In 1964 Gregory Peck was a much-admired Hollywood celebrity and Cal Poly Royal Queen Cathy De Gasparis (HE '64) was an "outstanding senior" from Guadalupe. Peck, a part-time Hereford rancher, visited with De Gasparis at the university beef unit during a trip to San Luis Obispo as chair of the American Cancer Society's 1964 Crusade. By then the actor had appeared in more than 33 films, including The Keys of the Kingdom (1945), The Yearling (1946), Gentlemen's Agreement (1947), and Twelve O'Clock High (1949), for which he won Academy Award nominations, and To Kill a Mockingbird (1962), for which he won the Oscar as best actor.

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