CLIO'S COMMENTS
1989-90 Alumni Newsletter

History Department
California Polytechnic State University
NEWS: After finishing summer quarter '89 I flew to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, where I'm attending Field Artillery Officer Basic Course (OBC). One class in OBC is the "Army Writing Style." Having done my senior project, I knew I could hack this; "I'll show these people what a Liberal Arts education taught me!" My paper was returned--"Too wordy, I don't have time for B.S., this isn't college anymore!!" I quickly adjusted my style, to the "Real World" way, no B.S.

MEMORIES: I was dealt a harsh blow by a few of my senior project classmates, when I mentioned my topic in class. Dr. Cotkin guided and encouraged me to do a topic which I enjoyed. Also, Dr. Hallman kept on going to school after the bike accident--tough gal!

ADVICE: Please get to know your profs; they are people too!!

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NEWS: I am in my first year of law school at UC Davis. Law school is fun. I am fine. (No wife, no kids, no other big news).

MEMORIES: Debating to the point of exasperation and verbal abuse with Chris Booth, Kathy Wiegmann, Eric Van Beurden, John (senior now, from Santa Maria, can't remember last name), et. al. Was very fun. Thanks Dr. Hensel.

ADVICE: Know what you want to do with your history degree, then you can just have fun with it!

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NEWS: I am currently enrolled at SDSU in their Policies Studies Program for a secondary level bilingual credential. Completion of this program will occur in June 1990, at which time I look forward to returning to SLO and finding work in one of the local school districts (there exists a demand for bilingual educators on the Central Coast). Also I plan on another trip to Central America next summer to continue enriching myself in the Latin culture.

MEMORIES: When as President of the Historical Society I coaxed the rest of the club into climbing up the fire escape one night on the old Anderson Hotel in downtown SLO.

ADVICE: Get involved with the department!
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NEWS: Right now I am still at Cal Poly! I am working on my teaching credential. I hope that next year I will have a job.

MEMORIES: The best quarter I had at Cal Poly was Winter '88. I had 301 [Historiography] with George [Cotkin] and Medieval History with a visiting prof., Dr. Kelley. Dr. Kelley's class was very entertaining and I still remember those "Dates & Details." George's class was inspiring. However, I wish he could have been with us drinking coffee before his class. About 6-10 of us would discuss and argue those articles (if you've had 301 you know what I'm talking about) with more fervor than we ever had in class (when we were being graded, of course).

ADVICE: Join the Cal Poly Historical Society; it was a blast!

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NEWS: I got married in July, to Laura Boyce. She is also a Cal Poly graduate, whose father used to teach in the Business Department. We honeymooned in New England and Washington, D.C. We may soon be returning to the nation's capital, seeking adventure, further education, and most importantly, employment! We've decided that the only way to do justice to the Smithsonian collections is to move there for about ten years and go every weekend!

My career is tending towards information and document management. You might guess where some of the best career opportunities are for that...

MEMORIES: I haven't been away long enough to become nostalgic, but one concept that never fails me is the application of Cotkin's famous "So what?" question.

ADVICE: For those of you planning to enter the job market after graduation: supplement your liberal arts education with practical courses. I highly recommend Dr. Fahs' SPC 301, Business and Professional Communication. Also, learn how to use your research skills to locate a good career field and employer.

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NEWS: I am currently a second-year law student at the University of Kansas. My classes and my clerkship with a law firm in Lawrence keep me pretty busy, but I try to find some time to continue reading about history. I hope everyone in the History Department is doing well, and a big hello to all my old Historical Society pals.

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NEWS: After completing a year of student teaching at CSU, Chico, I accepted a teaching job at Kenilworth Jr. High in Petaluma, CA. I teach 7th grade World History.

MEMORIES: Some of the best memories involving the History Dept. are the group study sessions with fellow history majors: Harold, Sam, and Kathy.

ADVICE: If considering teaching as a career, make sure to obtain a supplemental in another subject.

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NEWS: His mother, Mrs. R.A. Hewitt, Jr., reports that Robert is teaching in a private high school in Morioka, Japan.

JIM LITTIER ('88)
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NEWS: Currently married and live in an apartment in San Luis. I work at ERA Realty in San Luis and it's going pretty well. My wife and I are very involved at First Baptist Church here in San Luis. I miss singing in Cal Poly choirs.

MEMORIES: Dr. Barnes, Dr. Cotkin, Dr. Snetsinger—Thank you—you brought history to life!

ADVICE: Take the time to do the reading. Hang in there.

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NEWS: Well, being an older graduate, my family was already established in the area. The only move we've made is from Los Osos to an acre on the west side of Paso Robles. I am working at a doctor's office in Atascadero (something I've done in the past). Plus, I have an application in to Hearst Castle for a guide position—one way to stay in the historical field in SLO county. I have a son who graduated from high school in June of this year, a real achievement for the entire family. My husband and I are planning a trip to the east coast, New England, for September-October of 1990.
MEMORIES: History 222 [Writing and Research Seminar in History] with Dr. Cotkin. Anything with Dr. Taylor. Both made you want to work to your highest ability.

ADVICE: Enjoy your time at Cal Poly and be prepared to move out of the area for job opportunities in the history field.

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NEWS: I graduated from Cal Poly in June, 1988. Went to Europe and travelled for one month (July-August), going everywhere from London to Greece.

By the end of February 1989, I was in a completely new position at Boise Cascade Office Products. Working as a Furniture Administrator is a far cry from my work at Cal Poly as a history major—but I do enjoy my work.

Who knows? Going for a teaching credential has not been completely discounted yet!

MEMORIES: My positive memory of being a history major is the day I finally was signed in 'legally' to the department. This was two quarters before I was anticipating graduation.

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NEWS: At Cal Poly I danced for four years with Cal Poly's Orchesis dance company. Because dance was my love and history my hobby, after graduation I moved to London to study and perform dance at the Laban Centre for Dance. Today I am working on my second year in graduate school at Hills College in Oakland. In May I will receive my Masters of Art in Dance History. My thesis is based on the German expressionist movement in dance, and I am happy to travel to Germany to further my studies in this area. Maybe some day I'll get a job!

MEMORIES: My best memory of the History department is the support I received from Dr. Mayo to continue my studies in dance.

ADVICE: Have fun.

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NEWS: Since graduation, life has been a struggle in the trenches. For those who have opted for a career in education, I think you know what I mean. What bothers me the most is the fact I wouldn't trade it for anything! To be sure, the rewards of teaching are without number!

(Mathieu Miller, continued...)

I was involved in a pilot program with CSUN and CBTIS #41 in Ensenada, B.C. Norte. The gist of the program is to introduce and use teaching methods other than the traditional, Socratic method which permeates the educational system of Mexico. So far it has been very successful. As for my current job status, I am teaching U.S. and World History at Ventura High School (and loving it!).

MEMORIES/ADVICE: Personally, I believe the entire staff of the History Department is without compare, numero uno, Top Gun, etc. I urge students to take the courses on Vietnam, Africa, American Thought, and American Indians. As for inspiration, I look to the "Big 3"—Dr. Beecher, Cotkin and Taylor, all of which have made a lasting imprint upon my person. Thank you very much! Oh! Take California History!
Kevin W. Buchanan ('86)

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NEWS: Since graduating, I have been at N. Shore Lake San Antonio as a Park Ranger II for Monterey County Parks Dept. I really enjoy my work and having the opportunity to live out in the country. I married Susan Lowell (a Cal Poly Animal Science grad, 6/88), in December of 1988. We have 2 1/2 acres of land, 2 horses, 2 dogs, 2 pigs (both expecting), and a cat. You could say I've changed a bit since my Poly days. I've become very happy experiencing country living versus the city kid I used to be. We plan to buy 40-60 acres and have a small farm as a way to get away from our real jobs. [Editor's note: See the newspaper article on Kevin in our "In the News" pages.]

MEMORIES: I will always have fond memories of George Cotkin and his teaching techniques. I remember his Historiography class and the group debates we had in class on supporting or tearing apart certain views of what's history. I learned a lot in class, but also life is sometimes taking a stand on an issue and trying to analyze it. Anyhow, I thought of that when I was one of the 7 people who negotiated a new contract for 1800 Monterey County employees in '89. Thanks George, you were a great teacher.

ADVICE: For current history majors, all I have to say is that lots of job opportunities are waiting out there that I never thought of when I was at Poly as a history major. Learn all you can in school and don't limit yourself to what you think you can do, because as a Poly grad you are probably capable of a lot more.

Keith Hilken ('85)

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NEWS: Since graduation, I spent a year living in San Francisco working in, and with S.F. breweries. First San Francisco Brewing Co., and then with Anchor Steam. Then, I moved to Munich, West Germany for a one-year apprenticeship for Brewing. First with Paulaner Brau, a large brewery, and then 6 months in a very small brewery just opened by the Prince of Bavaria called "Das Klein Brauhaus in Luitpold Park" (The Small Brewery in Luitpold Park).

Currently, I'm living in Reno, NV and am in the process of opening my own brewery/restaurant. I'm still in the very early stages and I hope to "break ground" sometime in late 1990. Where? Hopefully Tahoe City. Local government willing, and available real estate will be the decisive factors.

And there you have it, historian turned brewer.

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NEWS: Currently, I'm a Public Relations Specialist for Apple Computer, Inc. I work in one of the three geographic regions, Apple Pacific. This is my fourth year with the company—I joined the fall after my graduation from Poly.

I adore what I'm doing! Within the Pacific there are five markets which I support from the headquarters office—Canada, Australia, Latin America, Japan, and the Far East. I'm responsible for Product Publicity throughout the region. Keeping the countries abreast of product direction and introductions takes up quite a lot of time. I also write articles about the Pacific region for internal use. Keeping over 12,000 people up-to-date on the Pacific is an endeavor! Dealing with the press is also a key role for me.

I'm on the road about once a month—to wonderful places like the Far East, Canada, Australia, plus major U.S. cities like Boston, New York and even Kauai, Hawaii!! People are often surprised to find out I majored in History. My response is always the same—it's something I truly enjoyed learning, and the discipline I acquired doing so, helps me in my career.

MEMORIES: Working for Dr. Quintard Taylor was a joy. At times I miss it! Dr. Dan Krieger really inspired me to go out and find every tidbit of information possible! It remains with me today!

ADVICE: Stick with it! Many people say that History is a "dead" major. Wrong. A liberal arts education is a wonderful thing—it provides a true balance and broad base of knowledge. More and more employers are looking for that.

