

EE Display Gets \$500 In LA Show

Electrical Engineering display took first place award of \$500 at the 1954 Electrical Industry show, sponsored by the Electrical Maintenance Engineers association of southern California, held April 1 to 3 in Los Angeles Shrine auditorium. The display was awarded first place for best in the universities and colleges institutional category. "Award to be used at the discretion of the winning school for scholarships and/or laboratory equipment for the training of electrical engineers," said L. J. Rejda, president of the EMMA, in the letter accompanying the check.

"We talked with prospective students and their parents, counselors of junior colleges, company representatives of industrial firms, and some of our alumni. We had a very impressive display and not only did we sell the electrical engineering department, but also the other engineering departments. I praised the men on the way they handled the questions asked by the people. They did a wonderful job," said Fred Rowden, electrical engineering department head.

Four other universities and colleges competed for the award. Redlands University took second and UCLA third. The judges were from the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers and California State Professional Engineers.

The men who went down with the display were John Beckman, William Long, and Don Melvin, seniors; Jess Herrera and Ken La Monte, juniors.

Photos were taken by Harold Kwan and Don Melvin.

Nominating Petitions Due Tomorrow Night

Ray Lyon, chairman of the election committee, announces that petitions for student body nominations must be turned in to the ASB office, basement of Ad. building, no later than five o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Petitions must bear the signatures of 50 students in order to be considered, says Lyon. Elections will be held April 20 and 21, he added.

Bulletin

Phil C. Jacks Jr., director of publicity for Santa Barbara college, has extended an invitation to all Poly students to attend the "Santa Barbara Coast Carnival" tonight and tomorrow night. Carnival time is from 6:30 to 11 both nights. Plenty of food, entertainment, games of skill and no admission charge, says Jacks.



LAST IN SHOW... Donald Melvin, (at left) is shown pointing to a photograph of a Cal Poly electrical engineering lab while Kenneth LaMonte, (center) and Jess Herrera look on. The Poly exhibits took first place in the show held in Los Angeles, April 1, 2 and 3, in Shrine Auditorium.

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TALENTED STARS... Heading up the entertainment for Poly Royal, April 30 and May 1, will be Rex Koury, at left, and Jack Owens. Outstanding in the radio entertainment field, these two men will be stellar attractions for this annual affair.

'Alumnus Of The Year' Highlight Of Poly Royal

Sigurd Varian of Menlo Park who with his brother, Russell, invented the Klystron ray, the basis of radar, will receive the California State Polytechnic college "Alumnus of the Year" award, college president Julian A. McPhee announced today. Raised at the little town of Haleyton not far from San Luis Obispo, Varian studied at Cal Poly in 1920-21 and re-entered for a short time in 1929. Offered this year for the first time, the honor will be presented at opening ceremonies of Cal Poly's 32nd annual Poly Royal, April 30 to May 1. Varian and his wife will be guests of honor at the "country fair on a college campus."

Recently featured in Life magazine and several years ago in Saturday Evening Post for their outstanding contributions to radar progress, the Varian brothers jointly own a concern in Santa Carlos doing developmental work in the field of micro-waves.

In announcing the selection, McPhee said that Varian will represent all alumni at the student-

planned open house. To be given annually by the college's Alumni association, it consists of a framed certificate and an engraving of the winner's name on a plaque.

Varian stimulated his interest in science while flying aircraft in World War I and later became a Pan American Airways pilot. He recognized a need for a device to increase the safety of blind flying and to warn of the approach of enemy aircraft.

Following degree study at Stanford university the brothers worked side-by-side doing research on their newly founded project. In the university laboratories and at their family home in a small laboratory they eventually developed the Klystron ray.

Another brother, Eric, is a contractor at Haleyton.

Musicians Back; Spring Tour Huge Success

"Thirteen" proved a lucky number for Cal Poly musicians.

Relaxing from the rigors of their thirteenth annual week-long spring tour, they reported a total attendance of some 18,000 at 10 programs given by the 40-man glee club, 12-man Majors and Minors harmony group, the 16-man dance band and the glee club quartet at high schools, colleges, and army installations in the Sacramento area.

"Not only did we have one of the biggest collections of crowds," said director Harold P. Davidson, "but for the first time in all our trips the men were really at top performance for every program."

"Davey", himself, returned with a bad case of laryngitis and as spring quarter registration opened, was carrying his voice "in splints." But the musicians were full of bounce as their bus pulled into home base after a grueling schedule that saw them on the road early and late.

"We're really tuned up now for the home concert," reported Bruce Rafeay, manager of the dance band, "The Collegians."

The local stand will take place at San Luis Obispo Senior high school auditorium April 23 and 24. This event, in past years, has consistently been a sell-out and will

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ABC Talent Headlines Poly Royal

Star-studded American Broadcasting company talent will highlight opening day activities of the 32nd annual Poly Royal April 30 and May 1.

Headlining the ABC cast is songwriter-singer Jack Owens, star of his own coast to coast radio show. ABC musical director Rex Koury and the ABC orchestra will back up Owens. Owens originally was the singing star of Don McNeill's "Breakfast Club" for eight years. He has been a successful songwriter with such hits as "The Hut But Song", "Hi Neighbor", "How Soon", and "The Hukilau Song." His latest hit is "Think".

