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Albert Henry of Clio, California has donated some Cal Poly memorabilia. It consisted of photographs of the Cal Poly campus and the 1938 edition of the Cal Poly yearbook, "El Rodeo." Also included was the 1938 Poly Royal program entitled "Follow Poly's Progress."

We are also indebted to Thomas Vaughan of Los Osos, California for his gift to the History Department. A cylinder seal, noted to be one of the first forms of writing. This particular one is Mitannian elaborate style, crescent, which has a star pattern of dots and lines. It comes from northern Mesopotamia, 1500-1350 B.C.
August 7, 1987

I have just completed grading mid-terms and am becoming painfully aware that there is not enough of the quarter left to accomplish all that I had set out to do at the beginning of the quarter. But that is as usual. Cindy Curtiss, our new Power Keyboard Operator (a position upgrade that Jean Morton our long-time Clerical Assistant had received simultaneously to her departure to the East Bay Area) told me this morning that if I wanted to say anything in this newsletter, that I had better do it today.

I am looking forward to a year's leave of absence during which Professor Mayo will act as interim Department Chairman. In addition to my own absence, Professors Hallman, Grinde and Taylor will also be on leave. (We all have outlined our leave plans elsewhere in this newsletter.) Dr. Sarah Elbert, on leave with us from SUNY Binghamton this past year, will stay on for a second year, as will Dr. Scherzer. As a leave replacement for Professor Taylor, we are privileged to have Professor John Oriji, on leave from his position at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Dr. Oriji has M.A.'s from both Johns Hopkins University as well as Rutgers, from which he also received his Ph.D. Professor Hallman's replacement will be Dr. Michael Kelley. Dr. Kelley received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Boston University and his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh with specialties in ancient, medieval and early modern Europe. Because of the heavy student demand for our new General Education course, The History of the Modern World, which has replaced History 205, the department was able to receive staffing from the Academic Vice President to appoint an additional faculty member beyond the position allocation justified by leave replacements. Dr. Henry Antkiewicz comes to us from the University of Michigan, B.A. and M.A., with a year residency at the University of Warsaw, and from Ohio State University, Ph.D., via a ten year stint at the University of Zambia. Dr. Antkiewicz is a specialist in Russian and East European studies and has taught extensively in comparative world history.

In addition to these temporary additions to our faculty, we are most pleased to welcome Dr. Manzar Foroohar as our first tenure-track appointment since 1981. Dr. Foroohar is a native of Iran where she received a B.A. in Political Science with a specialty in Middle Eastern Politics. She subsequently moved to the United States where she earned an M.A. in Political Science at CSU Northridge and a Ph.D. in Latin American History at U.C.L.A. Dr. Foroohar's special area of interest is Central America and specifically Nicaragua. She will be teaching a course on this topic in the winter quarter of this coming year and we anticipate that she will move to expand our curriculum—the Latin American area in general—in the coming curriculum cycle.

In last year's newsletter I wrote at some length about the department's movement into the computer age and the use to which your financial contributions were put in helping finance new hardware acquisitions. I just recently completed an equipment request for a new PC-AT compatible computer with a 30 megabyte hard disk and 360 and 720 kilobyte disk drives. If we are successful in this request, both secretaries and the department chairman will each have a computer and the portable Compaq will be totally freed up to circulate among the faculty. We are also hopeful of receiving an up-to-date 24 pin dot matrix printer through the President's Cabinet. The department also purchased a new word processing program called Nota Bene which has been reviewed as the best academic word processor available for the kind of research writing we do.

In addition to letting you know about what is happening in the department, this discussion, as you may have guessed, is to make the point that these developments cost money. We are extremely grateful for those of you who have contributed to the department in the past. They are recognized elsewhere in this newsletter. This is, in addition, a plea for you to remember the financial need of your department when you are contacted as part of the Annual Giving Campaign this coming year. New technology is not all that your gifts make possible. The History Department was pleased to be the joint sponsor of a lecture series commemorating the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, which was funded in part by your contributions. Plans are already well developed for a continuation of this series, which is described elsewhere in this newsletter.

On the following pages, you will find news about faculty and friends from your years at Cal Poly. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the notes from former students in last year's newsletter and hope you enjoy this year's news as well. For those of you haven't written, how about picking up a pen or sitting down at a keyboard and letting us all know what has happened in your life.