Karlin Smith ('85)

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NEWS: I made my 4th Olympic team in 1988 in the javelin throw and am training for 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Just made my 4th trip to the USSR for track competitions as a competitor and a coach. I traveled to Riga, Latvia (1st time there), Leningrad (2nd time there) and Moscow (4th time there). Spent 2 weeks there altogether and then 2 1/2 months in Finland competing in meets!

My history background has been quite helpful on all my European, Japanese and Chinese travels. I hope others can experience "being there," too.

MEMORIES: History of Nazi Germany was very interesting with Max Riedlisperger, particularly as at the time I took it, I had just lived 2 years in Germany. Also, Dr. Tim Barnes' classes are always entertaining! Dr. Burton's History of China class was inspiring, and the Historical Craft class was tough but rewarding.
(Karin Smith, continued...) 

ADVICE: Learn efficient essay writing skills, and know how to use library research techniques (card catalogs, Who's Who, etc.) (stuff I learned for certain in Historical Craft class—"Baretta's" [Dr. Hensell]).

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NEWS: Currently living in North County—San Diego. I have a two-year old son, Jonathan, and am expecting my second child any day. I married another Cal Poly grad, Gregg D. Ostrow—Architecture, Spring '84—married 7-27-85. He is presently designing/building custom homes in San Diego.

I am a full-time (at home) mom. I sell Discovery Toys out of my home and enjoy raising my family. I was in sales before (furniture) until about one month ago. Now home full-time. [Editor's note: See the photo of Luann and her family in our "You Ought to Be in Pictures" pages.]

MEMORIES: Prof. George Cotkin—an inspiring instructor for upper-division courses. Also the smallness of the history dept. was nice; you could really get to know students/teachers.

ADVICE: Graduate and pursue a career—don't stop short of your dreams.

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NEWS: I have been teaching nursery school for the past year. My life revolves around church, home, school. I am involved in many religiously oriented activities within the Episcopal Church. I am an Associate of the Sisterhood of The Holy Nativity. This year I have had an occasion to take a 10 hour seminar on C.S. Lewis in Los Angeles. I seem to have become a bibliophile and love to read scholarly theological works. Dr. Krieger, I'm trying, as Graves and Hodge said about "Pellmanism—to prevent brain fog." Really loved being a history major and find it comes in handy. When one has majored in history I've found that it gives one a sensitivity to the World's problems and a perspective from whence those problems came.

Dr. Burton—I wished I could have had your course in Modern Chinese History during late spring and early summer when the Chinese students revolted. I always wondered what your thoughts and feelings were. It was neat to see Ross Terrill and Orville Schell on the Today Show and to be able to go to the book case and see their works.

Dr. Krieger—I will probably ask for your book for Christmas. Every time I'm at our local Waldenbooks I make sure it and they are kept clean and dusted. What do you make of the meetings between the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Pope? I crave your lectures and tests.

(Sara Macdonald, continued...) 

Sirs and Madames—I miss you all and wish I could take all your classes, tests, and write papers for you again! I miss academia so much that I am studying Biblical Hermeneutics, H. Richard Niebuhr, Bonhoeffer, Merton, Mystics, St. Theresa of Avila, along with the daily use of an Interlinear Greek-English New Testament.

Former classmates—I miss you all and would like to hear from you all! Peace, love, prayers and God's Blessings be upon you all. (P.S. Carpe Diem!)

MEMORIES: I have fond memories of all my professors. I have learned so much from my Cal Poly experience—for example, perseverance and a faith in myself and in others.

ADVICE: I would encourage current history majors to never stop learning and reading. Keep history alive and be a beacon to humanity and love all peoples.

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NEWS: Since the last issue of Clio's Comments ('87), my wife Kendall (Eagan) O'Donnell (Dietetics '85) and I have moved to our first house in Irvine. We have been there roughly two years and we have been remodeling the home in our spare time. I am still employed with Surfside Builders where I handle estimating and sales. We are a small firm but our focus is highend custom homes and remodel construction.

Recently, I went into partnership on another home remodeling project in Irvine with an old Cal Poly buddy (Steve Giusto, Business '85). My wife and I have maintained many friendships with our Cal Poly friends. Many of them are scattered from S.F. to S.D., but that's always a great excuse to get away.

Since graduating from Cal Poly I have often thought about stopping in on some of my professors to say thank you. But you know how it is with graduation, a job, marriage, a house, etc. Five years have passed and much has happened in my life. The above mentioned items and more. Nevertheless, my fondness for Cal Poly and my experiences with the history department seem to grow like a fisherman's fish story. I'm not sure if my professors remember me but I remember them and I'm grateful for the time many spent with me in and out of the classroom. Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm; it has had a great impact on my life. [Editor's note: See the photo of Edward and Kendall in our "You Ought to Be in Pictures" pages.]

MEMORIES: Every morning when I read the paper I am reminded of my time at Cal Poly. Many of the classes gave me a strong foundation to understand current events. I have always felt that my education has prepared me to understand and enjoy life—not just to qualify for a job. (I did get a job by the way.)

ADVICE: For those students who are planning on a business career I would suggest mixing in some business—math and computer classes. My English minor and business related classes added an extra year to my stay at Poly but really helped me to prepare for the business environment.
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NEWS: I guess the most significant thing historically that has happened since college was a result eventually of my experience with the San Antonio Mission Field School in 1983.

During Spring of 1987 excavation was begun where the parking structure now stands at Palm and Osos St. in San Luis Obispo. I went down and offered my services as a volunteer. Just about any excavation will take volunteers with some training. I gave time for two months, and then was offered a paying position at their lab. I spent that summer working full time, sorting, washing, and working with a wide variety of artifacts dating from the building of the original parking lot all the way to the pre-historic pre-mission period.

In short I would have never gotten involved in archaeology if I had not been involved in History. The two disciplines are very interrelated; archaeology is a good outgrowth of history, either year around full time or on a seasonal part time basis.

MEMORIES: One of my fondest memories is of some of the history club lessons where Dr. Mayo and Dr. Beecher would discuss the issue of the day. They are pretty much opposite politically, and when they got going it could be very entertaining and educational.

ADVICE: Explore other options besides teaching. Archaeology is good. Dr. Hoover from Social Sciences has a summer field school at Mission San Antonio, good for considering historical archaeology as an option.

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NEWS: Law student at Loyola Law School (2nd year). Research/teaching assistant. No "significant other" (at least at the present time). No traveling. In fact, all I do is study...I haven't done anything of any interest besides that (and that isn't all that interesting in itself). Basically, I'm pretty damn boring.


ADVICE: 1) Stick with it—it's the best damn major in the school. 2) Also, take some time out of your schedule to laugh at the Engineering and Business Admin. majors. 3) Don't join frats. 4) Frequent "Bulls", and 5) Stay in school for as long as possible.

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NEWS: Since graduation, I have been employed by the Dept. of Parks and Recreation for the State of California. I work at the Hearst Castle as a guide and have been employed in this capacity since March of '84. I find working with the public very rewarding. The Castle and its contents are in many ways "Handles" on history and you can imagine the effect this has on novice and expert alike.

I have continued my sculpting over the years with free-lance and commissioned works. Hardwoods are still my favorite medium. Nature still inspiring me the most but working at the Castle also having an effect on my work. I feel lucky in having balanced my interests in pursuing two careers. I love both livelihoods.

MEMORIES: There are so many, seriously. Collectively my professors did an excellent job in creating a free thinking more objective climate for the study of history.

ADVICE: Whatever you ultimately do, have fun with it. Enjoy your work and you will have it made.

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NEWS: Nothing much different. Son, Thomas is going to be 2 in January. We're in Monterey till March '91—and we love it! My husband, Casey, a Santa Maria native, is studying oceanography and meteorology at the Naval Postgraduate School. I volunteer for Navy Relief and La Leche League, and am active in the Quilters Guild and Sierra Club.

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NEWS: Education: As you know, I received my BA in history from Cal Poly in 1982. In 1988 I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs with a Masters of Public Administration (MPA) in Public Policy and Management. In 1984 I completed two quarters of graduate work in History at UCD and, although I did well academically, I decided to pursue a different career path. Career: Since leaving Cal Poly in 1982 I have worked in a Public Relations capacity at a winery and taught high school (English). I am currently working as an analyst for the city of Fresno. In the future I hope to teach part-time at the junior/community college level. Family: 29, single, with a steady girlfriend, no children. Travel: My most interesting travel experience would be the cross country trip I took to go back east for graduate school. It lasted 14 days and I was able to visit various historical sites and cities.

MEMORIES: It is difficult to single out one memory from my years at Cal Poly since there were many. In particular I enjoyed courses taught by Drs. Mayo, Barnes, Cotkin, and Riedlsperger. I remember vividly a seminar taught by Dr. Mayo on Jefferson. The course culminated in a "colonial" dinner at the home of Dr. Mayo. I also remember working closely with Dr. Mayo and Dr. Barnes on my senior project—"The Influence of Jean Baptiste-Say on Jefferson." Lastly,
as president of (what was known as...) the History Club. I recall our interesting group get-togethers where an article/topic would be discussed over Budweiser and tortilla chips. I only hope Dr. Mayo has found an ally to counteract the Cotkin/Riedlsperger ambush.

ADVICE: Don't be discouraged when all your Mechanical Engineering friends constantly ask you... "What are you going to do with a degree in History?" You will find that you will be able to converse on a variety of subjects after your years at Cal Poly. Graduate programs in Law, Public and Business Administration and others utilize the same analytical tools you will have begun to develop at Cal Poly. Although I was intimidated initially, I found myself to be very well prepared for the graduate program I pursued at the University of Pittsburgh. That is the true measure of the type of education I received as a history major at Cal Poly.

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NEWS: Still employed with IBM in Seattle where my current responsibility is to coordinate all customer seminars, demos, classes as well as hardware/software. I have traveled to Singapore, Bali, Hong Kong and Thailand during the past year and will be married on December 9th.

MEMORIES: My time spent as an intern at Hearst Castle.

ADVICE: Acquire business skills through business courses and electives.

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NEWS: After five years of practicing law, I have decided there is more to life than screaming at other lawyers about nothing in particular. As a result, I have chuck law and am now re-enrolled at Cal Poly in the Education program. My goal is a secondary credential in History/Political Science/Law, with a little coaching on the side. I expect to have my credential by June 1990 and to return to the work force by September 1990, hopefully in the S.L.O. area.