Koury, too, has his own ABC show, "Music by Rex Koury," heard Monday through Friday on the ABC network. If his music has an international touch, it's with good reason. Koury was born in London, raised in Egypt, got his start as an organist in New Jersey silent movie house and has since made many world-wide cruises.

Owens, Koury and other ABC stars will first entertain Friday afternoon (April 30) at 3 in the football stadium. That evening at 9, the ABC show will be presented at the Carnival dance—Koury's ABC orchestra furnishing danceable rhythms and the all-star cast offering intermission entertainment.

Other show stars are expected to be a female vocalist and a top-flight comedy dance team. Official confirmation from ABC has not been received as yet. Names of the complete show cast will be announced as soon as confirmation is received.

Last Chance for Poly Royal Brochures, Says Smith

Poly Royal Superintendent Bill Smith offered a last minute reminder today for lagging students who have not yet made arrangements to send Poly Royal brochures home. Today is deadline for mailing.

All registered students may send seven of the pictorial brochures home free of charge. Upon presentation of a spring ASB card, he will be given the brochures to address. The Poly Royal board handles the rest.

Says Smith, "The desk is located in the lower Ad. bldg. hall directly across from El Corral, for the convenience of everyone. As the brochure is one of our best publicity mediums, the more sent home the better."

ROTC INSPECTION

The annual formal inspection of our ROTC unit will take place Monday, April 19. All students who are enrolled in ROTC courses spring quarter will be excused from classes at three o'clock that day for the inspection review.

Durability of 'Gee' Sets Off Lively Hilltop Wagering

"Gee" Not an exclamation of surprise to the architect students at Cal Poly but the name given the department's most recent construction experiment.

As explained by R. L. Graves and Hans Mager, architectural engineering instructors, "Gee" is a demonstration in the pre-stressing of concrete—one of the newest in building processes.

"Actually all the process is," Graves says, "is the applying of tension to the steel in reinforced concrete. The process allows for the use of less, lighter and thinner materials."

The experiment spirals into the air about 15 feet and is made of more than 100 concrete blocks, each a foot long, four inches wide and two inches thick. The bricks are held together with mortar and a steel rod is run through a hole in each block. A stainless steel spear and nut, made by the machine shop, will be tightened onto the end of the steel rod to apply the tension.

Students are making wagers as to whether "Gee" will stand up when supporting wires and scaffold are removed. In fact, the department has set April 15 at 3 p.m. as the date for the "coming-down-party" open to all interested persons.

Hosts for the event will be Charles Bello of Santa Rosa who built "Gee" with the help of Tuaraj Ghahremani of Iran.

How was "Gee" named? It was simple. Graves smiles, "When Bello started construction he was queried by an eager freshman student as to how tall the structure would go. When Bello pointed to the height, you can guess the freshman's exclamation."

Campus Grange Sponsors Novel Hitching Event As Activity For Poly Royal

California State Polytechnic College Grange has come up with the novel idea of bringing back the almost forgotten art of harnessing horses and hitching them to a wagon. The have become curious as to just how many people could be found that still know how to harness a team of horses. Thus they formed a committee of five men, and decided to make a contest of it and hold it during the California State Polytechnic College's famous annual event, Poly Royal, April 30-May 1.

The contest will be held on the campus football field at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1st. All awards

will be given as team prizes of two men each. Entries will be judged on speed and efficiency of harnessing and handling a team of two horses. Only entries of those with previous experience will be accepted. The contest is subject to forfeit in case of rain.

Three awards will be given. First prize will be a perpetual trophy and a merchandise award; both second and third prizes will consist of a trophy and a merchandise award.

Those interested may obtain an entry blank from Mert Taylor, Box 5189. Entry blanks must be filled out and returned to Taylor not later than April 24.

Cal Poly ROTC Unit Set for Inspection

Seventy cadet commissioned and non-commissioned officers are preparing for a formal federal inspection to be held on campus April 19.

About 230 students will participate in the annual event, according to Maj. H. H. Braunstein, military science and tactics officer.

Headed by Lt. Col. P. A. Loisel, Cal Poly's ROTC unit is in its second year. The Cal Poly unit pioneered the West Point-style "branch general" ROTC program in 1952-53.

"Branch general gives all cadets the same program with assign-

ment to particular branches following completion of their training," Braunstein points out. "ROTC cadets are eligible for selective service deferment throughout their training. Those completing the program are eligible for officers' commissions."

Besides regular training, enrollees have the opportunity to participate in the drill team, rifle team and the mounted color guard, Braunstein added.

The Golden Blade society, honorary ROTC organization, was formed last year.

Other events planned by the ROTC department are the annual President's Review and the Military Ball.

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The Downbeat

By Ike

A lot of things have happened since we last went to press, and that isn't all. A lot of things are still going to happen before we get too much older.

Tour is over and reports are coming in from the schools and bases where we played. So far they are all good. Many of us will carry fond memories about it for some time to come.

The important thing now is the Home concert. Thursday and Friday evenings, April 22, and 23, at 8 p. m. in the San Luis Obispo high school auditorium. Those of you who feel that it is socially acceptable to come late will be in for a disappointment as far as seating is concerned. People who want good seats usually have to come about an hour early, and bring a book or magazine to pass the time.

Tickets, if you haven't acquired them yet, are available from all the members of the music department. One dollar for adults and sixty cents for students.

Thursday April 15, watch your TV sets for the quartet and majors and minors. They are going to appear in behalf of the upcoming Poly Royal. Channel 8. It's a darn good show so be on the watch for the boys.

