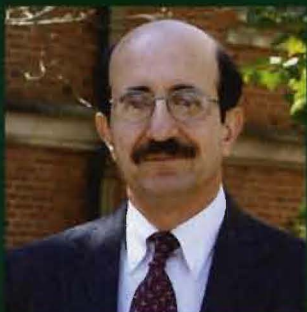


►► CAL POLY APPOINTS ENGINEERING DEAN



Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker has appointed Mohammad N. Noori as dean of the College of Engineering. Noori, who will take the position in mid-October, succeeds Peter Y. Lee.

"Dr. Noori is a visionary academician, an accomplished scholar, a consensus builder, and an experienced administrator with a truly outstanding record of accomplishments," President Baker said. "We are delighted to have such an exemplary academic leader to guide the College of Engineering in its next phase of development."

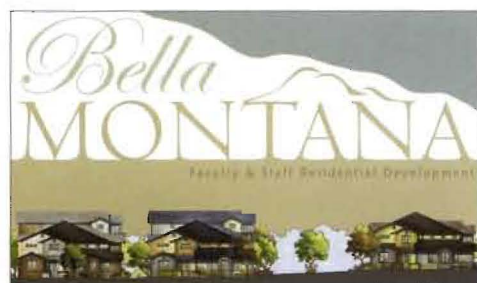
Noori is the endowed R.J. Reynolds Professor at North Carolina State University. Previously he was head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department at North Carolina State.

"Cal Poly has achieved national recognition of its engineering programs and is well positioned to excel further in undergraduate and graduate education," Noori said.

Noori served on the founding board of directors of the National Institute of Aerospace, a consortium of six universities, the NASA Langley Research Center, and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation. He was director of the NIA program at North Carolina State.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a master's from Oklahoma State University, and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, all in civil engineering. ■

►► FACILITIES UPDATE: HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS PLANNED FOR FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS



(Drawing courtesy of BDC Development Corp./Leonard Grant Architects)

BELLA MONTAÑA

The Cal Poly Housing Corp. is investing in affordable housing to help in the university's efforts to attract and retain quality faculty and staff to San Luis Obispo. Work is under way on a 69-unit housing development, named Bella Montaña, located across the highway from the Highland Drive entrance to campus.

"Our recruiting efforts have increasingly been hampered by high costs in the local housing market," said Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker. "We know that young faculty and staff with families find it particularly difficult to come to Cal Poly. This project will allow us to continue to attract and retain the highest caliber faculty and staff."

The location of this project will enable faculty and staff to be close to campus and provide them with the opportunity to use alternate methods of transportation, noted Executive Vice Provost and Chief Planning Officer Linda Dalton, chair of the nonprofit Cal Poly Housing Corp.

Marketing of the first phase of the project to eligible faculty and staff is scheduled to begin in spring 2006, in anticipation of scheduled completion and availability for occupancy of phase-one units in late fall 2006.

POLY CANYON VILLAGE

The CSU board of trustees approved a 2,700 student housing complex, the largest single construction project in the history of the CSU. The project, dubbed Poly Canyon Village, will include three residential neighborhood areas on 30 acres, two parking structures, commercial retail and food outlets, and a recreation center with a swimming pool.

Poly Canyon Village has the potential to transform the campus through the creation of a new community that connects residential living with teaching and learning in a way that builds on Cal Poly's distinctive mission, according to Preston Allen, director of housing.

The contractor for Poly Canyon Village has registered the project with the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) organization, which certifies building projects that demonstrate responsiveness to sustainability issues. This will be Cal Poly's first effort at obtaining LEED certification. Construction is expected to begin this fall, with the complex opening in two phases in 2008 and 2009. ■



(Drawing courtesy of Niles Bolton/Anderson-Brulé Architecture)

► RIDING HIGH: RODEO TEAM TAKES TOP HONORS



Student Ben Londo (Photo by Robert Hubbell)

Cal Poly's Rodeo Team took top honors at the 2005 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association championships in Wyoming, earning both the Men's All-around and Women's All-around champion spots.

Competing against students from 62 universities, they finished as the No. 2 Men's Rodeo Team in the nation. The Women's Rodeo Team placed sixth in the nation out of 35 teams.