VALERIE MILES FINNEY ('80)
New York

NEWS: Currently, I teach kindergarten at Appleby Elementary School, while my husband, Dennis, is in graduate school at Cornell University. Our daughter, Megan, will be one on 11-20-89. Before living in New York, Dennis and I were Peace Corps Volunteers in Paraguay (1982-84) and Jamaica (1985-87). In Paraguay, I was a home economist working in two small villages with women's 4-H Clubs. My time in Jamaica was entirely different. I taught at the college level—education courses for Bethlehem Teacher's College. (After leaving Cal Poly, I received my teaching credential from Cal State, Hayward.)

I have traveled extensively throughout Western Europe, South America, and the Caribbean.

MEMORIES: I loved being invited to dinner with Dr. Barnes and also, to Mr. Rolling's home.

ADVICE: Join the Peace Corps—Human Development/Human Service is GREAT!

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NEWS: After graduation, I spent three years riding tanks for Uncle Sam down in Texas. Then it was off to law school, after which I spent a forgettable year in Bakersfield. In 1987 I returned to SLO and opened my own law office. I now practice part-time, work for a small corporation as counsel and business planner, teach business law at Poly, and have just started a military history magazine with two partners. Married, 3 kids.

ADVICE: Don't sell short the writing and research skills you are learning, but take a good hard look at the skills needed in the job market.

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NEWS: I am working for a small business litigation firm as an attorney in San Francisco. In the fall of 1990, I will attend school fulltime to receive a Master's degree in international law. I intend to teach law after that at a university. I just returned from a 3 week trip to Egypt and Israel and a week long scuba diving trip to the Red Sea. I have just recently obtained my dive master certification in scuba diving.

ADVICE: Stay with the major. You'll always appreciate that you did since it teaches you how to think.

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NEWS: I'm a program analyst for General Dynamics/Convair. My wife is a '79 graduate of Ohio State University. We own a home in Pacific Beach, a suburb of San Diego. I am certified (from San Diego State) in government contract management, and am trying to attain a position in that area of contracts and estimating.
On a personal note, I am trying to get in touch with former Cal Poly and Washington Redskins Mike Kaufman. I have lost track of him, and would like any info on him, especially where he can be reached. He was a credit to the university, and we were friends for most of my years at CPSLO.

MEMORIES: Tim Barnes was the most thorough, intelligent and professional teacher (professor) I've ever had for any classes, anywhere, anytime down through the years. Give him my best, and tell him I'm doing lots of running and triathlons.

ADVICE: Learn as much as you can and remember to apply what you have learned. The study of History is a great foundation.

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NEWS: Married Brian K. Wintz in 1987. I am happily not working, after several years of working for CPA's. We are expecting a baby in February.

MEMORIES: Dr. Barnes was always a great man to have around. He was a credit to the university, and we were friends for most of my life.

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NEWS: Married Peggy (1971), son Jason (15) and daughter Molly (10). 1979-80: Taught 7-12 grades at Potter Valley (Mendocino County) --taught History, Social Sciences and Business. Grand experiment in Education did not work out due to low pay scale. Son on free lunch program.

1980 to Present: Using technical skills from US Navy and Cal Poly education I have established a career in the marine industry. Currently with federal government responsible for planning repairs and alterations on US Navy ships. I document maintenance history of ships. I move to the Gulf coast in Mississippi a little over 2 years ago. I work in Gulfport, MS, and own a home in an area known as Diamondhead, which is located between Gulfport and New Orleans. I love getting away from it all and spending time in New Orleans--it's a great city! I recently was appointed financial advisor for the Loyola chapter of my sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, which gives me another good reason to hang out in New Orleans.

Career-wise, I have been in radio for nearly nine years...seven of those have been with the same company, The Holt Corporation. They moved me to MS from Allentown-Bethlehem, PA, where I have been the Business Manager, Account Executive, and morning drive-air personality. Recently, the Holts announced the sale of the station in Gulfport, and it looked like I'd be moving again, but I was promoted to General Manager for WTKI-FM/GDCH-AM. I am very happy and excited about the promotion and look forward to working with the new owners. Additionally, I am part-owner and President of Holt Associates Group which owns WBNE-FM in Bloomsburg/Berwick, PA.

My parents and sisters still live in San Diego. Unfortunately, I only get home once a year for the Christmas holidays. I truly miss my friends and sorority sisters from Cal Poly--what would we do without the telephone! If you are ever in my neck of the woods, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

MEMORIES: My biggest memory as a History major would have to be the opportunity and experience of working at Hearst Castle as a tour guide. The experience has proven to be invaluable in my career and my life.

ADVICE: Because of the broad education we get as History majors, don't ever limit yourself. Believe in yourself, and the sky's the limit!

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NEWS: Graduated from the University of Denver, August '81 with an M.A. in Librarianship and Information Management. Worked as a Children's Librarian in Bakersfield and Goleta for a total of 4 years. Currently head of Children's Services at the Santa Maria Public Library.

MEMORIES: Poly's "Learn by Doing" philosophy, practiced even in the history department, provided good grounding and training for the future.

ADVICE: If the Hearst Castle tour guide/history course is still offered, take it--I wish I had!
ANGELA M. PRANDINI ('78)
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Recently took my first trip to Europe—so much history! Saw Paris, London, Zurich, and several places in Italy. Met some of my Italian relatives. All-in-all it was a wonderful time.
ADVICE: Hang in there! It's worth it!

GEORGE I. BENTLEY ('76)
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NEWS: My wife Marily and I live in Atascadero, CA and are both elementary teachers in Paso Robles. Son Jim is a sophomore at Cuesta College and will attend Cal Poly. Our daughter Rebecca is in second grade.
We spend a lot of time camping, target shooting, and playing music. My son and I have spent lots of time touring the Northwest on motorcycles.
MEMORIES: I really enjoyed my years at Cal Poly. Dr. Daniel Krieger was a real help to me throughout from beginning to graduation and after. He is also a good friend and mentor to my son Jim, who is presently attending Cuesta and headed for Cal Poly. Dr. Don Hensel was another great professor!
ADVICE: Hang in there!

CLAYTON U. HALL ('76)
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NEWS: Graduated from the University of Santa Clara in May of 1979 with a Doctorate of Law. After practicing in San Jose for a year and a half in a general practice firm, I returned to SLO. I am currently a partner in the law firm of Hoge, Fenton, Jones and Appel, which has 85 attorneys and offices in San Jose, Monterey and SLO. I'm married as of May of this year. My wife Kristy (nee Coderniz) is a math and P.E. teacher, presently substituting in the SLO area. We reside in SLO city and love it.
MEMORIES: Drs. Olsen and Hensel were both inspirational professors.
ADVICE: Become a teacher.

DEBORAH PALMER ('76)
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NEWS: I am now licensed to practice law in California and Nevada. I live and work in South Lake Tahoe, CA

My husband, Jack Shipley, is a Park Ranger in a ghost town nearby. We have a four year old daughter, Sierra Dawn Shipley. Recently we spent 3 weeks rafting down the Grand Canyon. Lots of history, geology and fun!
MEMORIES: I benefitted by the Cal Poly learn-by-doing ethic. My internship in the D.A.'s office assisted my legal interest. I'm also proud to have been in the 1st Hearst Monument internship program.
ADVICE: Get as much practical hands-on experience as you can. You can love reading and history and get paid, too!

RICK WALL ('76)
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NEWS: In 1986 I completed my Masters in Historic Preservation and Public History from Cal State Dominguez Hills. I have been teaching in a private school (6th and 8th grades) for four years now, and I am very happy with this career. Since 1981 I have been involved with the living history (1850's-1863) program at Ft. Tejon State Historic Park. My wife, children and myself portray a typical union military family on the frontier and during the Civil War eras. [Editor's note: See our "You Ought to Be in Pictures" pages for a photo of Rick and family, dressed for the part!] In 1988 we took part in the 125th anniversary of Gettysburg in PA.; this was a fantastic experience for my entire family. We were part of 17,000+ re-enactors that took part in this event.
MEMORIES: Drs. Hallman, Krieger, and Hensel were all excellent. I especially remember Dr. Hensel's history games that were both educational and fun.
ADVICE: Teaching is one of the most challenging careers, but you have to be willing to devote a lot of long hours to make your classes both enjoyable and educational.

SHAUNNA SULLIVAN ('75)
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NEWS: I am practicing law in San Luis Obispo County with the law firm of George Gallo Collins Sullivan, a Law Corporation.

NORMA DAY ('74)
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NEWS: I am a travel agent and spend a great deal of time away on travel related business. Currently working on my professional certification as a certified travel consultant. Married. Daughter 22, son 20, both in college and working. Generally taking one day at a time and living my life to the fullest the Lord allows.
MEMORIES: Jim Fitts and Dan Krieger were both outstanding teachers; any student of theirs had a lot to be grateful for.

ADVICE: Enjoy the classes but go for a paying major too. (Just joking.)

DAVE HARRISON ('74)
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NEWS: Still teaching U.S. and world history at Carson City High School after 15 years. It's more fun now than when I started in 1975. Two years ago we had an exchange student from Belgium in our home. We've since spent time in Europe with our new Belgian friends. Teaching world history is now much more interesting than it used to be. [Editor's note: See the photos of Dave and his license plate in our "You Ought to Be in Pictures" pages.]

MEMORIES: I remember the classes I took from Dr. Barnes more than the others. He really made history come alive for me. I try to emulate him as much as I can in my own classroom.

MARITH J. LEVERS ('74)

NEWS: I am still a probation officer in Santa Barbara County and want more time off to travel and spend time in the mountains. My horse, Ponch, is 30 years old, working on age 31. She's been in the family 26 years. I've known people to exclaim "your horse is older than me." I have not yet completed mid-life re-evaluation nor career change, nor have I taken the steps to relocate back to this area, as some of my friends—specifically the one who made a comment about my last remarks in the newsletter. It will be nice to have them closer. Maybe we will take a class, together.

MEMORIES: Sitting on Dr. Burton's umbrella when I went to his office to get an extension on my American Historiography paper.

ADVICE: Develop interpersonal skills if you plan to work with the public and/or other people. Learn to use a computer.

GLENN R. LINDSEY ('74)
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NEWS: Continuing to serve Him. Co-owner of an Executive Search agency with my original spouse, Paula. Travel to the Far East once or twice a year working in medical missions and business.

