New date for annual Service Awards Luncheon

The annual Service Awards Luncheon normally scheduled during the spring will be held next week on Thursday.

Cal Poly, foundation and ASI employees who serve 10 or more years in 1996 will be honored at the “Mardi Gras” from 11:30 to 1 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

Tickets for the “Cajun Moon” buffet will be available for sale beginning Monday, Dec. 2. Details will be published in future issues of Cal Poly Report.

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For more information, call the Assessment and Testing Center at ext. 1551.

Want to switch insurance?

Can I do it Sept. 2-30?

The annual open enrollment period for health and dental insurance, FlexCash, the Dependable Care Program, and Tax Advantage Premium Plan will run through Thursday, Oct. 31.

The enrollment period was originally set to end Oct. 15, but has been extended. An open enrollment newsletter will be sent to all employees the first week of September. Human Resources asks faculty and staff members to hold all questions about open enrollment until they have had the newsletter, which answers many commonly asked questions about premiums and member physicians of various health plans.

A Benefits Fair with representatives from insurance carriers and other benefit program organizations will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, in UU 220.

Staff members from both the state and foundation Human Resources offices will also be available to answer questions and process forms.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Auditions: Try out for a part in "Look Homeward, Angel." Davidson Music Center, 7 p.m. Also Friday, Sept. 27.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
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Musical: Beethoven's Ninth Symphony performed by members of the San Luis Obispo County Symphony, Mozart Festival Vocal Arts Ensemble, Quinta Master Chorale, and Pacific Repertory Opera.
Concert Hall, 8 p.m. Also Saturday, Sept. 28.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Family Day: School children and marching bands will parade up Grand Avenue. Game booths, rides, circus skills training. Performing Arts Center Plaza, Pavilion, 10 a.m.
Cirque Eloise: A "circus without animals" will tumble, juggle and perform acrobatics. Concert Hall, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Football: Central Washington, Mustang Stadium, 1:30 p.m. (S)
Artists' Reception: For Barbara Frith. UU Gallery, 3 p.m.
Musical: Beethoven's Ninth Symphony performed by members of the San Luis Obispo County Symphony, Mozart Festival Vocal Arts Ensemble, Quinta Master Chorale, and Pacific Repertory Opera.
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Cal Poly rated tops again in U.S. News rankings

For the fourth year in a row, U.S. News and World Report has rated Cal Poly the top public regional university in the West. The College of Engineering was ranked fourth in the country (the top public institution), in a new national listing separating engineering schools without Ph.D programs from those offering doctoral degrees.

U.S. News' "America's Best Colleges" edition rates Cal Poly 13th overall among Western regional institutions. The 12 private institutions rated above Cal Poly are led again by Trinity University of Texas.

Cal Poly is also again rated tops in academic reputation among public institutions in its category. It is tied for third place when private institutions are included.

Cal Poly showed improvement in the "sticker price" quality of its students, ranking the third most selective among regional universities in the West. This criterion is based on both academic qualification and the percentage of applicants admitted.

The university continues to be keeping and graduating students dipped from 21st to 24th in size across Cal Poly's relative financial resources stayed the same at 53rd.

In the "facility resources" category (student-faculty ratio, class size, facility qualifications and salary, and percentage of part-time faculty), Cal Poly dropped from 12th place to 51st. The survey ranked the university 30th, up from 38th, in the percentage of alumni who give money to the school. No other public institution is among U.S. News' 1996 top Western regional universities. Cal Poly has been among the very best in its class in nine of the ten years the survey has been produced.

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AudioVisual services has new name, policies

AudioVisual Services is now called University Media Services (UMS) and is under the administration of the Kennedy Library.

The name was changed to better reflect the upgrade in the technology supported by the department. UMS will be located in Room 9 in the Education Building, will continue to check out equipment and provide classroom installations and services for the campus.

The following changes and policies are in effect beginning fall quarter:

New hours are 8 am to 7 pm, with limited services from 5 to 7 pm Mondays through Thursdays, and from 8 am to 5 pm Friday.

For class assignments, class lists with the faculty member's signature can be used.

For class assignments, class lists will be created when the faculty member's signature can be used.

Quarterly classroom equipment requests are needed to ensure equipment installation by the beginning of fall quarter. Forms have been mailed to individuals and departments.

Videos are now in the Learning Resources and Curriculum Department in the library.

Requests for media distribution to the classrooms will still be made through UMS. Distribution requests should be made by noon at least one day prior to showing.

A rental fee will be charged for all equipment checked out for personal use. The fee is $6 for a four-hour schedule.

For request forms or more information, call UMS at ext. 7198.
The music of Spain to play at Cal Poly

The lively music of Spain will be performed by the quartet La Musgana at 1 pm Saturday, Sept. 21, in the Theatre. La Musgana plays the traditional music of Spain's Castillian countryside on traditional instruments such as the gaita chanter, bagpipes, and other percussion instruments. The group adds a contemporary twist with bass guitar and clarinet to create a unique sound. La Musgana is known for passion, exuberance, and a flair for fun, and the ability to pass it all along to audiences.

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Art and design faculty exhibit their work

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Paintings, drawings, graphic designs, photographs, and three-dimensional work such as glass and ceramic sculpture will be on display, as well as an "assemblage." An artists' reception is scheduled from 4 to 7 pm Sunday, Sept. 29. The artists, all members of the Art and Design Department, include studio artists Robert Reynolds, Chuck Jennings, Joanne Ruggles, Henry Wessels, Crissa Hewitt, George Jerichol; graphic designers John Mendes, Mary LaPorte, and Den- sham; photographers Eric Johnson, Bob Howell, Sky Bergman; and art historians Keith Dills.

The gallery is open from 11 am to 4 pm daily and from 7 to 9 pm Wednesdays.

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