Annual fund drive now under way

The 1991 United California State Employees Campaign has begun. The campaign gives Cal Poly faculty and staff members the opportunity to contribute through payroll deduction to any nonprofit organization of their choice.

As in past years, the drive is under the direction of the local United Way. Donations not pledged to a particular organization will support the more-than-30 San Luis Obispo County health and human-service agencies that come under the United Way umbrella.

Dianne Long, chair of the university’s Political Science Department, is the chairwoman for this year’s Cal Poly campaign.

Pledge captains for all university departments have been appointed. Captains will contact every employee during the two-week drive, scheduled to conclude Oct. 31.

In last year’s State Employees Campaign, Cal Poly employees pledged a record $63,680.

For more information about the fund drive, call campaign coordinator Bob Anderson in Communications and Special Events, ext. 1511.

Fall commencement ceremonies planned

Two commencement ceremonies are scheduled for Dec. 14. The ceremony for the schools of Agriculture, Engineering, and Science and Math will be held at 9:30 am. The schools of Architecture and Environmental Design, Business, Liberal Arts, and Professional Studies will gather at 2 pm. Both ceremonies will be held in the Mott Gym.

No other campus activities should be scheduled for this date.

Baker attends OECD, NSB meetings

Representing the National Science Board (NSB), President Baker this week attended a Paris meeting of the heads of the National Research Councils of the 24-nation Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

A major issue discussed by the group was cost sharing for major science projects such as 8-meter optical telescopes in the northern and southern hemispheres and devices to detect and measure the gravity waves predicted by Albert Einstein’s theory of relativity.

The OECD, established in 1960, promotes economic cooperation among industrial countries.

Last week Baker attended an NSB meeting in Washington, D.C., during which he chaired the Committee on Programs and Plans. The committee will be reviewing requests to continue funding for the national science and technology centers. Baker also heads the committee nominating the next NSB chairman.

While in Washington, Baker and other board members met with Dr. Allen Bromley, President Bush’s science adviser and head of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The NSB is the policymaking body of the National Science Foundation, an independent federal agency. The foundation strives to strengthen national scientific and engineering research and improve science and engineering education at all levels. Baker was appointed to the board in 1985 by President Ronald Reagan and reappointed in 1988.
Oct. 17 meeting set by Toastmasters

The Cal Poly Toastmasters will hold a meeting today (Oct. 17), from noon to 1 pm in UU 219.

Two speakers will give their initial “Ice Breaker” speech, and two other members are scheduled to serve as speech evaluators.

This program is designed to provide an opportunity for members to develop confidence and poise in public speaking through practical experience.

For more information, contact Doug Genereux at ext. 5011.

Philosophy series to begin at Cal Poly

The Cal Poly Philosophy Department, in conjunction with the San Luis Obispo Philosophical Society (SLOPS) and the Cal Poly Philosophy Club, has announced a series of colloquia for the 1991-92 academic year.

The series is intended to stimulate interest and the exchange of ideas in philosophy and to draw attention to Cal Poly’s new Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy.

The first program is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 pm in the Sandwich Plant. Dr. Laurence Houlgate, chairman of the Philosophy Department, will read his paper, “Whose Uterus Is It Anyway? Fetal Health and the Ethics of Forced Intervention Before and During Pregnancy.”

The audience will then be able to ask questions and participate in group discussion.

Fiction reading to be at Cal Poly Oct. 18

Melissa Lentricchia, a writer of short fiction, will read from her work on Friday, Oct. 18.

Presented by the English Department as part of the Cal Poly Arts WriterSpeak series, the reading will be held at 7 pm in Science B5.

Lentricchia’s book “No Guarantees” has been celebrated for its extraordinary use of parable spiced by brilliant and idiosyncratically real dialogue.

She is known for her uncanny ability to enter the mind of an astonishing variety of characters — from an ordinary suburban woman who attempts to become a gypsy fortune teller, to a son telling his traditional working-class Italian-American family that he’s homosexual.

In addition to Lentricchia’s appearance, two other WriterSpeak readings have been scheduled for Fall Quarter: Cal Poly English lecturer John Hampsey and local poet Joan Campbell will read on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 7 pm in the Snack bar. On Thursday, Nov. 14, nationally known poet and editor David St. John will read from his book “Terraces of Rain.”