The majors and minors and quartet are travelling to Lompoc Wednesday night to sing for the Rotary club ladies' night program.

Tomorrow night in Crandall gym at 8 p. m. there will be another ABB dance. Music will be furnished by the Collegians. We'll have some new stuff for you so come out and have a good time.

MODERN TRAVEL

Fred Allen offers this advice to tourists planning to fly the Atlantic: "To get in training, select an empty warehouse on a cold day and round up 12 or 14 strangers. Then sit in the same position on a wooden bench for 18 hours. This will simulate the exact conditions you'll find when your plane is stuck and you're held over in Gander or Goose Bay." Art Buchwald in New York Herald Tribune

California Farmer Publishes Article by Meyer

Robert Meyer, senior in field crops, has had an article published in the California Farmer, a bi-weekly publication circulated throughout the state.

The 23-year-old member of Gamma Phi Delta wrote "The Mechanical Bean Harvester," a thesis subject which was eventually condensed into the article published by the magazine. The article explained the operation of a modern machine that cuts labor costs.

Before entering Cal Poly, Meyer attended the University of California at Davis, graduating in a two-year course in agronomy.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Meyer of King City, Meyer attended the King City high school where he graduated in 1948.

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Musicians Back From Tour—

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conclude the musicians' season. What Davidson considers the "real top performance" of the trip was at Beale air force base.

"They didn't expect many to turn out," he said. "There were about 1,500 on hand and by the end of the dance there were over 2,000 present. They gave us what the folks at the base said was 'a great ovation.'"

Several other audiences were over 1,000. At Chico state college, officials told Davidson it was the largest-attended assembly in three years. At a Marysville high school dance, sponsored by the school's Future Farmers, officials said it was "the biggest dance in ten years."

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Turkish Students Featured At IRC Meeting

Point 4 Turkish students will be featured speakers at a meeting of the International Relations club to be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Library 118A, B and C, club spokesman announced today.

Abdullah Akou and Naki Cagatay will open the meeting with a short description of Turkey which will be followed by a question and answer period. A musical program of Turkish songs and two color films on modern Turkey will conclude the entertainment.

At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments will be served.

Faculty, students and townspeople are cordially invited to attend, says Amir Benham, president.

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Weekly Calendar of Student Activities

MONDAY, April 12

Bally Committee Harvest Room Noon
Poly Royal Executive Committee Lib. 108A Noon
Assembly Committee Adm. 108 Noon
Poly Royal Carnival Committee Adm. 204 4:15 p.m.
Roger Williams Fellowship Lib. 108A 8 p.m.
Bowling Club 101 Casino Room 8:30 p.m.
Budget Committee Lib. 208 7 p.m.
International Relations Lib. 118A, B, C 7 p.m.
Ad Libbers Lib. 108A 7:30 p.m.
Producers Council Arch. B 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 13

Toastmasters Harvest Room Noon
Student Government Lib. 108A Noon
Poly Royal Adm. 204 4:15 p.m.
Inter-Varsity Lib. 108A 8 p.m.
Roger Williams Fellowship—Film Eng. Aud. 7:30 p.m.
Student Affairs Council Lib. 208 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 14

Parliamentary Procedure Adm. 209 Noon
Dance Committee Lib. 118 8 p.m.
Alpha Phi Sigma Lib. 114 7 p.m.

Dance Class CH 17 7 p.m.
Block "P" Adm. 208 7:30 p.m.
Orange Lib. 118A, B, C 7:30 p.m.
Mustang Physics Association Lib. 114 7:30 p.m.
Hills Club Livestock Pavilion 7:30 p.m.
Young Farmers Adm. 208 7:30 p.m.
Hus Key Lib. 208 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 15

Election Assembly Eng. Aud. 11 a.m.
Engineering Council Lib. 118A Noon
Parliamentary Procedure Adm. 209 Noon
Inter-Varsity Lib. 108A 8 p.m.
Poly Phase Club 208 Study Room 7 p.m.
College Union Lib. 208 7:30 p.m.
Amer. Inst. Arch. Arch. B 7:30 p.m.
Dairy Club DCC 1 7:30 p.m.
Inst. Aero. Science Lib. 114 7:30 p.m.
Inst. Radio Engng. Adm. 204 7:30 p.m.
Mechanical Engineers Society Lib. 118A 7:30 p.m.
Press Association Adm. 208 7:30 p.m.
Boats and Boats Adm. 208 7:30 p.m.
Swimming—State Championships—Pano Thursday—Saturday

Vacation April 16-18—HAPPY EASTER

'Dust or Destiny' Set For Campus Showing

"Dust or Destiny," Moody Institute of Science film, will be shown in the Engineering auditorium Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., according to John Marshall, president of the sponsoring Roger Williams club.

This film, one of five produced by the Institute, is a scientific look at this world and its relationship to God. The pictorial subject matter of these films has been drawn entirely from the panorama of nature, says Marshall.

There will be no charge for the showing. All students and faculty are cordially invited to attend.

Cal Poly Now Leads USA Ag Engineers

California State Polytechnic college has the largest agriculture engineering department in the nation, according to statistics released by the U. S. office of education.

Cal Poly tops the list with an enrollment of 182 students, while Clemson college of Clemson, South Carolina with its 181 students is a close second.

