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Hiya, frosh. Welcome to Cal Poly.

My name's Joe . . . Joe College. I'm sort of a one-man welcoming committee around Cal Poly. Actually, of course, every real Poly man is a member of this welcoming committee but they're kind of busy now so they pinned this "official" badge here on my chest and asked me to show you around the campus.

Before we start looking over the campus and talking about all the things which will be new to you, I had better tell you what Cal Poly's president, Julian A. McPhee, asked me to tell you.

He said, "Remember, Joe, when you're talking to all the new freshmen to extend to them my most sincere welcome. Tell them, Joe, that Cal Poly is their school. That the administration, faculty and all the facilities of Cal Poly are here for just one purpose—to supply them with the type of higher education they want. Tell them that we want them to study and work hard but that we also want them to enjoy the years they spend here by entering into the various extra-curricular and recreational activities which go to make up a great deal of the personality development afforded by college life."

The "Chief" will probably tell you these things himself—the first time he gets a moment. Our president is a pretty busy man, has more different important jobs than you can shake a stick at, but he's responsible for making this school the real college that it is today and the boys at Poly all think he's tops. He and his family live up in the house on the hill behind Deuel dormitory and pretty soon you'll be their guest up there at the annual Frosh welcoming party.

A BIT OF HISTORY

You see that big, new building—the one we call the Administration Classroom building—well, I happened to be standing right there on that very spot on January 31, 1941 and witnessed the unusual ceremony of “unlaying” a cornerstone which had been placed in the old Administration building on that same day 38 years before—in 1903. You see the area occupied by this new building was once the site of two other buildings, Anderson Hall and the old Administration building, which were torn down to make way for the new.

Dr. Leroy Anderson, first president of Cal Poly, was present at the “unlaying” ceremony and told the spectators some of the history of the school. Dr. Anderson told of how he had visualized the growth of Poly but he said that now it has progressed beyond his then “wildest” hope. When Dr. Anderson opened the school on Oct. 1, 1903, as a state technical high school there were little more than a dozen students and only a couple of teachers.

Dr. Anderson left Poly in 1907 to join the faculty of the University of California and he was succeeded by Leroy Smith. In 1913, Col. R. W. Ryder became president and carried on through the trying times of the first World War. During that war, 79 Poly men enlisted—a good record then. Just think—within a few weeks after the Pearl Harbor attack last year, more than that number of Poly men dropped out of school to join the armed forces and now the total is well into the second hundred.

Nicholas Ricciardi succeeded Col. Ryder as president in 1921, and two years later when he resigned, Miss Margaret Chase, vice president, took complete charge. Soon after this Ben R. Crandall resigned from the University of California to become president of Cal Poly. Greater progress was made under Crandall's leadership, with the

school receiving a junior college rating in 1927. Greatest strides, however, have been made since 1933 when Julian A. McPhee became president. New teachers, new buildings, new courses were added and all high school level courses were eliminated.

In 1938, a Pasadena citizen, Charles B. Voorhis, made a gift of his million dollar private school in San Dimas to Cal Poly as a horticulture branch. In April 1940, the college was authorized to grant Bachelor of Science degrees to students successfully completing the four year courses. In June of this year Poly's first degree class of seniors was graduated.

WHERE TO FIND 'EM

College Administration

Julian A. McPhee, president	Room 142
C. O. McCorkle, assistant to president . . .	Room 137
Eugene Boone, business office manager . .	Room 110
Eugene Egan, registrar	Room 133
Alice M. Daniel, secretary to president . .	Room 142
Oscar Lucksinger, in charge resident students	Room 135
C. E. Knott, head of industrial division . .	Room 134

Student Body Officers

(Room 18, Basement Administration Bldg.)

Henry House . President	Ben Barr . Athletic Mgr.
Bob Procsal . . Vice pres.	Jack Mitchell . Yell Leader
Harold Acton . Secretary	Loren McNicholl . .
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Donald Seaton	El Mustang Editor
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Mr. Kennedy	Advisor, Room 208 (Library)

A FEW INSIDE TIPS



It doesn't do you much good if I just say to you, "You know, bud, this jump from high school to college is a hard one for some fellows to make successfully—a lot of boys flunk out or get homesick or get discouraged—so make sure you get oriented right away."

