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El Rodeo Plans Announced at Staff Meeting

Plans for the 1946 El Rodeo are well under way this week, according to Editor Glenn Arthur, with considerable progress made in organization of the yearbook at the last meeting.

All students who expect to graduate with either a degree, vocational certificate or technical certificate by the end of the spring quarter must obtain from the telephone switchboard a special yearbook activity form, fill it out and return it before Feb. 1. Any student who fails to turn in a completed form will be omitted from the graduation section.

Arrangements are being completed for taking portraits of graduates and a schedule of dates, hours and prices will be published next week.

All faculty members are asked to submit to the editor a list of campus organizations of which they are sponsors and also a list of the officers of those clubs.

Business Manager Ben Gupton is organizing the advertising campaign and would welcome applications from students who would like to work as advertising salesmen. Johnny Sbee, 1941 El Rodeo business manager, has been appointed as assistant editor. Ted Wales is departmental editor, Chuck Chapman is photographer, Dave Rose is photo lab technician, and Steve Lamkin is graduate section editor. Editors are needed for the sports section, activities section and organizations section.

SCHEDULE SKATING PARTY

Boots and Spurs skating party; Feb. 4, 7 p. m. The holder of the lucky ticket receives a valuable prize. All paid members are cordially invited. Unpaid members, get your dues paid now. Price 50 cents.

What's Doin'

Jan. 28 to Feb. 2

Tues. 29—El Rodeo meeting, Rm. 204, 4 p.m.

Wed. 30—Basketball—Cal Poly vs. Legionaires, Gym, 8 p.m.

Thurs. 31—Departmental club meetings, 10 a.m.

Fri. 1—Sophomore dance, El Corral, 8:30 p.m.

Sat. 2—Ag Inspection club party, El Corral, 8 p.m.

Peru Educator Visits Campus

Cal Poly was honored with the visit of Senor Augusto Villacorta of Lima, Peru, this past week. Senor Villacorta is professor of arts and crafts at the Escuela Nacional De Artes y Oficios in Lima. He speaks only a little English and was fortunate enough to have one of his countrymen, Victor Tueros, a Cal Poly student, as an interpreter.

Villacorta said he was enjoying San Luis Obispo's "resort" climate much more than he had any other city in the United States. The senor has been visiting in the United States for three months and has visited schools all over the country as part of an extensive study of vocational education methods used here.

Assembly Approves Huge Sum for Poly

A bill appropriating \$110,000 to the California Polytechnic college for research and development work on plants producing essential drugs and oils has been passed by the state assembly and sent to the senate.

Chief supporter of the bill was Assemblyman Ernest Geddes, of Pomona, who maintains that domestic sources of rare drugs and oils should be developed. The money is to be used by M. C. Kidder, special employee of the college for experimental plantings to develop the state's output of essential drug plants.

The bill was opposed by Assemblyman Julian Beck, San Fernando, who said school officials have no control over the spending of the money.

Poly To Be Scene of 'College of Fairs'

First "College of Fairs" in history will be held Feb. 11-14 at Cal Poly for the purpose of assuring a supply of highly trained persons to manage such exhibitions. Sponsors are the Western Fairs Association, U. of California at Davis, Division of Fairs and Expositions and Cal Poly. Fair management is a \$20,000,000 business and the instruction offered here during the school will be for the purpose of improving efficiency of management of this vast display industry.

Trailer Camp Housing Unit Nears Reality

The contract for married veterans' housing units is all signed, sealed and delivered. The first twenty houses and fifteen trailers should be complete within the next month and a half. The entire contract is to be completed three months after the date of signing.

Cal Poly officials stated last week that contracts had been signed with Close and Lewis, general contractors, of Hayward, Calif., calling for \$43,195 in expenditures by the college for moving and installation of 75 movable houses and 50 trailers on the campus.

McPhee Attends Educators' Meet

Cal Poly's President, J. A. McPhee, will leave this week to attend the annual convention of the American Vocational Association, held in Buffalo, N. Y., February 4 through 9.

