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Dateline

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- **Speaker:** Patricia Breivik (Wayne State) on "Student Learning in the Information Age," Staff Dining Room, 3 pm.
- **Women's Studies Fall Quarter Potluck:** Hosted by Shawn Burn (Psychology and Human Development), 6:30 pm. Call ext. 6-1525 for details.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- **Music Lecture-Demonstration:** Pianist Leonard Stein on Arnold Schoenberg, Davidson Music Center 218, 11 am.
- **Speaker:** Paul Zimmer (University of Iowa Press), "Publishing for University Presses," Architecture 100, 3 pm.
- **Speaker:** John Oriji (History), "Ethnic Dimensions in U.S. and Nigerian History," Science North 215, 6 pm.
- **Volleyball:** North Texas, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)
- **Music:** Mezzo-soprano Jacalyn Bower-Kreitzer and pianist Leonard Stein, Davidson Music Center 218, 7:30 pm.
- **Play:** The Theatre and Dance Department presents "The Imaginary Invalid." Also on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15, and Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 20-22, Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- **Homecoming:** Through Sunday, Nov. 16. Call Alumni Services for info, ext. 6-ALUM (6-2586).
- **Videoconference:** "Evaluating Teaching Performance" presented by Peter Seldin and Thomas Angelo, Education Building, Room 25, 10 am.
- **Speaker:** Catherine Wessinger (Loyola University), "How the Millennium Comes Violently," UU 220, 3 pm.
- **WriterSpeak:** Paul Zimmer (University of Iowa Press), Philips Recital Hall, Cohan Center, 7 pm. (\$)
- **Men's Soccer:** CSU Sacramento, Stadium, 7 pm. (\$)
- **Play:** The Theatre and Dance Department presents "The Imaginary Invalid." Also on Saturday, Nov. 15, and Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 20-22, Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

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Diane Ferlatte

Storyteller to perform at Cal Poly Nov. 25

Diane Ferlatte will combine traditional storytelling with the contemporary stagecraft of costumes, lights, music and movement to tell her tales at 7 pm Tuesday, Nov. 25, in the Theatre.

Ancient tales, African folk tales and ghost stories are among the yarns she will spin in this Cal Poly Arts Family Series event.

The African-American stories Ferlatte first heard from her grandparents as she grew up in New Orleans still form the foundation of her repertoire, which now includes tales from many cultures.

Critics say that among her many strengths as a performer and writer is her ability "to imbue the ancient tales with new warmth and vitality while maintaining their cultural integrity. With all her acting ability, Ferlatte remains a true storyteller, evoking multiple characters simultaneously and catalyzing rather than dictating the images her audiences see in their minds' eyes."

Tickets to the event are \$6 to \$10.

State/United Way fund drive begins

For more information see page 3.

CSU studies responses to technology proposal

The chancellor's office has compiled the first set of campuses' responses to the CSU's proposed partnership with four well known electronics firms to build out the system's information technology infrastructure.

As part of the continuing evaluation process, 82 different issues were raised by 20 campuses about the California Education Technology Initiative (CETI).

President Baker, assisted by Jerry Hanley, vice provost for Information Technology Services, presented Cal Poly's list of concerns to the chancellor in mid-October. The responses derived from campus hearings and discussions were reflected in the systemwide compilation.

The proposed partnership of the CSU with GTE, Fujitsu, Hughes Electronics and Microsoft would spend about \$300 million raised in the private equity market to build out intra- and inter-campus information technology resources within three years, regularly upgrade them in the future, and provide training and continuous user support.

In the near future the CSU will hold a series of focused meetings with selected campuses, including Cal Poly, to assess campus interests and preferences from among the 50 revenue sharing opportunities in the CETI proposal.

In the collected critiques, Cal Poly and five other campuses emphasized that each campus should have an opportunity to study and respond to the exact terms and conditions for each partner, and the proposed partnership should contain a detailed, campus-specific implementation plan. Cal Poly and four other campuses expressed concern about the differences in values that may exist in the academic and corporate cultures.

According to the chancellor, Cal Poly shared most of the other concerns expressed by sister universities. For example, campuses said that the "ideal" partnership would mean they would keep revenue now being earned by continuing or extended education, auxiliary business operations, contracts, gifts, and other sources

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Middle Eastern Ensemble to play Nov. 23

The UCSB Middle Eastern Ensemble will introduce Central Coast audiences to the music of the Middle East in a concert at 7 pm Sunday, Nov. 23, in the Theatre.

The 40-member troupe, led by UCSB ethnomusicology Professor Scott Marcus, will perform both instrumental and vocal music from the Arabic, Persian, and Turkish cultures.

