Farm crew’s extra efforts kept Hwy. 41 fire at bay

With a bulldozer and a grader, Cal Poly employees and students saved large areas of university land from the devastating Highway 41 fire.

Farm Supervisor Gary Ketcham organized a farm crew early on the morning of Monday, Aug. 15, to cut a fire break around Cal Poly’s 3,000-acre Escuela Ranch, five miles northwest of the central campus. The line minimized the amount of grazing land lost to the flames at that corner of the campus.

Ketcham, equipment operator Mark Klever, supervisor Vern Lopes and 10 students also worked with state Division of Forestry firefighters to grade a firebreak on the back side of the Cal Poly “P” ridge. The fire was stopped less than a mile northeast of the central campus.

During the height of the fire, Vice President for Administration and Finance Frank Lebens, Director of Public Safety Services Joe Risser, and Associate Dean of Agriculture Wally Mark were on duty coordinating farm crew, public safety and other efforts.

The Highway 41 fire burned a total of about 1,000 acres of university farmland and a large number of fence posts at several locations along the northern edge of the campus. No structures were damaged nor injuries reported.

CSU Trustee Hampton

Claudia Hampton, a member of the CSU Board of Trustees since 1974, died of cancer in Los Angeles on Aug. 20.

Appointed to the CSU board by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan, Hampton was reappointed by Govs. Jerry Brown, George Deukmejian and Pete Wilson.

Hampton was the first African-American woman appointed to the CSU board and the first appointed as board chair as well.

Donations in Hampton’s honor can be sent to the Claudia Hampton Scholarship Fund. Checks, made payable to the CSU Foundation, should be sent in care of Jackie Worm, Chancellor’s Office, The California State University, 400 Golden Shore, Long Beach, CA 90802.

Cal Poly threesome help distribute food after fire

Foundation Executive Director Al Amaral, Assistant Director for Procurement Dale Lackore, and retired business affairs Vice President Jim Landreth helped see to it that leftover firefighter rations were distributed to local charitable organizations after the Highway 41 fire was over.

Landreth left guests at his dinner table to join People’s Kitchen personnel unloading a truckload of Division of Forestry food. When it appeared several pallets loaded with fresh produce and frozen food might spoil before they could get to the right people, Landreth called Amaral, who picked up Lackore and a truck. The trio stored the food in Foundation coolers until the People’s Kitchen could distribute it.

Fund-raising workshop scheduled Sept. 14

- Do you know how to accept a gift to your department?
- Do you have the skills needed to produce a newsletter?
- Do you know where to go to get funding for projects?
- Do you know how to get mailing labels for your departmental mailings?

These questions and more will be answered at a workshop on fund raising from 1 to 2 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 14, in UU 219.

Members of the University Advancement team will discuss the services they offer in the areas of alumni relations, university records, public relations and publications, planned giving, corporate and foundation relations, the annual fund, and prospect research.

Department heads and chairs and interested faculty and staff members are encouraged to attend. No advance registration is required. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call University Advancement, ext. 1445.

Considine to discuss ‘change and challenge’

CSU Board of Trustees Chairman Jim Considine will speak on ‘Times Are Changing: Challenges for Higher Education’ at the Fall Conference General Session Sept. 12.

Considine, a 1968 Cal Poly graduate in business, will answer questions from the audience after his remarks.

The session will begin at 9:30 am in Chumash Auditorium.
Appointments announced

Darrell Erickson, assistant director of Grants Development, has been named interim director of the department. He succeeds Margaret Cardoza, who retired in August.

Ken Scotto has been chosen Animal Science Department chair for three years, beginning Sept. 1. Scotto came to Cal Poly in 1970 and succeeds Phil Doub.

David Wehner, from the University of Illinois, will lead the Environmental Horticultural Science Department, starting Nov. 1. Wehner succeeds Stephen Angley, who had served as head of the former Ornamental Horticulture Department for three years.

Cal Poly Women’s Club Sets Fall Reception

The Cal Poly Women’s Club will hold its annual Fall Reception from 2 to 4 pm Sunday, Sept. 18.

All faculty, staff and newcomers are invited to attend. For more information, call Imelda Gentile at 549-9249 or Jane Batterson, 543-1663.

Car rental companies, guidelines listed

Employees who need to rent a vehicle for official in-state business can go to one of seven rental agencies that have contracts with the state: Able Rent-A-Car, Alamo Rent-A-Car, Budget Rent-A-Car, Dollar Rent-A-Car, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental System, and Thrifty Rent-A-Car.

National Car Rental is the only vendor honoring the contract prices and insurance coverage for out-of-state rentals.

Reservations for cars should be made 24 hours in advance. If a vehicle is not available from any of the companies listed above, employees will need to include a written justification on their Travel Expense Claim.

The rental fee should be charged on either the Department of General Services Blue Charge Card (available in Adm. 116) or the American Express Corporate Card.

Employees using a personal credit card should have the rental agency note that the rented car is for official state business. This will keep insurance coverage in force.

Also for insurance purposes, vehicles rented for state business should carry only state employees.

Vehicle rentals for people with special needs requires a justification if the rates are higher than the contracted price.

For more information, call Carol Johnston at ext. 5405.

Position vacancies

Vacant staff positions at Cal Poly and the Cal Poly Foundation are announced in this column and are posted inside 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 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.

STATE

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled Interpreter/Transliterator I & II, Disabled Student Services (Unit 9), $11.00-$17.98/hr., temporary, intermittent through 6/30/95.

FOUNDATION

CLOSING DATE: Sept. 2, 1994 Fry Station Counter Worker, Campus Dining. $6.49/hr. with increases to $7.88/hr. based on performance.


Who, What, Where, When


David Hafemeister, Physics, gave two lectures, “Intersection of NPT Renewal, IAEA Enhancement, and CTB Negotiations” and “U.S. Peacekeeping,” at the 16th annual International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts, at the University of Urbino, Italy.

Tim O’Keefe, Natural Resources Management, chaired two sessions, “Coordinated Resource Management” and “Agroforestry Issues and Needs” at the Western Agroforestry Symposium, sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, at Colorado State University. O’Keefe served as a member of the Forest Service Planning Committee that developed the symposium program.

Charles Burt, Irrigation Training and Research Center, received a certificate of appreciation for contributions to the State Water Conservation Coalition’s Agricultural Conservation Task Force.

An article by Mary Beth Armstrong, Accounting, “What is a Profession,” was published in the Summer 1994 edition of Outlook, a magazine for CPAs in California.

Brian Hampson, Food Science and Nutrition, and graduate students Steve Fiori and Stephanie Odle, presented a poster, “A Pilot-scale System for Ozone Treatment of Fruits and Vegetables,” at the annual meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists, in Atlanta.

W.S. Mott, Graphic Communication, served as a judge for the 17th annual Awards Competition for the Tag and Label Manufacturers Institute, in Iowa City.