The statistics are included in "Engineering Enrollments and Degrees, 1953," a study made by William A. Jarace and Henry H. Armsby of the office of education staff. The study was issued in the office of education circular no. 587.

Iowa State college, Ames, Iowa, is in third place with 125 students. Texas A & M of College Station, Texas, ranked fourth with 102 college of East Lansing, Mich., fifth with 97 majors.

Originally called the agriculture mechanics department at Cal Poly the name was changed to agriculture engineering when degrees were first granted in 1942.

James F. Merson is head of the Cal Poly agriculture engineering department.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Hanning Garrett and Mrs. W. W. Hartsell, president and vice president of the San Luis Obispo County Historical society, will address members of the Cal Poly Women's club on the history of San Luis Obispo when the group meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 at its regular meeting place.

OBVIOUSLY

In a Minnesota State Legislature debate on the merits of front or rear license plates, a senator argued that the rear plate was more help to pursuing police, clinched his point with: "After all, most pinches are made from the rear."

The Three Blends

Overland Scholarship Received by Marshall

Jack Marshall, this year's winner of the Ben Overland scholarship was presented with a \$250 check by President Julian A. McPhet here recently.

Marshall, an journalism freshman from Klamath Falls, Oregon, was announced as recipient of the scholarship by Paul Winner, chairman of the scholarship committee.

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Student Enrollment Takes Jump Ahead

Spring quarter registration at California State Polytechnic college shows more than an 8 per cent increase over spring quarter enrollment last year.

A total of 2095 students have started classes on the local campus while last year 1938 students attended first day activities.

Paul Winner, admissions officer, estimates that final registration

figures will pass the 2100 mark.

A breakdown of registration shows that 162 are new students, 1877 old students and 56 are graduate students.

The spring quarter will end June 19 with final examinations running from June 12-18. Commencement will be held June 19.

Easter holiday will be from April 16-18. May 31, Memorial Day, also will be a holiday.

Poly Group Attends NSA Conference

A group of students, chosen because of their active interest in student government, attended the National Students association regional meeting at Mills college, last week end.

The student group attended in the capacity of observers with the possibility that Cal Poly may become a member.

Workshops on academic freedom, student government and press were conducted with Lynn T. White Jr., president of Mills college making an introductory talk.

Delegates from Cal Poly were as follows: Dick Johnson, Sherwood Darrington, Gerald Hill, Phil Johanknecht, Bob Bostrom, Bill Galliher, Dale Hall, Jim Yoshino, George Martin and William Clapet.

COMPARISON

Plance to girl looking at ring: "If you think that one is small, you should have seen the one I could afford!" George Wolfe in The Saturday Evening Post

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'Tractor Square Dance' Feature For Poly Royal

Two brand new entertainment features with an agricultural flavor are expected to perk-up Poly Royal festivities April 30 through May 1.

Number one special attraction will be International-Harvester's famous "Tractor Square Dance" show. The big red tractors, square dance training kit and records are being loaned by the manufacturer. Square dance operators will be Poly students trained here for the event.

According to Gus Beck, Poly Royal advisor, and Don Love, special events director, previews of the show are hilarious. Part of the performance demonstrates the tractors' new snap-on hitch—with equipment. Next thing—pile drivers doing a rumba.

The other new feature is a team harnessing contest. Originated and promoted by Merv Taylor and the Cal Poly Grange, the contest is a race against time and a test of skill. Taylor reports. Contestants will be local teams with past experience. The school team, a still used remnant of past days, will be objects of the harnessing. Taylor expects at least ten two-man teams to enter.

OH Majors Tour Northern Flower Markets This Week

A bus-load of approximately 30 ornamental horticulture majors took off last Wednesday morning at six o'clock for a concentrated tour of seventeen flower nurseries in the San Francisco Bay and Peninsula area. "The most ambitious effort of its kind," according to Ed Mattson, acting department head, "this tour will attempt to bring to student attention all phases of greenhouse production and marketing."

"Flower production is at its height now and the best time to observe the many ramifications of the business," Mattson said. According to the schedule issued each participating student, they are advised to observe any automatic devices used in the production of plant materials; to watch special techniques used in growing out flowers; also, the special marketing facilities that are used.

Special Features

A number of the students are interested in corsage making and decorative arrangements. For them, a special demonstration will be given of "tailoring gardenias and camellias for corsages."

The trip has been so scheduled that each stop will feature some specialty. Among those listed are: calla lily production; growing of greenhouse roses; carnation and orchid culture; camellia, rhododendron, and azalea culture.

Many Stops

The first stop will be at the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation which is south of San Jose. From there the students will work north to San Francisco the first day.

The following day they will go far into Alameda county and tally up their findings in six varied nurseries. Today, Friday, they should be south of San Francisco working the area as far as Palo Alto.

Tomorrow they will start back after observations and note taking in the Golden Gate Park conservatory and the near by, world-famous Aboretum. On the return they will stop at the large acreage of the Ferry-Morse Seed company farms near Salinas before making the jump to the campus.

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Tennis Team Meets Redlands Bulldogs

Dropping their first league match of the season, the Mustang tennis men lost to the Santa Barbara Gauchos by a 6-3 count last Saturday on the Poly courts.

Up till last week's encounter, the men of Coach Gene Smith had chalked up wins over Fresno State, Los Angeles State and Pepperdine. They now have a total of 6 victories and 4 defeats. With a 4 win, 2 loss record against college competition.

