First fully endowed professorship created by Lockheed donation

The Lockheed Corporation has agreed to donate a total of $400,000 to establish an endowed professorship in engineering at Cal Poly — the university's first fully endowed professorship.

Company officials presented the first $80,000 annual payment at a ceremony in the office of President Baker.

Earnings from the endowment, to be managed by the Foundation, will provide selected faculty members time for research and other professional activities. The funds could also pay student assistants' salaries and help pay for travel, supplies, and visiting lecturers.

The process of selecting the first Lockheed Professor is to begin during the 1988-89 academic year. The faculty member, chosen for merit and future promise, would typically be a junior member of the faculty and would hold the professorship for two to five years.

With the endowment's annual earnings, the Lockheed Professor will be able to develop his or her specialty and learn ways to teach more effectively. The professor will also be able to involve himself more in student projects and will have more time to pursue outside sponsorship of ideas and programs.

"Schools like Cal Poly are really critical to the long-term success of our business and of other industries in California," said Dr. Richard Hartung, vice president of information services for the Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. in Sunnyvale. "This professorship is our way of recognizing Cal Poly's contribution and helping to enhance the fine education engineering students receive at the university."

Three employees earn awards for safety

Three employees were presented with awards in recognition of their outstanding service in the area of safety.

They are Harriet Clendenen, coordinator of Disabled Student Services; Karin Long, a student assistant for the Public Safety Department; and Dr. James Webb of the Physical Education and Recreation Administration Dept. faculty.

Plaques were presented by President Baker during a brief campus ceremony.

Clendenen was recognized for her involvement as a member of the university's Safety Committee and in campuswide safety issues, including development of emergency evacuation procedures for disabled people and awareness training programs for emergency personnel. A university employee since 1977, she has been in charge of the Disabled Student Services program since 1980.

Long received a bachelor's degree in environmental and systematic biology this month. As an employee of the university's health and occupational safety office, she implemented new programs, presentations, and publications that have helped make the campus a safer place.

Webb, a faculty member since 1969, was cited for his response to a medical emergency while aeronautical engineering students were conducting tests of a human powered helicopter in the Mott gym.

Now in its second year, the University Safety Awards Program is sponsored by the campuswide Public Safety Advisory Committee and administered by the Environmental Health and Safety Subcommittee.

VEP director assisting educators in Honduras

The director of the Vocational Education Productions (VEP) program is assisting educators in Honduras to publish nationally adopted textbooks for their nation's primary schools.

Eduardo A. Apodaca, who began work on the project last fall as a short-term consultant, left Cal Poly in May to start a two-year assignment in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras.

His work is being carried on under a contract between the Cal Poly Foundation, the International Institute for Research, and the U.S. State Department's Agency for International Development.

The specific objective of the project is the publication of Spanish language, social studies, mathematics, and science texts for grades one through six for standardized use throughout Honduras.

Apodaca said the current texts were published in other countries and do not use a frame of reference that is meaningful to children in Honduras.

Apodaca, who expects to return to Cal Poly in mid-1990, joined the university in 1973. In 1975 he became coordinator of Vocation Educational Productions and four years later became director of the VEP program.
Edith Welter retiring

The Business Affairs Division will host a retirement reception honoring Edith Welter on Thursday, June 30, in Adm. 133 between 2 and 4 pm. Mrs. Welter joined Cal Poly in 1963, working in the General Office for four months before becoming secretary for nine years to Dr. Carl Cummins, then dean of the School of Education and Human Development. Following a brief retirement for health reasons, Edith returned to campus in 1975, working 9 months as secretary in the Procurement and Support Services Dept. before accepting the position as secretary and then administrative operations analyst to James Landreth, vice president for business affairs.

Retirement reception

Altha Freeman, who has been with Cal Poly for 21 years, will retire June 30. The Evaluations Office invites faculty and staff to a retirement reception on Thursday (June 30), 2-4 pm in Adm. 218.

Summer Rec Sports

The following programs are available Summer Quarter through Rec Sports: Faculty/Staff Walking Program, Mondays and Wednesdays, July 6-Aug. 17, 5-6 pm, Mott Gym Lobby, $15; Faculty/Staff Weight Training, Mondays and Wednesdays, July 6-Aug. 17, noon to 1 pm, $20.00. There are also faculty/staff leagues in volleyball, basketball, and softball. Call the Rec Sports Office, ext. 1366, for details.

Gene Brendlin dead

Gene E. Brendlin, a retired administrator and former member of the faculty at Cal Poly, died June 14 at his home in Auburn. Brendlin joined the university as a member of the Farm Manage-