ Memorial Hall. For spring quarter, they threw their own international day, extending an invitation to the entire campus to participate in events. Regular meetings have been programmed for better international understanding with members participating as speakers.
Bob and Carl looking over San Luis in the Cruiser.

Mel in the J-3 on final at the County Airport.

Mustang Flying Association

The Mustang Flying Association was founded in March 1946, for the purpose of providing the pleasure of flying to all Poly students and faculty at a minimum expense. During the past year, the Club received word that it was awarded an Honorable Mention in the National Flying Club safety contest, and a ninth place in the State. The Club's mission is to act as a training ground for future flying executives, salesmen, and others who find that flying can be pleasurable and beneficial to their careers.


Kane O' Hawaii

Kane O' Hawaii, meaning "Men of Hawaii," was organized in 1949 for the betterment of the college and to promote an understanding of Hawaii. A social organization, its annual highlight is the Hawaiian Luau, a feast of Hawaiian food, popular with students and townsfolk.
The Mechanical Engineering Society is primarily a social group for Mechanical Engineering students. The Society attempts to provide its members with various social and academic activities that are not in the regular curriculum. These activities include smokys, beach parties, field trips to centers of industry, and sponsored dances. Besides these, the Society's members (enthusiastically) construct a Homecoming float which always is an eye-opener and a sure winner.

The Society cooperates fully with all other Mechanical Engineering technical clubs, especially when a mass effort is needed for either technical or social reasons.


ME OFFICERS (left to right): Perry Cooper, Treas.; Bill Rohrer, Sec.; Richard Moore, V-P; Darrel Gordon, Pres.

This exhibit atop the boiler plant, staged by the ME Society, was the first departmental Christmas display.

ME Society’s Homecoming entry illustrated the Co-ed’s entrance into Poly.
The Los Lecheros Dairy Club, in addition to participating in both cattle and products judging at Portland, San Francisco, and Waterloo, Iowa, was able to send its top products judging team to the nationals at Atlantic City, New Jersey. The team won first in both Portland contests. They won second at San Francisco, had second high man at Atlantic City, and placed well at Waterloo.
Lecheros

Some of the other club activities which occurred during the year were Poly Royal display, state purebred sales, publication of an annual booklet, and the regular meetings featuring top men in the Dairy Industry as speakers.
Ornamental Horticulture Club

The Ornamental Horticulture Club found many outlets for its energy this year. The club’s main project, the annual Poly Royal Flower Show, was again a big success, and decorations for other flower shows were on the agenda. The successful Christmas Formal, “Sleighride to The Stars,” was an outstanding project of the club. The fall and spring barbecues provided relaxing activities for the members.
Cal Poly's Poultry Club serves to organize those students at Poly who are interested in the poultry industry and its allied fields. Prominent members of California industry are featured guests at the regular meetings.

Annually, the Club sponsors a get-acquainted meeting, a float in the Homecoming Parade, a dance, the Alumni Turkey Banquet, and the Spring Barbecue. The Club also sponsors the Poultry Show during Poly Royal and a bowling team. Many of the Club members participate in intramural sports.

During the spring quarter, qualified members of the Poultry Club visited many poultry ranches and allied business concerns on the Annual Spring Field Trip.

POULTRY OFFICERS (left to right): Charles Delometer, Pres.; Robert Ryckebosch, Poly Royal Rep.; Paul Steele, V-P; R. I. Leach, FA; J. M. Thomas, Sec.; Diane Dirking, Hist.; Larry Moon, Treas.

A large crowd of Poultry members and alumni enjoyed the Club's 25th Annual Turkey Banquet.


Poultry Club's float entry in the Homecoming Parade was Rally Committee Trophy winner.

School year '56-'57 was one of growth and improvement for Mat Pica Pi: Membership rose to an all-time high of 80, 75% of the printing department enrollment; a new constitution and bylaws were framed to fill the needs of an expanding organization; and alumni groups were formed in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas.

Graduates and pin-wearing members are spreading the name of Mat Pica Pi to the four corners of the United States, and one grad is now employed in Germany. Not bad for an outfit just six years old.