"No other intercollegiate rodeo program in the nation continues to produce more individual champions and team championships than Cal Poly," said Coach Frank Mello. "I'm proud of our student-athletes and our tradition." ■

► STATE BUDGET PROTECTS STUDENT ACCESS

The 2005-2006 state budget signed in July fully funds the compact for higher education, ensuring enrollment for an additional 10,000 California State University students.

The budget provides \$134 million in new revenue, representing the first increase after three consecutive years of budget reductions.

At Cal Poly that means a 2.5 percent increase for enrollment growth. "We will now be able to offer a Cal Poly education to more of the state's brightest students," said Larry

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Kelley, vice president of administration and finance.

The governor has been steadfast in his support for higher education and the CSU appreciates his support, said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. "This budget shows the state's commitment to begin to restore the cuts from the recent budget crisis in California, which severely underfunded the CSU." ■

► ENGINEERING STUDENTS LEND HAND IN THAILAND



(Left) Michael Borger (ENVE) and Ben Marre, an environmental engineer at Black & Veatch, with children in Mae Nam Khun

Two environmental engineering students traveled to Thailand last spring to collect water samples at a mountain village where residents were concerned about the possibility of water-borne illnesses.

Working as volunteers for Cal Poly's chapter of Engineers Without Borders, Eileen Mick and Michael Borger collected samples from the village of Mae Nam Khun and ran a variety of tests to characterize the drinking-water quality. They also checked out the community's water source and distribution system, looking for potential sources for contamination to the community's drinking water supply.

The Cal Poly project was part of a larger EWB effort in Thailand. Students and professionals from Seattle University built primary school dormitories, and a team from UC Santa Barbara built an adjoining septic system.

New at Cal Poly, EWB is a national organization dedicated to designing and building projects that bring sustainable, long-term benefits to impoverished communities around the globe.

"What I've found is that EWB offers a great opportunity for personal growth and leadership," Mick said. For more information, visit www.ewb.calpoly.edu. ■

▶ TIMOTHY KEARNS APPOINTED CIO



Timothy J. Kearns, associate professor and chair of the Computer Science Department at Cal Poly, is the university's new vice provost for information technology and chief information officer.

He will provide leadership and strategic direction for the delivery of technology services to meet the teaching and learning mission of the university.

Kearns has held two separate appointments at Cal Poly. After

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teaching for two years in 1985, he left Cal Poly to work as a software architect for both AT&T Bell Laboratories and Hewlett-Packard. He later served as a principal for Applied Decision Analysis Inc., a firm specializing in market research and computer models for Fortune 500 companies. He returned to Cal Poly in 1999, serving as department chair since 2001.

He earned a doctorate and master's degree in mathematics from the University of Notre Dame, and a baccalaureate from Boston College. He and his wife, Gigi Nickas, M.D., are in the process of adopting two children from Ethiopia. ■

▶ COMMENC MUCH



MORE THAN 3,600 STUDENTS TOOK PART IN SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES IN JUNE, AND THREE LONGTIME FRIENDS AND ALUMNI OF THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED SPECIAL RECOGNITION AS WELL.

(Commencement photos by Jeff Greene/ImageWest Photography)

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker awarded **William H. "Bill" Swanson (IE '73)**, chairman and chief executive officer of Raytheon Co., an honorary Doctor of Science degree and California Secretary of State **Bruce McPherson (JOUR '65)** an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

President Baker also awarded the university's highest honor, the President's Medal of Excellence, to **Richard J. O'Neill (AH '48)**. A celebration was held to name the three-acre rolling lawns and gardens in front of the Business Building the Richard J. O'Neill Green. That day, O'Neill became the most decorated individual in the history of Cal Poly and only the third person in the university's history to receive the President's Medal of Excellence.

RICHARD J. O'NEILL

"Richard O'Neill has provided five decades of faithful and generous time, expertise and wisdom in support of Cal Poly," President Baker said. "He is an outstanding role model, working tirelessly to steward others into volunteer leadership capacities."

A longtime supporter of Cal Poly Athletics, O'Neill's advocacy became the catalyst for Cal Poly's inclusion in Division I intercollegiate athletics in 1994. He was inducted into the Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Fame in 1987 and is one of four alumni inducted into the Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Distinction. In 2000, he received the Cal Poly Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award.

