El Corral Bookstore opens satellite facility

El Corral Bookstore has opened a satellite bookstore in the University Square Shopping Center on Foothill Boulevard. Cal Poly Books at University Square is intended to meet the academic needs of students who live northwest of the campus, according to Frank Cawley, director of El Corral. The store sells textbooks, technical books, test materials, study aids, course-required supplies and computer software to students, staff and faculty members. Cal Poly-licensed logo clothing is available for purchase by the general public.

Alumna appointed head of Horticulture, Crop Science

Soil science alumna Jennifer Ryder Fox was appointed head of the Horticulture and Crop Science Department as of Sept. 10.

Fox comes to Cal Poly after serving as vice president of regulatory affairs and technical development at Davis-based AgraQuest Inc., a biopesticide company that discovers and develops crop protection products from microbial fermentation processes for use on many high-value fruit and vegetable crops grown in California and across the nation.

Cal Poly advisor, veteran journalist Herb Kamm dies

Veteran journalist Herb Kamm, 85, who served as a key advisor to Cal Poly and as a teacher and mentor to many of its journalism students, passed away Sept. 25.

After retiring to the Central Coast in 1985, Kamm put his then-50 years of experience as a writer and editor in New York and Cleveland to work at Cal Poly, serving as advisor to the student newspaper, Mustang Daily, and teaching journalism classes.

In 1998, Kamm was named special assistant to the vice president for university advancement and worked closely with the President's Office on special projects.

Most notable to the community were the seven media forums he produced in conjunction with Cal Poly that drew hundreds of people to campus to hear from television writers, critics and directors, and political commentators. In 2001, less than a month after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Kamm organized a forum on terrorism and politics.

"Herb Kamm's deep commitment to providing divergent viewpoints to further our understanding of the world around us and his longtime friendships with the titans of the media industry were the keys to the success of the forums he put together," said President Warren Baker.

"Herb was also one of my key advisors and played a very important role in Cal Poly's community relations efforts. He and his wife, Phyllis, were active supporters of the fund-raising campaign to build the San Luis Obispo Performing Arts Center."

"As a man, he will be remembered for his dedication, kindness, wisdom and sense of humor. He cannot be replaced," Baker said.

Housing Corp. to meet

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corp. will hold its annual meeting at 10 a.m. Oct. 18 in the Foundation Administration Building, Room 124.

For more information or a copy of the meeting agenda, call Bob Ambach, management director, Cal Poly Housing Corp., at ext. 6-1131. A copy of the agenda packet will be available for public review the week of Oct. 14 at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk (Room 114).

Cal Poly Report schedule

The Cal Poly Report Digest and the Cal Poly Report online appear every Wednesday during the academic year. The online version can be seen at www.calpoly.edu/~communic. Articles for both the online Cal Poly Report and the Cal Poly Report Digest are due to Public Affairs by 10 a.m. Wednesday, one week before publication. Articles can be e-mailed to polynews@polymail.calpoly.edu or faxed to ext. 6-6533.

For more information, call ext. 6-1511.
Ena Marston, 95

English Professor Ena Leslie Marston, the first of four female teachers hired by Cal Poly after World War II, died Sept. 7. She taught at Cal Poly from 1946 to 1970. In addition to teaching English, she initiated and taught for many years Cal Poly’s first art course, titled “Art in Everyday Living.” During the war she served as commanding officer of a women’s auxiliary unit of the U.S. Marine Corps. □

Senior project clinics set

Students who need help getting started with their senior project research are encouraged to attend one of the Kennedy Library’s 50-minute senior project clinics.

The sessions will provide an overview on how to access library services and resources; choose relevant, subject-specific databases; search databases and Web search engines effectively and efficiently; and retrieve and format information sources for a literature review.

Clinics are set for 9:10-10 a.m. Tuesday (Oct. 8) and 5:10-6 p.m. Oct. 16 in Room 111-H in the library’s Reference area. For more information, contact Sariya Talip Clay at ext. 6-6244 or clay@calpoly.edu. □

Library to sponsor Steinbeck centennial event

As part of a nationwide celebration of Nobel Prize-winning author John Steinbeck’s centennial, Susan Shillinglaw, director of the Center for Steinbeck Studies at San Jose State University, will present “John Steinbeck – Naturalist or Spiritualist: Music, Migrants and Storytelling” on Oct. 17. The talk will be at 11 a.m. in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center. The talk is sponsored by the Kennedy Library and is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. For information, visit www.lib.calpoly.edu/steinbeck. □

What’s the big idea?