As the Club grows, so grows the reputation. Mat Pica Pi alumni have done their jobs well in spreading the name . . . and more and more job opportunities are opening up for Cal Poly's printing engineers.
Poly Chi

Poly Chi was organized by and for Chinese students in 1952, and was officially recognized in 1953.

The Club's 1956-57 activities were many and merry. Beginning the year with a steak barbecue, Poly Chi put on an open house get-together after fair, and also staged the Annual Poly Chi Dance on March 2.

A successful quarterly banquet, with an especially good turnout formally ended the academic year for Poly Chi.
We are just an average little group of sports-minded students. We shave with medium blue blade dispensers. On the average, we are above the average as we smoke Marlboro. Our year's functions consist of riding motorcycles for the fun and sport of it. Our big event of the year is the Hi-Mountain Enduro, which we lay out and supervise. We believe it only fair to point out what a charming, quiet, discerning, casual, outrageously handsome group of gentlemen motorcycle riders... we are?

Poly Penguins

OFFICERS (left to right): Robert Michand, V-P; Richard Holmquist, Pres.; Dan Brown, Treas.; Les Gunnarson, Sec.

Penguin Andy (101, etc.) Jones takes his cycle through a low leap.
Poly Phase

The success, this year, of the Poly Phase Club can be attributed to the high spirit of the club members, as well as the cooperation of the departmental faculty. The time and effort of the members on this year's Homecoming float entry — a robot machine, producing co-eds — were well rewarded. This sweepstakes winner marked the fourth victory in succession for Poly Phase. A well-planned schedule of events ensued throughout the year. Among these were the Christmas party, Club smoker, barbecue, dinner meetings with speakers, intramural sports, and Annual Year-End Banquet.

Poly Phase's electrical manufacturers' exhibit won a $500 scholarship in competition at Los Angeles.

Poly Phasers during annual beach party at Pismo.

American Institute of Electrical Engineers

The Cal Poly branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers was chartered February 22, 1956, and gained immediate distinction by winning top honors in the Los Angeles Section student prize paper competition sponsored by the National AIEEE. The purpose of the branch is to disseminate knowledge of the theory and practice of all aspects of electrical engineering and allied fields. Present activities include free tutoring services for all students taking EE courses.

Press Club heard many speakers this year, including Robert Allen of Santa Barbara, shown above, who spoke on television advertising.

Press Club get-togethers are family style affairs. Bob Flood, above, leads the club in some real "folky" folk-songs.

Joyce Jeffers, Press Clubber, is shown here receiving the Standard Oil of California Scholarship from SOC representative, while Ag Journalism Department Head Ken Kitch looks on.

Press Association

Press Club got off to a quick start this year with their annual get-acquainted barbecue for new Ag Journalism majors, originally scheduled to be held in Poly Grove. Rain caused a quick re-shuffle that brought the party into El Corral. Besides attending weekly meetings of the Club, and hearing the words of authorities of journalism and allied fields, the Club members participated in the selling of football programs and Herdbook advertising.

High point of the year was the Fifth Annual Agricultural Press Banquet held at the Edna Farm Center on Saturday night of the Poly Royal weekend. Featured guest was Louis A. Rozzoni, President of the California State Farm Bureau Federation, who's topic was "What California Agriculture Needs From California Journalists."
Rodeo Club

The Rodeo Club of Cal Poly has been active since 1949 and has participated in inter-collegiate events throughout the west. Members own their own roping stock, and plans are underway for a new and larger arena.


Bronco Busters, one and all.

Toes out. Over the side.
Scabbard and Blade Fraternity

The Company "H," 13th Regiment (Cal Poly chapter) of the National Scabbard and Blade Military Honor Society was officially recognized in the summer of 1956. The purpose of the society is to raise the standards of military training in American colleges and universities, to encourage and foster the essential qualities of competent and efficient officers, and to promote fellowship among the cadets and future officers.
Field trip sightseers photograph and look at modern architecture.

Scarab Fraternity

Scarab, an honorary architecture fraternity, was established at Cal Poly in 1953 as one of the ten chapters across the country. Nationally, Scarab brings together student leaders in Architectural schools for the benefit of themselves and their schools. This year, Scarab designed and constructed the Annual San Luis Obispo County Art Show sponsored by the local chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Speeding down the slope.

