Trial attorney/alum to give address at Fall Commencement

Joseph W. Cotchett, a successful trial attorney, author, and Cal Poly alumus, will give the featured address when the university holds its 1987 Fall Commencement at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, in the Main Gym.

Approximately 550 students who are completing degree requirements during the Fall Quarter are scheduled to take part in the ceremony.

Cotchett earned an undergraduate degree in environmental engineering at Cal Poly, and an LL.B. degree from the University of California’s Hastings College of Law.

In 1972 he shook up the legal establishment with a grass-roots campaign that made him, at 33, the youngest person ever elected to the State Bar board of governors, and the first from outside the “club” of the state’s largest law firms.

He was one of two California lawyers (selected from 100,000) on the Commission on Judicial Performance, which evaluates and disciplines judges. As a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, he commands the 5th Military Law Center at the Presidio, one of six such centers in the United States.

A member of the board of directors of the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, he was president of the organization in 1986-87. With the Public Justice group he sued the FBI on behalf of the children of Viola Liuzzo, the civil rights worker killed in 1965 by an informant who had been placed in the Alabama Ku Klux Klan allegedly by the FBI.

Earlier this year, he won a $10 million malicious prosecution judgment against Los Angeles Raiders owner Al Davis on behalf of former San Diego Chargers owner Gene Klein. At the same time he was representing investors defrauded by J. David Dominelli. He has collected more than $62 million in out-of-court settlements for his clients.

Cotchett has been vice president of the State Bar of California, vice president of the California Trial Lawyers Association, and president of the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association. In addition, he was a member of the board of governors of the American Trial Lawyers Association.

His honors include being named a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow of the American Bar Association; named to the American Board of Trial Advocates; and selected for the National Board of Trial Advocacy-Civil Trial Advocate. In addition, he was recently elected a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers.

He served from 1976-78 on the California Judicial Council, a constitutional body of judge and lawyer members who oversee discipline and disability for all California judges. In 1981 he was appointed to the board of directors of the University of California’s Hastings College of Law.

Tickets remain for Hall of Fame fete

Tickets are still available for Cal Poly’s Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and reception on Friday, Nov. 20. Thirteen individuals will be honored.

The induction will begin with a 6 pm reception at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The banquet and induction ceremony will begin at 7:30 pm. The activities will take place in the San Luis Obispo Ballroom.

Cost for the “black tie optional” affair is $50 per person. Checks should be made payable to the Cal Poly Hall of Fame, and sent to SUMAT, c/o Alumni House, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407.

Telephone reservations and additional information can be obtained by calling ext. 2255.

Holiday CPR schedule

The publication schedule for the Cal Poly Report is as follows: Thursday, Nov. 19; Thursday, Dec. 3; and Thursday, Dec. 10. The Report will not be published during Thanksgiving Week (Nov. 26). The first issue of the Winter Quarter will be Thursday, Jan. 7. The copy deadline is the Thursday preceding the publication date.
'College Night' set for Monday, Nov. 16

The second annual countywide “College Night” for junior high, high school and community college students and their parents will be held on Monday, Nov. 16.

The event, sponsored by the school counselors from San Luis Obispo County and Cal Poly’s Relations With Schools Office, will be held from 6:30 to 9 pm in Chumash Auditorium. More than 50 representatives from public and private four-year universities and colleges will be available to talk to students and parents on an informal basis.

Local community colleges will also be represented. In addition, a workshop on choosing a university and understanding admissions requirements will be presented.

Paintings by Berger scheduled at galerie

The most recent paintings of neo-expressionist painter Karl J. Berger will be displayed in the UU Galerie beginning today (Nov. 12) and continuing through Dec. 11.

A reception honoring the artist will be held on Friday, (Nov. 13), from 7 to 9 pm in the Galerie. Several of his collectors are planning to travel from Germany to be present for the reception.

Supported in part by grants from the Honeywell Corp. and private German collectors, this exhibition marks the unveiling of a series of paintings produced since the German-born artist’s move to California.

The paintings incorporate a radical new emphasis on color, using what Berger terms, “wonderful landscape colors.” This is in sharp contrast to the greys, browns, blacks, and neutral tones he used so much while painting in Germany.

The greatest difference between the past and recent paintings is in their poetic sense, said Berger.