Sincerely,

Max E. Riedlsperger
Chairman
BALL, DARYL S. - 1985
I am a claim representative at Travelers Insurance in Universal City, California, specializing in workers compensation. I was married in August of 1986 to the former Kathleen Hiltbrand, a Cal Poly graduate.

BLACKBURN, JILL NOEL - 1980
Jill is currently a part-time graduate student at Golden Gate University. She is still employed with International Business Machines in Monterey, California.

BOLES, CAROL ANN - 1978
My husband, Bruce, and I are still living in Rocklin, California. We now have two children; Richard, 4 years old and Allison, 1 year old. I have not returned to work but am keeping busy with volunteer groups. I am serving as secretary this year for the Central Valley District of Children's Home Society. I am also on the board for a local mothers support group.

Travel is still a high priority for us. This year's plans include stops from San Diego to Seattle, Washington. With hopefully a long stop in dearly missed San Luis Obispo.

BRICKEY, PATRICK EVERETT - 1987
I am currently in the Teaching Credential Program and expect to be teaching high school history full-time in 1988.

DAY, NORMA J. - 1975
I have such a full life its hard to know where to begin. My husband, Bill, is an Electrical Engineer with Pacific Gas and Electric. My daughter is a sophomore at Diablo Valley College and plans to transfer to Cal Poly. My son will start at Diablo Valley College this fall. I work as a travel agent and teach computer usage to travel agents. This year we plan to go to Italy for a month and cruise the Mediterranean. In August I will cruise the Caribbean, in September travel to New York. In October I am escorting a "Shop Til You Drop" trip to Hong Kong. And finally, in November I am going to England to set up a "Murder Mystery - Haunted Inns" tour for 1988.

ECKSTROM, DAVID K. - 1986
I have spent the last year here on the Central Coast. For six months I actively pursued work in the clerical field while continuing to work at the Library at Cal Poly. I found it difficult to even get an interview for a clerical position. I realized after six months that what I needed was more practical experience so I am now back in school.

I enrolled in Cuesta College to start work towards a Certificate in Library Technology. I realized that I wanted a job in the library field and needed practical experience. I am also beefing up my clerical skills with classes at the San Luis Adult School. I intend to stay here on the Central Coast for a while. I just love it here.

EVATT, JULIE ANNE - 1972
I went back to school at Hayward State and got a second bachelor's degree in accounting. I am presently head of the Accounting Department at the Harbor Bay Club, a beautiful twenty-acre health club with almost 3,000 members, in Alameda.
FIKE, AMY DRAKE - 1979

I am practicing law in San Diego for a development company which is owned by a bank in Rhode Island. As in-house counsel, I am responsible for seeking various approvals from City Council and other legislative bodies for the projects we build. My company, Old Stone Development Corporation, is currently building one of the single largest projects in the country—a four hundred-acre mixed use office park in San Diego. My job also includes minding corporate matters. The Cal Poly History program helped prepare me for law school and keeps me interested in reading lots of history in my spare time. I would love to hear from old friends.

GALLAGHER, KARIN LEE - 1985

Karin is currently traveling in Australia, and New Zealand. She begins graduate school in the fall at "Thunderbird" Arizona Institute of International Management.

GARGIULO, MATTHEW ROBERT - 1982

I am currently teaching/coaching at Washington Union High School in Fresno, California. I went to graduate school at UCD before teaching and am contemplating going back to school again, possibly next year and possibly out of state to work on a graduate/professional degree. I haven't been back to Poly as much as I would like and, unfortunately, I have lost touch with a lot of my former students/professors. I would be happy to hear from somebody!

GRIGSBY, BROCK C.

I attended Cal Poly from 1977 to 1980 and then transferred and graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara in 1982.

I got married on June 27 in Hamburg, West Germany to Maron Potschick! We met while working together with three hundred other people from over forty countries onboard an international Christian missions ship, the M/V Doulos with "Operation Mobilization." Receiving a secondary teaching credential at this time through U.C.R. to teach high school math.

My Cal Poly and history days have never been forgotten or despised!

