Souvenir book on railroad available

In conjunction with San Luis Obispo’s Centennial Railroad Celebration, the Cal Poly Library Associates has reproduced a book written 100 years ago to commemorate the coming of the railway.

The original “Souvenir Railroad Edition” was published by the San Luis Obispo Tribune, a forerunner to today’s Telegram-Tribune, to celebrate the arrival of the first Southern Pacific train in San Luis Obispo on May 5, 1894.

A limited edition of 500 numbered copies are for sale from the Cal Poly Library Associates.

The 104-page book includes dozens of photographs and gives an understanding of the railroad’s impact on the county, as well as shots of the coastline and countryside appear in the publication.

Besides discussing the railroad, the book recounts daily life in San Luis Obispo and describes the development of the harbor and county, hunting and fishing, schools and farming.

Photographs accompany historical sketches of some of the county’s pioneers.

The “Souvenir Railroad Edition” sells for $40, plus $2.90 for tax and $3.10 for shipping. Proceeds from book sales will be used to add to the library’s collection of books. Checks should be made payable to the Library Associates and mailed to Special Collections, Kennedy Library.

For more information, call Nancy Loe or Mike Line at ext. 2305.

Classroom quality workshop reminder

“Quality in the Classroom,” a faculty development workshop directed by a nationally recognized authority on teaching, is slated for today (May 6) from 1:30 to 4:30 pm in Room 209 in the Business Building.

Robert Koob, academic vice president, urges all faculty to attend.

The workshop will be given by Maryellen Weimer, associate director of the National Center on Postsecondary Teaching, Learning and Assessment that is administered at Penn State University.

Weimer has published widely on the subject of pedagogy, and she has been invited as a consultant to more than 100 universities across the nation.

The workshop is sponsored by the Academic Senate’s Faculty Instructional Development Committee.

Northridge earthquake topic of seminar today

“Lessons From the Northridge Earthquake of Jan. 17, 1994,” is the topic of a seminar planned for 9 am to 3:30 pm today (May 6) in the Gallery (Room 105) in the Architecture and Environmental Design Building.

Speakers will include Paul Fratessa of Paul F. Fratessa Associates Structural Engineers; Chris Arnold, Building Systems Development; Tom Sabol, Englekirk & Sabol Consulting Engineers; Terry Dooley Sr., Morley Construction; Dennis Bellet, State of California’s Office of Regulation Service.

Faculty and staff members are invited to drop by anytime during the day. The seminar is being sponsored by the Architectural Engineering Department and the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. For more information, call Architectural Engineering at ext. 1314 or the college dean’s office at ext. 1321.

Newsletter workshop set for May 25

The Communications Office is offering a newsletter workshop for faculty and staff members on Wednesday, May 25, from 9 to 11 am in the Alumni House.

If your “other duties as assigned” include writing, designing and producing newsletters, brochures and flyers and you’re not an expert at it yet, this workshop will offer helpful tips and practical advice.

You will hear suggestions on making your publications more readable, more attractive and easier to produce. You’ll also learn about the university’s graphic identity program and how you can help us publicize your department or program.

If you’re interested in attending, please call Darlene Slack, ext. 1511.
Columnist Hentoff to speak May 8

Nat Hentoff, one of the country's foremost authorities on civil rights and civil liberties, will talk on "Back to Separate But Equal" at 7 pm Sunday, May 8, in Chumash Auditorium.

The event is co-sponsored by the Cal Poly Lyceum speakers series and Civil Rights Awareness Committee.

Hentoff, a columnist for the Village Voice and Washington Post, is the author of "Free Speech for Me — But Not for Thee: How the on campuses and want to ban books Jews, Christians, and conservatives. Bounded hypocrisy, eagerly censoring expense of the First Amendment," "Censor Each Other." In it, Hentoff argues that Americans approach the issue of free speech with "an unbounded hypocrisy, eagerly censoring anyone they disagree with."

A vehement believer in the First Amendment, Hentoff opposes censorship in any form.

"Censorship should not be limited to those on the political right. It is also the domain of the politically correct who fear offending any minority, woman, or gay at the expense of the First Amendment," Hentoff said.