St. John’s reading will be in Science E-27 at 7 pm.

University Club to meet Oct. 24

The University Club will hold its first meeting of the academic year on Thursday, Oct. 24, at noon.

Cathy Ambra, who is a member of the Tax Shelter Annuity Advisory Council, will speak on tax sheltered annuities.

For additional information on the meeting, call Connie Anderson, ext. 2773.

Individuals interested in joining the University Club should contact Toni Wensley at ext. 5870.

Makeup artist to give workshops Oct. 26, 27

A Stage Makeup Workshop will be offered just in time for Halloween.

Scott Wheeler, a Cal Poly graduate and professional makeup artist from Hollywood, will conduct two workshops during his two-day visit to campus.

The first workshop, on Saturday, Oct. 26, will focus on Halloween makeup — scars, cuts, etc. There will be two sessions: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm.

Two workshops are scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 27, also from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm. The Sunday workshops will concentrate on basic stage makeup techniques.

All sessions of the workshops will be held in Room 200 of the Davidson Music Building.

Each session costs $20 and the makeup starter kits will be approximately $35. For further information, call Annie Darbala at 544-0946.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to distribute doorhangers and posters promoting Neighborhood Cooperation Week.

Individuals of all ages who are interested in helping should be at Meadow Park (on South and Broad streets) Sunday, Oct. 20, at 9 am. The posters need to be distributed throughout San Luis Obispo. Volunteers are encouraged to wear a blue ribbon, which is Neighborhood Cooperation Week’s symbol of participation.

There will be a free barbecue at 1 pm for those who participated.

Neighborhood Cooperation Week is sponsored by the Student/Community Liaison Committee and is intended to promote good neighbor relations between students and long-term residents. It is scheduled for Oct. 24-31.

Questions should be directed to Marquam Piros at 549-0374.

CPR schedule

Cal Poly Report is published weekly during the academic year by the Communications and Special Events Department.

Typewritten, double-spaced copy may be submitted to Jo Ann Lloyd, Heron Hall, by 4 pm the Thursday prior to the next publication.
Equipment donated to Crop Science

The Crop Science Department recently received equipment donations worth $282,000.

Bob Meyer, a 1954 Cal Poly graduate, donated a complete tomato washing, sizing and packing line appraised at $82,000.

Through the efforts of Dr. Ahmad Omid, who graduated in 1956, Chevron Chemical Co. donated an experimental spray chamber and two large growth chambers with a combined value of $200,000. The computer-controlled spray chamber will provide the capability of spraying crops with chemicals without releasing the substances into the atmosphere. The almost-new growth chambers will aid in the department's instructional program.

SIS Plus information

Faculty and staff members working with graduating seniors should be aware of a new feature in SIS Plus: the Academic Program Summary where student program (degree and major) attributes are recorded and controlled. An Academic Program Summary (APS) is created for each student when admitted to the university. The APS defines the program in which a student may register and governs when that program can start and end. The start to each program is its entry term, the ending is its exit term. The student may register for the entry term, the exit term and any term in between. The student may not register, in that program, before the entry term or after the exit term.

The most dramatic utilization of exit term relates to graduation. When students request senior evaluations, they project the quarter in which they will complete degree requirements (degree checkout term). This projected quarter will become the student's exit term for the program being completed. Unless students gain admission to other programs or update their terms of degree completion with the Records Office, this designated degree checkout/exit term will be the last in which they are eligible to register. Degree checkout/exit term information appears on the Academic Program Maintenance screen 110. Students who need to enroll beyond their projected degree checkout/exit term in order to complete degree requirements, must submit a Change of Degree Completion Date form available at the Records Office.

Underrepresented students sought

Student Academic Services has been awarded a one-year grant from the Department of Education for the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. The purpose of the McNair program is to prepare low-income, first-generation college students and students from groups underrepresented in graduate education for doctoral study.

The program offers stipend research opportunities, a research and writing methods course, quarterly graduate school visits, tutorial services, faculty mentoring, academic advising, and workshops and personal advising on graduate school application procedures and financial aid.

The McNair program is currently recruiting 20 eligible undergraduate students. Priority will be given to students in the fields of engineering, science and math.