This will be the group's third San Luis Obispo appearance. The concert is sponsored by the Music Department and College of Liberal Arts.

Tickets are \$8 and \$10.

Bandfest '97 to open concert season Nov. 22

Bandfest '97, featuring the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and the University Jazz Bands, will open its 1997-98 concert season on Saturday, Nov. 22, with a variety of songs, including a musical tribute to John F. Kennedy.

The performance will begin at 8 pm in the Cohan Center's Harman Hall. The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra will begin the concert with "Fanfare and Flourishes" by James Curnow, "The Second Dawning" by James Hosay, "Overture Calafia" by David Rackley of the music faculty, and "Rocky Point Holiday" by Ron Nelson.

The University Jazz Band One, premiering under its new leader Paul Rinzler, will play "Treasure Hunt" by Bob Mintzer, "Oh!" by Ernie Williams, and "Samba de Carrera" by Dean Sorenson.

Jazz vocalist Christine Tarvares, with Jazz Band Two, will perform "Fly Me To The Moon" by Bart Howard and "Every Day I Have The Blues."

In a musical tribute to Kennedy, the Wind Orchestra will play "Presidential Portraits" by Walter Watson; "Elegy for a Young American" by Ronald LoPresti; the Navy hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"; and "America the Brave" by Stephen Melillo.

Music professors William Johnson and Rinzler will conduct the orchestras.

Tickets cost \$6 to \$13.

A 15 percent discount is offered to people buying tickets to at least three

Wind Orchestra and University Jazz Band events. Concerts included are the Pops Concert on Feb. 21; "Just Jazz" on March 14; a benefit concert on April 1; Festival Concerts on April 18 and 19; the Spring Concert, May 16; and Jazz Night, May 30.

The concert is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, the Music Department, and ASI.

Drunk driving simulator to be demonstrated Nov. 18

A car that allows sober drivers to experience the dangerous loss of physical coordination that results from drinking alcohol will be demonstrated from 11:30 am to 3 pm Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Transportation Services.

The S.T.A.R. (Sobriety Training for the At-Risk) car is equipped with a computer that can be programmed to simulate the reactions of alcohol-impaired drivers by delaying the car's braking and steering responses.

Students are considered a high-risk group because more than 21 percent of all arrests of people under age 30 are for drunk driving.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to see the S.T.A.R. car in action. The demonstration is sponsored by Public Safety Services. For more information, call Officer Lori Hashim or Investigator Ray Berrett at ext. 6-2281.

Here's how to reach us

The *Cal Poly Report* is published by the Communications Office every Wednesday during the academic year.

Please submit items by 10 am the Thursday before you'd like them to appear.

For information, call ext. 6-1511, or e-mail articles, suggestions, and questions to polynews@polymail. Items can also be faxed to ext. 6-6533.

Reminder:

Talk on learning, information age set today

Patricia Breivik, dean of the university libraries at Wayne State University will give a presentation on "Student Learning in the Information Age" at 3 pm today (Nov. 12) in the Staff Dining Room.

Hikari Ensemble to perform in Morro Bay

The music faculty ensemble Hikari will perform the works of Franz Joseph Haydn, Bohuslav Martinu, and Felix Mendelssohn in a concert in Morro Bay at 8 pm Friday, Nov. 21.

Professors Fred Lau on flute; Nancy Nagano, cello; and William T. Spiller, piano, will perform at St. Timothy's Catholic Church at 962 Piney Way.

The Hikari ensemble, specializing in a wide range of musical styles, will also premiere a new composition by local composer Garry Eister, who wrote the opera "The Glass Harmonica," which premiered at the 1997 Mozart Festival. Tickets are \$8 and \$10 and will be sold at the door. For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2406.

The concert is sponsored by the Music Department and the College of Liberal Arts.

Newman Catholic Center forming new group

The Newman Catholic Center is forming the Association of Catholic Faculty and Staff to foster better relations between Catholic faculty and staff members and students involved in the center.

Those interested in participating are invited to a meeting at the center, 1472 Foothill Blvd., at 5 pm Tuesday, Nov. 25.

For more information, call Sister Mary Pat White at 543-4105.

Tickets to the performances listed in today's *Cal Poly Report* are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 am to 6 pm weekdays and from 10 am to 4 pm Saturdays. To order by phone, dial 6-ARTS (ext. 6-2787). For information on Cal Poly Arts events, visit its Web site at www.calpolyarts.org.

ADVANCEMENT

Morris ends Athletic Hall of Fame

Don Morris, a University Center for Teacher Education faculty emeritus, and his wife, Jean, have created an endowment to support the Athletic Hall of Fame.