Ski Club Officers (left to right): Warren King, V-P; Hank O'Hara, Trees.; Mike Deitch, Sec.; Robert Adamson, FA; Lowell Fields, Pres.

Oops!

The Cal Poly Ski Club provides an organization in which skiers may come together to discuss their beloved sport, skiing. The club members plan ski trips and varied social activities.

During the 1956-1957 school year, the membership increased very rapidly due to a growing interest on campus in skiing. Club events include trips to Yosemite and other ski resorts, competition with other ski clubs, and a water ski exhibition during Poly Royal. Future plans call for a more stimulated interest in skiing, so Cal Poly will soon have a ski team to compete in the many intercollegiate ski meets.

Off for a good day of skiing.
The Society of Automotive Engineers is a technical society for those engaged in the development, design, production, operation, and maintenance of passenger cars, trucks, buses, aircraft, railroad equipment, tractors and machinery, their component parts, fuels, and lubricants. The term “automotive” embraces all these areas.

SAE extends to its student members most of the services its members receive. It provides them with tools, which, if properly used, will help them to advance as engineers. The student members are kept up to date on new practices and techniques of industry through the SAE journal and speakers from various engineering fields.

Cal Poly’s student branch boasts fourth largest membership in the nation, and will be on top before long.
The Square and Compass Club was organized in 1949. Its purpose is to foster social and fraternal relationships among the Master Masons on the campus. All Master Masons who are in good standing with a lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of California, and who are associated with California State Polytechnic College, are eligible for active membership.

The Cal Poly Wool Growers Association, a branch of the California Wool Growers Association, is dedicated to the improvement of the sheep industry in the state and nation. During the year there are field trips to observe various types of sheep operations in the state.
**Tau Sigma**

The Tau Sigma Engineering Honor Society of Cal Poly has been organized to recognize outstanding students in Engineering.

The aims and purposes of Tau Sigma, similar to those of national engineering honorary societies, are the promotion of high scholastic standards and development of those personal and social qualities which distinguish the successful professional man.

Members are chosen from the upper one-third of the engineering division on the basis of scholarship, practicability and sociability.

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OFFICERS (left to right) Front Row: Earle Priest, Cor. Sec.; John Faivre, V-P; Carl Burke, Pres.; Bob Wolfe, Sec. Back Row: Alton Chipp, Treas.; John Hires, Hist.; J. O. Richardson, FA.
The Soils Club was formed with a dual purpose: To unify Soils majors; and to stimulate social activity in the Soils Science department. The Club rostered 46 members this year.

1956-'57 Club activities included a float entered in the Homecoming Parade, a Poly Royal exhibit entitled, "Rebirth of Soil Conservation," a barbeque in Cuesta Park, and the handling of a land judging program for high school FFA students.

High point of the year was the Annual Soils Club Banquet held April 27, Saturday night of Poly Royal, in the Anderson Hotel.
Young Farmers

Young Farmers hit fertile pay dirt again this year through a continuous program of activities on and off campus. Their leadership in Future Farmers of America was the highlight for the school year, extending from on campus affairs through regional activities.

As a part of their annual program, they again conducted another successful Statewide F.F.A. meet at Cal-Poly. Through the years, their affairs continue under the advisorialship of effervescent Carl Beck.

Gamma Pi Delta

Gamma Pi Delta, honorary agricultural fraternity, stresses character, leadership, and scholarship to prepare members for full service in school and in future life. This year the fraternity published the Herd Book (student directory) conducted its semi-annual community projects, held its annual alumni breakfast, and helped with freshman orientation.
Student Activities

ASB President, Ed Slevin

ASB Vice-President, Don Walker

ASB Secretary, Jim Duffy

ASB typist Jean Steck knocks out organizational minutes for over a hundred campus clubs and organizations.

Francis Keller, ASB office secretary, handles everything from collecting traffic fines to selling El Rodeo's.

Poly's "newcomer," Joan Newcomer, the college's Activities Advisor, brought with her many new ideas, among them the College Union "Hootnanny."
College Union Board


Poly Royal Board

Board of Athletic Control


Music Board


Board of Publications


CONSTITUTIONS AND CODES COMMITTEE (left to right) Sitting: Don Walker, Dick Streeter. Standing: Tom Avenell, Rod Homer, Glen Farber.

