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Dateline

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

• **Holiday:** Thanksgiving holiday. 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. (\$)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

• **Speaker:** Felicity Hill (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom) will speak on a variety of topics, 1 pm, UU 216.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

• **Music:** Cal Poly Choirs' "A Christmas Celebration," 8 pm. Also on Saturday, Dec. 6, Cohan Center, 8:30 pm. (\$)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

• **Music:** Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra's Fall Concert, Theatre, 3 pm. (\$)

• **Women's Basketball:**

Gonzaga, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)

• **Music:** Cal Poly Choirs' "A Christmas Celebration," Cohan Center, 8:30 pm. (\$)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

• **Music:** Judy Collins, Cohan Center, 8 pm. (\$) **SOLD OUT.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

• **Commencement:** Colleges of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, and Liberal Arts at 9:30 am; Colleges of Business, Engineering, Science and Mathematics, and candidates for a Master of Arts in Education, 1:30 pm, Rec Center.

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L.A. Times columnist King to speak at Commencement

Los Angeles Times "On California" columnist Peter H. King will address the graduates when Cal Poly holds its 1997 Fall Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 13.

King, a former Cal Poly journalism major and 1976 co-editor of the campus newspaper, will speak at both morning and afternoon ceremonies in the university Recreation Center.

The morning ceremony, for graduates in agriculture, architecture and environmental design, and liberal arts, will begin at 9:30. The afternoon ceremony, for grads in business, education, engineering, and science and mathematics, will begin at 1:30, a half hour earlier than in recent years.

President Baker will recognize a total graduating class that includes about 800 bachelor's degrees and about 40 master's. Approximately 630 graduates are expected to attend the two ceremonies with friends and family members.

King, a Fresno native, has worked for several California newspapers besides the Times, including the San Luis Obispo Telegram-Tribune, Fresno Bee and San Francisco Examiner. He was also a reporter for the Associated Press.

He's been with the Times since 1982, serving as a roving state reporter, as city editor, and, for the last six years, as a columnist. His twice-weekly essays about his native state have received numerous awards, including selection as a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 1994.

haven't yet filled out a form, please check with your department captain. If your captain has already returned your department's forms, please call the Communications Office at ext. 6-1511. (Foundation employees should call Kim Miller at ext. 6-1121.)

State captains who still have completed forms should forward them as soon as possible to the Communications Office, Heron Hall.

ADVANCEMENT

Nestle Food Co. equips Food Science Lab

Students in the food science and nutrition program are getting the type of hands-on education for which the university is known, thanks to \$405,000 worth of scientific equipment and supplies donated by the Nestle Food Co.

Professor Joe Montecalvo has set up a Food Science Lab that he calls the "pride of the California State University system." "We've never had a lab before. This," Montecalvo said of the new facility, "is the industry. We can analyze anything."

With equipment such as gas and high-pressure-liquid chromatography units, students have embarked on such projects as analyzing the fat content of foods.

Students are not only learning, they are also having fun, bringing in their favorite soft drinks to analyze the caffeine content. The lab is used to teach such classes as food chemistry and food analysis.

Still time to give to State Campaign

There's still time to pledge to the United State Employees Campaign (United Way for Foundation and ASI employees).

If you'd like to give to the United Way or any other non-profit organization and

Ann Fowler

Ann Fowler, emeritus professor in Social Sciences, died in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on Sept. 30. Fowler began teaching at Cal Poly in 1965 and retired in 1982.

Chamber Orchestra to perform Dec. 6

The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra will play the music of Gabriel Fauré, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Beethoven during its annual fall concert at 3 pm Saturday, Dec. 6, in the Theatre.

Under the direction of music Professor Fred Lau, the orchestra will play "Pelleas and Melisande," Op. 80, by Fauré; English Folk Songs Suite by Vaughan Williams; and Symphony No. 2 in D major by Beethoven.

Tickets for the concert are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for the public. They can be bought 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 ext. 6-2787 (6-ARTS).

The concert is sponsored by the

Music Department, College of Liberal Arts, and the Instructionally Related Activities fund.

For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2406.

UU Reservation Office to close for holidays

The UU Reservation Office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 19, through Friday, Jan. 2.

Please contact Linda Lee Thoresen at ext. 6-5807 by Thursday, Dec. 18, to schedule UU facilities.