During his 42 years at Cal Poly, Morris was instrumental in developing the Athletic Hall of Fame concept. He subsequently served as Hall of Fame president and is a member of the Selection Committee.

He has begun a project to enlarge, laminate, and mat the photos of each of the 50 Hall of Fame members to complement the plaques that hang in the hall on the second floor of Mott Gym.

For information on endowments, call Mike McCormack, director of planned giving and endowments, at ext. 6-7125.

Cal Poly to observe World AIDS Day Dec. 1

Cal Poly's HIV/AIDS Education Committee and the Foundation Campus Dining office will join Cuesta College, the San Luis Obispo Art Center, local churches, and the county AIDS Support Network in observing the 10th annual World AIDS Day on Monday, Dec. 1.

The day will begin a week of educational programs and activities focusing on AIDS prevention.

At Cal Poly, members of the HIV/AIDS Education Committee will use black fabric to cover the art in the University Union and the UU Galerie, as well as art in the Kennedy Library. Art will also be "shrouded" at Cuesta College, Mission Plaza, and the Art Center in downtown San Luis Obispo.

The art is being covered to "honor the creativity and inspiration of the human spirit that has been lost with those who have died from the disease," said Stephan Lamb, a member of the Cal Poly committee.

The coordinating committee will provide fabric and an explanation of why the art is being covered to faculty and staff members who would like to shroud art in their offices.

In other activities, campus food outlets will join more than 30 county res-

taurants in the "Eat Out-Save Lives" fund-raiser on Friday, Dec. 5. The restaurants pledge to donate a percentage of that day's profits to the AIDS Support Network, San Luis Obispo's only non-profit agency serving HIV and AIDS patients and their families.

This year's theme, "Give Children Hope in a World With AIDS," emphasizes the fact that many people under the age of 18 are also affected by HIV/AIDS.

For information, call Pat Harris of the Women's Programs and Services office at ext. 6-2600 or Lamb at 6-6509.

... CSU studies responses

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(15 campuses made this point); employment security and career advancement opportunities for campus employees (11); current technology infrastructure assets and investments (9); some flexibility in the choice of technology systems and products (9); academic freedom and faculty control over the curriculum and its delivery (7); intellectual property rights and other rights (7).

Ideally, the partnership would give faculty, campuses, and the system opportunities to market educational products and services throughout the world (9); opportunities to form new partnerships with K-12 schools and private companies (7); new professional development opportunities (6); flexibility in the way the infrastructure is built out on each campus (5); flexibility in responding to changing technologies (5).

Campuses should not be required to redirect their own resources (7), and the CSU should not have to assume unusual financial or legal risk (5). The partnership should ensure that mechanisms exist for input by faculty, students, and staff (6), and the CSU should keep a controlling interest (5).

The "Summary of Presidents' Statements on CETI: The 'Ideal Deal' and 'Issues of Concern'" is available on the Cal Poly Web page: www.calpoly.edu/~its/sip. This site leads to a full description of the CETI project, President Baker's response outlining campus concerns, frequently asked questions, and background information about CETI. Comments and questions should be directed to jhanley@polymail.calpoly.edu.

State/United Way fund drive begins

Pledge forms for Cal Poly's 1997 United State Employees Campaign (United Way to ASI and Foundation employees) are being distributed to departments.

This annual fund drive enables employees to give through payroll deduction or by check to the local United Way or to any other non-profit organization. This year's campaign will run through Friday, Nov. 21, for state employees and through Monday, Dec. 1, for Foundation and ASI.

Of every dollar Cal Poly employees give to the local United Way, 99 cents remains in San Luis Obispo County.

Anyone with questions about the campaign can call the Communications Office at ext. 6-1511. Foundation employees should call Kim Miller in Foundation Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

Christmas Adopt-a-Family collection under way

The Staff Council has distributed collection cans on campus so that employees and students can contribute to the annual Adopt-a-Family-campaign.

Sponsored by the San Luis Obispo Housing Authority, the program buys Christmas presents for children living in low-income housing.

Last year, 60 gifts were bought with money donated by the campus community.

Please make checks payable to Friends of SCS and drop them in the marked cans around campus. Your donations go a long way toward making a family's holidays brighter.

Employee cookbook available at El Corral

A limited supply of the Cal Poly Employees' Favorite Recipes Cookbook is available at El Corral Bookstore.

The cookbook includes more than 200 recipes submitted by faculty, staff, and students. Proceeds will help support the Annual Holiday Luncheon and the Service Awards Luncheon.