MEMORIES: Most positive influence was idea that nobody is gonna do it for you, so I might as well take charge of my education and get active, which I did.

ADVICE: Get as deep and broad an education as you possibly can!

ANN BENJAMIN-MATNEY ('73)
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NEWS: My husband and I recently bought our first home, where with the skills of a few agricultural classes that I took at Cal Poly, we raised a bumper crop of weeds and giant mosquitoes on our 13 acres. My history interests have remained, and I am planting an orchard of historical apples, Snow and Sheephead apples, etc. Seed banks helped preserve these antique vintage apple brands that aren't grown commercially.

ADVICE: Research skills (or how to find information) that I learned as a history major at Cal Poly have been used throughout the years.

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(Kathryn Bushman Taylor, continued...)


MEMORIES: Excellent preparation for graduate school through many papers/senior project done at Poly. Also, really appreciated very small classes and chance to discuss with faculty.

ADVICE: Enjoy the study of history because it's not practical, career-wise, but it certainly was worth it for personal growth and enjoyment. I'd do it again!!

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NEWS: After two years working as a director of produce operations in the Champaign, Illinois division of Super Valu Stores, Inc., I have recently been named the Corporate Director of Produce for the entire company, which encompasses 18 divisions around the country. Super Valu is a food wholesaler that distributes products to over 2,500 independent retail groceries throughout the country. I will transfer to Super Valu's headquarters in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, before the end of 1989.

My wife, Marian, and I celebrated 18 years of marriage this year, and we have five great children, ages 3 to 16. Most of our time is taken up with them and all their activities, and we're enjoying parenthood immensely. Earlier this year, Marian and I were able to travel to Italy, visiting many of the ancient historical sites and taking in all the wonderful art and architecture. It was a beautiful country, and we highly recommend that trip to everyone.

MEMORIES: My all-time favorite class was Dr. Hensel's class on the Civil War. He did a great job, and the subject remains fascinating to me today.

ADVICE: To current History majors: get as broad a liberal arts education as possible, taking classes in lots of fields that will help in any future career. Public speaking is very important, as is any class in writing and English. Communication skills are so important, as are interpersonal relations (learning to get along with others).

DAVE SNYDER ('73)
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NEWS: After nearly 20 years association with Cal Poly, the last 15 as Admissions Officer, I accepted the position of Director, Enrollment Management, at Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois. My wife, Marlys, and I moved to this friendly mid-western community this past September and I took up my new assignment 2 October.

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Married 14 years, 2 kids (Katie age 9, Laura age 4).

MEMORIES: I recall some great innovative classes: Dr. Hensel's course with a series of guest lecturers on a variety of subjects ranging from political figures to inventors. I also am reminded of some outstanding classes by Dr. Burton re: Japan.

ADVICE: Read everything, travel everywhere.

ANNE HUNE ('72)
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NEWS: I have taught elementary school in Southern California for the past 13 years. This year I have stopped teaching to pursue another dream. I am working with a Christian ministry based in Long Beach. I do secretarial work, help schedule future meetings and lead worship. I also sing solos and hope one day to make an album of Christian songs. I am excited about spending Christmas in London, with an additional trip to the continent of Europe after Christmas. I know my European history classes will come in handy.

MEMORIES: I remember with fondness, Dr. Krieger, who made European history come alive!

SHAUNE MONTROSS (ORR) ('72)
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NEWS: My pride and joy are my two daughters, Alicia (9 years) and Ashley (5 years). My oldest daughter is already loving history, especially California Indians. My husband, Tom, is a history major graduate from USF, but has gone into the health field. We are a family of real history buffs! I've been teaching school for 16 years so far, and hopefully I've sparked a few students with an interest in history.

MEMORIES: I changed my major from English to History after taking a couple of history classes at Cal Poly. I loved the teachers!

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ADVICE: Know what you want to do when you graduate.
PATRICIA (PAT) ANNE THOMAS ('72)
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NEWS: I live about 3 blocks from the beautiful Kern River with my two
dogs, Rocky and Monster. I have worked for the Kernville Union School
District for the past 15 years. First as a Junior high reading
teacher, 6th grade teacher, principal and am currently Director of
Curriculum, Testing and Special Programs. My new position enables me
to be very instrumental in curriculum changes and updates in the
district and allows me a great deal of traveling to conferences and
workshops throughout Southern California. I received my Masters in
Education Administration from Cal State, Bakersfield in 1984. Currently
I am a third year participant in the California School
Leadership Academy and am loving it.

I kayak and raft on the Kern River in my spare time. I have
camped all over the Western U.S. and spent a wonderful month in France
several years ago.

MEMORIES: My favorite activity was my senior project on D.W. Griffith
because it taught me how to research and write in a very limited
amount of time. My favorite and most inspiring instructor was Dr.
Malcolm Wilson in the Ed. department. He encouraged me to become a
teacher.

ADVICE: Enjoy your time at Cal Poly; it may be a long time before you
get to attend such a great school again.

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NEWS: After earning a secondary teaching credential at Cal Poly in
1972, I was hired as a junior high school social studies/English
teacher by the Lucia Mar Unified School District in Pismo Beach, CA.
I remained in that position for four years.

In 1976, I applied for, and was accepted, as an exchange teacher
to the United Kingdom for one year. It was year filled with many
adventures, experiences and new friendships. The highlight of the
year was an invitation to have tea with the Queen Mother. Needless to
say, it was once in a lifetime experience.

After my return to the U.S., I applied for a transfer to a high
school position. In 1978 my request was granted, and I was
transferred to Arroyo Grande High School in Arroyo Grande, CA.
In 1982, I was elected social studies department head and remained in
that position for the next three years. During the 1983-85 school
year, I also served as a mentor teacher in the district.

The following year a counseling position opened at the school, and I
applied for it. I had earned an M.A. degree in Counseling and
Guidance at Cal Poly in 1975 and felt it was time for a new challenge.

Today I am still in that counseling position. The new role has
been challenging and rewarding. I still find time, however, to make
special classroom presentations. I don't think I will ever lose the
desire to teach history or be involved with students in the learning
environment.

DIANE A. LENNING ('70)
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NEWS: My family and I traveled all through Europe in August of this
year. This was a dream come true for a history major who saw the
history books come alive. The famous ruins, landmarks, palaces and
ports conjured visual pictures of so many historical events and
happenings that I had studied. It would be wonderful to take a
history course in each of the great cities of Europe, Africa, etc.

I have started a new job as a U.S. History teacher in the
California Youth Authority in Whittier. It is a challenging job with
the opportunity to put all of my historical, psychological,
sociological and educational training into practice. We need good
dedicated teachers in the Youth Authority! Here is a chance to make a
difference. I am working with all male youth between the ages of
fifteen to eighteen.

Something that would have been helpful from the Education
Department is how to educate bi-lingual students and students mixed
together with a wide variance of educational abilities. Also, more
motivational techniques, identification of drug-users and how to deal
with those students. Another important issue is the teaching of a
value system that matches our laws and what our country was based
upon, rather than the Humanism that is detrimentally inculcating the
minds of our youth. This free thinking that has pervaded society in
the last ten to twenty years has raised its ugly head and the youth
are acting it out. We need to combat the negative influence of lower
base movies, magazines, etc., by teaching or making our students aware of the psychological effects of these media inroads into their minds and how they can combat the negative influences. I suggest a state or federal class, planned and approved by a top government agency, that is uniform in its content. I would love to be on such a committee! Thank you to the many terrific professors at Cal Poly. I don't remember all their names but I would if I saw them. [Editor's note: See Diane's photo in our "You Ought to Be in Pictures" pages.]

MEMORIES: The writing we were required to do for all of the essay tests, in order to substantiate our viewpoint, has been a most valuable skill learned. It's great for teachers, attorneys, businessmen, etc. We sell ourselves with these kinds of skills.

ADVICE: Support the history major with another skill area such as computers, business, or if a teacher, also get a credential in math or science.
Here's My Card...

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In the News...

10-25-89

Surf Report

Jay Janssen, Professional Surfer

Earthquake Had An Effect on Surfers Too

The Wednesday night surf report for today is expected to be as follows: Surf heights in the 15-20 foot range with sets coming in every 10-15 minutes. Expect strong southwesterly winds, making the waves very choppy and difficult to ride. Surfers are advised to use caution and wear proper protective gear.

KEVIN BUCHANAN

Perhaps it was the never realized dream of his father to become a Park Ranger that inspired Kevin Buchanan to go against the advice of his college guidance counselor and enter the world of Parks and Recreation. This Cal Poly San Luis Obispo graduate started his career at Lake San Antonio by working part-time as a Park Aide and Lifeguard. Later going on to a full-time Park Ranger position at North Shore (so there Mr. Guidance counselor).

Kevin's off duty interests include mountain biking, target shooting and auto-crossing his 1974 Fiat X19. Kevin's new love however is learning the ways of the west. He is "learning" by working cattle and playing cowboy with some of the local ranchers.

As one of only four Park Rangers at North Shore, Kevin is constantly on the move tending to the day to day needs of this "good facility in a good location".

Kevin sees living in this remote area as a challenging aspect of this job. I've adjusted since finding the biggest smile at San Antonio Lake and you've found Kevin Buchanan.
TIMOTHY W. BARNES,  
Professor  
B.A., 1965, University of New Mexico  
M.A., 1966, University of New Mexico  
Ph.D., 1970, University of New Mexico  
Time at Poly: 20 years  
Teaching specializations:  
Colonial America, American Agriculture  
NEWS: In the last two years it seems I have been busier than at any other time in my career. Three pieces have gone out for publication: an essay on John Witherspoon, an acid tongued Presbyterian minister during the American Revolution; a brief history of American agriculture that will lead off a textbook on crop production; and an essay on British military towns during the American Revolution. By next spring I will have taught eleven straight quarters which must be some sort of department record. I don't seem to be the worse for it, and actually enjoyed the additional responsibility of interim department chair last summer. Although when Max returned I was happy to turn it all back to him. This spring I will be director of the University's London Study Program and have been able to rent the same 17th century flintstone cottage that I lived in while on sabbatical two years ago. It is south of London in the Surrey countryside. Right now I am madly writing lectures on the history of London, a course that I will teach for all students in the program.  
FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH: Colonial America. WHY? It formed everything that we are as a people.  