No, sir, that wouldn't help you a bit.

What you want to know is how to keep from flunking out, how to keep from getting homesick or discouraged. Of course, I can't guarantee that the tips I'm going to give you are a "cure-all" but I can say that if you conscientiously try to live up to them—you'll be as big a success at this college life as the next fellow.

You'll have a better chance to make good in college if you:

Safeguard your health;

Participate in athletics, even if you never make a varsity team;

Have occasional "dates";

Find a friend whom you can trust with "confidences";

Keep up a satisfactory religious worship not inconsistent with your science and philosophy;

Keep up fellowship with your parents and old friends by writing letters;

Live on the campus;

Study as many hours daily as are required to finish assignments;

Learn how to make and keep a schedule of work, reading, recreation, exercise, and rest;

Make your own decisions promptly;

Seek competent advice without becoming overdependent upon it;

Keep track of your money;

Enlarge your reading interests, particularly in books;

Learn to appreciate English literature for its light on the real life of man;

Take part in occasional big "bull sessions";

Ride a hobby without letting it ride you;

Participate moderately in club work and religious associations;

Concern yourself with the larger community outside the campus, including world-wide events.

"A successful student is not one who fits in smoothly to the college as it is, but one who helps to change what needs to be changed in the college. When students learn how to make the needed changes, they may go out from college confident that they can make good in a world that needs changing and carry their full share of the work of change." 1.

(A little pamphlet, "What It Takes To Make Good In College," No. 53, is in the school library and you can consult it for more complete information.)

HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

That first little tip about "safeguarding your health" is pretty easy to do here at Poly because we have excellent health and medical service for which you have just paid a \$5 fee for medical attention for the entire year. This service not only covers first aid treatment, but all minor and major surgery and a free physical examination. Only items not covered are diseases of chronic nature which were contracted before entering school. Students receive hospitalization at industrial accident rates and medical supplies at reduced rates.

The physician, Dr. J. V. B. Butler, is on the campus

one hour daily five times per week. Students must call Dr. Butler's office for appointment whether they intend to see the doctor at his downtown office or the campus health office.

PLAY THE GAME

That second tip about "participating in athletics" is more important now than ever before. The army and navy is insisting that men enlisting in their reserve training programs and remaining in school have more intensive physical education, so the college has deemed it advisable to require three hours per week of physical education and, in addition, every freshman and sophomore must compete in at least one competitive intramural or intercollegiate sport during a season extending for a minimum of 12 weeks.

Since Cal Poly had adopted the rules of the Far Western Conference, which allows freshmen to play on varsity teams, every freshman should feel it an honor and an obligation to try out for some team.

Our new coach, Bob Dakan, formerly freshman coach at Stanford and head coach at San Luis Obispo Junior College, is starting football practice this week. Better get out there. Dakan's got some tricks up his sleeve which should help Poly win every game—in one of the hardest schedules ever seen around here. (See back of cover for schedule).

Coach Dakan will be assisted this year by Lindsay "Red" Jewett and George Ilg. Jewett will coach boxing and Ilg will assist Dakan with basketball.

Baseball and track will also be handled by Dakan.

Minor sports, including swimming, tennis, fencing, wrestling, are healthful and help to give a guy a big appetite. If you are interested in tennis see George Drumm and if it's fencing that catches your eye, go see Dr. Bowls.

HOW TO GET A DATE

That third tip I gave you about "dates" was in all seriousness, but I thought I heard somebody say under his breath, "Oh, ya, where are the gals?"

It's no secret. Some of the Poly boys do have trouble finding girls to go out with. But some of those guys would have trouble finding a girl on the corner of Hollywood and Vine.

Poly's excellent music department has one of the slickest dance bands in this part of the state—the Collegians. The girls in town are crazy to come to the Poly dances which are given once each month by a campus organization (free to all Poly boys with student body cards) and every Friday night The Collegians sponsor dances at moderate admission prices.

But even with all those inducements, you can't expect the San Luis girls to fall right in your lap. You've got to get acquainted; introduce yourself, have friends introduce you—then be a real gentleman and you will have plenty of girl friends.

