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Cal Poly's Homecoming Offers Events for Community Oct. 20-21

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly invites Central Coast residents to campus to celebrate Homecoming 2006 on Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, Oct. 21.

The university is hosting a dedication ceremony for the new, expanded Spanos Stadium at noon Saturday, Oct. 21. The event is free and the public is invited. When completed, the stadium will hold a total of 10,000 fans.

After the dedication, the Cal Poly Athletics will host the annual Mustang Corral Tailgate barbeque and the Alumni Association will host the 11th Annual Homecoming Wine Tasting and from 1-3:30 p.m. on the O'Neill Green between the stadium and the Business Building.

Tickets to the wine tasting are \$20 for the public and \$15 for CPAA members. Tickets to the Santa Maria-style tri-tip barbecue are \$20 for adults, \$18 for CPAA members, \$10 for children and children five and under are free when accompanied by a ticketed adult.

All barbecue and wine tasting tickets must be purchased in advance; none are sold the day of the game. Tickets to the Homecoming game, wine tasting and tailgate barbecue are available on the Homecoming Web site at www.homecoming.calpoly.edu.

Kickoff time for the Homecoming game is 4 p.m. in Spanos Stadium. Cal Poly's Homecoming opponent will be South Dakota State, also a charter member of the Great West Football Conference. The Jackrabbits posted a 6-5 record in 2005, finishing tied for third place in the Great West.

The Mustangs have won the only two meetings between the two schools. South Dakota State return 43 letter winners, including 14 starters, and will be led by place kicker Parker Douglass, who scored 99 points and made 19 of 26 field goals last year, and running back Cory Koenig, who rushed for 987 yards and eight touchdowns in 2005. But Cal Poly was a perfect 6-0 at home last fall and is one of the West's top five teams this season - and the game is sure to be a good one.

The halftime show will feature a performance by the Mustang Band and cheerleaders, and recognition of this year's Honored Alumni award recipients.

On Friday, Oct. 20, the Alumni Association will host Cal Poly's Grand Reunion honoring the golden anniversary Class of 1956 and celebrating all alumni who attended Cal Poly in earlier years. The CPAA is also celebrating the pioneering coeds of 1956 - the first class of women to return to Cal Poly since 1929.

Tickets to the Grand Reunion banquet in Chumash Auditorium are \$50, and can be purchased online.

For all ticket purchases and more details on all Homecoming events, visit the Homecoming Web site at <http://www.homecoming.calpoly.edu>.

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