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Dateline

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- **Speaker:** John Battenburg (English), "A Fulbrighters' Experience in Tunisia: The Land of Mosaics," Room 202, Science North, 7 pm.
- **Play:** The Theatre and Dance Department presents "The Imaginary Invalid." Through Saturday, Nov. 22, Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- **Teleconference:** "How May I Help You?" Library 202, 9 am.
- **Men's Basketball:** Simon Fraser, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)
- **Play:** The Theatre and Dance Department presents "The Imaginary Invalid." Also on Saturday, Nov. 22, Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)
- **Music:** Hikari Ensemble, St. Timothy's Catholic Church, 962 Piney Way, Morro Bay, 8 pm. (\$)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- **Football:** CSU Sacramento, Stadium, 1 pm. (\$)
- **Music:** Bandfest '97, Cohan Center, 8 pm. (\$)
- **Play:** The Theatre and Dance Department presents "The Imaginary Invalid," Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- **Music:** UC Santa Barbara's Middle Eastern Ensemble, Theatre, 7 pm. (\$)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- **Speaker:** Architects Gerald Green and Jeffrey Heller, "Workable Planning - Livable Cities: Planning and Development, A View From the Public and Private Side," Business Rotunda, 7:30 pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- **Leadership Program:** "Moving From Stress to Wellness" by Joan Cirone, UU 216, noon.
- **Women's Basketball:** Santa Clara, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)
- **Performer-Storyteller:** Diane Ferlatte, Theatre, 7 pm. (\$)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- **Academic Holiday:** Thanksgiving holiday through Sunday, Nov. 30.

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Solicitation of vacation/sick leave

Employees are being asked to donate sick leave and vacation credits for Rebecca Ramsey, records associate in Academic Records. She must take several months off from work because of a medical disability.

Donated vacation credits will help her receive full pay during her absence.

Anyone interested in donating leave credit may contact solicitation coordinator Janice Day in Fiscal Services at ext. 6-2608 or jday@calpoly.edu.

Eligible state employees may donate up to 16 hours total of sick leave and/or vacation credits per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more.

S.F. planning director, urban designer to talk

Gerald Green, director of the San Francisco Planning Department, and Jeffrey Heller, president of a Bay Area architectural firm, will present two views of planning and development at 7:30 pm Monday, Nov. 24, in the Business Building's Rotunda (Room 213).

Green and Heller will present "Workable Planning - Livable Cities: Planning and Development, A View From the Public and Private Side."

Green, a '77 city and regional planning graduate, has dealt with some of San Francisco's major building projects, such as a new stadium for the San Francisco Giants, the development of the Mission Bay area of the city, and the conversion of the Presidio, a former military base.

Heller, president of Heller Manus Architects, has established himself as an expert in complex, mixed-use, and master-planning projects. He has recently worked on commercial facilities and an office park at an airport, a medical office building, and a bank.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Heller is director of the California Council of the AIA and a founding member of the San Francisco City Club.

Both Green and Heller are fellows of the AIA.

The talk is the final fall quarter presentation in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design's Hearst Lecture Series.

For more information on the talk, call the college at ext. 6-1321.

'How May I Help You?' title of teleconference

The Kennedy Library is hosting a national satellite teleconference on improving customer service from 9 to 11 am Friday, Nov. 21, in the library, Room 202.

The presenter, Debra Wilcox Johnson, teaches, writes and consults in the areas of management, personnel issues, and training. The teleconference is being offered by the Office of Educational Telecommunications at the College of Dupage in Illinois.

To see an outline and other conference materials, visit the Web site at www.dupage.edu/soaring.html.

If you plan to attend, contact Sharon Fujitani at sfujitan@library.calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1105, or Carol Schuldt, cschuldt@library.calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2380.

A videotape of the teleconference will also be available after the broadcast. For more information, contact Mary Lou Brady, mbrady@library.calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2273.

Foundation board to meet Dec. 5

The Foundation Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting at 8:30 am Friday, Dec. 5, in the Foundation Administration Building's Conference Room (#124). This is a public meeting. For more information or to obtain a copy of the agenda, contact Executive Director Al Amaral at ext. 6-1131. A copy of the agenda packet is available at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk and the Academic Senate Office, Mathematics and Home Economics 143.

PIECE OF MIND

Policies

Had we but world enough and time, verbosity, dear reader, were no crime.