Hentoff also attacks the "thought police," who are at the center of the controversy surrounding speech codes on campuses and want to ban books offensive to African-Americans, Jews, Christians, and conservatives.


For more information on the presentation, call John Hampsey of the English Department at ext. 2239.

'The Concept of the Person: India and the West' will explore such questions as:

• How do Indian and Western philosophies differ?
• Where does Indian philosophy draw the line between the mind and the body?
• How does doctrine of rebirth lead to a concept of individuality in Indian philosophy that is unlike that found in Western philosophy?

Natural Smart is the J.F. Rowny Professor of Comparative Religions at UCSB. He has written a number of books on the history of religions, South Asian religions, Indian philosophy, and the philosophy of religion.

Smart has been a visiting scholar at Princeton and Harvard universities, a Gifford Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, and has served as president of the American Society for the Study of Religion. Smart's talk is part of the Philosophy at Poly Speakers Series.

Inmates to exhibit work in Multi-Cultural Center

Acrylic paintings by inmates of the California Men's Colony in San Luis Obispo will be on display Monday, May 9, through Wednesday, June 15, in the Multi-Cultural Center.

"Painting From the Colony" features the work of artists from diverse economic and cultural backgrounds. Taught by Ned Long, a teacher for UCLA's Extension ARTSREACH program, the program allows beginning painters to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the prison's more accomplished artists.

Besides learning from each other, the men are exposed to the works of abstract expressionists Franz Kline, Willem de Kooning, Mark Rothko and Jackson Pollock.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Center and the California Men's Colony Arts-in-Corrections program.

The center is open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. For more information, call ext. 1405.

Treating the mentally ill topic of May 12 talk

Mel Hunter of Atascadero State Hospital will speak on "Atascadero State Hospital and Forensic Treatment of the Mentally Ill" at a noon luncheon Thursday, May 12, at Vista Grande Restaurant.

The luncheon, which costs $7, is part of a series of events sponsored by the San Luis Obispo Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and Cal Poly's Center for Practical Politics.

The series is designed for public employees, non-profit staff members, and interested community members.

For reservations, call the Political Science Department at ext. 2984.

Two California poets to read May 18

California poets Kim Addonizio and Jane Hirshfield will give a joint reading for Cal Poly Arts' Writer-Speak series at 7 pm Wednesday, May 18, in UU 204.

Addonizio's first book, "The Philosopher's Club," displays her willingness to let memory enter and take over. Her poems have been described as "purgatorial, elegiacal and unashamed."

The University of San Francisco professor has received a McArthur Fellowship for Poetry and other fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, Yaddo, Bread Loaf, MacDowell, and Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Foundation.

Hirshfield's new book, "The October Palace," is filled with serene and exquisite meditative poems, quietly and gracefully wrought. Her other collections of poetry are "Alaya" and "Of Gravity and Angels."

Hirshfield has received a Guggenheim Fellowship, Columbia Translation Center Award, the Commonwealth Club of California's Poetry Medal, and a Pushcart Prize.

For more information on the presentation, call Mary Kay Harrington of the Writing Skills office at ext. 2067.

'India and the West' topic of May 13 talk

Indian and Western philosophies will be compared in a talk by Dr. Ninian Smart at 3 pm Friday, May 13, in UU 220.
Human resources topic of May 13 conference

A day-long conference for human resources professionals is scheduled from 8 am to 3 pm Friday, May 13, at the Shore Cliff Lodge in Pismo Beach.

“Keeping Current in the ’90s” is sponsored by Cal Poly’s chapter of the Human Resources Management Association, the College of Business and PG&E. The event will give students a chance to meet and talk with professionals.

Cal Poly management professor Colette Frayne will give the keynote address on “Managing High-Performance Teams.”

Human resources specialists from such organizations as the Cal Poly Foundation, PG&E, Dale Carnegie, Fluor Daniel, Warner Bros., Hewlett Packard, Sony Engineering and State Farm Insurance will explore diversity, restructuring, safety and wellness, and worker’s compensation.

The conference fee for professionals is $50 and includes lunch. Students can attend for $12. For more information or to make reservations, call Leticia Garcia at 543-0369.

