**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. Along 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. Six lanes have been reserved for Cal Poly bowlers on Saturday, Oct. 17. Those who can’t bowl can support Hotline by sponsoring participants.

Hotline’s volunteer staff has offered a variety of telephone services to county callers 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for almost 30 years. Last year Hotline handled more than 27,000 calls. Cal Poly has participated in the annual bowl-a-thon, the organization’s main fund-raiser, for 10 years.

For more information, contact the Cal Poly team coordinator, Elaine Ramos Doyle, at eramosdo@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1740.

**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 $500,000, 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 programs, 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.

**Here’s how to reach us**

The Cal Poly Report is published by the Communications Office every Wednesday during the academic year. Items submitted by 10 am Thursday appear in the following Wednesday’s edition. For information, call ext. 6-1511.
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.
An informal wine tasting will kick off the event at 6 pm Friday, Sept. 25, in the Smith Alumni and Conference Center. Guests bring their favorite bottle of wine to complement a selection of hors d’oeuvres provided by Campus Dining.
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 Laritza 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 Universitat 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 3½ to 4½ years of age, with a minimum adult-child ratio of approximately one adult for every two children. The cost is $160 per quarter.
For more information, call Margaret Berrios 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. 6-6260 or 995-3659 by Friday, Oct. 9.

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”).

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.

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. 6-1311. 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.

‘Much Ado’ to play Oct. 2
“Much Ado About Nothing,” Shakespeare’s comedy of revenge, duplicity and manipulation, will play at 8 pm Friday, Oct. 2, in the Cal Poly Theatre.
Staged by A Noise Within, a Los Angeles-based classical theater company, the play is “infused with the wit and passion of two keen adversaries in love, the sharp-tongued Beatrice and the caustic bachelor Benedick, who are nearly undone by the verbal acrobatics of the master of the watch, Constable Dogberry.”

English professor Patricia Troxel will give a pre-performance lecture at 7 pm in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center’s Cohran Hall.
Tickets to this Cal Poly Arts event are $15 to $21 and can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 am to 6 pm weekdays and from 10 am to 4 pm Saturdays. To order by phone, call 6-ARTS (ext. 6-2787); to order by fax, dial ext. 6-6088.

Catering Sales Clerk ($1,599-2,078/mo.)
Responsible for catering sales including menu selection and scheduling. Requirements: High school or equivalent and one year general office clerical work preferably in a food service operation with knowledge of food sales and service. Must have good oral and written communication skills, be computer literate, and type a minimum of 35 wpm. Must be able to work occasional evenings and weekends. Closing date: Oct. 2.