But in the interests of space and fairness, we're setting policies for *Cal Poly Report's* letters-to-the-editor column, "Piece of Mind" starting next week:

- ♦ First, tell us if you don't like these policies.
- ♦ We usually won't publish letters that repeat old information and opinions.
- ♦ Unless we have good reasons, we won't print one writer's mis-sives more than once every couple of months. We want to encourage a wide range of correspondents.
- ♦ Brevity is the soul of wit. Don't be half-brief. Letters should be 250-300 words long unless we become convinced they shouldn't.
- ♦ Letters should address campus policies and practices; we won't publish personal attacks.
- ♦ We'll edit letters to conform with journalistic style and, when needed, to make them shorter. We'll talk to writers before their letters appear if we plan to alter them substantially. Alter the letters, that is.
- ♦ We'll tell writers when we refuse to print their letters because they are in bad taste. The letters, that is.
- ♦ When a letter cries out for an official response, we'll find someone to reply and publish the two pieces side-by-side.
- ♦ We want readers to get balanced information. We'll solicit administration answers to questions on university policies and practices. We'll ask Academic Senate leaders to reply to questions about that organization, ASI leaders to tackle questions about that student group, deans to respond to questions about their colleges, etc.

You may fire when you are ready, Gridley.

—The Editors

Parking Garage

Dear Editor:

The residents of the Alta Vista neighborhood to the south of the university are painfully aware of the exasperating parking problems that exist on the Cal Poly campus. They, too, live with these problems every day.

Many Alta Vista residents are current faculty, staff and students, just like you. Others have lived adjacent to the campus for more than 40 years, are now in their eighties, and have retired from Cal Poly after decades of service to the university. These residents are not uncaring, insensitive outsiders. They are your teachers, your colleagues, your neighbors and your friends.

They want nothing more than to see the parking shortage problem resolved, but they also fervently believe that building a parking structure on the tennis courts is an inappropriate and environmentally devastating solution to the problem. The reasons for their opposition to the parking structure are:

- ♦ Air pollution will increase - at times by up to 50 percent in excess of California's CO (carbon monoxide) standards.
- ♦ Traffic will increase significantly as commuters attempt to avoid congestion at the entrance to a garage on Grand Avenue by seeking shortcuts through the Alta Vista neighborhood.
- ♦ Crime may increase.
- ♦ Noise from various sources - car alarms, squealing tires, horns - will increase.
- ♦ Glare from the parking structure lights and car lights cannot be mitigated adequately.
- ♦ Views will be impaired.
- ♦ Already limited athletic facilities will be eliminated.
- ♦ And yes, property values will more than likely go down.

Their concerns are no longer merely unfounded fears; they are now substantiated by data contained in the Parking Structure Draft Environmental Impact Report issued on Oct. 20. The parking structure, without any doubt, will create enormous environmental problems for

the Alta Vista neighborhood and the campus.

These environmental concerns may not move you to unconditionally support the Alta Vista position, especially if you are reading this after having just spent 30 minutes looking for a parking place and having parked in a remote area of campus because the ideal spot you coveted was not available.

There are several other issues, however, that may directly impact you:

- ♦ Is the tennis court site for a parking structure where you want to park? The money to build the parking structure is your money; it came from parking fees paid by the students, staff and faculty of the CSU. These funds did not come from the state legislature, i.e., the taxpayers of the state of California. Shouldn't the site of a parking garage be for your convenience and use and not for the primary benefit of the patrons of the Performing Arts Center? After all, you paid for it; they did not.
- ♦ Will the construction of a parking garage on the south side of campus magically make available that parking space you prize so dearly on the north end of campus?
- ♦ If a parking structure were built, regardless of its location, parking fees would go up \$6 per quarter. Wouldn't you question the fairness of a practice which uses your money to build a parking structure and then raises your parking fees, even if you continue to use a surface parking lot?
- ♦ Will an increase in parking spaces send a signal to those who currently ride the bus, ride their bikes, car pool or walk, to start driving their cars to school? Will the short-term benefit of increased parking spaces ultimately have only negligible impact as more people begin driving to school believing that it will now be easier to find a parking space?

To merely point out the problems without offering potential remedies would be inappropriate and irresponsible. The following suggestions are meant to be a starting point for discussion and not intended to be the definitive list of options.