The deadline to submit applications is Oct. 31. Contact Kim Lopez-Puikunas at ext. 2301 for further information and an application.

Search for authors

Kerry Roberts, general books department manager at El Corral Bookstore, is looking for books written by Cal Poly employees to be displayed in the "campus and local authors" book section.

Faculty and staff members who have recently had a book published, or are in the process of writing a fiction or non-fiction book, are encouraged to contact Roberts at ext. 5316.

Deadline approaching for fee waiver

Information and applications will be available in the Personnel Office for eligible employees to participate in the Employee Fee Waiver Program. Eligible employees include: 1) Full-time staff employees; 2) Part-time staff employees with permanency; 3) Tenured or probationary faculty employees; and 4) Temporary faculty employees with at least six years of full-time equivalent service in a department.

Those who take Cal Poly courses under an approved program of career development, or who have courses approved as job related, may be eligible for waiver of certain fees. Deadlines for Winter Quarter are as follows:

Oct. 21 - Winter Term Class Schedule on sale.
Nov. 22 - SSF Forms available - Pay Fees.
Oct. 31 - Capture registration begins for staff.
Dec. 6 - Last day to pay fees to avoid late fees.

Employees who registered for Fall Quarter will be sent Winter Quarter SSF and Fee Waiver forms by Oct. 22. Those who are not currently enrolled should contact Personnel, ext. 2236, for forms. First-time fee waiver participants and those who have not registered since Fall Quarter 1989 should apply for admission to the campus as soon as possible through the Personnel Office.

Faculty/Staff Payday is Oct. 30

Pay Fees.
Oct. 31 - Capture registration begins for staff.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
Makeup Workshop: Hollywood makeup artist Scott Wheeler will conduct two workshops. 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. Continues on Sunday, Oct. 27. Davidson Music Bldg., Room 200. For details, call 544-0946.

BBQ: Homecoming Tailgate Barbecue, 3-acre park, 5 pm.

Football: Cal State Northridge (Homecoming). Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. ($)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
Breakfast: Homecoming Senior Alumni Breakfast, Staff Dining Room, 8:30 am.

Soccer: Cal State Dominguez Hills, Mustang Stadium, 1 pm. ($)

Position Vacancies
Vacant staff positions at Cal Poly and the Cal Poly Foundation are announced in this column and are posted outside the respective offices. Contact those offices (State: Administration Building, 805-756-1121) for applications and additional position details. Both Cal Poly and the Foundation are subject to all laws governing affirmative action and equal employment opportunity. Cal Poly hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All eligible and interested persons are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by 5 pm or postmarked by the closing date.

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FOUNDATION
CLOSING DATE: Oct. 25, 1991
Transportation Engineer, $2670-$3245/month. Subject to continued funding. Applied Research and Development Facilities and Activities.

ASI
CLOSING DATE: Oct. 31, 1991
Recreational Sports Administrative Assistant/Staff Resources - SSP IB, $2309/month, full-time (temporary sixty days).

Who, What, Where, When


Donald Lazere, English, has had a paper, "Camus and His Critics on Capital Punishment," read at the conference on Mediterranean Culture in Murcia, Spain.

Donald Lazere, English, has had an article, "Disinformation, or the Progress of Lying," published in Propaganda Review.

Donald Lazere, English, has had a "Forum" exchange of opinion with Herbert London, head of the National Association of Scholars, in the Modern Language Association's "Profession 90."

J. Kelly Moreno, Psychology and Human Development, presented a paper, "Multi-dimensional Assessment and Treatment Planning for Persons With Eating Disorders," at the August 1991 meeting of the American Psychological Association held in San Francisco.

Gary Karner, Landscape Architecture, has been elected a Fellow by the American Society of Landscape Architects. He also received the 1991 Honor Award from the California Council of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Jens Pohl, Architecture, has been elected a Fellow of The International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics, the highest honor bestowed by the institute. He organized and was chairman of the Special Focus Symposium on Computer-User Partnership in Design at the institute's INTERSYP 91 conference held in Baden-Baden, Germany. The symposium was evaluated as the best of the conference.

Larry Rathbun, School of Agriculture, delivered his motivational talk, "Red Shorts and Bubble Gum," at the recent state conference of the California State Association of Parliamentarians held in San Luis Obispo.