HENDRICKER, KAREN BALLANCE - 1972

I moved to Northern Missouri shortly after graduating from Cal Poly and am married to a farmer. We raise corn, soybeans, and cattle. Since the farm economy has gone sour my husband and I are presently combining our farm operation with driving for North American Van Lines. We travel 48 states, hauling freight in North American's Commercial Transport division. Although my husband holds a degree from the University of Missouri, neither of us has any inclination to teach school, or otherwise "apply" our education. We enjoy traveling for North American—though hope that one day we will be able to return to full-time farming. Although we do not go to Alaska or Hawaii for North American, we have been to both of those states and are glad to have done so. We are both interested in agriculture and would like to be able to apply our knowledge and skill to forming a profitable operation (small-scale) on Maui in the future.

HENNIGAN, JOHN E. - 1973

Married and have five daughters, currently teach and coach at Warren High in Downey, California. I am coaching football (head coach) and teach social studies. I attended Cal Poly, Pomona and obtained a Master's degree in Physical Education.

Have coached and taught at Fontana High School, San Juaquin Memorial High School, Lakewood High, Long Beach City College, and Warren High.

HIRSCH, IRVIN DANIEL - 1972

"Any Train, Anywhere, Anytime" that's been my raison d'être since graduation. Am working for Amtrak (thirteen years) as a Chief-of-On-Board-Service. In charge of all employees on my train (i.e., coaches, dining car, sleepers) ensuring service is up to snuff. Okay, I will admit it... the train is late once in a while(!), but at least your hotcakes will be hot and the bathrooms clean and your attendant attentive! I love to ride the train, and these guys pay me to do it!
HIRSCH, IRVIN DANIEL - continued

When I am not riding the rails in the United States, I hop overseas to chase steam engines and sample other countries' rail systems—Japan, China, Europe, U.S.S.R., India most recently. Planning a South African journey for October. They have still got some BIG steamers and the Blue Train.

Spent a lot of time watching the S.P. Mainline while at Poly. Guess I always knew that would be the way I would leave town!

HUME, ANNE R. - 1972

I am currently teaching third grade in Downey, California. Last summer I had the opportunity to travel to Austria, Switzerland, Germany, and Italy.

KARES, MICHAEL LEE - 1979

I am a Parts Logistics Manager with Hughes Aircraft Space and Communications Group. My responsibilities include parts development, procurement, testing, and manufacturing on various satellite programs. I received the Division Award for Superior Performance in 1984.

I have completed two years of law school at Western State University and one year of a system management degree at U.S.C.

I am single with hobbies that include Hobie Cat sailboat racing and competing as a Triathlete in the Newport Beach Triathlon.

KELLY, JAMES - 1986

I am presently working as an accountant for Laidlaw Gas Recovery Systems in San Mateo. I am also taking classes at the local junior college in accounting and conversation French.

KENNEDY, MATTHEW SCOTT - 1982

Completed Juris Doctor degree in May, 1986 and was admitted to the California Bar on December 11, 1986. I am currently a real estate/contract attorney in Orange County, California. Within the next six months I will be relocating to London, England to practice international law.

I was married to Cal Poly Dietetics graduate, Chris Herfurth at the San Luis Obispo Mission in December, 1984. We do not have any children, but we do have two cats.

KEVORKIAN, SUSAN K. (VANKEULEN) - 1981

Currently employed as a sales and marketing representative in Silicon Valley for an organization involved with the manufacture of sockets, connectors, switches, and terminal blocks (electronic components).

My husband (married September, 1983) and I bought our first home in December, 1985 and do a lot of landscaping and remodeling. We also both travel quite extensively. He is a graduate of SDSU and works in marketing at Lockheed.

LINDSEY, GLENN R. - 1974

Currently I am the owner/operator of Arrow Personnel Agency in Helena, Montana. Employed as a consultant by American Freedom Coalition in Washington, D.C. I am involved in state politics having lost a close race for the state legislature in 1986. Recently elected as state committeeman for the Lewis & Clark County Central Committee, Republican party.

LOWE, ROBERT KENT - 1973

Is currently residing in Atascadero, California.

MACKENZIE, GARY G.

I don't know why I am considered a History graduate, since I only was considered a History major for one quarter at Cal Poly and dropped out in 1982. However, my history studies for that one quarter helped me decide to continue studying in some form of historical discipline. I now have a B.S. in International Business with an Asian Studies minor from San Jose State University. Some of my favorite studies were Japanese and Chinese history, and other related classes. Thanks to Cal Poly History Department I found a niche in my career development I will always be fond of.
MILLER, KATHERINE MARY - 1972


MOCHARNUK, WILLIAM A.