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... MORE PIECE OF MIND

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Cal Poly could:

- ♦ Devote an appropriate amount of money to upgrade the G-1 lot to make it more user-friendly and attractive for patrons of the Performing Arts Center. Improving existing landscaping, lighting and signage, constructing covered walkways, and providing a shuttle tram system may individually and collectively be beneficial.
- ♦ Schedule events in the PAC, Mott Gym, and the Recreation Center so that there is only an occasional overlap of events, thus reducing evening parking space shortages.
- ♦ Offer prime parking locations to those with two or more riders per car.
- ♦ Offer discount parking fees to those with two or more riders per car.
- ♦ Provide a tram system to take commuters to the inner perimeter of campus from the outlying surface parking lots.
- ♦ Continue the bus subsidy.
- ♦ Construct a parking structure for dorm residents and leave surface parking for the commuters since many of the dorm residents do not use their cars on a daily basis.
- ♦ Construct a parking structure on the H-2 parking lot across from the library, a site that is central to the greatest number of classrooms, labs and offices and with access from both Grand and Highland avenues.

The time for public review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report ends Dec. 8. If you have concerns about the parking structure, please contact Robert Kitamura, director of facilities planning.

Solutions to Cal Poly's parking problems, other than building a parking structure on the tennis courts, can be found in ways that are more advantageous to the needs of the campus community and not detrimental to the environment and the neighbors to the south of campus. It is hoped that the university will take a courageous and bold first step in finding the correct solution to the parking structure dilemma.

Marlin D. Vix, professor
Agribusiness Department

Dear Editor:

I have reviewed Dr. Vix's remarks about the proposed parking structure written on behalf of some of the residents of the Alta Vista neighborhood, and I will make sure that the administration also considers what he has said.

The proposed parking structure's design and landscaping plus thoughtful traffic control will, I believe, mitigate any negative impact this new building would have on the campus and community.

Also, while parking is often tight throughout the entire core campus during peak hours of operation, a university study has determined that additional spaces are critically needed in the southern half of the campus.

The new parking structure will alleviate some frustrating parking problems; however, the university will continue to seek alternatives such as ride sharing, subsidized busing, and new parking lot and roadway configurations to help us meet present and future parking needs.

Bob Kitamura
Director of Facilities Planning

Sheep Unit

Dear Editor:

I stated in the *Cal Poly Report* two weeks ago that the Sheep Unit near the proposed Sports Complex will be relocated to make way for the new recreation fields, and the unit would have been moved anyway "because of pollution problems."

The statement contains an inaccuracy I would like to correct.

The university will be better served as the campus core expands if the Sheep Unit is relocated, an action approved by the College of Agriculture and the faculty assigned to the unit.

As for pollution, Regional Water Quality Control Board studies found contamination in Brizzolara Creek from agricultural and livestock operations, according to Bob Kitamura, director of facilities planning. However, Rob Rutherford, Animal Science Depart-

ment, who has been in charge of the Sheep Unit for many years, said studies showed that contaminants did not come from the sheep operation.

Cal Poly has not been cited for pollution, which is considered "normal" in a watershed containing farm and livestock enterprises, Kitamura said.

Nevertheless, the university will continue to work with the College of Agriculture and other groups to further mitigate ecological concerns, including any that may be connected to the new Sports Complex.

Dan Howard-Greene
Executive Assistant to the President

Exhibits

- **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.

Thanksgiving changes Report deadline

Because of the upcoming holiday and the approaching quarter break, we are changing the deadline schedule for the *Cal Poly Report*. The deadline to submit articles for the Wednesday, Dec. 3, edition of the *Cal Poly Report* is noon, Tuesday, Nov. 25.

The final fall quarter issue will be out Wednesday, Dec. 10. Articles for that issue need to be submitted by 10 am Thursday, Dec. 4.

The *Cal Poly Report* is not published during quarter break.

We will resume publishing on Wednesday with the first winter quarter issue on Jan. 7. Please submit items for that issue by 10 am Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Items can be e-mailed to polynews@polymail, faxed to 6-6533, or mailed to the Communications Office, Heron Hall.

For more information call ext. 6-1511.

Battenburg to talk on Tunisia Nov. 20

English professor John Battenburg will talk about his experience as a Fulbright Professor in Tunisia at 7 pm Thursday, Nov. 20, in Room 202 in Science North.

Battenburg will present "A Fulbrighter's Experience in Tunisia: The Land of Mosaics."

He will discuss both professional and personal insights gained from his experience. He will also show a short video, made with the help of a Tunisian research center, on "The Death of the Berber Language in Tunisia."

Battenburg coordinates the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Certificate Program for the English Department. He was a Fulbright Professor during 1995-97.

For more information, contact Battenburg at ext. 6-2945 or e-mail him at jbattenb@calpoly.edu.

CLOSING DATE: December 3

#89061: Operations Specialist (Career level), ITS-Communications Services-Telephone Administration (Unit 9)*, \$2135-\$2669/mo.