LLOYD N. BEECHER, JR.  
Professor  
B.A., 1965, California State University, Fullerton  
M.A., 1966, California State University, Fullerton  
Ph.D., 1970, University of Georgia  
Time at Poly: 21 years  
Teaching specialization: Post-Civil War U.S.  
NEWS: During academic year 1988-89 I continued to serve on the Board of Directors of Healing the Wounds, a multi-media exhibit of artwork by California Vietnam era Veterans. I am also a member of the History Section of the California State University's Institute for Teaching and Learning. Finally, I participated in the pre-revision critique of Findley-Rothney, The Twentieth Century World and provided commentary on the authors' revision when it was in manuscript form.  
FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH: History 285, Vietnam War at Home and Abroad. WHY? The content of the course varies widely according to student interest, and we do a lot of work outside of formal "class structure" just because it is interesting to us.  
RECOMMENDED READING: Riane Eisler, The Chalice and the Blade, is interesting and provocative. 

LIFE IS A MYSTERY TO BE LIVED, NOT A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED. (ADRIAN VAN KAMM)  
LIFE NEVER BECOMES A HABIT TO ME. IT'S ALWAYS A MARVEL. (KATHERINE MANSFIELD)  
VERY LITTLE IS NEEDED TO MAKE A HAPPY LIFE. IT IS ALL WITHIN YOURSELF, IN YOUR WAY OF THINKING. (MARCUS AURELIUS)
ENGLISH

NEWS: Ever wonder what it would be like to live and teach for a year in a remote section of the Third World? Because of my interest in Chinese culture, history and language, I accepted an offer from the government of the People's Republic of China to teach History and English in southern Shaanxi Province at a teachers' college. I arrived at Hanzhong Teachers' College, located in west central China, last August and began a year of adventures and misadventures which ended on a tragic note with the massacre of demonstrating Chinese students in Tiananmen in June 1989.

Hanzhong Teachers' College has an annual enrollment of about 2000 students and of that number approximately 300 are English majors. My students, who ranged in age from 18 to 25, were studying to become middle school teachers of English. Most were energetic, hardworking and exceedingly interested in America. My teaching responsibilities, much greater than at Cal Poly, included teaching classes six days a week. As it happened, I was the only foreigner in the Hanzhong vicinity and the first "Foreign Expert" to teach at the college.

In China, a provincial teachers' college is a self contained social unit. College administrators, teachers and students live together on campus, eat together in communal dining halls, attend the same campus sponsored dances and movies and even wash their clothes together in centrally located outdoor wash basins. As a consequence, I saw far more of my students and colleagues than I do when teaching at Cal Poly. In such a setting there is a strong sense of "family", a social and academic cohesion I have never experienced in teaching at an American university.

The Foreign Affairs Office on campus made a regular practice of escorting me to places of historic interest in southern Shaanxi Province, a place of importance in the later Han Dynasty (25-220 A.D.) and the following Three Kingdoms period (220-280 A.D.). The college also furnished me with a bicycle, a one speed "Flying Pigeon" model, which afforded me the opportunity to explore Hanzhong city, the Han river and the surrounding area on my own or with students and colleagues.

Living and teaching in an isolated region of west central China was not easy. Classrooms and dining halls are unheated in the winter and without air conditioning in the hot, humid summer. When the weather began to turn cold in late October, my students seemed to be putting on weight. Actually, they were simply adding extra layers of clothing to keep warm. By December, when it snowed, my students came to class wearing scarves, sweaters, hats and mittens. How difficult it would be to "take notes" while wearing mittens or gloves in a concrete classroom with the temperature hovering near freezing? How about trying to eat under the same conditions in freezing dining halls? Electricity was also in short supply because of a lack of coal to fuel the local power plant. During the winter months, it was not unusual to go without electricity for two or three days each week. No one complained about the conditions under which they taught or studied or the fact that students lived five and six to a dormitory room. The younger faculty lived under the same conditions but usually no more than three to a room. Some of the faculty with enough seniority did have a room to themselves but the room typically measured no more than 7'x 7' with a bed (outfitted with a board mattress) and small table.

Until the Spring of 1989, I thought my students were basically apolitical. Once the student demonstrations began in earnest around the middle of April in China's larger cities, however, my students surprised me not only by staging local demonstrations in support of striking students in Beijing, Xi'an, and Nanjing and elsewhere but also in expressing sharp criticisms of the local Communist Party, Hanzhong government and campus administrators. Initially, Hanzhong students were critical of government and campus corruption and the privileged positions of Communist party members. Ultimately, as the demonstrations continued to grow, and I travelled by train to Beijing's Tiananmen to join the national rally (the 70th anniversary of the May 4 Movement and the visit of Soviet leader Gorbachev), many Hanzhong students and young faculty members embraced the "Democracy Movement" of protesting students in Tiananmen. But I was never convinced that my students really understood democracy, any more than they could define the concept. "Democracy" for most became a code word which masked more basic concerns about party and government corruption, inflation, and the rather dismal social and economic futures my students faced upon graduation as middle school teachers in rural China.

After several sporadic class boycotts in late April and early May, students at Hanzhong Teachers' College went on strike on May 17. From that time until my departure from China almost one month later I taught no classes but witnessed repeated demonstrations and mass rallies on and off campus which grew to include students from other campuses in southern Shaanxi Province as well as some local workers unions. During this period large numbers of Hanzhong students travelled by train to Beijing's Tiananmen to join the national demonstration; on several occasions students returned to campus with cassette recordings of the speeches of student leaders in Tiananmen. In the week following the massacre of students and Beijing residents in Tiananmen on June 4, students and young faculty members at Hanzhong continued their demonstrations until they, too, were finally silenced.

Even now, four months after returning to Cal Poly, I have not been able to put my experiences of last year into any kind of coherent perspective. Nevertheless, I am certain that I was fortunate to have the opportunity to live and teach in China, to learn more written and spoken Chinese and to broaden my understanding of contemporary Chinese society. I am equally certain that I shall always remember the
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B.A., 1972, University of California, Los Angeles
M.A., 1974, University of California, Los Angeles
Ph.D., 1982, Yale University
Time at Poly: 2 quarters
Teaching specialization: South African History

NEWS: This is my first year here at Cal Poly and I'm very happy to be here! As a native Californian, I'm pleased to be teaching on the sunny West Coast. My specialty is South African history and I'm planning to develop a new course on that subject. At present, I'm busy teaching Modern World History and African History, settling into a new house, and taking care of my two sons while my husband teaches history at UCLA. If I can find any spare time this first quarter, I would love to swim, write a book and play with the kids—or else just sleep! I'm looking forward to survival at Cal Poly and having fun teaching.

FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH: South African History. WHY? South Africa's history explains so much about the present problems in that country.

GEORGE COTKIN
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B.A., 1972, Brooklyn College (CUNY)
M.A., 1974, Ohio State University
Ph.D., 1978, Ohio State University
Time at Poly: 9 years
Teaching specializations: American Thought; Historiography; Historical Research and Writing

NEWS: I finished my book, William James, Public Philosopher, and it was published by Johns Hopkins University Press in January 1990. I continue to work on another book, tentatively titled, Reluctant Modernism: American Thought and Culture, 1860-1900, which is due in the publisher's hands by the summer of 1991. I've done other professional chores, none of which are worth reporting. The only other big deals that come to mind are that I won the Distinguished Teaching Award and was promoted to Professor.

FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH: Historiography. WHY? It forces the student to think, to approach history from a variety of perspectives.

ADVICE: The best advice is probably no advice.

EVERY MAN SHOULD PERIODICALLY BE COMPELLED TO LISTEN TO OPINIONS WHICH ARE INFURIATING TO HIM. TO HEAR NOTHING BUT WHAT IS PLEASING TO ONE IS TO MAKE A PILLOW OF THE MIND. (JOHN ERVINE)

THE BEST WAY TO SHOW THAT A STICK IS CROOKED IS NOT TO ARGUE ABOUT IT, OR SPEND YOUR TIME DENouncing IT, BUT TO LAY A STRAIGHT STICK ALONGSIDE IT. (DWIGHT MOODY)

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFEAT AN IGNORANT MAN IN ARGUMENT. (WILLIAM G. MCAOOG)
MANZAR FOROQHAR
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M.A., 1973, California State University, Northridge
Ph.D., 1984, University of California at Los Angeles
Time at Poly: 2 1/2 years
Teaching specializations: Latin American History, World History, Middle Eastern History

NEWS: It was a busy year for me. My book, The Catholic Church and Social Change in Nicaragua, was published by the State University of New York Press. I also wrote several conference papers and articles. The hottest news was a new addition to the family, a new dog (a street mutt of course). Everybody says she is ugly and unruly, but I think she is a great dog. She loves to chew history books, especially the old and irreplaceable ones.

Last spring I went to Nicaragua to complete a short field research project. It was a very productive trip, as I was able to write an article about the initial stage of capitalist development in Nicaragua. It was also a very depressing trip. The economy is in terrible shape and thousands of people have been killed and maimed by our tax money and our guns, just because they wanted their freedom in the face of savage aggression. Once again I was reminded of the contradiction between what we teach about justice and what we do to the people who dare to demand it.

FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH: Any of the above courses [under Teaching Specializations], if I get interested students.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Professor Donald Grinde is presently at the University of California at Riverside, where he holds the Rupert Costa Chair in American Indian History, 1989-1991. Additionally, an article on his research on Joseph Allicocke, Black leader of the Sons of Liberty, will appear in American Visions (Smithsonian's Black history and culture journal) in Winter, 1990.

BARBARA MCCLUNG HALLMAN
Professor

B.A., 1960, California State University, Los Angeles
M.A., 1962, California State University, Los Angeles
Ph.D., 1974, University of California, Los Angeles
Time at Poly: 16 years
Teaching specializations: Medieval Europe, Renaissance/Reformation, Early Modern Europe

NEWS: I went to Europe again during the spring and early summer of 1988. My first stop was Paris, where I spent ten days under the tutelage of an old friend and Paris expert who was spending her sabbatical there. Parisians were preparing for the bicentennial of the Revolution with many special exhibits, a circumstance which made my visit particularly fruitful. Then by train to Italy, where I indulged myself by visiting princely cities-Turin, Parma, Ferrara, Urbino-which I had missed on research trips. Finally to Rome and the Vatican for the last three months of nose-to-grindstone, but fascinating and fun work. One result of this sojourn was a paper, "Bishops Resident in Rome and the Problem of Episcopal Residence," which I presented to the annual conference of the American Historical Association in Cincinnati last December. Other results were that my Italian improved significantly (my Roman friends speak no English) and that I came to feel more at home in the Eternal City than ever. Still, it was good to get home to Shell Beach and Cal Poly and entertain (bore?) students with the new insights derived from the trip.

