

ALASKA ACCOLADES

I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW how much I enjoyed your recent edition of the *Cal Poly Magazine*. I am a '66 graduate of Cal Poly, teaching in Fairbanks, Ala. (Yes, still teaching and loving it). I teach the gifted and was able to put most of the magazine to use in each of my classes, as I strongly emphasize creativity. My students enjoyed hearing about the Disney World project and CYBER-MAN, as well as several other articles. They are presently creating habitats in space for the year 2065 and must come up with new and innovative ideas, since much of what we are using today will be obsolete. Next year our emphasis will be on solving crimes. Thank you again for your wonderful magazine. I know how much work is put into publishing it. I am looking forward to your next publication. □

— Judy (Pensinger) Farnham, Fairbanks, Ala.

ESTEEM SEEMS LACKING

JUST RECEIVED THE SPRING 2006 copy of *Cal Poly Magazine* ... it is extremely professional. The article entitled "Don't Call Us Cowboys" ... terrific photography and a wonderful rags-to-riches story. I would like the magazine to entertain another story ... this time about our university as a whole. I have a real issue with "how academically strong is our institution." I have read most of the facts and figures distributed by Cal Poly and can understand that some university stroking cannot always be prevented. Here are some questions the article may wish to address:

- Are students attracted to Cal Poly mostly because of low tuition?
- Will an A++ high school student consider a Cal Poly degree over a UC degree?
- Have we really achieved national notoriety ... coast to coast?
- Have our incoming freshmen classes steadily increased our admissions standards despite increased diversity efforts?

Living in Southern California, I hear a lot of good things pertaining to local UCs and private schools, although more recently the name Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, has been

cropping up in conversations as the desired college to attend. Nevertheless, most colleges under the CSU lack a certain esteem. I understand this request may be a slight departure from the norm, but as an ARCH '71 graduate, I feel alumni around the country would be very interested. □

— George Adrian, Glendale

FIFTY YEARS, REALLY?

MY GOODNESS, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE 50 YEARS, but I graduated from Cal Poly SLO in June 1956. I read with quite some interest your article about the Grand Reunion last year. In those days, those of us who attended the Kellogg-Voorhis campus (now known as Cal Poly Pomona) had to transfer during our senior year to complete our final two quarters and graduate from SLO. I remember well the vets who lived on the hill in "Silver City" and how it was a little hard to find female companionship in the local community. There were a lot of "imports" come Poly Royal days. Politics were not a factor in college those days. If any prof had a political opinion, he kept it to himself! I am indeed sorry to hear what goes on today. Well, I don't know if you are going to have anything for the 50-year alumni this year ... maybe John Madden, one of our more notable alumni from that era, may show up. □

—Dave Wilson, Jacksonville, Ore.

HE WAS PUSHED

IN THE ARTICLE "A Simply Grand Reunion," spring *Cal Poly Magazine*, I would suggest a small correction regarding the certificates given to wives. It was "Pushing Hubby Through," rather than "Putting Hubby Through." We still have ours and it was signed by Julian McPhee. □

—Chuck Erikson, Class of 1956, Hockessin, Del.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks for the correction. In the magazine story, Ruth Renihan used the term "Putting Hubby Through," for the award she received when her husband Lawrence (EE '50) graduated. Renihan says it doesn't matter to her if he was "pushed, pulled or put" through school, she was just happy that he graduated.

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