It seems the beach boys from the coastal town had too much for the home boys, as Poly's points came in the bottom of the singles and doubles.

Francis Animi, and Walt Netschert won in the singles for the Green and Gold, while Vaughan Wright and Mark Huffaker took the doubles for the only other Poly victory.

Eye on Rematch

But the men have been working long and hard under the eye of Coach Smith, in order to hand Redlands a reverse of their last encounter. The two teams will meet tomorrow at 11 on the Poly courts. The final tally in their last match was 11-1 in favor of the citrus country.

After the Redlands match, the team will face Pepperdine the following Saturday, and then match skills against six more clubs. They will then end up the season May 14-15, in the CCAA championships at Los Angeles.

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THE BACKSTOP BOYS... That's Poly's fine trio of varsity baseball catchers, all of whom are slated to see action this weekend. The boys are (l to r) newcomer Art Dyer, and veterans Jim Zanoli and Mike Rubelo. Poly faces Santa Barbara this afternoon at 2 p.m., and has a doubleheader with LA State tomorrow.

Rampaging Horsehidors To Host Gauchos Today

Mustang baseball fans get their first spring quarter look at Poly's high-riding baseball team this afternoon at 2 p.m., when Coach Bob Mott's fabulous gang hosts the tough Santa Barbara Gauchos in a CCAA tiff. The boys from the famed beach town make up one-half of the loss-blotch in Poly's impressive 18-win, 2-loss record, so taking the hill in this league crucial is big Frank Romero, the green and gold's ace chucker.

Tomorrow Too!

More top-drawer baseball action is on tap here tomorrow, when the Mottmen go against Los Angeles State college (17-2 winners-over Santa Barbara) in a twin-bill slated to start at 1 p.m. With three league games on the menu, the locals will need all the bleacher support they can get—"If we win 'em all," said Coach Mott, "we'll have a comfortable early hold on the top spot in the CCAA pennant race." That should be enough for Mustang sport fans—to turn out in droves, that is!

The Hurlers

Ready to toil on the mound tomorrow are Paul Patrick and Wick Kathan, while Mott can call on reliefer Roy Osella if either of the former start to get shelled. Working behind the plate on Saturday will be Jim Zanoli and Mike Rubelo, while this afternoon's catcher's call goes to newcomer Art Dyer.

Best Ever?

While calling the current baseball team "the finest I've ever had at Poly," coach Mott singled out the pitching staff for special praise. Mott pointed to the excellent early season shape of the hurlers as a big reason for the team's success so far this year.

"Team morale is running very high right now," said Mott, "but that's to be expected from a winning ball club." The locals showed they had the stuff to come from behind, too, when they edged the Pepperdine Waves 5-4, after trailing early in the game by a 3-0 count. The Mustangs split a twin bill with Santa Barbara last week, and beat the Waves.

The probable starting Poly nine this afternoon will have a battery of Romero and Dyer; Bob Zucca at third; Joe Mueller at second; Al Nicora at shortstop, and Dave Carr on first base. In the outfield it's Ben Montoya in left field, Tony Nunes in center, and Bob Smith in right field.

Volleyball Tourney

There will be an intramural volleyball tournament for all Poly students showing interest next Thursday, April 15. Representatives from dorms and clubs are urged to attend a special meeting next Wednesday noon in the gym. The tourney will be single elimination, according to student chairmen Bob Aston and Wick McElveny, and will get underway at 8 p.m.

Bowlers Still Roll

The four-team Cal Poly student bowling league opened the '54 spring quarter last week with the squad tabbed as the "Fighting Cocks" currently enjoying a comfortable lead in the championship race.

Nearest team to the loop-leaders are the "Five Strikes"—a club with 28 wins and 22 losses as against the "Fighting Cocks" impressive 47-17 record. A team representing the M.E. society is in third place with a 28-26 slate, while the fourth league squad is Circle K—now sporting a 25-29 season record.

Pacing the individual bowlers is Paul Salaverria of the "Five Strikes." He rolled a high game of 254, and leads the averages with a 188 score.



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Linksmen Lift Lid

The Montecito golf course in Santa Barbara is the scene of Cal Poly's initial 1954 appearance on the competitive links. Coach Don Watts will send seven of his men out on the fairway to match strokes with Pepperdine college and Santa Barbara college in a triangular meet.

Currently battling for the six Poly varsity positions are golfers Bob Whitmore, Frank Bernardi, Phil Coffin, Lauren Herman, Don Moore, Myron Moses and veteran fairway boss, Dave Ziemer. Of the seven candidates, only Whitmore, Bernardi and Ziemer have had experience with past Poly golf squads.

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Tracksters Face LA State In Southland CCAA Dual Affair

Showing some signs of rounding into shape in last Saturday's 72-58 win over Santa Barbara, the Cal Poly track team heads south tomorrow for a dual affair against the Los Angeles State Diablos on the latter's oval. The meet shapes up as a tough one for the Mustangs, but off past performance charts they rate a slight edge.

Devils Poor Third

While the green and gold was winning from Santa Barbara last week, the Diablos placed a poor third in a triangular meet which included UCLA and Arizona. The main light in the L.A. effort was sprinter Bob Peck, a 10-flat winner in the hundred. Peck will be

pushed to the limit by Poly's fine sprint team of newcomers Millard Hampton and veteran Alex Bravo. Hampton was a double winner for Poly against Santa Barbara, taking the 100-yard dash in 10.1, and the 220 in 22.2.

