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Fall Quarter

Sept. 5—Registration and Examinations for New Students.

Sept. 6—Examinations for New Students.

Sept. 7—Completion of Registration for New Students.

Sept. 10—Registration of Old Students.

Sept. 11—Instruction Begins.

Nov. 11—Monday, Armistice Day—Holiday.

Nov. 20, noon to Nov. 24, inclusive—Thanksgiving.

Nov. 28-29—Final Examinations.

Nov. 29—End of Fall Quarter.

Winter Quarter

Dec. 2—Registration for Winter Quarter.

Dec. 3—Instruction Begins.

Dec. 20-Jan. 5—Christmas Vacation.

Jan. 6—Classes Resumed.

March 6, 7—Final Examinations.

March 7—End of Winter Quarter.

Spring Quarter

March 10—Registration for Spring Quarter.

March 11—Instruction Begins.

April 11-13—Spring Vacation.

April 14—Classes Resumed.

May 28-29—Final Examinations.

May 29—Commencement.

Foreword

This freshman handbook is to acquaint you briefly with the functions, traditions, organizations and the leaders of the college.

As new members of the Associated Students of the California State Polytechnic school, you have taken another step in your social and educational development. At the same time, you bring with you ideals and principles of character that have been formed in you at an earlier date. The wish of those who welcome you to Cal Poly is that we may be of assistance in helping you to continue your development along the highest level.

The College has much to offer you, but you also have something to offer the College; the substance of which is new personality, ideas, and enthusiasm.

By virtue of your becoming members of the Associated Students of California Polytechnic (A. S. C. P.), you have accepted responsibility in student affairs and the problems that all students are expected to share. You are represented by members of the student body through whom you can express your thoughts and ideas. We urge you to keep in contact with these officers and to participate in student activities.

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College Administration

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Kenneth Barnes	Donald Carlson
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History of Our School

The corner stone of the Administration Building was laid on January 31, 1903. On October 1st of that year it opened as a State Technical high school under President Anderson.

Agriculture and home-making courses were the first offered. The mechanical and engineering departments were being developed.

Dr. Anderson resigned in 1907 to join the faculty of the University of California. Mr. Leroy Smith was chosen as his successor. For the next six years progress in agriculture and industry was marked. The Annual Farmers Day (the present Poly Royal) became one of the big events of the Coast Counties. Athletics came in for a large share of attention and football was added to basketball and baseball.

Col. R. W. Ryder became president in 1913 and carried on through the very trying times of the war. Considerable opposition developed and there were threats of moving the institution. However, real advancement was made. During the war Polytechnic gave good account of herself, enlisting 79 men. A purchase of land consisting of 627 acres brought the total acreage up to 1000 acres.

Mr. Nicholas Ricciardi succeeded Col. Ryder as president in 1921. In 1923 he resigned putting Miss Margaret Chase in charge who had served as vice-president and dean.

It was at this time that Ben R. Crandall resigned from the University of California to become president of the Polytechnic school. During President Crandall's regime Governor Richardson visited the campus and

was so impressed with the work done here that the next budget was greatly increased. Governor Young, an educator himself, appreciating the value of a State school that trained men for 84 per cent of the paying positions in the county, placed nearly one half of a million dollars in his budget for the school.

In September 1927 a Junior College rating was established marking the first big step toward a great institution. The purchase of an additional farm and the erection and equipping of several buildings added greatly to the efficiency of the unique educational opportunities offered at Cal Poly.

Since 1933, with the arrival of our present president, Mr. Julian A. McPhee, the school has evidenced marked physical and curricular improvement. A crop of trained men with practical as well as teaching experience was added to the staff. The previous courses of high school level were eliminated and technical and vocational instruction of college level established. The entrance requirements also were raised.

In 1938 came the most valuable acquisition and most rapid expansion in the history of the institution. A Pasadena citizen, Charles B. Voorhis, made an outright gift of his million dollar school, located at San Dimas, to the California State Polytechnic school as a horticulture branch.

In April 1939, the school was accepted by the State of California as a four year degree granting institution. This was brought about by the combined efforts of students, teachers, and our very able president Julian A. McPhee.

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 affects 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 expenditure of funds must be passed upon by this body.

Publications

The two principal campus publications are **The Polytechnic Californian**, our weekly newspaper, edited and published by students of the journalism classes; and **The El Rodeo**, our college annual, the pictorial history of the campus year. The staff is drawn from the student body at large.

Other publications include **The Circular of Information**, a pictorial of campus facilities and educational activities, and the **California Future Farmer**, a monthly magazine supported by and mailed to 10,000 Future Farmers in nearly 200 high schools throughout the state.

El Corral

El Corral is the student co-op store owned by the student body for the benefit of all students. It supplies the necessities and luxuries to the student. El Corral is the social as well as the business center of the campus. Pool table, tennis table, checker and chessboards, radio, and piano are located here for the enjoyment of all students.