#87064: Clerical Assistant II, Electrical Engineering (Unit 7)*, \$930.50-\$1097/mo., half-time, \$1,861 - \$2,195/mo., full-time; temporary, half-time from date of hire to 3/31/98; full-time from 4/1/98 to 8/31/98, with possible extension.

***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.**

FACULTY (Adm. 312, ext. 6-2844)

Candidates interested in faculty positions are asked to contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed for more information and an application. Please submit all application materials to the department head/chair unless otherwise specified. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience, and timebase where applicable, unless otherwise stated.

CLOSING DATE: February 20

#83026: Assistant/Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department (805/756-1334). Tenure-track position starting fall 1998, teaching basic and advanced courses in mechanical engineering while pursuing an appropriate program of professional development. Qualifications: Recent engineering industrial experience. Specialty in mechatronics or thermal systems required. Ph.D. in mechanical engineering or closely related field required. Demonstrated ability in written and oral use of the English language. Experience in computer simulation desirable. Send cover letter and resume to Search Committee, ME Department (reference Recruitment Code #83026).

CLOSING DATE: January 30

#83029: Tenure-Track Position, Statistics Department (805/756-2709). Position available beginning 1998-99 academic year. Ph.D. required with special consideration given to individuals with interests in one or more applied fields. Applicants must have a strong commitment to quality teaching. Recent Ph.D., assistant professor appointment preferred. Send curriculum vitae, graduate transcripts, and three letters of reference to Robert K. Smidt, chair, Statistics Department. Refer to Recruitment Code #83029. For application call department at 805/756-2709.

#83033: Lecturer (Full-Time), Statistics Department (805/756-2709). Position available for 1998-99 academic year teaching undergraduate statistics courses. M.S. in statistics or equivalent graduate-level course

work. Preference given to candidates with demonstrated excellence in teaching and/or industrial experience involving applied statistics. For further information or application contact, Robert K. Smidt, chair, Statistics Department, at 805-756-2709 or e-mail: rsmidt@calpoly.edu. Refer to recruitment Code #83033.

CLOSING DATE: January 15

#83031: Lecturer (Full-Time), Philosophy Department (805/756-2041). One-year appointment beginning fall quarter 1998, with possibility of renewal. Five small classes (no more than two preparations) per quarter, no non-teaching duties. AOS: history and philosophy of science; AOC: history of philosophy, logic. ABD in philosophy; Ph.D. preferred. Applicants must document excellence in teaching introductory philosophy at the college or university level. Initial interviews at Eastern Division APA meetings. Send complete dossier to: Paul S. Miklowitz, chair, Philosophy Department.

#83032: Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering Department (805/756-2781). Full-time position beginning fall 1998 to participate in electrical engineering and computer engineering programs. Duties include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses and laboratories, primarily in digital design and microprocessor-based system design with its diverse applications to electrical and computer engineering. Candidates must have a strong commitment to teaching excellence and student learning, dedication to professional development and scholarship, and broad-based knowledge of undergraduate electrical engineering fundamentals. Ph.D. in electrical or computer engineering required, with industrial experience desirable. Demonstrated ability in written and oral use of English language required. Contact Martin E. Kaliski, chair, EE Department, at 805-756-2781 or e-mail at dvannoy@calpoly.edu. Refer to Recruitment Code 83032. Resumes can be submitted electronically as text documents via e-mail or attached as MS Word for Windows documents to dvannoy@calpoly.edu.

#83030: Lecturer (Full-Time), Physical Education & Kinesiology Department (805/756-2545). Position available for 1998-99 academic year (\$31,680-\$38,868) teaching undergraduate and graduate classes in both health education and health promotion; also teaching first aid/CPR and professional activity courses for P.E. majors. M.S. in physical education or health required; Ph.D. and college teaching experience preferred. American Red Cross First Aid/CPR Instructor certification required at time of employment. Send completed faculty application form (available from department), professional resume, official transcripts, and three current letters of recommendation to Dwayne Head. Please indicate recruitment code #83030 on all correspondence.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

• **Holiday:** Thanksgiving. Campus will be closed through Sunday, Nov. 30.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

• **Men's Basketball:** U of San Diego, Mott Gym, 2 pm. (\$)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

• **Learn-at-Lunch:** Joanna Verhaar (Center for Creative Counseling), "Capitalizing on Personal Power," Staff Dining Room, noon.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

• **Men's Basketball:** UC Santa Cruz, Mott Gym, 7 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.)