Electrical outages planned campuswide

Campuswide electrical shutdowns are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Dec. 26. The outages will take place during daylight hours, and electricity is expected to be restored before dark.

The outages are planned as part of the high voltage upgrade. The new system will be computer controlled, allowing problems to be detected and isolated almost instantly.

In addition, the Mustang substation will be expanded, increasing its capacity. When complete, Cal Poly will own the substation now owned by PG&E, and the university's energy costs will be reduced, according to Deby Ryan of Facilities Planning.

Other electrical shutdowns are listed by building on the Utilidor Web site, which can be accessed through the Cal Poly home page under "What's New(s)."

For more information, call Ryan at ext. 6-6806

Videoconference to be in Education Building

An article in last week's *Cal Poly Report* announcing a Nov. 14 videoconference on "Evaluating Teaching Performance" listed an incorrect building location. The videoconference, from 10 am to noon, will be in Room 25 in the Education Building. We apologize for the error.

Health fair prizes awarded to 32 employees

More than 30 employees won prizes at the Employee Assistance Program's recent "Get a Boost" health fair.

Prizes included mugs and smoothies from Jamba Juice; movies from Hollywood Video; gift certificates from the Apple Farm, Bagel Cafe, and Aidas Bookstore; champagne brunch for two on Tiger's Folly; lunch for two at the Great American Fish Company; free meals at Mondeos, and a book from El Corral.

Winners were Al Amaral, Dawn Annoni, Karen Beaton, Cindee Bennett-

Thompson, Ray Berrett, Lee Bierly, Nikki Bowen, Shel Burrell, Alexander Desuasido, Laura Dimmitt, Shelly Dunham, Gary Epstein, Marsha Epstein, Joan Ganous, Pat Hosegood-Martin, Susan Hughes, Stephen Hughes, Marcy Maloney, Cori Marple, Jeannie McIntire, Becky Powell, Rachel Roberts, Barbara Schwenoha, Jack Scott, Dick Shaffer, Shirley Smith, Mary Lou Sneed, Linda Lee Thoresen, Billie Turner, George Westlund, Rebecca Wright and Michael Yoshimura.



Aero students win national design contest

For the second consecutive year, Cal Poly aeronautical engineering students won first and second place and an honorable mention in a national aircraft design competition.

The teams won a total of \$1,500 in the 1996-97 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Lockheed Martin Undergraduate Team Aircraft Design Competition. They competed against students from approximately 35 universities nationwide.

"Students in the senior aircraft design class are developing a national reputation for creating superb designs for unusual, very specific aircraft," said aeronautical engineering Professor Robert Van't Riet. This year the students' winning design was for a 60-passenger regional amphibious aircraft.

The first-place prize and \$1,000 were awarded for the design of a plane with twin turboprop engines on a high wing and a T-shaped tail.

Second place went to the Zephyr team with its high wing with turbofan engines design.

Students who won first place are Bruno Bachinger, Jesse Borge, Nick Demogines, Mark Doan, Ricky Gan, Kipp Peppel, Kaaren Sorensen, and Daniel Vigna.

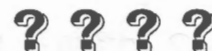
Second-place winners are Michael Alsbury, Ya Her, Carlos Melendez, Haruhiko Oda, Karen Soria, Lara Tigmo, and Rosanna Trinidad.

History professor to talk on Nigeria

History Professor John Orijji will speak on "Ethnic Dimensions in U.S. and Nigerian History" at 6 pm Thursday, Nov. 13, in Science North, Room 215.

Orijji will talk about his recent research, which compares the roots of ethnic conflicts in both countries. His research also delves into other themes, such as the diverse meanings of "ethnicity," "race," and "slavery" in the United States and Nigeria; how ethnic hierarchies are maintained and challenged; and projections about ethnic relations in the next century.

The presentation is sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Department and College of Liberal Arts.



'Quiz' on ADA to be sent to faculty, staff

The Disability Resource Center (DRC), in collaboration with the Faculty Senate and Staff Council, will distribute a "quiz" on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to students with disabilities and to all faculty and staff.

The quiz will be mailed to employees in mid-November. The results will be used to see whether the DRC needs to develop additional awareness programs.

The DRC aims to inform the campus community about disability laws and their effect on postsecondary education so that faculty and staff can provide better service to students with disabilities.

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to find out about their rights and responsibilities.

Everyone who completes the quiz will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant of their choice.

The "answer sheets" will be available through the DRC Web site in December and will be published in future editions of the *Cal Poly Report* and the Staff Council newsletters during winter quarter.