I am sorting out materials for the new book I hope to complete one day and trying to master my expensive machines and join the Computer Age. (Perhaps I have lived too long!) Meanwhile, my earlier paper, "Italian Cardinals, Wealth, and Counter Reformation Rome," has been published in Italian Renaissance Studies in Arizona (Rosary College Italian Studies, 3; River Forest, Illinois, 1989).

My kids and grandkids continue to thrive, the babies growing up at an astonishing rate, and I have two new members of the household (feline types): La Timidissima (Timi for short, the timid one), and La Pochina (the little girl). Their antics keep the house in turmoil and keep me on my toes. Best wishes to all.

FAVORITE COURSES TO TEACH: Medieval Europe, Renaissance/Reformation, Age of Religious Wars. WHY? I know them best of all.

A FAVORITE QUOTATION: "Dum spiro, spero." (While I breathe, I hope.)
CRAIG HARLAN  
Lecturer  
B.A., 1969, University of California, Irvine  
M.A., 1970, University of California, Irvine  
Ph.D., 1980, University of California, Irvine  
Time at Poly: 3 years  
Teaching specialization: American Ideals and Institutions  

NEWS: I enjoy teaching in the History Department and am looking forward to taking Ed's place while he's on leave Winter and Spring Quarters. I especially enjoy and appreciate the freedom to structure and teach the 204's [American Ideals and Institutions] as each of us thinks best.

FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH: American Ideals and Institutions.

THE SUPERIOR MAN IS DISTRESSED BY THE LIMITATIONS OF HIS ABILITY; HE IS NOT DISTRESTED BY THE FACT THAT MEN DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE ABILITY HE HAS.  
(CONFUCIUS)

THE QUESTION FOR EACH MAN TO SETTLE IS NOT WHAT HE WOULD DO IF HE HAD MEANS, TIME, INFLUENCE AND EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES, BUT WHAT HE WILL DO WITH THE THINGS HE HAS.  
(HAMILTON MABIE)

LIFE DOESN'T CONSIST IN HOLDING GOOD CARDS, BUT IN PLAYING A POOR HAND WELL.  
(ANONYMOUS)

CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THE NAILS ON WHICH THE WEAK HANG FAILURES, AND WITH WHICH THE STRONG BUILD SUCCESSES.  
(ANONYMOUS)

DONALD W. HENSEL  
Professor  
B.S., 1949, University of North Dakota  
M.A., 1953, University of Colorado  
Ph.D., 1957, University of Colorado  
Time at Poly: 30 years  

RECOMMENDED READING: Please consider three recommended book titles as gifts from me to you, two for intellectual pleasure and the third as a somber warning for us as citizens.  

First, The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara, a Pulitzer-prizewinning novel of the Civil War's battle of Gettysburg. For $4.95, this Ballantine Book will shift control from you to it. The book will possess you totally. Warning: once you begin you will rearrange your priorities. You will finish. Warfare is personalized without glorification. You will enter that battlefield and share sharp sensations of being there, a sophisticated recreation of the time-spirit context of an era. This book is unforgettable!  

Secondly, for $7.95 from Penguin, consider Out West, American Journey Along the Lewis and Clark Trail by Dayton Duncan. This is a trip in American history with a charming traveling companion, whose open minded curiosity, easy humor, and knowledge of history combine to provide considerable enjoyment. File this title for future use if you visit somewhere along the Lewis and Clark Trail, at any point between Illinois and Missouri at the origin and on through Nebraska, Iowa, the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.  

My third recommendation is a recent book on contemporary public policy, Benjamin Friedman's Day of Reckoning, the Consequences of American Economic Policy Under Reagan and After, published by Random House. The book's honesty is both refreshing and somewhat disheartening. The final chapter, "Hard Choices," reflects an optimistic faith that corrective measures are available. This Harvard economist, using much recent historical data, explains that in the 1980s, we have violated a basic moral principle that has traditionally bound each generation of Americans to the next: that men and women should work and eat, earn and spend, so that their children's children would enjoy a better world. In contrast, in the present decade, while our federal government has financed the illusion of prosperity by borrowing over $20,000 from each of your families, we have been living well by increasing our debts and selling off our assets. We are throwing ourselves a party and stupidly sending the tab to ourselves in the future. I recommend this book because of my strong conviction that we are damaging our country and that you, as part of lifelong learning, should give consideration to the analysis presented by Friedman.
PAUL HILTPOLD
Lecturer

B.A., 1974, University of Texas, Austin
M.A., 1976, University of Texas, Austin
Ph.D., 1981, University of Texas, Austin

Time at Poly: 1 year
Teaching specializations: Modern World History, Early-Modern Europe

NEWS: Having been at Cal Poly for only one year, I don't have much in the way of news for alumni. I have been very impressed by the community of SLO, the University, and the department, all quite different from my previous teaching position in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Although the teaching load is heavier here, I have managed to publish an article on the Castilian economy in the sixteenth century, and I continue to plug away on my second manuscript tentatively entitled "The Perfect Body: Corporate Society in Sixteenth Century Castile." I hope I can get back to Spain (where I lived for three years) next summer.

A COURSE I ENJOY TEACHING, AND WHY: I enjoy Modern World History because the planet is undergoing such dramatic changes at the moment, and the students are eager to talk about them.

A FAVORITE QUOTE: "You never know what is enough until you know what is more than enough." William Blake

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DANIEL E. KRIEGER
Professor

B.A., 1965, San Jose State College
Ph.D., 1973, University of California, Davis

Time at Poly: 19 years
Teaching specializations: Modern Europe, British History, Pacific Rim

NEWS: In December, 1988, I completed Volume I of my history of the central coast titled Looking Backward Into the Middle Kingdom. I am currently finishing a companion volume titled The Second Hundred Years. I am also editing a piece on vigilantism in coastal California for a June press printing, tentatively titled Clamor Publico in the Barrio of the Wildcat. I spent Spring quarter, 1989 with our London Program. My travels included some time in the Middle East and research in Portuguese archives for a future study on immigration from the Azores.

FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH: History 101. The Renaissance/Reformation portion of our Western Civilization survey.

WHY? I enjoy this period because it manifests the dimensions of historic change in a fairly short, but comprehensible time span. This process is best illustrated by the difficulty we might have in making dinner conversation with Martin Luther compared to ease of speaking with Voltaire, Franklin or Jefferson.


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"Many times a day I realize how much my own life is built upon the labors of my fellow men and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received." (Albert Einstein)

"Men exist for the sake of one another. Teach them, then, or bear with them." (Marcus Aurelius)

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." (Anonymous)

"There is nothing so difficult that it does not become easy with enthusiasm; nothing so easy that it does not become difficult with reluctance." (Anonymous)
EDWARD L. MAYO
Professor

B.A., 1959, Claremont Men's College
M.A., 1966, Claremont Graduate School
Ph.D., 1969, Claremont Graduate School

Time at Poly: 22 years

Teaching specializations: Revolutionary America, Historiography, Jacksonian America

NEWS: Going on leave Winter and Spring 1990 to study Thomas Jefferson's attitude toward time. Will spend a portion of the leave at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville and at other eastern historical depositories. Also will spend part of the coming summer in Sicily viewing Greek and Roman ruins, and in Southern France tracing Jefferson's travels in that portion of the country. Attended a conference on the history of the Early Republic at Charlottesville, Virginia at which I toured Monticello and environs.

FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH: American Revolution. WHY? Because it reminds me of the struggle peoples have had and continue to have to be free to pursue happiness in their own manner.

TO HISTORY GRADS: Write the department and let us know how you are doing, how the history major is serving your needs, and what we might include/exclude from the curriculum to benefit future majors.

BARTON C. OLSEN
Professor

B.A., 1955, University of Utah
M.A., 1966, University of Utah
Ph.D., 1968, University of Utah

Time at Poly: 22 years

Teaching specializations: American West, American Revolution, Middle East

NEWS: I'm retiring at the end of Summer 1990! (Faculty Early Retirement Program)--with both sadness and gladness.

FAVORITE COURSES TO TEACH: Modern World History (315), American West (386). I relate (personally) to both areas. History, to me, is not an abstract mental exercise, but a look at human beings in real circumstances. Both my course areas lend themselves to that philosophy.

A FAVORITE QUOTE: "A person who is ignorant of the society in which he/she lives, who knows nothing of its place in the world and who has not thought about his place in it, is not a free person even though he/she has a vote. He/she is easy game for 'hidden persuaders.'" (The Newsome Report)

MOST OF THIS WORLD'S USEFUL WORK IS DONE BY PEOPLE WHO ARE PRESSSED FOR TIME, OR ARE TIRED, OR DON'T FEEL WELL. (DOUGLAS SMITHALL FREEMAN)

LIFE GIVES NOTHING TO MAN WITHOUT LABOR. (HORACE)

EVERYBODY THINKS OF CHANGING HUMANITY AND NOBODY THINKS OF CHANGING HIMSELF. (LEO TOLSTOY)

THERE IS NO KING WHO HAS NOT HAD A SLAVE AMONG HIS ANCESTORS, AND NO SLAVE WHO HAS NOT HAD A KING AMONG HIS. (HELEN KELLER)

THE MAN WHO HAS NOT ANYTHING TO BOAST OF BUT HIS ILLUSTRIUS ANCESTORS IS LIKE A POTATO--THE ONLY GOOD BELONGING TO HIM IS UNDERGROUND. (SIR THOMAS OVERBURY)
NEWS: In the last departmental newsletter I reported that I had written a chapter "FP6: Liberal or Nazi?" in the book Conquering the Past: Austrian Nazism Yesterday and Today, edited by F. Parkinson, to be published by Wayne State University Press in 1988. I did not expect at that time that the actual appearance of that book would be so delayed as to make it news for this newsletter being put together in the fall of 1989. Academic presses sometimes move very slowly as was the case here; the book finally appeared in late summer of 1989. I was on academic leave for the entire year 1987-1988, during which time I spent four months in Austria continuing my research on the Freiheitliche Partei which has been experiencing a remarkable resurgence in the past three years. The time in Vienna was not only rewarding in the progress I made in my research, but it permitted me to enjoy the rich cultural life of this fascinating city in high season. This past summer I spent another five weeks in the Austrian National Library identifying materials for microfilming that should permit me to conclude the project of writing a full length history of the political movement since 1945. Vienna in summer turns into a tourist attraction for hordes of Italians, Americans and Germans and was additionally the transit route for thousands of East Germans making their way to the West. While I found the experience of having my nose pressed against an disintegrating Iron Curtain politically interesting, the cultural life was dead and my work was tedious, at least as necessary.