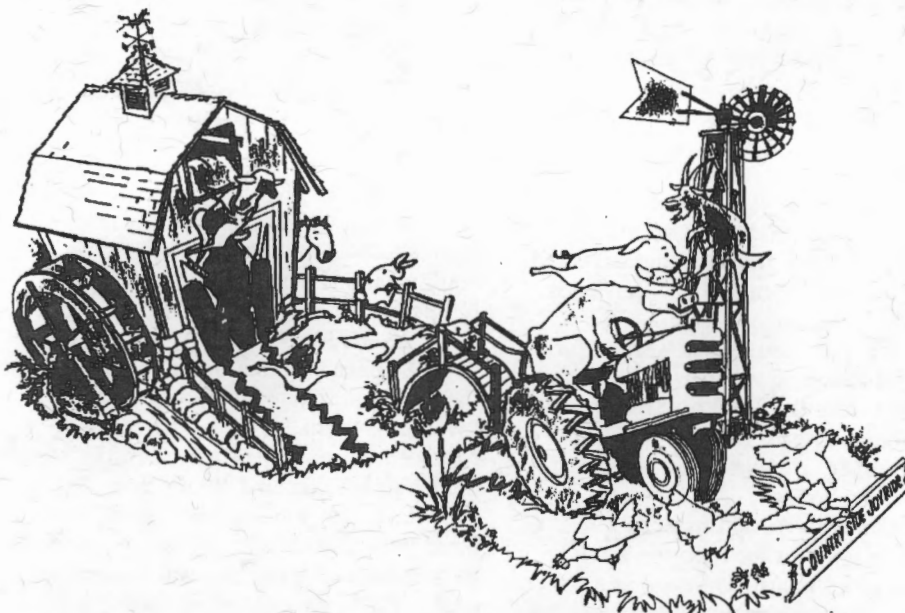
International activist to speak Dec. 4

The Australian leader of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will speak from 1 to 3 pm Thursday, Dec. 4, in UU 216.

Felicity Hill, has been speaking throughout the United States on issues facing women, domestic and international violence, racism and homophobia, nuclear disarmament, and the global economy and how it affects the environment. Her talks focus on how activists and potential activists can get and stay involved.

Hill has worked worldwide on issues of peace, nuclear disarmament, and the environment.

The talk is sponsored by the Cal Poly Women's Programs and Services office and San Luis Obispo's Mothers for Peace. For more information, call ext. 6-2600.



Celebrations planned for 50th Rose Float entry

The campus community is invited to be part of celebrations planned in honor of the two Cal Poly universities' upcoming 50th float entry in the 1998 Tournament of Roses Parade.

A 50th celebration gala dinner and "Deco Week" in Pasadena are scheduled during the last week in December. The dinner is planned for Saturday, Dec. 27, at The Odyssey restaurant in Granada Hills. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 pm and dinner will be served at 7:30.

Tickets are \$60 a person. Seating is limited, and reservations must be re-

ceived by Wednesday, Dec. 17.

To reserve seats, call Polly Harrigan in Student Affairs at ext. 6-6553.

Deco Week, from Friday through Wednesday, Dec. 26-Dec. 31, provides an opportunity to take part in the final phase of decorating the float. Volunteers are welcome to stop by to help or to meet other friends and alumni. The Cal Poly universities' float is usually located in the Brookside Pavilion, adjacent to the Rose Bowl.

Call Harrigan for more information, the exact location, and directions.

Dances to again be held in Chumash

Students will soon be able to "dance the night away" in Chumash Auditorium.

Dances have not been held in Chumash since 1992, when concerns about the structural integrity of the floor, which was not designed specifically for dancing, were identified.

In the last year, the ASI Board of Directors authorized funding for two studies to determine the structural strength and the effect of floor vibrations in the auditorium. The reports indicate that dancing would be safe for approximately 300 people at a time.

ASI officers are developing a dance policy, which should be completed winter quarter. Student clubs will be notified when the policy is finalized.

More than 50 requests a year are received from groups wanting to hold dances in Chumash. "The student officers are dedicated to meeting the needs of students and improving the college environment," said Soncia Lilly, ASI executive director.

Cal Poly Choirs to give Christmas concerts

The Cal Poly Choirs will help evoke the holiday spirit in "A Christmas Celebration" planned during the first weekend in December in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

The concert will be performed at 8 pm Friday, Dec. 5, and again at 8:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 6, both in Harman Hall.

The choirs include PolyPhonics, a group of 34 men and women; the University Singers, a 95-voice mixed choir; the Cal Poly Vocal Jazz Ensemble; and the barbershop quartets, Here Comes Treble and A Token Effort.

The program will include excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" and many favorite carols, both traditional and jazz.

Tickets are \$5 to \$10 for students, \$7 to \$13 for senior citizens, and \$9 to \$16 for the public. Buy tickets at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 am to 6 pm weekdays and from 10 am to 4 pm Saturdays, or order by dialing 6-ARTS (6-2787).

The concerts are sponsored by the Music Department, College of Liberal Arts, and the Instructionally Related Activities fund. For more information, call the Music Department at ext. 6-2406.

