Annual Poly Royal Rodeo Set for April 15 & 16 at Cal Poly

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SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The annual Poly Royal Rodeo is set for April 15 and 16 in the Cal Poly Rodeo Arena.

The Cal Poly Rodeo Club will host two rodeo performances and a dance during Open House 2005. Rodeo competitions are Friday, April 15, at 2:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 16, at 5 p.m. in the Rodeo Arena off Mt. Bishop Road.

The 2005 Rodeo Queen will also be crowned during the Saturday performance. Following Saturday's event, the annual Rodeo Dance will be held at the Madonna Exposition Center at the Madonna Inn. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the door.

Rodeo Tickets are available at the gate and are $8 for adults, $5 for students and seniors. Children under 6 are admitted free and must be accompanied by an adult. To get to the rodeo arena take the Highland Drive entrance to campus and turn left on Mt. Bishop Road. Parking is located next to the arena.

This year's rodeo promises to be an exciting one, said Interim Coach Frank Mello. "The students have worked very hard to put together an excellent performance for locals and visitors alike, and we hope everyone will come out and join in the fun."

The Cal Poly Men's Team is currently ranked number one in the West Coast region and number eight in the nation. Men's events include: Bareback Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling and Bull Riding. The Women's Team is ranked first in the West Coast and 10th in the nation. Women's events include: Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Barrel Racing and Goat Tying.

Also crowd favorites are two non-competitive events: Calf Dressing and Steer Riding. In the Calf Dressing event, teams of three must dress a calf in a T-shirt. In Steer Riding, open to non-rodeo team members, Cal Poly students can try just that -- riding a steer.

In the collegiate rodeo division events, Cal Poly Rodeo Team members will be competing against seven other West Coast Region teams for points to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo. In addition to qualifying points, winners of individual events at the Poly Royal Rodeo will receive buckles; Men's and Women's All-Around Champions will receive trophy saddles donated to Cal Poly for the event.

Colleges teams competing this weekend are: Lassen College; Feather River College; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Western Nevada College; California State Fresno; West Hills College and Cuesta College.

For more information, contact Rodeo Club student representatives Holly Andrus or Wyatt Scott at (805) 756-5150.

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Media are welcome both before and during the performances. For interviews prior to the event contact student representatives.
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