McPhee, the vice president of the association for agricultural education, will meet with other leading educators to discuss and plan future betterments for vocational education in the United States.

The aim of the A. V. A. Inc., is to advance American education by developing economic competence of youths and adults. The association promotes the professional interests of persons engaged in vocational and industrial arts education. It encourages full-time and part-time instruction in the following fields: industry, agriculture, home economics, business and distributive occupations, industrial arts, industrial education, rehabilitation, vocational guidance.

Educator Talks On UNO Education Policy

Dr. Francis W. Noel, chief of the division of audio-visual education, state department of education, addressed a meeting of the northern section of Eta Field Chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa here last Friday night.

Dr. Noel, who served on the U.S. office of education's committee to the United Nations conference in San Francisco, talked on the educational program organized by the UNO.

C. O. McCorkle is the president of the Eta Field Chapter.

Officials Demonstrate Automatic Hay Baler

A machine destined to revolutionize farming practices as far as hay crops are concerned was demonstrated on the campus last Friday, January 18, by the International Harvester company representatives. The new machine, a one man automatic hay baler, was recently purchased by the college for use in its fields.

The new machine is entirely automatic, requiring only a man to operate the tractor furnishing the power. Bales are tied at the rate of two to five bales per minute, much faster than the older machines.

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Educationally, Good Neighbors

Visiting our campus for the past week has been Senor Augusto Villacorta, a representative from the Peruvian office of education, who has been sent by his government to study vocational education methods in the United States.

It is fitting that he should include the California Polytechnic college in his visits, since this is one of the few institutions of college rating that maintains the policy of "learning by doing." Here, as nowhere else, can he examine agricultural and industrial departments that hinge on that premise.

To learn by doing has been an old custom among labor leaders, but it is a relatively new practice in schools of higher education. Cal Poly has fostered these ideals since its beginning as a vocational high school many years ago. The fact that similar institutions have adopted it in the relatively few past years tends to signify that our method of teaching has been "ahead of its time" in education.

This is not the first time our campus has been host to visiting scholars. In the past years representatives from Peru and Argentina have been here, showing interest in the method of instruction employed. Students from many South and Central American republics have enrolled here in the past, learning our farming methods to take back with them to their country.

We can feel proud, as students of Cal Poly, to have these visitors on our campus. Their being here serves a greater purpose than that pertaining to education only. By contacts with American colleges, democracy in action is portrayed to them, and their remembrance of the United States is greatly influenced by college students practicing the ideals behind our government. Not only do they learn our methods of teaching, but also our methods of democratic living, one as important as the other.

—L. GAROLAN.

"Dear John"

Editor:

Your editorial of January 14 was well taken and very timely. I have long lamented the lack of lawn on the plot, and it seems that the proper authorities have been conscious of the fact that the vetch field, more than any other factor, is the sore spot of our campus.

The question that arises in my mind is whether the administration wants to remedy this situa-

tion or not? It seems that they do not; otherwise they would have done something about it before. Since Cal Poly is an agricultural college, perhaps the vetch should remain to make nostalgic farm boys at home.

An Electrical Student

Editor:

The declaration of El Mustang's policy was very timely. I hope that you intend to stick by your guns. Today everyone seems to want to dictate everyone else's policy. Labor is trying to run management, the government is

"Just Between Us"

By MERRILL

How about a story on the activities of the Cal Poly Students' Wives' Club. We are interested in your doings, just what do you gals do while hubby is in classes?

Did you know that the El Mustang Editor is quite the poet? How could we get him to publish some of his works, or is there good reason for him to stay unknown?

Speaking of the Editor, just what can be done to keep him on the job weekends?

Any budding cartoonists among you Polyites? How about a sample for El Mustang?

The basketball games are very well attended, but how about some yells, under an organized rooting section? Watch the schedules and come out for the games.

Did you know that over 100,000 World War II vets are listed as filing claims under the GI Bill of Rights?

In lieu of a letter, why not mail a paper, The Paper, El Mustang, home? It takes half as much postage as a letter and even less time.