When you see a young miss you think you would like, don't be backward, just call her up, or go see her; invite her to a Poly social function.

WHAT THE WELL DRESSED MAN WEARS

Some fellows get the idea that because Poly is an agricultural college that Levis or coveralls are proper dress for all school functions. Just remember those are your work clothes. When you go downtown shopping, to a show, for a midnight snack — try to find time to get

"slicked" up a bit. Put on some clean clothes, leave your manure-caked boots under the bed (or better still, hang 'em out the window) but whatever you do, remember that the person sitting next to you in a restaurant or movie may not be used to the hog or cow barn smell.

This idea of cleaning up shouldn't be reserved entirely for off-campus jaunts, either. When you go into the cafe for your evening meal, try to go in as clean as you would if your mother and sisters were going to be eating at the table with you.

When it comes to dressing for dances—what's proper depends on the kind of dance it is. Most of the organization-sponsored dances are costume affairs, and when they are you are expected to dress according to the specified theme. Sometimes you'll dress like a cowpoke, Lil Abner, Kindergarten Kid, etc.

Most dances, including all Collegiate Club affairs, are sport. For sport dances, wear slacks or any good pants, matching or contrasting coat, tie or sport shirt. (Don't forget to wear shoes.)

The two big dances of the year are spoken of as formals, Christmas Formal and Poly Royal Ball, but since most Poly boys haven't a tux, the custom has been to make the affairs actually semi-formal. That is, the girls wear formals and you provide them with corsages. Then if you have a tux, wear it; if you haven't, wear a dark suit, with white shirt and black (or brown) shoes.

HOW TO CRACK AN EX



Just in case you don't know, the expression to "crack an ex" means to get better than a passing grade in an examination. Some of the better students have told me that they follow the one, two, three, four principle:

1. Keep awake in class. Be alert during lectures and take good, clear, concise lecture notes — and then make sure you review and review them.
2. Do the required outside class studying. Academic courses require at least two study hours for every hour of lecture. Remember, you are only cheating yourself if you try to kid yourself into thinking you can do in 15 minutes an assignment which an instructor knows should take you two hours.
3. Make a schedule of hours. Division of time between work, reading, recreation, exercise, and rest is important. Remember that college life includes "bull sessions" as part of the experience, but don't make the tragic mistake of mixing "bull sessions" with study hours.
4. Use all available facilities for study far in advance of an examination. Don't wait for the last minute to cram. If you have required reading to do before an ex, read it as soon after the assignment has been made as possible. If you wait until the night before—you'll discover some other "crammers" did too—then the problem is, which one of you will get the book to read.

We'll talk about some of the things you can get into, learn a lot, and help your fellow students — in just a moment. The main thing to remember is to pick out an activity that interests you and then give it all you've got —without, of course, hurting your studies.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The power of the student body is limited by its own constitutional regulations and by the authority of the director of the institution only where campus government effects the educational policy of the school. The executive body of the school is known as the Student Affairs Council. All official business is passed through this body. There are representatives from all departmental groups in school in the ratio of one person from every group of 50 students. All expenditures of funds must be passed upon by this body. The official business representative of the student body is the Student Manager.

PUBLICATIONS



We have, here on the campus, two principal publications: our weekly paper and annual. El Mustang, the paper, is written, edited, and printed by Poly students. It is printed on our own press in the basement of the old Administration building. El Rodeo, our annual, is a very interesting and entertaining account of Cal Poly's activities for the school year. If any of you freshmen are at all interested in Journalism, make it a point to do your part to help our school publications. Mr. Kennedy, journalism instructor and advisor, will answer any questions you may have regarding a position on the staff of one of these publications.

EL CORRAL

El Corral is the student co-op store owned by the student body for the benefit of all students. It supplies necessities and luxuries to the students. El Corral is the social, as well as the business center of the campus. It is located in the basement of the new Administration Building, which has just recently been completed.

STUDENT BODY CARDS

To be a member of the Associated Students of Cal Poly you must have a student body card. It is really the biggest bargain of the year, because when you purchase your card on Registration day you will be given about \$20.00 value for only \$10.00.