Defensive driver class to be offered in May

The Spring Quarter defensive driver class is scheduled from 8 to 10 am Wednesday, May 11, in Room 221 in the Math and Home Economics Building.

Defensive Driver forms must be on file before attending class. To reserve a space, call Transportation Services at ext. 2451.

Kindergarten program accepting applications

Applications are being accepted for the ASI Children’s Center’s kindergarten program for the 1994-95 school year, which begins Sept. 12.

Reading, math, science, art, social studies, geography and other subjects are taught with a hands-on approach.

Class starts at 8:30 am and ends at 2:30 pm, and extended day care is available from 7:30 am until 5:30 pm. The center provides breakfast, lunch and snacks.

For more information or enrollment forms, call the Children’s Center at ext. 1267.

Fiscal Services to offer workshops

Fiscal Services is offering two workshops designed to help departments with university accounting procedures.

The workshops are set for 9 am Wednesday, May 11, in Chase Hall 104 and 9 am Thursday, May 12, in Adm. 301.

Topics will include the computer screens used in the various financial systems (Financial Reporting, Accounts Payable, Purchasing) and will also cover report distribution and financial regulations.

Space is limited and reservations are being accepted on a first-come basis. To reserve space, call Stan Rosenfield at ext. 5404 or Carol Johnston, ext. 5405.

Curricula workshop hosted by Cal Poly

Educators from universities across the country were on campus recently to attend a “Workshop on Integrated Science/Mathematics/Engineering Curricula,” hosted by Cal Poly’s Integrated Curriculum Program.

The workshop was devoted to issues pertaining to team-teaching lower division science, math and engineering core courses.

Mike Colvin from the Mathematics Department and Neil Pleishon, Physics, were moderators. James Harris, Computer Engineering, talked about the status of Cal Poly’s program.

CPR schedule

Cal Poly Report is published on Fridays (except quarter breaks) by the Communications Department.

News items must be submitted to Jo Ann Lloyd, Heron Hall, by 1 pm on Friday for the next week’s issue. Letters for the Campus Forum section must be received by 1 pm Monday for the same week’s issue.

Please send typewritten, double-spaced paper copies if time allows. Last-minute submittals can be faxed to ext. 6533. No e-mail, please.
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: Adm. 110, ext. 2236 or job line, ext. 1533; Foundation Administration Building, ext. 1121). Cal Poly hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All interested persons are encouraged to contact the respective offices to obtain an application. Official application forms must be received by 4 pm of the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date. Faxed applications and resumes will not be accepted in lieu of official application.

CLOSING DATE: May 19
Clerical Assistant II, Career Services (Unit 7), $1,394.40-$1,644/month, .8 time, 8 am - 3:30 pm; annual reappointment; (if selected applicant has gained permanency at a Cal Poly level, appointment continuous).

CLOSING DATE: May 26
Academic Advisor/Summer Institute coordinator (SSP IB), Student Academic Services, $2378-$2850/month.

CLOSING DATE: May 19
Senior Secretary, College of Agriculture (Unit 7), $2202-$2620/month. 

CLOSING DATE: May 20
Lecturers (part-time), Philosophy; possible vacancies during 1994-95 academic year. Ph.D. preferred.

Candidates for positions on the faculty are presently being sought, according to Michael Suess, director of faculty affairs. Those interested are invited to contact the appropriate dean or department head/chair. Ranks and salaries for faculty positions are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

CLOSING DATE: May 20
Lecturers (part-time), Theatre and Dance; possible vacancies during 1994-95 academic year. Master’s degree in Theatre or Dance (equivalent professional experience also considered) with two years university teaching experience and some teaching/directing experience in theatre preferred.

Lecturers (part-time), Art and Design; possible vacancies during 1994-95 academic year. Applicants should possess an MA, MS, or MFA, or comparable professional level experience. University level teaching experience preferred.

Foundation board to meet May 13

The Foundation Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting on Friday, May 13, at 9:30 am in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information or to obtain a copy of the agenda, contact Al Amaral, foundation executive director, at ext. 1131. A copy of the agenda packet is available at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk and the Academic Senate Office, Mathematics and Home Economics 143.