“How I express things is the same, but I’ve expressed them softer, not so hard, more poetically. They (paintings) are easier to rest your eyes upon,” Berger explained.

Berger was born in 1948 near Cologne, West Germany. He studied at the Academie of Art in Dusseldorf. He lived and worked in Cologne until the summer of 1984 when he moved to the United States. He now resides in Cambria.

Galerie hours are Monday through Wednesday from 10 am to 5 pm; Thursday, 10 am to 8 pm; Friday 10 am to 4 pm; and noon to 4 pm on weekends.

Islamic religion will be discussed Nov. 17

The national coordinator of the Islamic Federation of North America will speak about “Islam — The Misunderstood Religion” on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 pm in Mustang Lounge. Refreshments will be served prior to the lecture at 6:30 pm.

Siraj Wahaj, also in charge of a New York mosque, will focus on the religious beliefs, values, and way of life of those following the Islamic religion.

Dr. Faysal A. Kolkailah, a professor at Cal Poly and advisor of the student club, Islamic Society of North America, said Islam and its people are often portrayed incorrectly to Americans by the media.

Kolkailah said the lecture would not be controversial, but educational for those interested in learning about the “true Islam.”

The lecture is part of a series of talks covering various issues and topics concerning Islam. For more information on these activities call ext. 2393.

'Damascus Swords' Nov. 19 lecture topic

The swords of Damascus, prized for centuries, will be discussed at Cal Poly on Thursday, Nov. 19, by an expert on the subject.

"Damascus Swords — History, Myths and Metallurgy" will be the topic of a lecture by Dr. Jeffrey Wadsworth, a metallurgist in the Lockheed Palo Alto Research Laboratory and a consulting associate professor at Stanford University.

The lecture is to begin at 11 am in Room B-5 of the Science Bldg.

As early as the 4th century BC, swords made in Damascus, now the capital of Syria, were known to be tougher and to hold an edge longer than swords made elsewhere. It was only in recent years that metallurgists seeking new steels with "superplasticity" discovered the secrets of the Damascus variety.

At Stanford between 1976 and 1980, Wadsworth investigated the properties of superplasticity and "ultrahigh-carbon" steels.

His work on Damascus steel one of almost 50 papers he has written — has been published in Scientific American.

His work at Lockheed includes involvement in development of low-density aluminum alloys.

Originally from the north of England, he won several honors while earning his bachelor’s and doctoral degrees at Sheffield University. His doctoral research dealt with the physical metallurgy of stainless steels.

Wadsworth’s lecture is sponsored by the School of Engineering as part of its 1987-88 Distinguished Lecturer Series and by the Metallurgical Engineering and History departments.
Work schedule for November and December 1987 and January 1988 detailed

As a reminder, the following work schedule will be in effect for November and December 1987 and January 1988:

Wednesday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 29, 1987: Thanksgiving. Academic holiday for academic year employees.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: Work day for 10- and 12-month employees.

Thursday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 29: Holiday for 10- and 12-month employees. (Thursday, Nov. 26, is Thanksgiving Day.) Campus will be closed except for needed emergency services.

Friday, Nov. 27: Designated for observance of Lincoln's Birthday. Campus will be closed except for needed emergency services.

Friday, Dec. 4: Last day of classes.

Monday, Dec. 7, through Friday, Dec. 11: Final examination period.

Saturday, Dec. 12: End of Fall Quarter.


Thursday, Dec. 24, through Sunday, Dec. 27: Holiday for 10- and 12-month employees. (Friday, Dec. 25, is Christmas Day.) Thursday, Dec. 24, is designated for observance of California Admission Day. Campus will be closed except for needed emergency services.

Monday, Dec. 28, through Wednesday, Dec. 30: Campus will remain open and all 10- and 12-month employees are scheduled to work.

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1987, through Sunday, Jan. 3: Holiday for 10- and 12-month employees. (Friday, Jan. 1, is New Year's Day.) Thursday, Dec. 31, is designated as Columbus Day. Campus will be closed except for needed emergency services.

Monday, Jan. 4: Beginning of Winter Quarter. Winter Quarter classes begin.

Monday, Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed. Holiday for all employees. Campus will be closed except for needed emergency services.