Here are some added advantages: You receive reductions on admission prices for many other social and athletic events in San Luis Obispo; you cannot hold a student body office without one; you cannot become a member of any campus organization without one; you have no voice in your student government unless you have a card as you are not allowed to vote without one; and best of all, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to support and equip all Cal Poly athletic teams, the snappy band, the Poly Royal and the student publications.



FROSH TRADITIONS

1. Wearing their "dinks" and carrying their hand-books.
2. Attending all student body meetings, rallies, and all other activities including home athletic contests.
3. Occupying front seats at assemblies.
4. Freshmen, at a date set by the rally committee, must build and guard a bonfire for a rally. It must be built by the frosh and whatever assistance they can muster.
5. Respecting the upperclassmen, especially the sophomores.
6. Calling at the home of the President of the school at his invitation.
7. Putting on the Senior dance.

POLY TRADITIONS

1. All students shall stand when the Alma Mater is played or being sung. Hats off.
2. No one shall smoke in buildings with the exceptions of the dorms.
3. No high school or other college monogrm as insignias shall be worn by any student.
4. All frosh and sophomores who hold student body cards shall take part in the annual frosh-soph brawl.
5. A special bonfire rally is held on the evening preceding the Homecoming football game (Humbolt State Nov. 7). The wood for the fire is to be gathered and guarded by the freshman class.

The traditions of a college are honored by its students as the laws of a nation are by its citizens. The traditions of the campus are the laws of the Polyites. They are as much a part of college as curriculum duties. Obey them. Revere and respect them. Learn to play the game. In doing so you will become a true Polyite.

It shall be the purpose of the old students to show

those entering what the ideals of character cherished by the institution are. Honor is the foundation stone.

COLLEGIANS

A group of musicians interested in producing a fine dance orchestra and to provide musical entertainment for school and community at large. At the opening of the school year tryouts are held, and any man who wishes to play in the band is welcome to tryout.

CAL POLY BAND



All students are invited to enroll in the high stepping, peppy band. The band takes part in all athletic events at the school and often makes trips with the teams away from the school.

CAL POLY GLEE CLUB

Any men that are interested in the vocal end of music, are invited to try out for the glee club. Tryouts are held at the beginning of the school

year. The group makes a week-long trip during the spring of each year to advertise the school. Two quartets are picked from the club: the Varsity and the Collegiate.

YELLS

M·U—M·U—M·U·S·T

A·N—A·N—A·N·G·S

M·U·S·T·A·N·G·S

Mustangs, Mustangs,

MUS·TANGS

(Soft at first, then let go)

C·A·L·P·O·L·Y

Cal Poly, Cal Poly

CAL·POLY

M·U·S·T·A·N·G·S

Mustangs, Mustangs,

MUS·TANGS

Locomotive

C·A·L·P·O·L·Y

C·A·L·P·O·L·Y

C·A·L·P·O·L·Y

Cal Poly

Cal Poly

CAL POLY

C—Rah, Rah, Rah

P—Rah, Rah, Rah

CP—Fight, Fight, Fight

Go, Go, Go, Mustangs

Fight, Fight, Fight, Mustangs

Fight Mustang Teach

Go·o·o·o·o Poly

Go, Go, Go——Rah

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CAL POLY 1942 CALENDAR

Fall Quarter

- Sept. 3—Registration and examinations for new students.
Sept. 4—Exams for new students.
Sept. 5—Completion of registration for new students.
Sept. 7—Registration for old students.
Sept. 8—Instruction begins.
Sept. 9—Wednesday, Admission Day—holiday.
Nov. 11—Wednesday, Armistice Day—holiday.
Nov. 23-25—Final Exams.
Nov. 25—End Fall quarter.
Nov. 26-30—Thanksgiving holidays.

Winter Quarter

- Nov. 30—Registration for Winter Quarter.
Dec. 1—Instruction begins.
Dec. 19 - Jan. 3—Christmas vacation.
Jan. 4—Classes resumed.
March 4 - 5—Final Exams.
March 5—End of Winter Quarter.

Spring Quarter

- March 8—Registration for Spring Quarter.
March 9—Instruction begins.
April 26—Classes resumed.
April 23-25—Spring Vacation.
May 27 - 28—Final Examinations.
May 28—Commencement.

