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Microbiology professor and re­ ceived scientist Paul Cano will occupy the chair. Cano, a pioneer in the study of ancient bacteria and a specialist in paleobiology and molecular evolution, heads research at the EBI. He directs a team of eight faculty members and more than 30 students conducting research at Unocal’s Guadalupe oil field, exploring ways to improve a technology known as bioremediation.

The Unocal gift identifies $1.1 million in funds that could be used for another endowment or chair or another dis­ cretionary uses consistent with the overall Unocal gift. Additionally, Unocal will renew its grant for services with EBI totaling $1.5 million over three years to fund continued research at the Guadalupe oil field.

President Baker said the EBI “is an extraordinary example of the kind of part­ nership between the university, industry and community needed to apply the power of science to pressing social, economic and environmental issues.”

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Memorial scholarships have been set up in his name at both campuses. Contributions can be made to the San Luis Obispo campus by sending a check, payable to the Cal Poly Foundation, to the Foundation Business Office.

For information about the location of the celebration, call Diane Hull at 543-5434, Linda Wilson, 543-2247, Bruce Wilson in Monterey at (831) 375-9593 or Lynn Wilson in Riverside, (909) 359-1083.

San Luis Obispo resident creates music endowment

Alice Parks Nelson of San Luis Obispo recently donated real estate valued at $80,000 to establish the Alice Parks Nelson Orchestral Music Endowment Fund in the Music Department.

"The fund will be used for a wide variety of purposes not usually available through normal funding," said Music Department Chair Cliff Swanson. "It will fund such things as private lessons for non-majors, master classes, and other activities that enrich the orchestral opportunities at Cal Poly."

"Mrs. Nelson has been a generous friend and supporter of the Music Department for many years," Swanson said. "She has been a major figure in the musical history of San Luis Obispo."

Nelson is one of the founders of the San Luis Obispo Symphony and prime force behind the annual Alice Nelson Music Competition.

MacCarley appointed

Art MacCarley has been appointed to a three-year term as director of the Computer Engineering Program, effective fall quarter.

MacCarley has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1988.

U. Va. administrator to lead Extended Studies

Dennis R. Parks, associate dean of continuing education at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, has been selected dean of extended studies and will begin his new duties in September.

Parks was appointed by Provost Zingg after a nationwide search.

Parks succeeds Harry Sharp, longtime Cal Poly faculty member and administrator who most recently served as senior university associate dean of extended university programs and services.

Parks will oversee the Extended University Programs and Services area, which principally includes the offices of Extended Education and Conference Services.

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Parks will be charged with leading major program initiatives, creating more opportunities for colleges to expand extended learning programs to the polytechnic professions of agriculture, architecture, business and engineering, and facilitating the university's plans for year-round operations.

He will also work to stimulate cooperative ventures with colleges, community organizations and industry.

Learn to locate funding sources online

The Grants Development Office has scheduled two hands-on training sessions—one for today—for faculty and administrative staff members to learn how to locate funding sources online through the Web-based service called SPIN (Sponsored Programs Information Network).

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The class will be offered again on July 28, same time and place. Each session will be limited to 10 people. To reserve space, call Grants Development at ext. 6-2982 or e-mail jsotrye@calpoly.edu.
27 graduates named Outstanding Seniors

Cal Poly recognized 27 graduates as 1999-2000 Outstanding Seniors during Spring Commencement ceremonies.

The six colleges selected students in four categories: academic excellence, contribution to the college, contribution to the university, and community service. The students, their majors and hometowns are listed under their respective academic colleges:

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- **University Contribution** - Tara M. McDonough, economics.

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**Seeing Red**

Singer-songwriter Red Grammer opens the Cal Poly Arts 2000-2001 season Sept. 20 in the Performing Arts Center. Billed as a Family Event, the show is designed for children and adults alike.

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Name: ___________________________ Department: ___________________________

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In his budget message, Davis encouraged the CSU to continue to look within its overall budget to identify the resources required to achieve and sustain long-term enrollment gains in these programs.

In a letter to Davis, the CSU Council Chairman Charles Reed observed that "re-examination of marginal cost methodology is the best long-term strategy for increasing funding needs at the CSU."

President Baker said of the governor’s budget action, "This signals clearly the importance of the need for the CSU to develop a long-term budget strategy to address the state’s increasingly critical workforce needs in higher-professional, scientific and technical disciplines."

Noting the critical leadership role played in the Legislature by Sen. Jack O’Connell and Assembly Member Sarah Reyes, Baker said, "Their clear understanding of the need to expand access to these fields by California students has enabled us to...

Unocal donates $5.6 million to Science and Math’s EBI

The Unocal Corp. has given $5.6 million to the College of Science and Mathematical's Environmental Biotechnology Institute (EBI). The donation is one of the most significant cash gifts in the university's history. It enhances the public-private partnership fostered by Unocal and Cal Poly through the EBI, a collaborative research project aimed at developing environmentally sensitive technology to aid petroleum companies in restoring contaminated sites.

Unocal helped launch the EBI in late 1996 with a $1.3 million grant. In January 1997, the State of California through the University of California Office of the President awarded the EBI $1 million to help finance its ongoing operations. The State has added $1 million per year to the program.

The Unocal gift identifies $1.1 million in funds that could be used for another endowed chair or other discretionary uses consistent with the overall Unocal gift. Additionally, Unocal will renew its grant for services with EBI totaling $1.5 million over three years to fund continued research at the Guadalupe oil field.

President Baker said the EBI "is an extraordinary example of the kind of partnership between the university, industry and community needed to apply the power of science to pressing social, economic and environmental issues."

Commenting on Cano’s selection to occupy the Unocal Chair for Environmental Studies, Baker said, "Dr. Cano is recognized internationally for his accomplishments in research and teaching — and for combining the two in creative and exciting ways. We look forward to continu­ing great contributions to research and teaching from both Dr. Cano and EBI."