Proposals sought for staff development

The Affirmative Action Office has announced the 1987-88 request for Professional and Staff Development Program proposals. The program is designed to provide opportunities for professional and staff development. Funds may be used for any effort which enhances the career development and employment opportunities of existing staff. Since these funds are made available through the auspices of the Administrative Fellows Program, they may not be utilized by faculty involved in the Affirmative Action Faculty Development Program.

A memo (FSR 87-41) dated Oct. 30, 1987, was sent to all Cal Poly program managers. Managers are responsible for disseminating the information to his/her employees. The proposals are due Friday, Nov. 20. Any questions concerning the proposals should be directed to the Affirmative Action Office, ext. 2062.

Wellness Decathlon

The Wellness Decathlon is back. It will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 10 am to 4 pm in the UU Plaza. Twelve stations will be available to assess your physical, emotional, social, spiritual and intellectual health. All Cal Poly students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in as many events as possible. The finish line, staffed by Health Center professionals, will provide follow-up information for decathlon competitors. All events are free of charge. For more information contact Health Education, at ext. 1211.

Fee waiver deadline

The deadline for acceptance of Fee Waiver applications for the Winter Quarter 1988 is today (Nov. 12) Eligible full-time and part-time permanent employees may pick up procedures, information and all forms in the Personnel Office, 110 Admin. Bldg., or call ext. 2236.

Women's Council sets conference date

The Women's Council of the State University will hold its fifth annual Conference and Training Session April 21-23 in Southern California. The theme for this year's meeting is "Crossing Boundaries: Working Together for Change in the CSU." Boundaries can include race and ethnicity, status categories, class, faculty/students, management/staff, boundaries between units within the CSU, etc.

The Council is seeking proposals for presentations, workshops, sessions and speakers. Of particular interest are those proposals which help staff and other segments of the university community work more effectively together. Proposals must be received by Jan. 15, 1988. For further information contact campus representative Willi Coleman, ext. 2476.

Application forms for membership in the Council can be picked up from Willi Coleman. Individual membership is $10; associate (non-CSU) $15; and student $5.

Fee waiver deadline
Dateline... 
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Exhibits: Paintings of Karl J. Berger, UU Gallery, through Dec. 11.
University Club: Tom Rochte, California Conservation Corps, "A Historical Perspective of the Civilian Conservation Corps and a Modern View of the California Conservation Corps," Staff Dining Room, noon.
Musical: "Anything Goes" by Cole Porter, Theatre, 8 pm. ($) Also, Friday and Saturday, and Nov. 19-21.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Reception: For painter Karl J. Berger, UU Gallery. 7 pm.
Wrestling: Fresno State, Main Gym, 7 pm. ($) 

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Wrestling: Community College Tournament, Main Gym, all day. ($) 
Band Concert: "Bandfest '87," Chumash, 8 pm. ($) 

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Foreign Film: "White Rose," Chumash, 7 pm. ($) 

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
University Club: Cal Wilvert, Social Sciences, "Flood Protection and Land Reclamation in Britain and The Netherlands," Staff Dining Room, noon.
Student Piano Recitals: 218 Music Building, 11 am.
Musical: "Anything Goes" by Cole Porter, Theatre, 8 pm. ($) Also, Friday and Saturday.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Lecture: Dr. Jeffrey Wadsworth, "Damascus Swords — History, Myths and Metallurgy," Science B-5, 11 am.
Hall of Fame Banquet: Embassy Suites Hotel, 6 pm. ($) 
Women's Basketball: UC Davis, 7:30 pm. ($) 
ASI Film: "Lethal Weapon," Chumash, 7 & 9:30 pm. ($) 

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Football: Santa Clara, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. ($) 
Men's Swimming: Cal State Bakersfield, Outdoor Pool, 1 pm. 
Women's Swimming: San Jose State, Outdoor Pool, 1 pm. 
ASI Film: "Lethal Weapon," Chumash, 7 & 9:30 pm. ($) 

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: Adm. 110, 805-756-2236) 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.

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CLOSING DATE: 11-25-87
Data Entry Operator, $1349-$1591/month, ESS/Records Office.
Pharmacist, $15,67-$20,11/hour, on-call to provide coverage for vacation or illness, Student Health Services.

Who, What Where, When


Ahmed Zayed, Mathematics, has returned from a year's sabbatical dur-