Swingline Breaks Record

Freshman shotputter Lloyd Swingle cracked a long standing Poly record in his specialty during the Santa Barbara meet. Swingle pushed the iron pellet out to the 40' 1" mark. Still another freshman Pete Godines, showed well in the hurdles for Coach Jim Jensen's Mustangs. The lanky lad from Santa Maria skimmered over the 220 lows in the good time of 25.7. Godines was nipped by a whisker in the 120-yard high hurdles, losing to Claudio Joe Riddick in 15.6 seconds. Riddick also won the high jump for the visitors, with a fine 6' 8" effort.

Some other good marks turned in by Mustang thinclads included Halli Zariman's 192' javelin throw; Gordon Votek's 18' effort in the pole vault; and Jim Wilkinson's 55.5 time in the 440-yard dash.

Wind Problem

A stiff wind hampered many of the runners, especially the boys competing in the distance events. The Claudio's crack miler, Hugo Nutini, had to settle for 4:49.0 time in his specialty as the wind obviously bothered the entire field. The same was true in the 880-yard run, as the winning time of 2:04.4 was at least five seconds slower than Nutini's capabilities.

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The INSIDE OUTLOOK

By Frank Tours, Jr.

Since Poly students have been discussing the recent Olson-Gavilan fight with some degree of heated intensity, we might as well get in our two-bits worth. . . . Can't go along with that "Bright hand" alibi at all. . . . The question is this—have you ever tried to throw a right hand while you're backing up? . . . It can be done, sure but first you have to stop (that takes time), lead with the left, and then come in with the right. . . .

Olson got away with a couple of right hand leads, but only because he was moving in at the time. . . . Gavilan was playing the part of the counterpuncher—and was doing right well with his left. . . . Olson was too big for the Keed. . . . Ha (Boho) was trained DOWN to 189 pounds, while Gavilan was trained UP to 185 pounds. . . . It makes a difference. . . .

Down and Up

See where Poly's Lloyd Swingle broke the school record in the shot put against Santa Barbara last week. . . . The lad's a real comer—and figures to be Poly's first 50-foot-plus shot putter before he's through. . . . Only a freshman right now. . . .

College Union News

The paper was pretty crowded this week, too much news on the front page to put in any College Union scoop. . . . Word is that the Blue Key crew is still working, and plan to get every student on campus behind a move to make a temporary College Union out of what is now known as Hillcrest. . . . Lots could be done up there, but nothing can be done without student help and student interest and student money. . . .

We're talking about it so much because we believe that the only way to make more out of your college days is to get together with other students and make Cal Poly a place you can all be proud of. . . . In our opinion, school spirit is at an all-time low—at least as far as the last four years are concerned. We've all heard about plans, but all those plans don't mean a thing if they don't have the men behind 'em. . . .

Happy Days

College Union program followed by a Temporary College Union building in Hillcrest, and then the College Union building we dream about—is the best way to develop that intangible thing

Spring Grid Drills To Start In May With 16 Lettermen

In Spring, it's usually said, "a young man's fancy turns to love." Football Coach Roy Hughes, however, annually turns his fancy to something called "spring practice"—and an estimated 45 Poly students will turn with him! The "silver fox" has set May 3 as the opening date this year.

Prospective gridlers will practice once a day for 20 days, and since the moleskin lads have been out of action for five months, the local coaching staff expects plenty of sore muscles for at least the first week.

Lively Sessions?

Everyone is invited to test their mettle in the spring "festa" and with a flock of returning lettermen and transfers, the going should be fairly lively, according to Hughes. Out of the mass of bone and muscle turning out, the coaching staff hopes to find the right combination that will give Cal Poly its third straight CCAA championship.

The future looks bright again this year as a crew of 16 returning lettermen form the nucleus of what could be another undefeated aggregation. Newcomers need not worry as there is plenty of room for new men at every position.

So May 3 (post Poly Royal) is the day Poly students will hear the leather crack once more on the local gridiron.

called school "spirit" . . . Get interested in a College Union program—ask about it, talk about it, support it . . . It's your ticket to much happier days both here at college, and when you start working at living. . . .

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The West Coast Electronic Manufacturers association has notified the college that it is granting \$600 in scholarship funds to the electronic engineering department for the 1954-55 school year. Two \$300 scholarships will be awarded, one to a high school senior and one to a junior college sophomore.

WELL OFF

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UCLA Natators to Test Poly Tonight In Mustang Plunge

Cal Poly's young and active swimming team starts another loaded weekend tonight in the home natatorium when they face the strong UCLA Bruins starting at 8 p.m.

Chances of the Mustangs upsetting the southland outfit appear slightly better than was previously imagined, according to Poly coach Dick Anderson, as the Bruins were soundly beaten last weekend by U.S.C. Last week, however, the green and gold mermen stepped into the "big apple" and were stomped by Cal, 67-16, and Stanford, 62-21.

High Sets Mark

An impressive winner for Poly against Stanford last week was veteran swimmer Dave High. The husky backstroke ace splashed his way to a new school record in the individual medley event when he swam the distance in 1:59.3 minutes. The mark also shattered the California state college record, but High will not get credit for the mark as state records must be set during the state meet.

Elks Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. the locals will get their second weekend test against a squad representing the Sacramento Elks club.

