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Cal Poly's Homecoming Offers Events for Entire Community Oct. 26-27

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly's Homecoming 2002 celebration, "Homecoming 101: Continuing the Legacy," offers events for students, alumni and the community.

Homecoming kicks off Oct. 21 with the decoration of the University Union. Student clubs and organizations competing in Homecoming week events will hang banners in the University Union Plaza, competing to earn points for creativity and how well the banners illustrate this year's Homecoming theme.

Additional Homecoming events include the Laugh Olympics from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 22 on Mott Lawn in front of Mott Gym, a blood drive 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 23, and a rally introducing the 2002 Homecoming court at 11 a.m. Oct. 24 in the University Union Plaza.

Cal Poly students will once again compete in the Homecoming Mock Rock competition, this year in Chumash Auditorium, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 23. Competing Homecoming clubs and organizations will dance and lip-sync to music.

The first annual Homecoming Powder Pull football game will take place 6-9 p.m. Oct. 25. Cal Poly's female football Powder Puff players will battle head to head on the Recreation Center fields west of Kennedy Library. During the halftime show, the male Powder Puff pep squad - in uniform, including skirts - will "cheer on" the teams.
After the game, the second True Mustang Night ceremony will take place at 11:30 p.m. at the Mustang statue between the University Union and the Administration Building. Participants become "True Mustangs" by receiving a kiss from an existing True Mustang in a ceremony open to alumni and students.

Cal Poly's annual Homecoming Parade will march down Higuera Street in downtown San Luis Obispo, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 26 at Higuera and Morro streets. The parade will feature floats, music and Grand Marshal R. James Considine, a 1968 graduate of the university and the recipient of the Cal Poly Alumni Association 2002 Distinguished Service Award.

After the parade, Cal Poly will open its annual tailgate barbecue to students and the community. The barbecue runs 1-4 p.m. on the Orfalea College of Business lawn next to Mustang Stadium on campus. The event includes a wine tasting for those over 21, with Central Coast wineries pouring some of their most popular wines. Tickets include a tri-tip barbecue with all the traditional Central Coast fixings, the wine tasting and live music by the San Luis Jazz Band.

Barbecue tickets and wine-tasting tickets must be purchased separately. Barbecue tickets are $15 per person for Alumni Association members and $18 for non-members and the community. Tickets for children 5-12 are $8, and kids under 5 are admitted free. Wine-tasting tickets are $10 for Alumni Association members, and $12 for non-members and the community, and available only to those over 21. Tickets can be purchased at the event or online in advance at www.homecoming.calpoly.edu.

Kickoff time for the Homecoming game is 4 p.m. in Mustang Stadium. The Cal Poly Mustangs will face the UC Davis Aggies in a high-rivalry match. The halftime show will feature a performance by the Cal Poly Band and cheerleaders, recognition of this year's Honored Alumni award recipients, a presentation of the Homecoming court, and announcement of this year's Cal Poly Homecoming king and queen. The Homecoming game will conclude with a fireworks show.

For more details on all Homecoming events, visit the new Homecoming Web site at www.homecoming.calpoly.edu.

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