Open letter to Don Pruhs: Dear Don—Evidently you enjoyed after effects following your viewing of "The Lost Weekend." We envy your imaginative ability and abstract reasoning, but definitely!

Midterms again, I thought I'd never live to see the day—after last exams.

El Corral has some nice looking billfolds. I bet you've seen 'em. But did you know that they were made by one of our students, Joe

still trying to control prices (unfortunate but necessary), and the soldiers are trying to run the army.

But El Mustang will run itself—three cheers. By keeping this the voice of the student body, everyone will benefit.

Parkington Smythe

Brown? Yes sir, and he says that he can make you any type of leather goods you might want. The craftsmanship is excellent; well worth the price.

Orders are being taken by El Corral.

Just saw a Poly wife excited about a pair of nylons—guess you know what makes a gal happy nowadays.

Did you see the recent cartoon in a leading publication where a scientist was lecturing on atomic power and where a little man was nonchalantly lighting a firecracker in the rear of the room?

How about this vetch field—makes Cal Poly look like an ag school and what's wrong with vetch, anyway?

The Cal Poly library has something all right—never heard anything so quiet. It has that "ideal study atmosphere."

State Fair Artists' Contest Announced

The first California state fair since the ending of the war will be held in Sacramento August 20 through September 2. As is the custom each year, artists from all over California will vie for awards. All California artists who wish to submit entries may send for application blanks and full details to Exhibit Supervisor-Arts, California State Fair, Box 2036, Sacramento, California.

The annual art exhibit has the distinction of being the "most complete showing of California art ever exhibited under one roof."

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Students Select Future Meat Animals Show Stock

Twenty-seven students have again taken advantage of the opportunities offered them under the school's project system.

Last Monday the steer projects were chosen by the students at the beef unit, which will be the stock shown at the coming fairs and stock shows. The individual steers were separated into lots of seven and numbers were drawn to decide in what place the students would pick them.

In the carlot cattle, names of the students who wanted to start projects now and those who wanted to start later in the year were taken down. These cattle are not ready to be put on dry lot but will remain out on pasture until about three months before the show in which they will participate.

The individual steers are to be cared for by the students at once, as they are in the corrals and will require feeding twice a day. This will last until the grass is suitable to warrant turning them out on pasture where they will be supplemented with grain.

Due to the rapid increase of meat animal students, it was thought that the available supply of show steers would not meet the students' demands, but when the steers were given out every student who was interested received a project.

In the individual steers the first lot (Herefords) went to Morro, O'Neal, Lavery, and Harders, the second lot went to Bowman, Grimm, Harter and Otto. The Shorthorn first lot went to Hilliard, Brandon, Carlson and Garver; the second lot to English, Davis, Johnson, and Lindsay. The Hereford carlot was issued to the following students; Merrill, Lewis, Copeland, Burkheart, Brown, Moore and Hilbig. The Shorthorns went to Ackerman, Jewel Gupton, Moore and Gould.

Holstein Bovines Show Human Traits

The lack of women on the campus is a noticeable feature and most students have become accustomed to the idea, but when the dairy herd tries to duplicate matters, that's a different situation.

In the past eleven months there has been only one heifer calf born to the herd. There seems to be no scientific explanation for this, except that statistics show a marked increase of human male babies born during wartime.

The co-ed shortage of Holsteins is not an encouraging type of program to carry on when the object is to build up a herd of purebred cows for production purposes, except that the bull calves will be sold to 4-H clubs, Future Farmers, and to cattle breeders throughout the country.

It was believed at one time that this peculiarity was caused by the sire being predominant over the cow. Experiments have proved this to be false. Breeding the same two animals over a period of years has shown that neither is superior to the other in this instance. If this kept on, Cal Poly soon would be out of the dairy business as far as Holsteins are concerned.

Poly Defeats Octanes

The Mustangs defeated the Octanes by a score of 52 to 42 in a rematch last Wednesday night in the local gym. High scorer for Poly was Moore with 22 points.