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Explain Cafeteria Problems

By John Melts

An "a la carte" stimulation provided a shot in the arm for Cal Poly's cafeteria set-up, this week, resulting in considerable student intervention, followed by a policy change by Foundation authorities. Cal Poly's Foundation, whose membership consists of President Julian A. McPhue as chairman, Tom Zilka, James Merson, John Jones, C. O. McCorkle and Harold Wilson, operates under a lease from the state of California, according to Gene Brendlin, who acts as manager of the group.

Unsubsidized by state or federal funds, the operation remains a local project exclusively. Compulsory meal tickets are quite legal, maintains Brendlin, as the Foundation rents the state-built and owned dormitories for an established fee. Therefore the Cal Poly Foundation can operate the housing and meals on a package deal—taking the title of compulsory meal tickets.

Brew Explanation

An explanation of the brew that bubbled and exploded Tuesday noon when a la carte meals and, incidentally higher prices, were officially slated for cafeteria use and two, came at a two-hour long meeting between Foundation officials and several students.

Another general plan was adopted and took effect with the breakfast meal Wednesday.

In explaining why the cafeteria authorities charged prices they did, Brendlin pointed out that the Foundation directors have made it clear to the Foundation management that the other operations of the Foundation—dairy, beef, sheep, swine, housing, etc.—cannot be used to subsidize the cafeterias in any way.

"The use of profits from operations, other than cafeterias and housing, is in the eyes of the state officials, direct subsidization of students, and as such is indefensible," says Howard O'Daniels, Brendlin's assistant.

"Under the terms of the lease with the state, all profits of the Foundation must accrue to the general fund of the State of California. Any losses from operations of the Foundation, other than cafeterias and housing, can be justified in the interests of education," pointed out O'Daniels.

Foundation officials point out to students that "not operating at a loss" has been a main factor in operation of the cafeteria system. Working with student committees and accepting and analyzing student opinion has been a part of their effort to provide the best food and service possible for the least amount of money.

The Red Figures

Red figures for six previous years are tallied in Foundation books showing a total loss for this period of over \$24,000. That deficit has caused considerable concern, hence leading to the conception and birth of a compulsory program for Cal Poly.

The short-lived high-priced a la carte system used on Tuesday of this week, resulted from a poll taken among cafeteria patrons.

"The change was found to be unsatisfactory, as was evidenced by the actions of students at the noon meal on Tuesday," Brendlin summed up the action.

"We hope that the new proposal is the best compromise to the situation that has developed in our cafeterias," manager Brendlin explained. "Further information on operations will be supplied at an early date. Meanwhile if students wish to talk to me personally, check in at Room 118, Ad bldg," he concluded.

Revised price lists are posted in cafeterias one and two.

The Long View

By Bill Long

Action . . . At Last

During the late holidays we gave a little thought to the campus bed and board situation. Upon return, we had a heart to heart talk with Wes Wickham, chairman of the cafeteria problems committee.

Results most gratifying. Mr. Wickham felt a little action was needed.

We now share a downtown apartment.

Music, Music, Music

What say you about last Friday's COP band concert. We say the most. Some real crasy piccolos. Really stoned the local cats.

Biggest response yet, to any assembly. Even more so than for our own Music department on one of its rare campus appearances. (Ooh, ooh, trouble coming from the poor man's Fred Waring!)

At Poly? That concert was quite significant though. With almost nonexistent publicity, they packed people into the aisles and proceeded to lay them therewith. And with a straight classical repertoire, yet.

The local people who know (I) such things have long maintained that the Poly crew will go for no words longer than two syllables or three short or no music deeper than the Fire-house Five plus two (no reflection on Chief Krag or Ernie Steiner, God rest his soul).

All kinds of well established applicants got upset that night.

We laugh.

Tea Anyone?

Following the concert was a library reception, around and about which much talk has been kicked.

The assembly committee wanted a reception but their available funds could more easily be measured in cents rather than dollars. So our girl Sally Stevens (assistant activities officer) volunteered to bake a few hundred cookies and talked Leah Levinson (student body office secretary) into helping serve. Harry brewed a pot.

Select Few The assembly boys sat down and drew up a guest list commensurate with the pocket-sized treasury. Starting upstairs they worked down. The group was "select" (we're told.) Activities officer Lawson left a party at home to attend the function. Others of the invited upstairs crew were more than conspicuous by their absence. In a couple of cases, the absences were downright fishy. Maybe they belong to the wrong caste?

The Poly boys, for the most part not used to receptions and such, thoroughly searched their trousers pockets, familiarized themselves with the ceiling, and glad-handed other Poly people. The COP people got along nicely with COP people.

How? The spirit was willing but the flesh just didn't know how. When it came time for the COP people to leave, they left. This may be functional but in our book it ain't etiquette. Course the lady that wrote our book doesn't know a T-square from a Hereford, so naturally it couldn't have any application here.

But thanks to Sally Stevens and Leah Levinson the whole thing didn't come off too badly at all.

Maybe we should blame the whole thing on lack of coeds, and let it go at that. We all know of course, that we must have an excuse for everything, and everything we can't find an excuse for will be magically changed with the advent of coeds.

Big Mystery

We been tellin' ya for a little while now that something big, new and besides that different was gonna happen to the college union thing. So if somebody asks for a buck, sometime soon, don't think twice, just give . . . once.