Dianne Long to talk on 'Women & Welfare Reform'

Professor Dianne Long of the Political Science Department will present "Women and Welfare Reform" at the Women's Studies Lunch-Time Seminar at 12:10 pm Monday, Nov. 17, in the Staff Dining Room.

Long, who specializes in policy analysis, public administration, and American politics, will explore such questions as:

- ♦ What is the new welfare reform?
- ♦ What precipitated this new policy?
- ♦ How will this new policy affect poor families?
- ♦ What is its impact on teen mothers?
- ♦ How does the policy affect immigrants?

For more information, call the Women's Studies Program at ext. 6-1525.

Students can apply to be Morris K. Udall scholars

Faculty and staff are asked to let students know about the Morris K. Udall Scholar program, which includes an award of up to \$5,000 a year.

Students interested in careers linked to environmental public policy, and Native American and Alaska Native students interested in careers related to health care or tribal public policy are invited to apply.

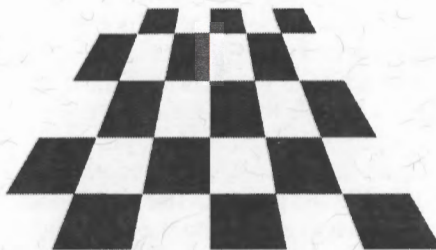
Established by Congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Morris K. Udall and his legacy of public service, the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation sponsors the program.

Typical areas of study include environmental engineering, the natural sciences, natural resource management, the social sciences, and Native American public policy. The candidates' plans of study should include course work in ethics and public policy conflicts, or public or community service in the candidates' career fields.

Eligible students must be current full-time sophomores or juniors pursuing baccalaureate degrees and be U.S. citizens, resident aliens of the United States or United States nationals. Awards will be given to students who will be juniors or seniors during the 1998-99 academic year.

Applications must be submitted to Robert Gish, director, Ethnic Studies, by March 1.

Interested students may contact him at ext. 6-1707 or stop by his office in the Math and Home Economics Building, Room 136.



Exhibits

- **Multi-Cultural Center:** Mexican Pottery plus two- and three-dimensional works by David Guernsey and John Garcia, through Nov. 15.
- **University Art Gallery:** Thai Visions I, through Dec. 4.
- **UU Galerie** "The Shape of Things," two-dimensional mixed media by Charlene Vidito Knowlton and sculpture by Ken Bortolazzo, through Dec. 5.

Please, please, please let's not be repetitive

Planning a universitywide event?

Are you going to publicize it in the *Cal Poly Report*?

Perhaps you're also preparing a flier to send to all campus employees?

Great. The Communications Office applauds all efforts to ensure a successful event.

We do, however, ask: If you plan to publicize an activity or program in the *Cal Poly Report* and if you also intend to mail a flier, please send just a small announcement for the *Cal Poly Report*. We'd love to include the basic who, what, where and when in a small one- or two-paragraph article, in which we'll also tell readers to watch their mailboxes for more information. The event will be included in the Dateline section as well.

All too often we will run a long, detailed article on an event, and then we – along with everyone else on campus – receive a brightly colored flier in our mail that carries the same long, detailed message.

Your help in minimizing this duplication will be appreciated.



All publications should be reviewed

The Communications Office reminds departments that all university publications going off campus should be reviewed by Darlene Slack, director of communications, before printing and mailing.

Slack also needs to approve requests for mailing labels, as well as the material to be mailed. Labels can be ordered from User Support Services and Advancement Services.

Send material to be approved to the Communications Office, Heron Hall, or fax them to Slack at ext. 6-6533.

For more information or to discuss a proposed publication, call Slack at ext. 6-1511.

Participants sought for women's program

The Women's Programs and Services office is planning its annual celebration of women's history during February and is seeking campus participation.

The theme for the month-long celebration is "Living the Legacy: 150 Years of Women's Rights."

The planning committee wants to include speakers and arts events. Individuals, departments, clubs, classes and colleges with program planned for February that could highlight women's achievements are urged to consider having their events included in the women's history program.

To request a proposal application, call the Women's Programs and Services office at ext. 6-2600. The deadline to submit proposals is Monday, Dec. 1.

PIECE OF MIND

Parking Structure

Dear Editor:

There are several issues raised in the interview with Robert Kitamura, director of facilities planning, that appeared in the Oct. 29 issue of *Cal Poly Report* that cannot be left unchallenged.

