Performing Arts Center sets open house, tours

The Christopher Cohan Center of the Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo will celebrate its second anniversary with an open house and behind-the-scenes tours from 1 to 4 pm Sunday, Sept. 27.

Among the path of the self-guided tour, docents will explain the center's facilities—from its newly installed 15th century Spanish ceiling and the Peterson Organ to the computer-driven electronics system, acoustics and lighting.

The tour will reveal "the unique and high-tech equipment that makes theater magic happen," said Row Regier, managing director of the center.

Tour reservations are necessary. To reserve a time, call ext. 6-7222.

Hotline honors Cal Poly for fund raising

Hotline recently was awarded a plaque from Hotline of San Luis Obispo for raising more than $2,300 during last year's bowl-a-thon.

Faculty, staff and students can again help raise money for Hotline during this year's bowl-a-thon planned for Friday through Sunday, Oct. 16-18, and Saturday through Monday, Oct. 24-26, at Creekside Lanes in Atascadero.

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NSF workshop offered on new grant program

Faculty members interested in learning about the National Science Foundation's new Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement (CCLI) program are invited to attend a workshop from noon to 1 pm today (Sept. 23) in the Staff Dining Room.

The new program, which provides grants from $5,000 to $50,000, seeks to improve the quality of undergraduate science, mathematics, engineering and technology (SMET) courses, curricula, and laboratories. It encompasses SMET education for all students and targets activities affecting the learning environment, content and educational practices.

The program has three major tracks:

- Educational Materials Development
- Adaptation and Implementation
- National Dissemination

The CCLI program incorporates most features of the former Course and Curriculum Development and Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement (CCLI) program, including the option to submit instrumentation-only or equipment-only proposals. CCLI also gives increased priority to improving undergraduate education through adaptation and implementation of previously developed materials and educational practices.

The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, Nov. 16.

Iced tea and cookies will be provided at the workshop, sponsored by the Grants Development Office. Those interested in attending or submitting a program proposal are asked to call ext. 6-2982.
Wine appreciation event planned for Sept. 25-27

The Alumni Association is hosting its first Wine Appreciation Weekend Friday through Sunday, Sept. 25-27, with wine-tours, informative talks, and a winemaker’s dinner.

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The event continues at 10 am Saturday with a talk by Food Science and Nutrition professor Bob Noyes, who will explain what to look, taste and smell for when sampling wine. Participants will board a bus first to Laetitia Winery in Arroyo Grande, then to Edna Valley Vineyard, where they’ll enjoy a boxed lunch provided by Campus Dining.

At 7 pm alumni and friends will gather for appetizers followed by a winemaker’s dinner featuring the products of Wild Horse Winery. Ken Volk, Wild Horse owner and winemaker and a 1983 food science graduate, will join the group as an honored alumnus.

At 10 am Sunday, Noyes will discuss the complexities of grapes grown in the North County before guests board the bus to tour the caves and taste the wines of Eberle Winery. After a buffet lunch, the group will travel to Meridian Winery before returning to Cal Poly.

Tickets are $110 for alumni, faculty staff and spouses. The deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 24. Call Lynn Cook of the Alumni Association at ext. 6-2586 or e-mail Ben Beesley, director, at bbeesley@calpoly.edu.

Prints, drawings at Galerie

Hungarian-born art historian Peter Meller will exhibit prints and drawings on paper and film in the first 1998-99 show in the UU Galerie. The exhibit will run Saturday, Sept. 26, through Sunday, Dec. 6. An artist’s reception is set from 5 to 7 pm on Saturday, Oct. 10.

A UC Santa Barbara professor emeritus, Meller studied classics and art history at Budapest University, where he earned a doctorate in 1946. He also taught at the Freie Universität in West Berlin.


Galerie hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 am to 4 pm, Wednesday, 10 am to 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 pm.

For information, call Galerie Curator Jeanne LaBarbera at ext. 6-1182.

Preschool lab has openings

The Child Development Preschool, a laboratory program for students, has some openings for fall quarter.

The preschool, located across from the Kennedy Library, accepts children from 2½ to 4½. It is open from 9:30 am to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning Oct. 5. The program offers an adult-child ratio of approximately one adult for every two children. The cost is $160 per quarter.

For more information, call Margaret Berries at ext. 6-2220 or 6-2886, or call the Psychology and Human Development Department at ext. 6-2033.

Swanton Ranch Picnic set

The annual Cal Poly Day Swanton Picnic and dedication of the new bridge for getting the ranch’s trains back on track at the Swanton Pacific Ranch is scheduled from 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, Oct. 18.

For reservations for the barbecue and bus transportation to the ranch near Santa Cruz, contact Ed Carnegie at ext. 6-2620 or 995-3659 by Friday, Oct. 9.

Bramsen

Bruce Bramsen, instructional support technician in the Crop Science Department, died Sept. 12 at his home.

Bramsen was a crop science student before he was hired as the technician in 1980. He is survived by his wife, Tricia, and 12-year-old daughter, Jessica.

The department has established a college fund for his daughter. Contributions may be made payable to the Jessica A. Bramsen College Fund and mailed to the Crop Science Department, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407.

Position vacancies

Vacancy information and applications for these positions are available from the appropriate Human Resources office. Vacancy information can also be accessed from the Cal Poly home page on the World Wide Web (address: www.calpoly.edu click on “General Information”).

Foundation Board to meet Oct. 2

The Foundation Board of Directors will hold its meeting at 8:30 am Friday, Oct. 2, in the Foundation Administration Building’s Conference Room (124).

This is a public meeting. For information or to obtain a copy of the agenda, contact Executive Director Al Amaral at ext. 6-131. A copy of the agenda packet is available for review at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk and the Academic Senate Office, Mathematics and Home Economics 143.