We can't say here just exactly where the money is going. That word will be spread from mouth to mouth, but it's a real kick in the pants. And we hope it will!

COUVERT REMARK Herb Shriner, after a visit to a New York night club, "This place had a minimum. I don't know what it was, but the girls were wearing it."

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To the Cafeteria committee for progressive action on the current involved food situation. Keep moving, men!

To the electrical engineering department for knocking off that \$500 award for best display in Los Angeles.

To Vic Buccola for an amicable settlement of Santa Barbara high school's claims for goal post damage.

To Air Conditioning club for their glittering "Ride to Poly" sign on Santa Rosa street.

Cooperation With Hotels Pays Off

With Poly Royal upon us once more, we feel that now is the time for some advice regarding hotel and motel reservations that will be made by many students for family and friends.

In the past there has been misunderstanding and bitterness by students and by hotel owners. Students have become angry at the jacking up of rates and hotel owners have been left holding the bag when students failed to pick up their reservations.

There is a way to solve this problem without either party being hurt. The student making the reservation leaves a deposit as evidence of good faith and gets a receipt. In the event of a cancellation, the money will be returned. The majority of hotel and motel owners have agreed not to raise their rates for Poly Royal.

Under the direction of the San Luis Obispo chamber of commerce, a list of hotels and motels showing types of accommodations available and rates has been prepared and copies of the list have been posted on bulletin boards in the basement of the administration building.

For your own protection, we feel that dealing with hotels and motels who have published their rates is the safest procedure. Also, that a request for deposit is not working an undue hardship on the student. (Ed.)

Thumbs Up — Thumbs Down

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you members of the student body for your support of the Shrine's Crippled Children Fund to which you contributed \$150. Cal Poly was one of the first schools to do this type of thing and we have received many grateful comments for our efforts in this matter.

Another example is the PCI banquet in which you gave up an \$80 meal ticket to enable the PCI wrestling squads to have an awards banquet. Not only did you contribute, but you served the banquet and cleaned up afterwards. All of the labor was donated to help our wrestling team which unassisted, could not have held the banquet.

It would be impossible to name all contributors in this letter, but I have your names in my report and I am proud of you. Proud of your spirit to help without tangible reward because I know each one who had a part was more than repaid for his efforts. I am proud to be your president and commend you for your attitude and spirit.

Sincerely
 Ron Davey

Part-time Farmers

The number of farmers who don't work at farming full time and depend on other jobs for part of their income is rapidly increasing, according to department of agriculture surveys. Thirty years ago only one farmer in ten was a "part-timer." Now the ratio is one in four.

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'Yesterday and Today' is Theme For Ornamental Horticulture Flower Show

By Harold Spuhler

"Flowers, flowers and more flowers!" That's what people will be saying when they attend the sixth annual Poly Royal Flower show. The flower show is being put on and entirely financed by the Ornamental Horticulture club. No admission will be charged to this beauty exposition which is to be held April 30 and May 1 in classrooms 17, 18 and 19.

"The show is the largest of its kind in the central California area and is the largest attendance-getter at Poly Royal," says Bill Long, sophomore OH and agriculture journalism major. Long, from Cupertino, is co-chairman with Bob Cooper, sophomore OH major from Lompoc. Wes Connors, sophomore OH major from Fresno, will be floor manager.

Theme for the show will be "Yesterday and Today." The show has been enlarged and will have twice as many divisions as last year.

There are the specimen and the arrangement divisions which are open to the tri-county area and the floor display which is open to Cal Poly students only. A Sweepstakes prize will be awarded

in each of the divisions and special awards will go to the outstanding specimen and arrangements. According to Long, the judges, top men in their field, have not been announced as yet, but judging will take place between 10 and noon, April 30.

"The theme exhibit will be designed and constructed under the direction of Ralph Barnes, sophomore OH major from Princeton, California," says Long. It will be a waterfall over a mossy bank into a pool set in a field of Baby Tears and in the green foreground there will be drifts of Lilies of the Valley. The rest of the floor displays will consist of helpful garden and patio suggestions as interpreted by Cal Poly OH majors," according to Long.

Coffee and Sinkers Big Corral Items

By G. H. Murphy

Students who pass up breakfast for that extra forty winks of sleep and drop into El Corral, Cal Poly's coffee shop, probably have as their major interest getting their coffee and doughnuts consumed and arriving in class on time.

In fact, if they had time to check with Everett Dorrough, El Corral manager, they would find out that about 75 dozen doughnuts and 17 pounds of coffee are used every day!

Taking a slide rule in hand, one can soon discover that at the current rate, Cal Poly students will consume more than 46,000 doughnuts and over six tons of coffee in a year!

Late-snackers who come into El Corral are particular about what they eat, says Dorrough. They will not settle for just any doughnut, they want a particular kind. The biggest seller, he says, is the cinnamon roll. Holding number two position is the chocolate doughnut. The other flavors are about evenly divided.

The doughnuts sold at Cal Poly are not really doughnuts in the usual sense but are in fact "spud-nuts." Made from potato flour. But who can tell the difference?

Folk Dancing Offered To Cal Poly Students

All Cal Poly students are cordially invited to attend the folk dancing classes held in the city recreation center, 804 Santa Rosa street, each Tuesday and Thursday evening, says William Rooney, city recreation director.

Freshmen wishing to attend the Friday night Teen Age dance must obtain a membership card at the center prior to the dance, Rooney added.

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