Much of my work on the FP6 deals with the issue of nationalism and the question of whether Austria is a separate nation-state or an independent state that is part of a larger, non-political, but culturally integrated German nation. I had the opportunity of presenting a paper entitled "Austria: A Third German State at Age 44" at a conference of political scientists, historians, and Germanists assembled from both German states, Austria, and Great Britain, at Long Beach State University last April. As a consequence of this exposure I was requested to submit the paper, in a slightly revised version for publication by Politics and Society in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. It appeared in No. 3 of this journal during the summer.

My research and writing activities leave little time for much else, but I continue to swim my 3000 meters a day, now at the ridiculous time of 6-7 a.m. I also remain a fanatic skier and manage to get away with my family, for a five day trip during Christmas break, usually three weekends during the winter quarter, and snow and weather permitting, at least 3-4 days at quarter break. "Baby Gretchen" is now almost seventeen, driving, both the family car, and on occasions her father and mother crazy. That is as it should be, and on balance my life continues to be busy, always; interesting and rewarding, mostly; and fun, enough. It is my wish that all those reading this newsletter can say the same. Best wishes.

FAVORITE COURSES TO TEACH: Nazi Germany and Soviet Union. WHY? Nazi Germany, because it give me an opportunity to teach in depth about an area in which I have done primary research and about which there is so much misunderstanding. Soviet History, because this country is so important in the world today and because of the rapid pace of change it demands greater understanding by Americans preconditioned and prejudiced by 45 years of Cold War rhetoric.

ADVICE: Stay intellectually alert and engage those around you with your excitement for learning and understanding the world around you.

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**NO RACE CAN PROSPER TILL IT LEARNS THAT THERE IS AS MUCH DIGNITY IN TILLING A FIELD AS IN WRITING A POEM. (BOOKER T. WASHINGTON)**

**EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A PLACE TO FILL IN THE WORLD, AND IS IMPORTANT, IN SOME RESPECT, WHETHER HE CHOOSES TO BE SO OR NOT. (N. HAWTHORNE)**

**EVERYONE HAS HIS OWN SPECIFIC VOCATION OR MISSION IN LIFE; EVERYONE MUST CARRY OUT A CONCRETE ASSIGNMENT THAT DEMANDS FULFILLMENT. THEREIN HE CANNOT BE REPLACED, NOR CAN HIS LIFE BE REPEATED. THUS, EVERYONE'S TASK IS AS UNIQUE AS HIS SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY TO IMPLEMENT IT. (VIKTOR FRANKL)**

**LIFE IS A CALL TO SHARE IN THE WORLD'S MAKING. (ANONYMOUS)**
NEWS: I'm looking forward to returning to London this spring to teach at Cal Poly's popular new campus there. When I was last there in 1988, 40 students and I visited World War II memorials in Amsterdam and were hosted by NATO during a varied day of seminars and presentations.

This academic year was to be spent teaching at a university in Thailand. However, surgery last February put that plan on hold. To prepare for southeast Asia I took a short course this past summer at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York, on the history of the region. And I have visited Asia twice in the past year. What surprised me most about Japan was not the obvious visible signs of their spectacular economic achievements, but rather that a cup of coffee cost me $6 in Tokyo!

FAVORITE COURSE TO TEACH: American Foreign Policy (Hist 387).

WHY?

America's role in the world has never been more at the crossroads during the past 40 years than it is today.

RECOMMENDED READING: My favorite book of the past year was David Wyatt's A SHORT HISTORY OF THAILAND. Next was David Joel Steinberg's edited work, IN SEARCH OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THERE ARE TWO STATEMENTS ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS THAT ARE TRUE: THAT ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE ALIKE, AND THAT ALL ARE DIFFERENT. ON THOSE TWO FACTS ALL HUMAN WISDOM IS FOUND. (MARK VAN DOREN)
EDNA BOCH
Department Secretary

NEWS: This past year has been really busy for me both here in the office and at home. Since I started here in the History Department in 1981, the position I hold has really changed. When I first started, the office equipment consisted of two IBM Selectric typewriters and ditto equipment. Today, in addition to the same ditto equipment, both secretaries have electronic typewriters and computers with printers. The computer in my office is connected with the university's mainframe so that the department can instantly access course enrollments, student records, and send electronic mail to other offices on campus. You cannot believe all the different things we can now do in our office. Whoever said that computers would make life easier and save time must have been an administrator, not one of the clerical staff.

I am currently filling my weekends by training to be a volunteer (docent) for the Natural History Association of Morro Bay. When I complete my training I will know more than I ever wanted to know about Monarch butterflies and be able to lead butterfly walks in Pismo Beach. (No—I don’t walk the butterflies on a leash. I lead people on walks through an eucalyptus grove where the butterflies stay during the winter months.) During these walks people are given basic information about this unique butterfly and then are invited to ask questions.

My training also includes learning to ride an ATV (the four-wheeled kind) over the Pismo Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area. After more riding experience, and hopefully, fewer bruises and sore muscles, I will assist my husband, who is a docent, on dune rides giving users of the beach historical information about the dunes, the people who lived there, the movies filmed in them, etc., as well as getting in some ecological information on dune preservation.

As this department becomes more electronically oriented, I look forward to hearing from those of you who have spent time here as a History major. Hearing from you brings back many good memories.

ANNE WATTON-TENAGNENI
Power Keyboard Operator

Although only a handful of you will know me, I’m a local—having been born in B.D. and growing up in rural Morro Bay as the youngest in a large family. After four years of emergency dispatching for police and fire departments, I came to Cal Poly in February 1988, and then to my current position in the History Department in January of 1989. Although my “official” title is Power Keyboard Operator, that basically translates into a support staff position for our faculty, with heavy use of a specialized word processing program (Word Perfect) in preparing course related materials. Although this job has its own unique stresses, I truly enjoy my work. I also appreciate what a lot of people take for granted: having “normal” daytime working hours with weekends and holidays off. But, probably the best part of my job has been the friendliness and humor of the people in this department!

At home, as well as at work, life has been full of changes for the better in the past year. I married a wonderful man in April, we bought a house in May, and now are anxiously expecting our first child next Spring! So, as special and happy and BUSY as 1989 was, I suspect it was merely a sampler of the fun and changes to come!

IF ONE LIFE SHINES, THE LIFE NEXT TO IT WILL CATCH THE LIGHT. (ANONYMOUS)

ALL OF THE FLOWERS OF ALL THE TOMORROWS ARE IN THE SEEDS OF TODAY. (CHINESE PROVERB)

LIFE IS NO BRIEF CANDLE TO ME. IT IS A SORT OF SPLENDID TORCH WHICH I HAVE GOT HOLD OF FOR THE MOMENT, AND I WANT TO MAKE IT BURN AS BRIGHTLY AS POSSIBLE BEFORE HANDING IT ON TO FUTURE GENERATIONS. (BERNARD SHAW)

WHEN YOU WAKE UP IN THE MORNING, YOU MUST ALERT YOURSELF TO THE DAY AHEAD; TO THE POSSIBILITIES FOR JOYFUL LIVING THAT THE COMING HOURS WILL BRING. IF YOU USE THEM FULLY, THE THINGS YOU DO DURING THE DAY MAY NOT SHAKE THE WORLD, BUT THEY WILL MAKE YOUR WORLD. (MAXWELL MALZ, M.D.)

WHAT WE DESIRE OUR CHILDREN TO BECOME, WE MUST ENDEAVOR TO BE BEFORE THEM. (ANDREW COMBE).
The 1987-1988 school year was a busy one for the Cal Poly Historical Society. Growing in size to an active membership of 23 students, the Society enjoyed a variety of activities, created a lot of shared interest, and worked to promote strong relationships between the faculty and students of our department. I think everyone would agree that we had a remarkable year.

Our activities for fall quarter started early with a "Welcome" lunch for incoming freshmen, co-sponsored by the History Department. But, kicking things off officially was a student/faculty softball game and BBQ at Ouesta Park. Many faculty members attended, and I can specifically remember Max Riedispeger sprinting from third base to home to add another run for his winning team. The Society participated with a large turnout in the campus-wide Phone-a-Thon, an event used to bring money into the Department and club accounts. In conjunction with Dr. Foroozar's Latin American History class, we showed "The Mission" down at the Rose and Crown Pub. We ended the quarter with our traditional potluck at Dr. Betsinger's beautiful home.

At the beginning of winter quarter, the School of Liberal Arts Student Council sponsored a "Liberal Arts Week" on campus. Many clubs within our school put on events, showed films, or featured lecturers. The Society drew on its own resources and provided a forum-type discussion on Africa, given by our own visiting professor from Nigeria, Dr. John Driel, and Dr. Henry Antkiewicz. We also showed two films winter quarter: "Blazing Saddles" complete with pizza and beer, "Ocean's Eleven" at Linme's Cafe, for the intellectual in all of us. We participated in setting up and organizing both the display itself and the reception for the Smithsonian exhibition on the Constitution in the U.U. Galerie, co-sponsored by both the History and Political Science Departments. And, once again, we ended the quarter with a blow-out potluck at John Betsinger's. The turnout numbered into the high 40's with most of the faculty making an appearance. (Who could forget Manzar's Domino's Pizza or Ken Scherzer's spicy rice dish? Wow!)

Spring quarter found us trying to cope with the reality of Poly Royal. Hoping to repeat our success of last year, we again rented a cotton candy machine from Candy Bob's in Cambria and spun sugar till we thought we would all turn pink from the debris. Many members took a turn at making the fluffy sweet stuff (including Dr. Barnes!), and a large crew turned out to help build and tear down the booth. We are forever indebted to Dr. Mayo for arriving in the nick of time with his trusty hammer to take charge of the booth building. Our efforts paid off handsomely with $402 profit! We used the money to help fund an end-of-the-year softball game at Ouesta Park, which proved to be a real fun afternoon.