Game Results were:

CAL POLY	FG	FT	PF	Pts
Moore	10	2	4	22
Arthur	3	4	3	10
Carlyle	1	0	0	2
Sweatt	6	2	3	14
Maxson	1	1	1	3
Wineroth	0	1	3	1
	21	10	14	52

OCTANES	FG	FT	PF	Pts
Oberholser	4	1	1	9
Green	4	0	3	8
Christie	2	0	3	4
Bell	5	1	2	11
Kiger	4	2	5	10
Locati	0	0	3	0
Juarez	0	0	3	0
	19	4	20	42

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Roney Elected Band President

"A snappy little band is what I want," stated H. P. Davidson at the first all-civilian meeting of the Cal Poly band last Monday.

There was a good turnout except for the sections consisting of drums and basses. Band president, Bob Roney, sends out a cordial invitation to all new students who wish to join this organization. There are school-owned instruments available for those who do not have their own.

Student officers were elected at the first rehearsal. Bob Roney will preside as band president. His subordinates are manager, Everett Miller; assistant manager, Don Lansing; secretary, George Dewey; librarians, Ed Boettcher and Bob McCormic.

The band will play mostly marches and college songs, and a few popular and concert numbers. Those who attend future assemblies and basketball games will hear this organization give forth with the Beer song, the Fight song and others.

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Drumm Attends Jersey Meeting

One of the best Jersey cattle club meetings of many years was reported this week by George Drumm, Cal Poly instructor, after attending the event at Stockton. Drumm estimated that over 60 breeders were present.

At the Stockton meet, plans were discussed for the coming year, he said, and the foundation was made for this year's state Jersey sale. Other forthcoming meetings and shows were also reviewed.

In the election of state officers, Drumm retained the post of secretary, a position which he has held for over 12 years.

On the return trip to San Luis Obispo, he stopped at the ranch of George Sawyer and accepted a beautiful Jersey heifer to be added to the Cal Poly herd. The animal is a gift to the school foundation.

Several of the animals in the Jersey herd have been gifts from the Sawyer herd, and the breeder is very interested in the furtherance of the Cal Poly herd.

POLY ROYAL NEWS

According to Carl Beck, faculty advisor for the Poly Royal, the executive committee is awaiting the election of department representatives before meeting. It is

Pic Schedule Set

Emmett McLain, San Luis Obispo's new maestro of distinctive photography, has been signed up to take portraits for the El Rodeo. To accommodate the students, McLain will have a studio set up on the second floor of the Engineering building from 4 to 5:30 p. m. on February 5, 6, 7, and 8th.

Students who are to have portraits taken for the year-book will be notified of the exact time and date for individual appointments. A charge of 75 cents to each student will be made on delivery of proofs and this very reasonable charge will include one glossy print for the student's own use. Additional prints may be ordered direct from the photographer.

Those having portraits taken must wear a tie and suit coat.

Sno White is still looking for a dishwasher. A talk with the manager brought out the fact that he would just as soon have two fellows who would alternate nights. This system has worked very well in the past and will work again. Team up with a partner and go get that job. It means extra money in your pocket.

expected that things will be under way by the end of this week.

Pilots Beware Of Poly Airstrip Tease

Cal Poly's long-wanted air strip is still being used for a sheep pasture, and any wandering pilots who have heard that we have a field had better keep their eyes peeled for fences and browsing lambs.

Although Army Engineers from the 104th Infantry division at Camp San Luis Obispo saved the college an estimated \$40,000 by constructing the 3000 foot by 200 foot air strip, the field is not ready for use as yet. It has to be okayed by Civil Aeronautics authorities and must be given an air strip designation number before any planes may land or take off from the field.

The construction work on the airstrip was part of a practical project for the heavy equipment and surveying schools of the Timberwolf post-war training program. In return, Cal Poly instructors held classes in surveying and engineering for men of the engineering battalion who wanted engineering training as well as experience in handling of heavy equipment while waiting discharge into civilian life.

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Mary: Why?
Lill: He's so shy.

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