Kitamura's response of "No" to the question, "Wasn't the (parking) structure originally supposed to be built along Grand Avenue, across from Yosemite Hall?" is perplexing. One of the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act is the identification and examination of alternatives to the proposed project. The Parking Structure Draft Environmental Impact Report notes that, "The site chosen for the alternative location is the one originally (my underlining) proposed by Cal Poly to be located entirely on a portion of Lot G-1. The structure would have three levels and extend from the former location of Tahoe Road to the first entrance to lot G-1." A complete copy of the original Warnecke-DMJM design for the parking structure is available in the Facilities Planning office of Kitamura.

Numerous additional sources attest to the intention of Cal Poly to locate the parking structure on the G-1 lot. Cal Poly consistently presented the idea of the parking structure being located on that site, and the public accepted that that was where it would be. The public was not informed of the change to the tennis court site until April, 1996. Incidentally, it was this change in location, triggered by a misleading legal notice in the *Telegram Tribune*, that ultimately led to the lawsuit brought by the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association that resulted in Cal Poly agreeing to conduct an environmental impact review.

Furthermore, Kitamura stated that one of the reasons the tennis court site was chosen was because, "The geological conditions under the Grand Avenue parking lots would make it very difficult - thus very expensive - to put the structure even one level underground there." The decision to relocate the parking structure to the tennis court site was made before the geological study was

even begun. In fact, the geological studies were not completed until March 1997. Prior to the geological study, the assertion was that the soil on the G-1 lot was hard bedrock and, therefore, expensive and difficult to move. After the geological study was completed it was found that the soil is actually the "toe" of an ancient landslide. On this landslide area Cal Poly has built the dorms, Vista Grande restaurant, and the Performing Arts Center. Now, the soil is found in many places to be potentially unstable and too soft. This Goldilocks approach to explaining the soil condition, (it's too hard - no, it's too soft) is inconsistent with the actual geological studies and chronology of events. Also, the statement that the Cohan Center did not encounter problems and that it wasn't built underground is inaccurate. In fact, the Cohan Center did encounter excavation problems and is built, in part, underground.

Kitamura also failed to mention that the proposed "landscaped corridor along Grand, leading up to the Performing Arts Center and its plaza" calls for the elimination of all surface parking along Grand. If the university proceeds with this plan, there will be a loss of over 1,400 existing surface parking spaces to be replaced by the 936-space parking garage. What is the justification of losing 500 parking spaces for \$8.032 million?

The Alta Vista neighbors of Cal Poly do not share Kitamura's opinion that "the current site has the least visual impact on almost everyone involved, including Alta Vista neighborhood residents," and we question if the patrons of the Performing Arts Center will share this opinion either. The view from our neighborhood will be of a 311,000-square-foot, three-level, utilitarian concrete box of arguable aesthetic and architectural merit. The view from the plaza level of the Performing Arts Center to the south and west to the morros and the city of San Luis Obispo will be of the cars and light poles on the roof of the parking structure. Is this what the patrons of the Performing Arts Center are expecting?

Thank you for providing a forum for discussing issues that impact the lives of the students, staff and faculty of the university and the residents of the community of San Luis Obispo.

Marlin D. Vix, President

Alta Vista Neighborhood Association
Professor, Agribusiness Department

(Editors' note: In the previous Report article, the full quote about visual impact was, "Because high costs would require Cal Poly to build up, not down, along Grand, the university's position is that the current site has the least visual impact on almost everyone involved, including Alta Vista neighborhood residents.")

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Kudos

Dear Editor:

The new format of the *Cal Poly Report* suits me just fine. The front page Dateline is so conveniently located and easy to read. Also, I think the Wednesday distribution will result in a more timely readership.

Jane Brechler

Speech Communication

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Sports Complex

Dear Editor:

I guess I have been naive, but I did not realize that the *Cal Poly Report* was such a propaganda vehicle for the administration. I refer to Dan Howard-Greene's "Special Report on the Sports Complex" in the Nov. 5 issue.

I believe that most of us in the College of Agriculture want the unpleasant memory of the "planning" for this facility to quietly fade away, but the revisionist history of the planning for this project as put forward by the spokesperson for the administration requires a response.

The implication of the statement that "When the College of Agriculture Land Use Committee objected in the spring of 1995 ..." is false. That committee had been objecting, and (had been) ignored, since 1990 or 1991, and it was not until we took the issue to the Academic Senate in the spring of 1995 and got their support that the administration became cooperative.

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... MORE PIECE OF MIND

The administration's use of the word *consultation* is also false. I have been on the Campus Landscape Advisory Committee (which they claim to have consulted) for several years, the Academic Senate for several years, and in attendance at the College of Agriculture Land Use Committee meetings where this consultation has occurred. This consultation consists of the campus planners bringing in the plans and telling us what is going to happen. They are not prepared for, nor do they accept, any contrary opinions. This has been true on this project and seems to be the campus planners' and the Campus Planning Committees' approach to consultation on most campus planning issues.