Student Body Card

You must have a Student Body Card! The card costs but ten dollars. This ten dollars is really the admission into college life. It entitles one to all athletic contests, dances, student body assemblies and programs, gives a student a part and voice in the S.A.C. and regular meetings. It provides the balance between study and entertainment. The biggest function of the year is Poly Royal and is sponsored by the Associated Students of California State Polytechnic. The student body card also entitles the bearer to the weekly newspaper and the annual at the close of the year.

Poly Royal

The biggest undertaking of California State Polytechnic's student body is the Poly Royal, the "Country Fair on a College Campus." The event is held each spring and attracts visitors from all parts of the state. Thousands pour in to the two day celebration which includes all types of good entertainment such as judging contests, baseball game, milking contests, ladies' nail driving contests, night track meet, collegiate rodeo, and innumerable other exhibits and shows. This is concluded with the coronation ball and dance in the evening of the second day.

Campus Conduct

We pride ourselves on having but a few rules and giving the individual responsibility of his own account.

Every student is expected to act the part of a gentleman at all times and in all places, on or off the campus.

Frosh Rules

1. Thou shall wear thy dink at all times but not in buildings or when talking to the fairer sex.

2. Thou shall learn the songs and yells of your Alma Mater and be prepared at all times to sing her praises.

3. Thou shall address all upperclassmen as "Sir."

4. Thou shall carry from sunup to sundown the frosh handbook.

5. Thou shall forget your high school achievements. You're in college now.

6. Thou shall learn the names of all roads on the campus and be able to direct any and all persons visiting such campus.

7. Thou shall not smoke anything but corncob pipes and roll-your-owns.

8. Thou shall not wear any high school rings or insignias of any sort.

9. Thou shall not sit on the senior benches.

10. Thou shall not park cars in front of dormitories.

11. Thou shall not walk on the grass.

12. Thou shall not loiter on the steps of the Administration building.

13. Thou shall not climb any fences.

14. Thou shall attend all assemblies and athletic contests.

15. Thou shall not forget to have shoe polish and boot grease on hand to keep the upperclassmen's shoes in the best of condition.

Frosh Dictionary

Exams—A party given at least once a quarter by the teacher to his students.

Senior—A shareholder in the institution.

Dink—An essential covering for the frosh cranium.

Freshman—A servant of the upperclassmen.

El Corral—Our student store. Use it.

El Rodeo—Our annual. See your picture.

Card—Student body card. Get yours!

Mustang—Pet name for our team. Yell it.

Report—A call on the Kangaroo Court.

Cinch Notice—You have been playing around too much. Settle down!

Cafe—Our dining hall. You can't miss.

Hog Wallow—A place for frosh to stay clear of.

Frosh Traditions

1. Wearing their "dinks" and carrying their handbooks.

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. "Painting of the P" is to be accomplished by the middle of the first Quarter.

6. Respecting the upperclassmen especially the sophomores.

7. Calling at the home of the President of the school at his invitation.

8. 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 exception of the dorms.

3. No high school or other college monograms or ensignias 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 (Cal Aggie Nov. 16). The wood for the fire is to be gathered and guarded by the freshman class.

6. A student body dance is held once a month for members of the A. S. B. and their girl friends. Many other dances and social functions are given by the different organizations within the school.

7. Each spring the school is groomed for the annual Poly Royal in which every student participates.

8. Two big student body banquets are held each year. One at Christmas and one in June.

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.

Organizations

GAMMA PHI DELTA

An honor society with membership based upon scholarship and leadership open to agricultural students. Activities are largely social, but its purpose is a serious one of endeavoring to encourage and reward outstanding students. Membership is invitational.

SIGMA PHI KAPPA

An honorary service fraternity made up of students interested in serving the school and community.

ALPHA GAMMA EPSILON

A social and professional fraternity for students majoring in air conditioning industries. Activities are both social and educational. The emblem of the club has the Greek letters Alpha, Gamma, and Epsilon on a black background.

BLOCK "P" CLUB

An organization for men who have taken part in one of the major sports to such an extent that they have earned a varsity letter. The Block "P" serves as a general service club taking an active part in all other college activities.

BOOTS AND SPURS

This club is for meat animal students and is under the process of organizing a new constitution and by-laws to be announced.

COLLEGIANS

A group of musicians who are interested in producing a fine dance orchestra and to provide musical entertainment for the school and community at large. The membership in the band is based on set entrance requirements. Tryouts are held at the opening of school and are open to any man who may desire to play in such organization.

CAL POLY BAND

A uniformed, marching band for all school and local functions. All students are invited to enroll in the band. The band participates in all athletic events at the school and often makes trips with the teams away from the school. They will have new uniforms this fall when they appear at the football games.

CAL POLY GLEE CLUB

A group of men interested in the vocal end of music. Members are chosen by tryouts at the beginning of the school. 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 Collegiates.