I am single and have been a tennis professional and teaching professional for fifteen years. I have traveled to Europe and this summer to South Africa and Russia.

I am currently working part-time with Cal Poly, Pomona. B.A. in History from Azusa Pacific College. Currently receiving a M.S. in Sport Recreation Management with Ph.D. in the future at UCLA.

Own a $25,000 military medal collection of World War II.

MUHS, SHELLI PEARLE - 1986

Since June of 1986 I have been in search of that "perfect career." I have completed my California Certification for both Firefighter I and Emergency Medical Technician I. As I follow up on job leads in this field I am working with the Orange County Department of Education Outdoor Science School. More specifically, I am a cabin counselor in charge of ten 12-year old sixth grade students. Part of my duties include teaching local geology (San Bernardino mountains). I have found this job is very satisfying in the sense that I am able to use my education every day, while working in a very relaxed atmosphere.

These few activities have filled up my past year of life leaving time for little else to experience.

O'DONNELL, EDWARD M. - 1984

After graduation I took a job as a sales representative for a security/fire company in Los Angeles. Having four years of construction experience I shifted fields back to construction. I am back to work with the company that helped pay for my education at Cal Poly. For Surfside Builders I prospect for new business, estimate, and assist in the sales.

On September 13, 1986 I married Kendall Eagen (Dietetics Department). We met at Cal Poly in May of 1982.

I was excited to have received this questionnaire and I am looking forward to staying in touch with the History Department.

PERELLO, CHRISTOPHER S. - 1980

After three years in the Army (spent mostly in Texas), I attended law school at U.C. Davis. I graduated in 1986. I am currently working as an attorney in Bakersfield, but anticipate returning to San Luis Obispo this summer.

I am married to Jennifer Banks of Auckland, New Zealand. We have two children; Emily, 3 years old and Gregory, 7 months old.
PERRY, ANNETTE P. (LUTNESKY) - 1977

Since graduating from Cal Poly I studied for and received a credential from the Board for Certification of Genealogists, Washington, D.C., as a Genealogical Research Specialist in 1979. I served as public library subject specialist for the City of Santa Maria, creating their genealogical and family studies book collection and instructing users in "how-to-do" genealogy. Currently, I am a member of the Associate Faculty of Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, California, instructing various levels of genealogical science and the owner of Ancestree House, a genealogical materials and research assistance center in Santa Maria. I also instruct genealogy courses for children and lecture on the subjects of genealogical collection development, instructing genealogy for the future teacher and records searching. Most recently I have been elected a Trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists for the Western United States.

I married Donald F. Perry in 1976 (also a graduate of Cal Poly--AM 1976) and we both have very fond recollections of our time spent at the university!

NOTE: I would like to encourage History graduates and others to contact me if they need further information regarding genealogy by writing to P.O. Box 1121, Santa Maria, CA 93456.

PETERS, BRUCE B. - 1972

Resides in San Luis Obispo.

PICTON-LEVINE, DEBRA ANN - 1984

I have been teaching pre-school the past year, and hope to be accepted to a teacher credential graduate program soon. I would like to teach elementary school. My husband, Mike, and I just had a baby named Matthew, in April, so we won't be doing much traveling this summer. Now that Matthew has arrived we are looking forward to buying a larger house in the Bay area.

ROMANO, TONI LYNN - 1974

After I graduated from Cal Poly I married Jerry Romano who was beginning graduate work at Talbot Seminary in La Mirada, California. In the two years that followed I worked one year in an office and the next year I taught third grade in Sun Valley. Then we began our family. We moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1980 where we now live with our daughter, and four sons and are awaiting the arrival of number six at the end of the summer. I am homeschooling our three oldest and also am involved in my husband's business with the A. L. Williams Company.

We have made several trips together as a family. We have travelled and camped along the Oregon coast, through Idaho, Montana (Glacier National Park) and Wyoming (Yellowstone National Park). We have also been around the Olympic Peninsula and through the San Juan Islands (beautiful vacation areas) as well as through Eastern Washington.