I do not appreciate the administration attempting to look like good community citizens when the history of their actions indicates otherwise. Their recent attitude seems much improved, but they have a long history to live down.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

David Hannings, Professor
Environmental Horticultural Science

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Dear Editor:

I have two points to make concerning the article about the Sports Complex:

1. The students are paying an exorbitant price for a 60 percent share of 6 playing fields – about \$9 million of which over \$4 million is in interest payments. The total cost of the complex is \$9 million, of which at least \$3 million is for the two Athletics Department stadiums. Assuming that the six playing fields cost \$6 million (a hefty price), the 60 percent student share is \$3.6 million. Consider the fact that none of the \$1.4 million in Pepsi monopoly money went toward the student's share of the complex and you quickly come to the conclusion that these playing fields aren't even.

2. Your article made the very amusing assertion that the sports fields "will give students a hands-on laboratory" for the study of grasses, fertilizers, etc. I assume that you meant this in the same way that Mott Gym provides a labora-

tory for the study of hardwood flooring and stress analysis of metal and glass.

Paul Murphy
Mathematics

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Dear Editor:

The administration's position paper in the last issue of *Cal Poly Report* states a commitment to make the construction of the Sports Complex "result in a more beautiful campus...; provide quality outdoor laboratories, a better learning environment for all, and a wildlife area that will support a diversity of species..."

This commitment is very much in keeping with the preamble of the Campus Master Plan of April 1992 which states that "At a fundamental level, the primary function of the physical environment of the campus is the [sic] support and enhance the instructional and scholarly agendas of the university."

However, there is a yawning gap between such official statements and actual practice. Flowery rhetoric cannot hide the fact that the present configuration of the the Sports Complex plan will cause serious environmental damage and will destroy instructional and research resources widely used by faculty and students.

Such damage could still be considerably reduced by a reconfiguration of the project providing larger buffers for wildlife habitats at Smith and Shepard reservoirs **WITH NO LOSS OF ATHLETIC FACILITIES.**

The elimination of an unnecessary parking lot and road, and the relocation of the softball stadium to a site now designated as an open picnic area would increase the minimum wetland buffer from 25 feet to 100 feet and could significantly decrease both light and noise impacts on those habitats.

Despite repeated warnings and recommendations throughout the EIR planning process, the designers and the university administration have refused to discuss such changes of design. The changes they introduced between the draft EIR and the final EIR did not create larger buffers; in fact they

introduced a road that came closer to Smith Reservoir than any construction in the original plan.

The mitigations vaguely suggested in the current Preliminary Biological Study don't seriously address the crucial issue of wetland buffers except to state that "we will work with the developer and university to provide a larger buffer zone with a goal of providing a minimal buffer zone of 50 feet." [sic] In fact, San Luis Obispo County legally requires a minimum of 50 feet of buffer between any development and a wetland, a requirement from which the university has claimed exemption because it is a government entity.

The off-site mitigations SUGGESTED in the current report are excellent, but if adopted they would redress past environmental damage only to justify proceeding now with inflicting new and unnecessary harm.

The value of these wetlands habitats and the threat to them posed by the present design are obvious to anyone looking at the site, which is located 10 minutes from the center of campus. Persons interested in taking a lovely one-hour hike to view the bird sanctuaries at Smith and Shepherd reservoirs before they are irreparably damaged are invited to meet in front of Kennedy Library on Friday afternoons at 4:30 and Saturday mornings at 11:00 starting this week. For more information e-mail to: smarx@polymail.calpoly.edu

Steven Marx, Professor
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Dear Editor:

Why should there be surprise? In the last issue of the *Cal Poly Report*, there was a 2,300-word "Hot Topic," namely the "Special Report on the Sports Complex." The report is introduced with the comment that the way is now clear "for the project to proceed."

It has been explained to me that the unfortunate wording was not written by those who authored the report. I accept the unintentional slip. Nevertheless, the timing of the report continues the questionable procedures that the administra-

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tion has used in its all-court press for the Sports Complex.

It does not appear that the administration has been any more interested in obtaining feedback on the Special Report than it has been interested in obtaining feedback at the Oct. 28 meeting of the Academic Senate when the "Preliminary Biological Study on the Impacts of the Cal Poly Sports Complex" was made available.

In both cases, there was no advance notice and thus there was no possibility of discussion, oral in the case of the Academic Senate "Preliminary...Study," written in the case of the Special Report.