FALL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (left to right) Seated: Julie Pratt, Jim Sistrunk. Standing: Bob Alberti, Mike Hayes, Pat Keeble, Ken Beatty, Lorry Litchfield.

Rally Committee


Homecoming Committee


Orientation Committee


Student Government Committee
Senior Officers

Junior Officers

Inter-Class Council


ICC (left to right) Sitting: Vic Walker, Dottie Fuller, Gordon Kennedy, Roger Packard, Gary Rose. Standing: Malcolm DeYoung, David Rykebosch, Bill Wheeler, John Valentine, Stan Church, Paul Melver.
Soph Officers

Frosh Officers

TOP SOPHOMORES (left to right): Bill Wheeler, Pres.;
Bernard Godlove, Treas.; Dorothy Read, Sec.

FRESHMEN LEADERS (left to right) Seated: Marianne Pantages,
Sec.; John Valentine, Pres. Standing: Rod Kolua, V-P; Dave
Low, Treas.
Along with the new look on campus came the new look in your El Rodeo. Extended use of activity pictures, because there was more activity; an expanded book, because there was more to say; the turning point and curved pictures, because . . .

A yearbook is produced either by one person, or by a close-knit group of people all working together. A close-knit group is responsible for your El Rodeo '57 . . . it could have been produced no other way.

Along with the other staffers, Sales Manager Mike Blackburn, not pictured, is the person responsible, not only for the sales campaign pictures of the gals that you seemed to like so well, but for the present position of this book . . . in your lap.
With winter quarter, Cal Poly saw a turning point in frequency of issues of El Mustang when, after many meetings, much chatter, and involvements with top ASB brass, a semi-weekly was born.
Goal Post

News Bureau

Vern Hightley, News Bureau Chief, Autumn Quarter

Yoke Sales, News Bureau Photographer

Marge De Palma, News Bureau Chief, Spring Quarter

Jim Dearinger, News Bureau Photographer


Don Nielson, News Bureau Chief, Winter Quarter

Bob Knowles, Herd Book Editor

Mike Mattis, Goal Post Editor
A turning point in the Music Department this year was the formation of the Women's Glee Club. Also added to the Department was Mr. C. S. Caughran who ably instructed the College Band.

The annual week-long Music Tour was staged in the Los Angeles area this spring. Another Home Concert was presented in April, with sellout crowds attending both nights of the performance.
COLEGIANS (left to right) Front Row, D. Willis, B. Griffith, B. Sallings, J. Pugliese.


Tenth Row, D. LaTrobe, B. Rediger, D. Clements, V. Lipmeyer, L. CTaassen, J. Millet, H. McGlone.

Eleventh Row, R. Derby, D. Marshburn, F. Buller, R. Strong.

Harold P. Davidson, President, Chairman.


Fourth Row, F. Uppere, J. Glaze, W. Ellrooks, R. Kalua, W. Peifer, J. Rattazzi, M. Boisen.


Winter Activities
Shelia Varian and Dotrie Fuller swing into Shaboom. The winners: Ed, Mitch and Glenn.

Young Farmers talent show got off to a rockin' start.

The blanket rally brought out all sizes—looks like a long way down.

One small boy in one large blanket.

The pep band gets in the act. The whole trombone section wears one.
Cast of "They Gave Him a Coed," presented in the TCU by the College Union Drama Committee.

Poly's Pep Band goes into action for the home games during basketball season.

The director, Bob Spink, directing.

Aha . . . !

Her Majesty Dottie Fuller, queen of the ROTC Military Ball.

The five finalists selected from the 21 applicants for Military Queen. Left to right: Dottie Fuller, Elyse Studt, Joyce Johnville, Susan Melin, Anne Baysen. The ROTC battalion elected Dottie Fuller Queen from these five.
1957 EL RODEO SWEETHEART, as chosen by you, is Dottie Fuller, a Sophomore majoring in Bio Science, and hailing from Grover City. Dottie was elected Yearbook Sweetheart by the votes of purchasers of El Rodeo '57.