Our daughter, Gwen, 10-1/2 years old, loves to read and takes ballet. She also is involved in soccer during the fall. Kessedth, 9 years old, loves math and all sports. Derek, 6-1/2 years old, loves catching snakes, lizards, and frogs. He also likes drawing. Jeremiah, almost 4 years old, loves trying to keep up with and/or pester his older brothers. Jonathan (1 year old) just walks around being cute and exploring.

Things I like to do after I am done nurturing the children, or as I do, are: garden, sew or do craft projects, attend a weekly Bible study, read, dabble with my guitar.

SHIERS, TRACY LEE - 1987

I started working as a substitute teacher about a month after graduation. I am teaching all grades, kindergarten through twelfth grade, and all subjects. I have just started working for the Cultural Homestay Institute. The Institute has a group of thirty-four Japanese students coming to Lompoc from July 14 through August 5. I am going to be responsible for teaching seventeen of them and finding homes for them to stay in while they are here. It should be interesting!
SHIERS, TRACY LEE - continued

I have applied for graduate school at Sac State for the fall. I want to get my Master's degree in Government. I have not heard yet if I have been accepted, so my fingers are crossed. I look forward to seeing a lot of you at graduation and the reception in June.

TAYLOR, SUSAN ELIZABETH - 1976


Married to Mike Taylor, CPA in Warner Center (Woodland Hills). Two children, Matthew, 4 years old and Pamela, 2-1/2 years old.

WEIGAND, MARILYN D. - 1972

Married Gilbert G. Weigand (AERO 1972) on December 30, 1972 and moved to West Lafayette, Indiana. Completed teacher certification requirements in December, 1974 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Licensed to teach math and area major: social science-U.S. and world history, sociology, geography, economics, anthropology [so broad because of my Cal Poly History curriculum]. Master's in Education in History and Math, August, 1975.

Taught geography/ancient civilization and math to seventh and eighth graders in Frankfort, Indiana during the period 1975 through 1978.

Gil completed Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering in May, 1978.

WEIGAND, MARILYN D. - continued

Moved to Indianapolis area, Greenwood. Gil with Detroit Diesel. Allison GM and Marilyn to Center Grove Middle School in Greenwood, Indiana. Taught math to seventh and eighth graders from 1978 to 1980.

Moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico--Gil in August, 1979. I followed, after trying to sell our new home, in April, 1980.

Returned to school, University of New Mexico fall of 1980 through fall 1983. Received Master's of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Delivered baby girl, Dianna on January 13, 1981.


Delivered baby girl, Catherine on September 3, 1985.

I am a happy, busy homemaker, wife, and mother now. When I return to work, I will be teaching--I do not have any immediate plans though.

ZORADI, JANICE LYNN - 1977

I am currently pursuing a Master's in Counseling at Cal Poly, with the goal of a private practice in Marriage and Family Therapy. My husband, Steve, and I have two sons, ages 5 and 1. We live in San Luis Obispo.
OTHER HISTORY ALUMNI

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Deanne Marie Delaney
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Anna Desio
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TIM BARNES is on sabbatical leave in London working at the Public Records Office on Loyalist-held garrison towns.

LLOYD BEECHER continues to pursue both his research interests in U.S. involvement in sub-Saharan Africa (1937-1958) and his activity relative to Vietnam War Era affairs. In addition, he has begun to work with Cal Poly students preparing themselves for teaching careers in the social sciences.

ROBERT BURTON has been appointed to teach with Cal Poly's new summer quarter program in London this year. In addition, he remains active in the study of Chinese.

GEORGE COTKIN spent this year on sabbatical completing his book on the philosopher William James. He published an article on Ralph Waldo Emerson and William James in The Historian, and he delivered a paper on James and modernity in Montreal.

DON GRINDE continues to be active in his research on American Indians. He has been awarded the Eugene Crawford Memorial Fellowship for 1987-88 to do research on "Iroquois Political Theory and the Origins of American Democracy" in Washington, D.C. While in Washington, he will also be Distinguished Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Gettysburg College, and he will be working on the formation of American Indian policy in the post-Reagan era.

BARBARA HALLMAN has been granted a sabbatical leave for 1987-1988. She intends to use it to complete three articles on sixteenth century Italy that are already in the works, to present a paper to the October, 1987 conference of the Sixteenth Century Society, and to pursue research in Italy for six months--research which will result, she hopes, in another book.