Proposals sought for extended ed programs

The CSU Commission on the Extended University has issued its 1998 Request for Proposals to improve and expand the ability of extended and continuing education programs in the CSU to meet regional and statewide needs.

The funding provides initial support to develop and implement new programs. Funding priorities, based on the commission planning document, are:

- ♦ Outreach to under-served populations;
- ♦ Development of statewide and regional instructional programs;
- ♦ Development of distance-education programs; and
- ♦ Development of international programs.

The commission intends to award both small and substantial (\$25,000-\$50,000) grants. One multicampus (two or more CSU campuses) project

could be funded for up to \$100,000.

Proposals are due in Cal Poly's Extended Education Office by Wednesday, April 1. For a copy of the Request for Proposals, call Janice Engle at ext. 6-5935.

CalPERS expands home loan program

The CalPERS member home loan program is offering a new FHA/ARM loan in addition to its conventional financing for buying or refinancing a home.

The FHA/ARM allows borrowers to qualify for loans at a lower interest rate under more liberal standards. Some of the benefits include:

- ✱ Competitive interest rates with different options.
- ✱ Controlled closing fees.
- ✱ 100 percent financing available.
- ✱ 1 percent annual interest rate increase cap and 5 percent lifetime increase cap.

To find out more, call (800) 874-7377 or visit the Web site at www.calpers.ca.gov/homeloan.

ADVANCEMENT

JBL donates equipment to Chemistry & Biochem

JBL Scientific Inc., a San Luis Obispo biotechnology company, has donated a chemical analysis instrument valued at \$10,000 to the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department.

The nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer will be used in the undergraduate organic chemistry laboratory.

"The gift of the NMR strengthens our undergraduate laboratory program," said Philip S. Bailey Jr., dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. "Undergraduates at Cal Poly have the opportunity to operate instruments that undergraduates on most campuses never even see."

"NMR is the primary tool for analyzing organic chemicals," explained Albert Censullo, department chair. "We are proud that our students get hands-on experience with such a sophisticated instrument at an early stage of their training."

PIECE OF MIND

Dear Editor:

Just a quick note to say "Thanks!" for the new look of the *Report*, and especially for the Piece of Mind section. It looks like a winner, even though you folks are taking some heat ...

Don't be discouraged. You are providing a wonderful service.

Pete Woodworth
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Services

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"Piece of Mind" is for your letters about campus issues. Questions, explanations, compliments, complaints — we want them all. Keep them brief, but keep them coming. Include name, department, and phone number. Mail to the Communications Office, Heron Hall; fax to 6-6533; e-mail to polynews@polymail.

— The Editors

ASI Children's Center receives grant

The ASI Children's Center has received a Child Care Food Program Reimbursement Grant for the 19th consecutive year.

The \$34,000 grant will enable the center to continue to provide breakfasts, lunches and snacks to children in the program while maintaining reasonable child care fees.

Additionally, the food program provides an opportunity for Cal Poly students majoring in nutrition to gain experience through employment, tours, and participation in a laboratory class.

The Child Care Food Program is available without charge to all eligible participants.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- **Music:** Cuesta Wind Ensemble's Holiday Concert, Cohan Center 8 pm. (\$)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

- **Women's Basketball:** Martin Tennessee, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

- **Men's Basketball:** Univ. of Missouri, Kansas City, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

- **Men's Basketball:** St. Mary's, Mott Gym, 2 pm. (\$)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

- **Wrestling:** Lehigh University, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

- **Wrestling:** Boise State, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

- **Women's Basketball:** New Mexico State, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

- **Women's Basketball:** Boise State, Mott Gym, 7 pm. (\$)

Cal Poly Report schedule

The final fall quarter issue of the *Cal Poly Report* will be out Wednesday, Dec. 10. The deadline to submit articles for that issue is 10 am Thursday, Dec. 4.

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

We will resume Wednesday publication 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.

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.

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: December 17

#89062: MVS Systems Programmer (Operating Systems Analyst), ITS -Computing Systems and Operations (Unit 9)*, \$3363-\$5819/mo., career level; temporary position for three-year funded program (1 1/2 year appointment with possible 1 1/2 year extension); requires successful completion of a background check including fingerprinting.

CLOSING DATE: December 10

#87065: Department Secretary II, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering (Unit 7)*. Only on-campus candidates may apply. \$2097-\$2485/mo., 11/12 work schedule; month of August off with pay.

#87066: Clerical Assistant II, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering (Unit 7)*, \$930.50-\$1097.50/mo., temporary, half-time, one-year appointment from time of hire 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.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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**Faculty/Staff payday
is December 1**