Got a big idea for a business? Faculty, staff members and students can share their “Big Idea” at 6 p.m. Tuesday (Oct. 8) in the Sandich Factory. Refreshments will be provided. The Big Idea event is sponsored by the Entrepreneurship Club in the Orfalea College of Business. For more information contact Bill Pendergast at wpenderg@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2730. □

Position Vacancies

STATE: The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at least two weeks prior to closing dates on Cal Poly’s Web site at www.calpoly.edu. (Select “Employment” from the Cal Poly links drop-down box.) As a courtesy to our on-campus employees, job vacancies also are published in the Cal Poly Report. Positions marked with an asterisk indicate that qualified on-campus applicants in bargaining units 5, 7 and 9 will be given first consideration. Job applications must be received in Human Resources, Adm. 110, by 5 p.m. on the closing date.

#459-Instructional Support Technician II,* Biological Sciences, $3,257-$4,309. Closing date: Oct. 11.
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#463-Analyst/Programmer-Career,* ITS Application and Information Management/Application Management, $3,915-$8,013. Closing date: Oct. 11.
#467-Instructional Support Technician II,* Chemistry and Biochemistry, $3,257-$4,309, Closing date: Oct. 11.
#470-Records Associate (Administrative Support Coordinator I),* Internal recruitment, two positions, Enrollment Support Services, $2,548-$3,696. Closing date: Oct. 4.
#471-Information Technology Consultant-Foundation,* Computer Engineering Program, temporary, half time through June 30, 2003, $1,554-$2,480. Closing date: Oct. 11.
#473-Cashier (Accounting Technician I), Fiscal Services, $2,427-$3,164. Closing date: Oct. 11.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 67107.) All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 p.m. of the closing date. (No faxes.)

Lead Cook, Campus Dining, $14.11-$20.48/hour. Closing date: Open until filled; review of applications begins Oct. 11.
Catering Chef, Campus Dining, $37,471-$54,310/year. Closing date: Open until filled; review of applications begins Oct. 18.

FACULTY Candidates are asked to contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed for more information or to request an application. Additional information and qualifications for each position may also be obtained online at http://www.academic-personnel.calpoly.edu. Please submit all application materials to the department head/chair unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable, unless otherwise stated).

#3678: Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences (ext. 6-2797). Closing date: Jan. 15.
#4274: Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Theatre & Dance (ext. 6-1465). Closing date: Jan. 2.
#4561: Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Theatre & Dance (Costume Designer). (ext. 6-1465). Closing date: Jan. 2.
#4606: Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Statistics (ext. 6-2708). Closing date: Jan. 10. □

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INC. is accepting applications for the following position(s). Complete position descriptions and applications are available online at the ASI Business Office, UU 213, M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., ext. 6-5890. All applications must be received by 5 p.m. of the listed closing date. AA/EEO.

Head Teacher, Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center, full time, $16/hour. Open until filled.

Root beer float party set

Career Services invites all students and staff and faculty members to an old-fashioned root beer float party 1-3 p.m. Tuesday (Oct. 8) on the front patio of the Student Services Building. At the event, students can have their resumes reviewed by career counselors and employers to help prepare for upcoming job fairs and can find out more about Mustang Jobs, Career Services’ new, improved online job search system. Faculty members are encouraged to tell their students about this event. □

Need a lift?

Paying too much for gasoline? Tired of spending time looking for a parking space? Commuter and Access Services has the solution: van pooling. The van pool program has offerings for commuters living in Santa Maria, Los Osos and the North County. For more information contact Deby Anderson at ext. 6-6680 or djanders@calpoly.edu. □

Calling all alumni to complete online survey

The Cal Poly Alumni Association is launching an Alumni Continuing Education (ACE) Program for alumni and their family members, and asks alumni to help make the program a success by completing an online survey. To access the survey, go to www.alumni.calpoly.edu and click on “ACE Survey” or go to http://my.calpoly.edu and click on the “ACE Survey” tab at the top of the page. For more information, contact Rosey Parks in Alumni Relations at ext. 6-2586 or rparks@calpoly.edu. □

Applications being accepted for London Study Program

The London Study Program is accepting faculty applications for teaching in London either in fall 2003 or spring 2004. For details, please see the Oct. 2 Cal Poly Report online at www.calpoly.edu/~communic. □