SKI CLUB

The object of the Ski Club is to increase interest in skiing at the college and to plan trips to the snow belt on a cooperative basis. Anyone interested in skiing is welcome to join the club. Arm emblems are worn by those who have proven their skill in the art of skiing.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The Future Farmers of America is a national society for young men preparing to enter agricultural occupations. The Cal Poly Chapter is the headquarters and service chapter for the other chapters throughout California. Each meeting held at various times has a definite purpose and something of value for all agricultural students. The F.F.A. acts as host to other chapters during the annual convention held on Poly campus.

YOUNG FARMERS OF AMERICA

The California chapter of the Young Farmers of America is one of the new organizations in the state composed of young men who have an active interest in farming and allied occupations as a vocation.

DORMITORY CLUBS

There are six dormitory clubs: Heron, Deuel, Chase, Jespersen, Upper and Lower Units. These clubs are independent of each other and make their own rules governing the conduct and activities within the dorm. Activities include several inter-dorm meets such as swimming and basketball.

DEPARTMENTAL CLUBS

There is a departmental club for every major course in school. To join one must be enrolled in the particular department either as a major or as an elective. Each club is entitled to give one Student Body dance a year which is paid for out of student funds. The best Student Body dance of the year is awarded the Brown Trophy.

Athletics

FOOTBALL

The Cal Poly football team follows a rigorous schedule that consists mostly of four year institutions. Spring practice is held for six weeks, in April, May and June. Fall practice starts the first week in September and continues through November.

Coaches of the team are Howie O'Daniels and Don DeRosa. This year the Mustangs open on their home field against Cal Tech of Pasadena.

BASKETBALL

The basketball squad plays a list of teams representing state colleges, junior colleges, and independent teams. Practice starts in December under Coach O'Daniels. The junior varsity meets the local high school and junior colleges.

TRACK

Track season opens in February under Coaches DeRosa and Paul Gifford. An annual track meet is held between the ag and industrial departments as a season opener. Later the track team meets state and junior colleges.

BASEBALL

Coached by Capt. J. C. Deuel, baseball players begin their practice in February for a schedule that includes many four year colleges as well as some junior colleges.

SWIMMING

Practice throughout the year is held for swimming, coached by DeRosa. The team meets several athletic clubs as well as colleges.

BOXING AND WRESTLING

Captain Deuel also coaches boxing and wrestling throughout the year. Fighters are matched for events at campus Fun Nights and at the local arenas as amateurs.

TENNIS

George Drumm coaches the tennis team which is in competition with several of the state colleges as well as other outside teams.

GOLF

At present no instructor is available for golf but the links are within short driving range of Cal Poly, one at Atascadero and the other at Morro Bay.

FENCING

Dr. Bowls has a fencing team who could develop into active competition with a few more fencers.

Songs

SEND OUT A CHEER

Send out a cheer for dear old Polytech,
Lift up your heads and let it ring!
We'll sing our praises to you always,
And our best to you we'll bring.
Tear up the field you roaring sons of Tech!
And let the cheering fill the sky—
 We are the Mustangs!
 We are the Mustangs!
We'll win or know the reason why!

ON MUSTANGS

On Mustangs down the field! Fighting for
Polytechnic.
Make every enemy yield, to the onward
march of the Orange and Green.
Yea—On Mustangs down the field, victory
to win tonight.
Fighting for Polytechnic, Fight, Fight,
Fight!

ALMA MATER

ALL HAIL GREEN AND GOLD

All hail Green and Gold! May your praises
e'er be told,
Of Friendship and of Courage, and stalwart
sons of old.
All hail Green and Gold! In your name we
shall prevail,
So to California Polytechnic—Hail, Hail,
Hail!

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
MUSTANGS

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

Hit 'em high
Hit 'em low
Yea, Mustangs,
LET'S GO!

Clap hands 3 times
Stamp feet 3 times
Whistle—BOOM
Ah-h-h-h
Cal Poly Mustangs
RAH

Yea! Mustangs!
Yea! Mustangs!
Yea! Mustangs!
Fight! Fight! Fight!

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8					
9					
10					
11					
1					
2					
3					
4					

NAME

ADDRESS



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1940 Football Schedule

- *Sept. 20—Cal Tech at San Luis Obispo
- *Sept. 27—Sta Maria J.C. at San Luis Obispo
- Oct. 5—Humbolt State at Eureka
- *Oct. 11—Sta Barbara State at Sta Barbara
- *Oct. 19—LaVerne College at LaVerne
- *Oct. 25—San Francisco State at San Fran.
- *Nov. 1—Chico State at San Luis Obispo
- *Nov. 9—Sacramento J. C. at Sacramento
- Nov. 16—Cal Aggies at San Luis Obispo
(Homecoming)
- *NIGHT GAMES