The majority of our money, along with a supplement from the Department, was used to fund our most ambitious undertaking of the year—a banquet at Trader Nick's in Pismo Beach. The celebration was held both to honor the graduating seniors and to recognize the faculty who were leaving our Department after this year. Tickets sold well, and the event proved to be a grand success with 67 students and faculty in attendance. In addition to the food provided, our secretary, Edna Bosch made us a beautiful cake, and a ceremony was staged by the Society to conduct the festivities. The Society hoped to establish a new yearly tradition, and I think we may have accomplished our goal.

In addition to our bi-monthly meetings, the Society also met on Friday afternoons down at the Rose and Crown Pub, just to relax, shoot the breeze, and perhaps play a game of darts. No matter where we all were during the week, most likely we could all be found at the Pub on Fridays.

Many members of the Historical Society this year were graduating seniors, and I am sure that all of us will carry this memorable year with us forever. I would like to thank all those faculty and student members who lent their support and helped us have such a successful year. The officer corps for next year is extremely capable and creative, and I feel confident in their ability to maintain the momentum which we have built up. Lastly, a big thank you to Dr. Betsinger and Dr. Kelley, as well as Dr. Scherzer, for their continual support as our advisors. We could not have done it without you.

I am honored to have been a President of the Historical Society, and I am equally proud to have been a History major at Cal Poly.

Sincerely,

Julie Ann Bohardt
President, Cal Poly Historical Society, 1987-88

The Historical Society is a student run organization that tries to promote a sense of community among history students and faculty. Our yearly success rests with the varying commitment of its members. I am pleased to say that over the past few years that commitment has been solidly growing. This is particularly true of the 1989-89 school year which turned out to be an enormous Historical Society success.

The Historical Society began its activities by helping to organize a department luncheon during Week Of Welcome, which was designed to welcome all the incoming history students. Next we sponsored our annual student-faculty softball game held at Ouesta Park. This gave both incoming and old students and faculty the opportunity to interact in a less formal environment than school. Later on in the quarter, Dr. Taylor gave us the honor of presenting a slide show and lecture which covered his year long trip to Nigeria. Rounding out fall quarter, our advisor, Dr. Beecher was kind enough to allow us to invade his home for our annual Christmas potluck dinner.

When winter quarter began, we immediately started thinking ahead to
Poly Royal. Due to stringent new Poly Royal regulations the Historical Society found itself sorely lacking in needed funds for our cotton candy booth. Coming to our rescue, the History Department generously donated $300 to our cause. Most of the remaining quarter was spent at Dr. Mayo’s constructing an awesome booth (which if needed could house a family of four or 10 college students!). Despite all of our carpentry work however, we did have time to go to the Great American Melodrama’s rendition of “Arsenic and Old Lace.” Also in conjunction with Dr. Riedleperger’s History of Nazi Germany class we sponsored the presentation of the film classics Mephisto and Blue Angel.

Spring quarter was of course dominated by Poly Royal. This being our major fund raising event, we were tremendously pleased with the outcome. $600 was made in cotton candy sales. Of course, there is an academic side to Poly Royal as well. This year we were proud to present a simulation of the Triangle Factory fire trial.

The Historical Society’s last event for the 1988-89 school year was our second annual year end banquet. Using the funds we raised during Poly Royal, the Historical Society was able to subsidize student tickets and sponsor a dinner at the Cliffs in Pismo Beach honoring this past year’s graduating seniors. This was a very special event for all those who attended.

Overall, the 1988-89 school year was full of challenges but also a lot of fun. The best way to alleviate our frustrations was to get together for a little relaxation at the Rose and Crown pub. Rumor has it that the Historical Society still meets there on Friday afternoons. So, if you’re ever in town, why not go and join them.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kalish
President, Cal Poly Historical Society, 1988-89
FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

January 2, 1990

Dear Alumnus,

After a hiatus in the publication of Clio's Comments we, like General MacArthur, have returned. The delay has been caused by budget cuts which forced suspension of all but the most essential expenditures and was extended by the transfer of Cindy Curtis, our power keyboard operator in the office. A hiring freeze, occasioned by what now seems to be an annual cutback in funding by the State of California. Anne Watton-Tognazzini, joined us a year ago and has already made herself an indispensable part of the office staff. Unfortunately for us, she will be taking a leave of absence in April to become a mother, but we are all happy for her. It has been Anne's persistence in pursuing information for both the history alumni and faculty that has made this resuscitated version of Clio's Comments possible.

After several years during which we have had a large number of faculty members on leaves of one kind or another, we have almost our full strength of regularly appointed faculty. Only Professor Grinde is missing while he holds Rupert Costo chair of American Indian History at UC, Riverside. Since I first wrote the previous two sentences, we have had some drastic changes for Spring quarter. Professors Taylor, Mayo and Forooohar have had requests for research leaves of various kinds approved and Professors Barnes and Snetsinger have been accepted for participation in the London Quarter; the consequence is that we will again have a large number of lecturers to help.

In the notes from the faculty you will notice some new names. Dr. Manzar Forooohar joined us in the academic year 1987-1988. Her teaching responsibilities are divided among courses in Modern World History and upper division specialty courses in Latin American, Central American and Middle Eastern History. Dr. Nancy Clark joined us in September of this academic year. She also teaches extensively in the Modern World course; she will also teach the existing African history courses and plans additional curriculum development in this area. We are currently in the process of searching for a specialist in U.S. women's history and spent two days at the American Historical Society meeting last week in San Francisco interviewing a number of highly qualified candidates. Additionally, Dr. Paul Hiltlopis will be with us for a second year as a visiting lecturer. He is primarily responsible for teaching Modern World history, but in the spring will complement our upper division offerings by teaching Modern World 346 which will permit him to utilize his expertise in early modern Spain. Dr. Craig Harlan, a specialist in American Intellectual History, with a recent article in the American Historical Review to his credit, will also be with us in American History.

In mid-October students and faculty cooperated in a joint effort to raise funds for the department through the Cal Poly Annual Giving telethon. An Honor Roll of those who have contributed to the department in the past year appears in this newsletter. If you have participated in the Annual Giving Program, we greatly appreciate your support. The money that comes to the department from your contributions helps to fund the annual faculty retreat, as permitted us to subsidize the, now, annual spring banquet sponsored by the Historical Society and will help defray the expenses of faculty involved in recruiting at the American Historical Association meeting among other things. If you have not joined the Honor Roll please consider contributing; The State of California simply does not provide adequate support for professional activity of this type.

The response of the alumni for information earlier this quarter was gratifying and we hope that you will enjoy reading the news about us and the graduates of the department on the following pages.

Sincerely

Max E. Riedesperger, Chairman
History Department

P.S.
August 14, 1990

Anne's leave of absence began unexpectedly in late March with the early arrival of a son Gabriel. This put the appearance of this newsletter another half year behind schedule, but now we are ready to go with the help of Anne who has completed the task of putting this together while experiencing all the joys and sleepless nights of parenthood.

The delay does, however, permit me to add a few new pieces of information. Dr. Carolyn Stefanco, comes to us as a new Assistant Professor from her last position at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. She will teach Historical Craft, History 204 and develop a new curriculum in U.S. women's history. Dr. John Orijii, a native Nigerian, will be with us as a lecturer, to help in teaching Modern World History, as will Dr. Tara Sethia, a native of India, and Dr. Dan Lewis, a recent UCSD Ph.D. who specializes in Latin America, in particular Argentina.

The History Society Spring Banquet, which has now become an annual affair, was enjoyed by all. Cheryl Duggan, Francesca Fairbrother, Nancy Rock and Francis Schoorl were honored as outstanding seniors. While I am not yet at liberty to disclose the details, I can confirm that I am in the process of concluding negotiations with a gentleman who wants to provide funds for the promotion of the study of history, particularly European history at Cal Poly. For the coming year this will probably result in the award of a single scholarship for $2,500 or several scholarships which total $2,500 to a woman student majoring in history. The details still need to be finalized, but this is the beginning of what I anticipate will be an ongoing program. I anticipate that we can make the announcement of the coming year's awards a part of our Spring Banquets in the future.
FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Here it is! I hope this newsletter lives up to my promise of "informative, interesting, and fun" and possibly even my grand hope that it be our "best yet."

I would like to express great appreciation to all History Department alumni who contributed news for "Clio's Comments." We sent out nearly 650 letters to graduates at addresses provided by University Development Services. And, although we received only 82 responses, that was actually a record return for Clio's Comments! (Our last newsletter garnered only 35 responses.) Of the remaining letters, only 21 were returned which were unable to be forwarded to a more current address. Those grads are listed later in the newsletter; any assistance in locating good addresses for these, or any other of our alumni, would be appreciated. Also, if you are one of the 550+ whose letter was not returned by the Postal Service, but who presumably simply declined to respond, please reconsider next time you hear from us. We really would like to include YOUR news in our next alumni newsletter!

I would also like to thank the History Department faculty for their cooperation and good humor in putting up with my requests in regard to the Faculty section of the newsletter. Not everyone was thrilled with the idea of photos or with the new format of the faculty questionnaire, but I got a good deal of cooperation and support, regardless! A big thanks also to my supervisor Edna, the Department Secretary, for giving me encouragement as well as the freedom to handle the newsletter in my own way. Incorporating changes has made it a lot of fun for me, and I hope the end result makes everyone pleased to have participated.

Actually, the creative aspect of editing the newsletter, as well as "getting to know" alumni, made working on the newsletter an enjoyable task for me. The most difficult part was finding the time to work on it. Naturally, the newsletter had to be relegated to last priority during very busy Fall and Winter quarters when course related materials demanded so much time. So, some things that I would have liked to add or improve were not—for sheer lack of time.

Along the line of changes, please feel free to contact us and let us know what you thought of the newsletter, or if you would like to see changes made in future "editions." Most importantly, please keep us informed of any change in your address. See the last page for a handy change of address notification form.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed their news! There wouldn't have been a newsletter without you!

Sincerely,

Anne Watton-Tognazzini

FROM THE "DEAD LETTER" FILE...

Letters to the following alumni were returned to us by the Postal Service, and we were unable to locate more recent addresses. Can you help us find these alumni?

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KEEP IN TOUCH...

Have you changed addresses? Don't forget to let us know when you relocate! The following form is for your convenience. Mail it to:

History Department Newsletter, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407.

--- CAL POLY HISTORY DEPARTMENT ALUMNI ADDRESS UPDATE ---

Today's date ___________________________

Please note the following address change:

Name _____________________________ Graduation Yr.

Mailing Address _______________________

City ________________________________ State _______ Zip ______

Phone (optional): ____________________

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