RUNNER-UP Jan Loveitt helped boost the sales by word-of-mouth, and by her picture being on posters scattered all over campus.

RUNNER-UP Penny Bell's picture sold a lot of yearbooks.

RUNNER-UP Val DeGeus has a smile that reluctant El Rodeo buyers just couldn't resist.
Poly royalty goes western. Left to right: Jan Angell, Pauline Woods, Karna Thorson, Val De Geus, Dorothy Tullock.

The spotlight is on the sixteen coeds who ran for Queen of Poly Royal.

Pat Henderson casts her vote for Queen of the "campus country fair."

Majors and Minors croon their way through the Queen's Assembly.

Poultry dance turned into a big production when dozens of chicks hatched.

The FFA convention gave the aggies a pretty full week in May.

Armed with about one mile of one-inch pipe, 19,000 nuts, bolts and washers, Poly's architectural department constructed the first permanent geodesic dome on the West Coast.

Poly beef on display during the FFA convention.

The Collegians relax, making music.
The Turning Point... In Our Lives

Seniors

Your Future
Graduation is one of a series of turning points in a person’s life. Its ultimate importance to the individual is dependent, to the greatest extent, upon what he or she encounters and remembers during college life.

During life at Poly, "learning by doing" and "learning-through-others" practically force the student to encounter much knowledge in many forms . . . and he remembers graduation as one of life’s "tightest" turning points.
Senior Projects
Spring Activities
... but it **always** rains on Spring registration day.

The College Union jam sessions cultivated new interests and rejuvenated old.

Polyites went hillbilly for the Dogpatch Social.
A silver anniversary, the Science Fair, the Firehouse Five Plus Two, and a "home-grown" Queen were among the features that rated on the "first" list of 1957's Poly Royal.
Twenty thousand guests, alumni, and friends of Poly saw a horse show and a two-day intercollegiate rodeo, watched baseball, ate some barbequed steak, pitched pennies and dimes at the carnival, and danced themselves ragged at the Carnival Dance, the Rodeo Trophy Dance, and the Coronation Ball.
These and other activities, plus some good weather for a change, all contributed to the success of this year's Poly Royal — the twenty-fifth in Poly's history.

Princess Karina Thorson, freshman Home Economics major from Weiser, Idaho.

Princess Dorothy Tullock, freshman Home Economics major from Templeton.

Princess Jan Angell, sophomore Home Economics major from Los Angeles.

Princess Pauline Woods, sophomore Agricultural Journalism major from Fortuna.
1957 POLY ROYAL QUEEN . . . VALERIE DE GEUS . . . a junior Elementary Education major from Santa Maria . . . the first of Poly's "own" royalty.

Val speaks . . . and ears perk up!

Poly's Queen Val met California's Governor Knight with an invitation to attend the 1957 "country fair."
A royal tour taken by Poly's princesses.

Friday's parade kicked off at one o'clock.

Queen Val leads a packed parade.

The Math department tried hard for new majors.

Friday's celebrities arrive...
the famous dixieland Firehouse Five Plus Two.

Some young scientists-to-be get some tips from the Science Fair.

All at once it's Friday, April 26th!

Val pulls the rope...

... and the 25th annual Poly Royal opens its doors to 20,000 guests.

... the canvas drops down...
Above: Individual math contest winner, Stanley Klein from Chaffey high school in Ontario, receives his award from President McPhee.

Like the sign says, "science is everywhere" at the Science Fair.

The Firehouse Five Plus Two . . . count 'em, there's seven.

Somebody's missing, there's only six.

Parker spurs for points.

All it takes to be a dogger is a lot of muscles and sharp-heeled boots . . . plus skill and plenty of guts.

. . . which all proves that the younger generation goes for dixieland jazz.

Hoot goes outside.
Some people have to pound out their frustrations.

Pitching pennies for a panda.

The things people will do for a ten-cent straw hat!

A tot takes a turn at the ring toss.

Carnival row — jammed with people and lights.

The Firehouse Five Plus Two gets the carnival dance off to a swinging start.

Then the music gets hot . . .

Taking it easy with a slow one.

