College of Engineering: Walt W. Wilson (EL ‘65, MATH ‘65) is the president of Solectron Americas and vice president of its parent company, Solectron Corp., an electronics manufacturing services company. As president of Solectron Americas, Wilson directs the administrative, engineering, and manufacturing operations at the 750,000-square-foot facility in the Silicon Valley. Before being appointed to president in 1993, Wilson served as vice president of program management and senior vice president of operations. Prior to working for Solectron Corp., Wilson spent 24 years working for IBM in a variety of domestic and overseas management positions. He earned his master’s degree from Santa Clara University.

"Cal Poly helped shape my life by balancing the academic and practical sides through the 'learn by doing' approach."

(Photo courtesy Walt Wilson)

College of Liberal Arts: Barbara J. Raines (JOUR ‘93) is a senior specialist in media relations for the Douglas Aircraft Co. and the spokesperson for the Long Beach Division of the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group. She also owns Raines Communications, which provides public relations and communications expertise for small businesses. Raines has served as public relations director for Rowan University’s Liberal Arts and Sciences Institute for Research and Community Service and was a public relations representative for Max Factor Co. and Halston Cosmetics. She is a member of the Cal Poly Journalism Advisory Board, a mentor with Young Horizons in Long Beach, and a member of the National Association for Female Executives. She earned her master’s degree from Rowan University.

"I spent many long hours in the Mustang Daily and KCPR newsrooms — ‘learn by doing’ wasn’t just the school’s motto, it was truly a way of life for most students."

(Photo courtesy Barbara Raines)

College of Science and Mathematics: Richard J. Bradshaw (MATH ‘70), executive director of Cooley Godward LLP, a law firm with 375 lawyers, manages the firm’s business affairs. The firm serves emerging companies and a diverse roster of technology clients from San Diego, Seattle, and Denver. After earning a business degree from Stanford in 1972, Bradshaw began his career working as a corporate banker. After working with both the Republic Corp. and the Landsing Corp., Bradshaw switched his career to law firm management and joined his current employer. He has served as director of Montgomery Street Income Securities, a New York Securities Exchange-listed mutual fund, since 1991. He has also served on the board of San Francisco school volunteers for four years and as president for one.

"Cal Poly is much more than a successful university; it's an experience that radiates far beyond the campus boundaries and endures long after graduation."

(Photo courtesy Richard Bradshaw)
University Center for Teacher Education: Hugo E. Lara (MA ED ‘89) has served as superintendent of the Guadalupe Union School District since 1985. After earning both his credential and master’s degree from Cal Poly, Lara earned a doctorate at USC. He started his career as a bilingual teacher at Mary Buren Elementary School in Guadalupe in 1978, then moved to Kermit McKenzie Junior High, where he took a position as a bilingual resource teacher. In 1984 he became the principal. During his six years there Lara also served as special projects director for the Guadalupe Union School District office. In 1995 he earned a Distinguished Teacher-Administrator award from the State of California Association of Educators.

"Knowing the high caliber of alumni, it is a great personal celebration for me to have been chosen as an honored alumnus. I have great respect and admiration for the university faculty."

(Photo courtesy Hugo Lara)
Homecoming '98 shines through the rain . . .

"Poly through the Decades" drew a crowd that included honored alumni [see story, pages 26-28], "Golden Grads" and other reunion members, and revelers at the annual parade, winetasting and tailgate, and football game. Here members of the student spirit club, Running Thunder, cheer the Mustangs on during their victory over Western New Mexico. (Photo by Doug Allen)

April Open House spotlights campus and community

Cal Poly’s Sixth Annual Open House, “Breaking New Ground,” will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17. This event showcases the excellence of Cal Poly and its immediate community of the county and city of San Luis Obispo.

Friday is Admitted Students Preview Day, which gives admitted students, their family, and friends a chance to view the educational facilities, meet faculty and staff members, and become acquainted with the campus and San Luis Obispo’s collegiate lifestyle.

Saturday, April 17, is the Open House Showcase. Alumni, parents, and community members, along with current and future students, can participate in activities featuring numerous department and student displays. Over 200 campus clubs and organizations will host interactive displays and presentations, exhibits, and food booths.

Open House is organized and run by a committee of 30 student volunteers under the guidance of the coordinator of New Student Orientation Programs and Services. For additional information, contact the Open House Hotline at 805/756-2764.

The annual truck and tractor pull is a big draw during Open House. (Photo by Joe Johnston)

CPAA scholarships awarded

The Cal Poly Alumni Association is proud to announce the recipients of this year’s scholarships, and thanks everyone who made them possible:

**Melissa Ann Cook** and **Dana M. Volstorff** — Cal Poly Alumni Central Coast Chapter Scholarship

**Carrie Jennifer Correia** — Cal Poly Alumni Central California Chapter Scholarship

**Shane Marie Davis** — George Watte Memorial Scholarship

**Greg Kump** and **Kerry Sargent** — Cal Poly Alumni Association Scholarships

**Benjamin Aaron Miskie** — Cal Poly East Bay Alumni Chapter Scholarship
MBNA supports Rose Float Association

Surfing the Net... was the 51st float in the Tournament of Roses Parade by Cal Poly Universities/San Luis Obispo and Pomona. It represents the impact that computers and the Internet have had in the 20th century. A surfer is shown riding a wave of information on the Internet from the world to his own computer.

The Cal Poly Alumni Association, with the support of its official MBNA credit card, will provide the Rose Float Alumni Association with $10,000 over the next four years. The $2,500-per-year allotment was created to establish an endowment for the purpose of enhancing Rose Float activities at Cal Poly. The Rose Float Alumni Association has been a long-time supporter of the Cal Poly Alumni Association and its activities.

For more information about this endowment or Rose Float activities, contact the Rose Float Office at 805/765-1268.

Alumni wrestlers invited to June reunion

A reunion of Cal Poly wrestlers is being planned for June 18-20 in San Luis Obispo. The event will begin with a social at the Embassy Suites in the Central Coast Mall, and will include golf and a barbecue on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

It was 30 years ago this spring that Cal Poly hosted the 1969 NCAA College Division National Championships, coming away with four individual champions and the team championship, and going on to place fifth in the NCAA University Division Championships. Members of this team will be honored.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Vaughan Hitchcock, 580 Country Lane, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (805/543-8120) as soon as possible.

Call for Nominations

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Honored Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame programs. If you would like additional information on either program, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 805/756-2586.

Alumni fly-in set for June 26

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 26, for the Second Annual Cal Poly Alumni Fly-In/Drive-In at Castle Air Force Base in Atwater. The association encourages all alumni, parents, families, and friends to join in for a day of exhibits, including a two-hour space mission at the Challenger Learning Center, flight simulators, the air museum, a Santa Maria barbecue, and much more. For added information and reservations, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 1-888-CAL-POLY.