DON HENSEL received a national Faculty Salute from the American Association for Higher Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. These professional societies had asked university presidents to nominate a campus representative who met three criteria: a persistent depth of commitment to the cause of student learning, courage in putting beliefs on the line before national faculty audiences, and creativity and effectiveness in using a fresh approach. Hensel's continued experimentation with simulation gaming is the basis of his nomination, initiated by faculty and students, and then endorsed by President Warren Baker of Cal Poly. Baker reported, "Perhaps the highest accolade I can give Professor Hensel is that over the years he has sustained his dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to teaching, and has been deeply involved in innovative learning methods." Hensel's book, Confrontation: Role Playing Simulations in American History, was recently published by Ginn Press. Those history graduates in teaching are invited to request Hensel's latest simulation, the Pullman Strike, based on the 1894 hearings conducted in Chicago by the U.S. Strike Commission. Its content gives students insight into the complexities of labor-management antagonism and the ideas sustaining these differences in the late nineteenth century.

DAN KRIEGER continues to write a weekly column titled "Times Past" for the Focus magazine section of the San Luis Obispo County Telegram-Tribune. "Times Past" deals with historical subjects relating to the Central Coast region. He is also under contract with Windsor Publications for a book titled Looking Backwards into the Middle Kingdom: An Illustrated History of San Luis Obispo County. The work is scheduled for publication in March, 1988.

EDWARD MAYO will be serving as Acting Head of the History Department for the academic year 1987-1988. He will be teaching a special course on Thomas Jefferson in the fall of 1987. This course will include a trip to a conference on the Saga of Monticello put on by Humanities West in San Francisco. Professor Mayo also serves as Chapter Advisor for the Golden Key National Honor Society.

BARTON OLSEN is the committee chair for a major study for California State University's Academic Senate on the effective use of lecturers. He has also completed several book reviews over the past year. Professor Olsen continues his work on the development of a book on the Trans-Mississippi West.
MAX RIEDLSPERGER is the author of "FPÖ: Liberal or Nazi" to appear in Conquering the Past: Austrian Nazism Yesterday and Now. To be published by Wayne State University Press in March, 1988. He will present the paper "Der Haider, Jörg (HJ) and the Austrian Elections of 1986" at the national meeting of the German Studies Association in St. Louis, October 15-18, 1987. Professor Riedlsperger will be on academic leave 1987-1988 to continue research on contemporary Austrian politics and also on Nazi terrorism against Austria in the period 1933-1938.

JOHN SNETSINGER put aside his duties as advisor to the Historical Society last spring in order to accompany 220 students to London and to teach at Cal Poly's London-based campus in Kensington. In recent years Professor Snetsinger has served as a critical reader for manuscripts submitted to Diplomatic History and has reviewed books on United States policy in the Middle East for a variety of publications including the American Historical Review. What has pleased him most, he makes "perfectly clear," was receiving the Historical Society's "Henry Kissinger Teaching Award" this past year.

QUINTARD TAYLOR is continuing his research on the Seattle black community which has generated four published articles. A fifth article is under consideration for publication by the Pacific Historical Review. He has been granted a Fulbright Fellowship to teach Afro-American history in Nigeria for 1987-1988.

STAFFING CHANGE

Jean Morton, History Department receptionist since September 1981, resigned her position in January of this year. Jean was loved by students and faculty alike and will be sorely missed. Jean had a few comments of her own:

Dave and I live in the San Francisco Bay Area a few miles south of Vallejo. I have a position as Executive Secretary to the Vice President of Chiron Corporation, a young biotechnology company that is growing both in size and importance in the biotech field.

Our first child is due to be born around December 24th (what a Christmas present!). We are already experiencing some of the changes in our lifestyle that will have to be made—we took only one backpacking trip this summer compared to our usual three (what will happen next summer?). This baby will learn to hike and bicycle at a young age in order to keep up with mom and dad!

We have been house hunting in the Napa Valley area and hope to buy a home there before the end of the year. What a beautiful area to live in and how stimulating it will be to have all that wine tasting at our disposal! So all you wine connoisseurs (Max, Ed, John) will have to come and visit (okay Bob, you can visit also).

Hello to everyone in the History Department—I miss visiting with my friends there and typing all those fun midterms and exams!
The school year 1986-1987 was a fun one for the Cal Poly Historical Society. The Society enjoyed many different activities together creating a lot of shared interests and new relationships.