Whew! Let's just listen after that one.
The Ag Engineers staged an irrigation demonstration.

Dr. Gillette explains the forage crops display.

"Boy, the steak that must be on one of those things!"

Explanation and demonstration went along with the exhibits.

Architecture's hanging fireplace kept people warm on an already hot weekend.

"Number 5, red. Place your bets."

Poultry department's egg show drew a crowd of spectators.

The EE boys performed magic with electrical waves.

Saturday...

...the 27th...
A large crowd of females showed their mechanical ingenuity at the Ladies Nail-Driving Contest.

Horse hooves paw turf normally used for gridiron scrimmages.

Must be a good animal. The shorter and blockier they are, the harder it is to move them.

The Showmanship Competition drew many animals, exhibitors, and spectators.

International Relations display featured many exhibits from different countries.

The Flower Show was a great attraction to part-time horticulturists.

For a buck-and-a-half a plate, the barbecue had to be good... and it was!
Looks like a pretty hot engine! The hot rod display drew a lot of auto enthusiasts.

SAFE! Poly's Gentry slides in under a Westmont throw.

St. Mary's man bats a fly into the Poly outfield.

The crowning of Queen Val DeGeus highlighted the crowded Coronation Ball, and capped a sensational Poly Royal weekend.
Activities viewed from the window of Joan Newcomer’s office.

"Damned grounds."

Oh, for the life of an athlete!

They didn’t get rich, but the Bilko dance was a huge success.

No co-operation in the colt class.
Whew! Classes are getting rougher.

It's study time ... right after class it really sinks in.

Main means of motion at Poly—bicycles ... pogo sticks ... and feet.
. . . knew I should have done it last night.

Hmm, looks like Avila time.

He flies through the air with . . . ?

Come on, you can cut that class.

Lines, lines, lines . . .
The turning point is here and gone — coeds are at Poly to stay and the transition is complete.
HAH! IT'S DONE!

Not to say it hasn't been fun . . . far from it! Delivering these 208 pages into your hands has at times been an interesting and enlightening experience. But we're still glad it's done.

You know, the job wouldn't be finished yet if it hadn't been for some long hours put in by a lot of people . . . a lot of time spent that could have been used more pleasantly at Avila, the Fremont, or Barr's. I'd like to sort of "pay tribute" to the people who gave us, or rather, who gave YOU this valuable time.

First off is the Staff: Jeff McGrew, who actually acted in the Associate Editor capacity, and who also, by the way, is responsible for the rhythmic line layout style that dominates your book; Karen White, who was always "in a hasty mood," but nevertheless got her sports section done in fine style; Phyllis Read, with her three activities sections and missing pictures; Jean Thomas, who left us at the end of fall quarter, but still completed most of the senior section; Eileen McGrew, whose "blessed event" caused the McGrew mentioned above much alarm; Sonya Woods, who worked like a slave and still managed to stop smoking (her average had been 3 cigarettes a day); Mike Blackburn, who boosted the sales average some two or three hundred books, and who also was either directly or indirectly responsible for the sale of the book in your hand; Ray Lott, Jan Lovett, Pat Gogerty, and Marilyn Sawyer, who bird-dogged in the final laps.

Special thanks goes to Chuck Lotspeich for his division pages . . . the silhouette ones. Chuck worked on a volunteer basis, giving us what we feel is one of the outstanding features of the book.

A lot of gratitude is due Mike Mattis and his News Bureau photographers . . . especially Pat Keeble and Al Sales. The 1350 pictures in the book took something out of all of them.

It might also be said here that we, the Staff, don't believe there is a finer outfit to work with than the Yearbook house of Monrovia, California. Bill Hubbell and his boys put up with some pretty rugged problems and headaches, liberally supplied by us.

A final note of appreciation goes to Mr. Loren Nicholson, Yearbook Advisor and a newcomer this year to the Agricultural Journalism sphere. He pitched in like a staffer and made things a lot easier. (Actually, it's Mrs. Nicholson we want to thank—she kept us in food and coffee during those long pre-deadline nights). Thanks an awful lot to both of you.

That's about it. It was quite an experience . . .

. . . HAH! IT'S DONE!

Editor — El Rodeo '57
Jim Luther