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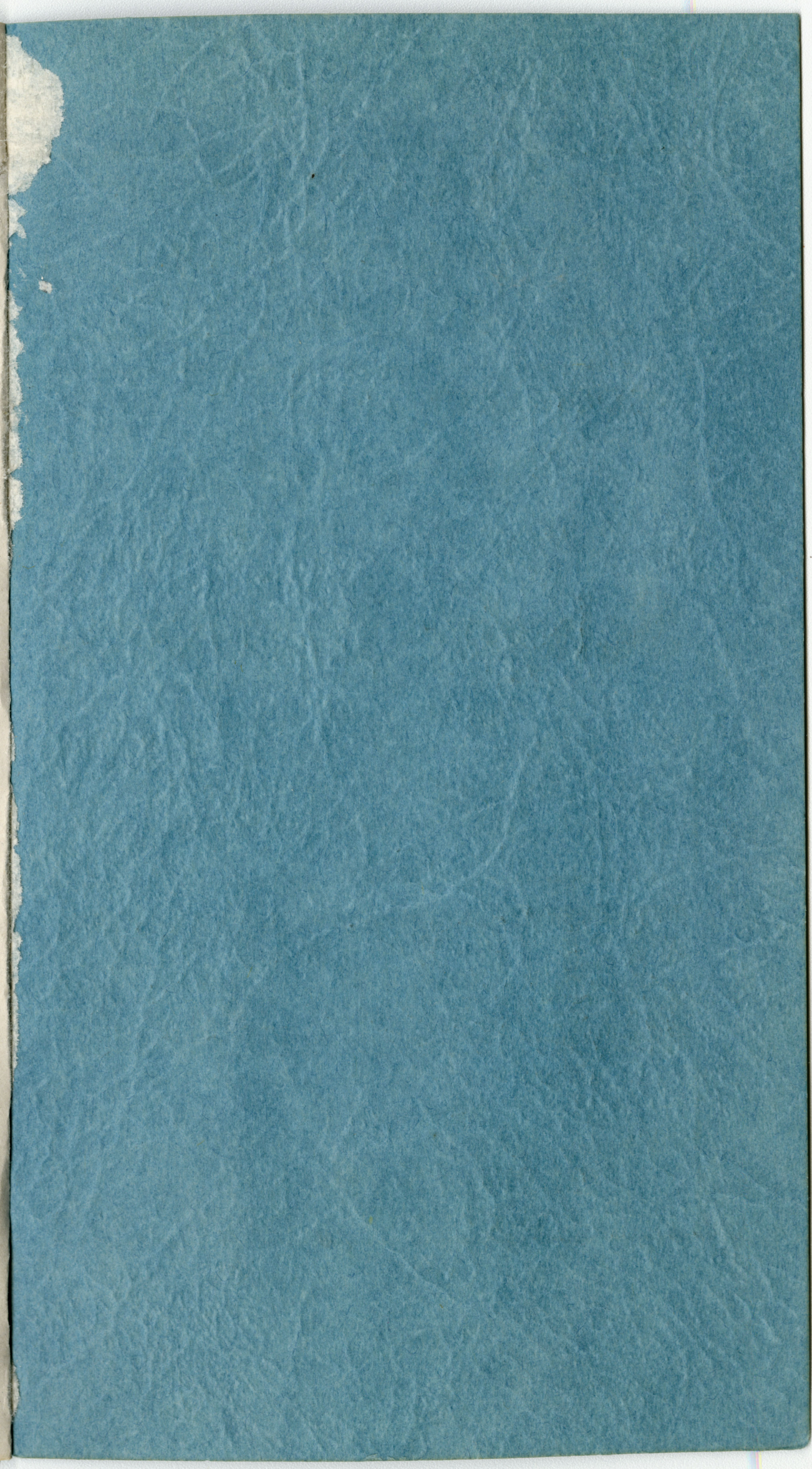
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1942 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 20—Humboldt State at Eureka.

September 26—University of Nevada at Reno.

October 18—Whittier College at Whittier.

October 31—Chico State College, Here.

November 7—San Francisco State at San Francisco.

November 14—Occidental, Here.

Probable games: Negotiations under way with College of Pacific, Cal Aggies, San Diego Naval Base, Stockton Air Base.

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