The year started off in the fall of 1986 with a faculty-student picnic at Cuesta Park. New faculty and new students alike had the chance to enjoy each other's company. There was a Phone-a-Thon during the fall quarter which helped bring money into the department and club accounts, money which was used by the department for its developing computer systems. Later on in the quarter, in promotion of the London Study Program, the Historical Society presented its second annual London Study Revisited. Last year's instructors and students in the Program attended and were treated to a slide show by Dr. Calvin Wilvert of Social Sciences (former History undergraduate). The meeting was held at Linnea's Cafe, a delightful coffeehouse on Garden Street in downtown San Luis Obispo.

A Christmas party ended the fall quarter at Historical Society member Ami Porcella's home where Xmas cheer and New Year anticipations were shared.

Most of the winter quarter was used as a time for preparation for the 1987 Poly Royal exhibit. But we still had time for a film presentation by Max Riedersperger, titled "Alexander Nevski." Again meeting downtown, this time at Rhyno's hamburger restaurant, we enjoyed a large turnout and a fascinating film. A potluck dinner was also thrown at Professor John Snetsinger's home, bidding him a farewell as he headed off to London for the spring quarter.

After the quarter break the club settled down to work on the Poly Royal exhibit and concessions booth. The club met every week to organize for the event. This is one time of the year when the Historical Society can represent the department and earn money at the concessions. The exhibit in this year's Poly Royal was a time frame analysis of the Space Age. With the display constructed in the University Union it gained a second place finishing in the exhibit competition. The concessions booth was a dazzling success with a remarkable $300 in profits made from the sale of cotton candy.

With Poly Royal over and the end of the year in sight the Club decided to spend a share of its profits on a night of celebration. The Historical Society sported a dinner at the Hofbrau in Morro Bay and later dessert at Hudson's Grill in San Luis Obispo. When it was revealed later that our limit of funds still had some to spare, the Club took a road trip to Santa Barbara the following week for a film and frolicking.

We ended the year with another potluck, this time at Professor Ken Scherzer's home, the Society's advisor who has been so helpful and patient with us this year.

Many of us who were members of the Historical Society in 1986-1987 will be graduating or leaving Cal Poly to seek other enterprise. But the memories of fun and playful escapades will remain. I want to thank all those faculty and student members who helped us this year and offer them good luck with their continued growth and education.

Sincerely,

William M. Killian
President
Cal Poly Historical Society, 1986-1987
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE?

The following is a listing of alums that we have lost track of. We would appreciate your assistance in locating these individuals. If you have any information about anyone on this list, please let us know.

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Davie COWIE (1977)  
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Sandra Jane ECKSTROM (1970)  
Richard Reese EGGORS (1975)  
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Eric James ERWIN (1986)  
Johanna Lynn FASSLER (1972)  
Lori A. FERGUSON (1981)  
Jane Frances FIORI (1972)  
Susan Lynn FLEMING (1986)  
Bradley Mitchell FLOM (1986)  
Karleen A. FOX (1981)  
Lisa Ann FREY (1978)  
Pamela M. GREENE (1977)  
Barbara HENDRICKS (1978)  
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Stacie E. IVERSON (1981)  
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Dennis P. JUDD (1984)  
Rodney Kyle KADOTA (1986)  
Alison P. LAURITA (1980)  
David R. MACDONALD (1976)  
Lu Ann MARTIN (1975)  
John Barry MIKLAS (1973)  
Larry James MORTIMER (1974)  
Deborah Ann MUSSARD (1986)  
Linda M. NEFF (1980)  
Lance Warwick NOTT (1983)  
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Kathleen SUTER (1976)  
Patricia TARTAGLIONE (1982)  
Adelaide B. TIELTJE (1977)  
Matthew N. TRUEDELL (1980)  
Charles T. WARNER (1976)  
Benita Petros WEST (1972)  
Katherine E. WINN (1971)  

Has your name or address changed recently? We would really appreciate it if you would provide us with an "information update" whenever you get the chance. The information you provide regarding career changes, additional education, addresses, family additions, travel, etc., will be valuable for future newsletter publications. Feel free to include photographs (yes, we will return your photos), business cards, flyers, or pamphlets that relate to your family or career. Please direct your responses to the Newsletter Editor, History Department, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407.

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