Through his leadership, \$1 million is generated each year for student-athlete scholarships. He also helped generate momentum to renovate Mott Gym, build the Cal Poly Sports Complex, and renovate the Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

O'Neill is a benefactor to education, humanitarian and conservation causes. A sixth-generation Californian, he was born in 1923 and was raised on the 230,000-acre Rancho Santa Margarita, spanning San Diego and Orange counties. Part of the property later became Camp Pendleton; on the remainder, O'Neill and his sister, Alice, founded the community of Mission Viejo.



(Left to right) Gabe Dal Porto (CE '05), Richard O'Neill, Ben Cobian (JOUR '05)

EMENT: TO CELEBRATE



WILLIAM SWANSON

Swanson, a 1991 Honored Alumnus, serves on the Cal Poly President's Cabinet and the College of Engineering Advisory Council.

As a member of the Business-Higher Education Forum, he co-chaired a BHEF initiative, "A Commitment to America's Future; Responding to the Crisis in Mathematics & Science Education,"

which outlines a plan of action for business, education and policy leaders to strengthen mathematics and science education in all 50 states.

"Bill Swanson's leadership in industry and education is helping our country address a critical problem: the erosion of its science and technology talent base," said Baker. "We are pleased to honor him for his service and contributions, not only to Cal Poly but to the nation at large."

Swanson's leadership is based on management rules he developed during his more than 30 years at Raytheon. "Swanson's Unwritten Rules of Management" are straightforward directives that also provide insight into what it takes to be successful. He has established Raytheon's guiding business values, based upon the highest ethical standards, integrity and trust, and a strong commitment to inclusiveness.

BRUCE MCPHERSON

California Secretary of State McPherson was honored for his service to California, including service in both houses of the California State Legislature, where he made support for education a cornerstone of his tenure.

"Bruce McPherson's firm belief in quality public education echoes and supports the mission of The California State University," Baker said. "He has been a tireless supporter of this university, through legislative advocacy and strong leadership as a dedicated public servant."

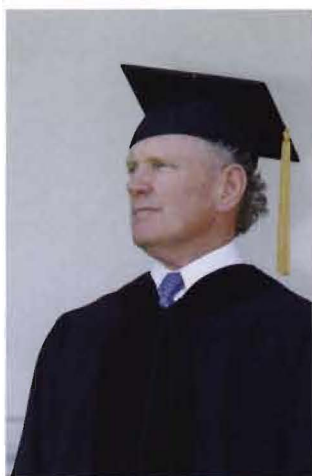
He served two terms as a state assemblyman, representing the 27th District from 1993 to 1996. In 1996 he was elected to represent the 15th Senate District in the California State Senate and was re-elected in 2000. He retired from the Legislature in December 2004.

McPherson became the 30th Secretary of the State of California in March 2005, after being nominated by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and unanimously confirmed by both the Assembly and Senate.

A longtime advocate of public education, he has been a leader in shaping new policy in such areas as reducing class size, updating core curriculum, establishing graduation standards, providing additional funding for textbooks, and passing nearly \$40 billion in state school bonds.

He has authored legislation increasing the number of school nurses and counselors, establishing high school after-school programs, and focusing attention on grade-level reading.

In 2002 he was selected by Cal Poly's Associated Students Inc. as its inaugural Legislator of the Year. ■



► BERG GALLERY DEDICATED



The College of Architecture and Environmental Design dedicated the Peter and Ida Mae Berg Gallery in a ceremony last spring.

The naming is a tribute to the couple for their long-term involvement with students and their support of the George Hasslein Endowed Chair for Interdisciplinary Studies, said CAED Dean R. Thomas Jones.

The Bergs donated \$700,000 toward the \$1.5-million endowment that created the Hasslein chair. Their gift is one of the largest ever cash donations to the college.

The Bergs have served as mentors to students by hosting them in a one-on-one "shadow program," where students visited them in Tiburon to learn

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more about the hands-on aspects of architecture.

Berg opened Peter Hoyt Berg and Associates in 1985. He has designed hospitals, schools, the South Terminal of the San Francisco International Airport, the Marin County Audubon Society Center near Tiburon and Harrah's Hotel in South Lake Tahoe. ■