What is so infuriating is that the proposed mitigations cited in the Preliminary Biological Study were available and that repeated requests for a copy of the report were ignored. To put it another way, the Academic Senate and other faculty and staff were unable to respond at the Oct. 28 meeting because they were not given an opportunity to see the report prior to the meeting.

With regards to the Nov. 5 *Cal Poly Report* article, any written reply would have had to reach the editor on Nov. 6 to be eligible for inclusion in the next *Cal Poly Report* of Nov. 12 (The following *Report* will be distributed on Nov. 19, the day AFTER the aforementioned Academic Senate meeting.)

This is not the first time the administration has acted to limit discussion. Both in 1996 and 1997, the administration representative on the ASI Board of Directors urged the board NOT to allow a vote of the student body on the Sports Complex. After the student vote against the Cal Poly Plan last year, this is not surprising. By the student government, backed by the administration, refusing to support a referendum either in 1996 and 1997, there is a case to be made (that) any subsequent action was illegal.

But since no student is likely to have the time or money to bring suit, and since any such student would come under withering fire, it is unlikely legal action will be brought.

Despite the 2,300-word Special Report, environmental issues remain; financial issues remain; due process issues remain; claims of intimidation of

students who opposed the Sports Complex remain.

There are arguments to be made both for and against a Sports Complex of the present size, and no doubt many of these arguments will be raised on Nov. 18.

What is very sad is the length to which the university will go to gain its objectives. One wonders when, or if, this university will ever support openness and fairness.

Richard Kranzdorf, Professor
Political Science

(Editor's note: The phrase "With the way clear for the project to proceed..." that appears in the introduction to the Nov. 5 article "Special Report on the Sports Complex" was written by the Cal Poly Report staff; it was not part of the original statement about the sports complex supplied by Dan Howard-Greene, executive assistant to the president. We regret using this phrase because it suggests that debate on the sports complex has ended. We believe this phrase distorted Howard-Greene's message.)

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- **Homecoming Football:** U. of Dayton, Stadium, 1 pm. (\$)
- **Women's Basketball:** Weber State, Mott Gym, 5pm. (\$)
- **Men's Basketball:** Arkansas State, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)
- **Play:** The Theatre and Dance Department presents "The Imaginary Invalid." Also Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 20-22. Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- **Volleyball:** UCSB, Mott Gym, 2 pm. (\$)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- **Women's Studies Lunch-Time Seminar:** Dianne Long (Political Science) on "Women and Welfare Reform," Staff Dining Room, 12:10 pm.
- **Speaker:** Mark Singer, "Spaces Suspended in Time," Business Rotunda, 7:30 pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- **Poly Forum:** See the front half of Cal Poly's 50th anniversary Rose Float and hear about the half-century tradition of the two Cal Polys' partnership, Rose Float Flower Field, 7:30 am. (\$)
- **Demonstration:** S.T.A.R. (Sobriety Training for the At Risk) car, a drunk-driving simulator, Transportation Services, 11:30 am.
- **Leadership Program:** "Teacher Diversity: The Teacher as Leader" by Carl Wallace, UU 216, noon.
- **Learn-at-Lunch:** Kathryn Andersson, "A Natural Approach to 'Allergy' Relief," Staff Dining Room, noon.
- **Men's Basketball:** Cal Baptist, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- **Music:** Annual Baroque Concert, Cohan Center, 8 pm. (\$)

Position vacancies

Vacancy information and applications for the following positions are available from the appropriate Human Resources office. Vacancy information can also be accessed from the Cal Poly home page on the World Wide Web (address: www.calpoly.edu; click on "General Information"). AA/EEO

STATE (Adm. 110, ext. 6-2236 or job line at ext. 6-1533). Official application forms must be received by 4 pm on the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date. (No faxes.)

CLOSING DATE: November 26

#87060: Assistant Recruiting Coordinator (Clerical Assistant III), Career Services (Unit 7)*, \$2080-\$2464/mo.

CLOSING DATE: December 10

#89063: Network Analyst, ITS-Communications Services/Network Administration (Unit 9)*, \$3363-\$4592/mo. hiring range, career level.

*NOTE: For positions marked with an asterisk, qualified on-campus applicants currently in Bargaining Units 2, 5, 7, and 9 will be given first consideration.

FOUNDATION (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 6-7107). All foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 pm of the closing date. (No faxes)

CLOSING DATE: November 21

Assistant Supervisor, Catering, \$9.22-\$11.99/hr.

CLOSING DATE: December 1

Systems and Network Manager, Management Information Systems, \$3761-\$4888/mo.