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DATELINE

(\$) – Admission charged

Exhibits

Kennedy Library: “‘This is woman’s hour ...’ — The Life of Mary Baker Eddy.” Ends today. Atrium.

University Art Gallery (Dexter): “Driven,” photo retrospective by Jesse Alexander. Through Dec. 7. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily plus 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Wednesday, November 28

Music: Ray Mutchler, BackStage Pizza, 11 a.m.

International Terrorism Seminar: Military and Intelligence Issues. Panelists: Randal Cruikshanks (Political Science emeritus) and Lt. Col. Larry Kimmel Jr. (Camp Roberts). Christopher Cohan Center Pavilion, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 29

Music: Music Department student recital, Davidson Music Center 218, 11 a.m.

Telecomm Presentation: On the university’s upgrade to its telecommunications infrastructure, UU 220, 11 a.m.

Faculty Workshop: On library resources and services, Library 111-H, 11 a.m.

What Else We Do Forum: Don Lazere (English), “Cultural Studies and Teaching Political Conflicts II: James Baldwin’s ‘The Fire Next Time,’” Science North 201, 11:10 a.m.

World AIDS Day events: Through Saturday (Dec. 1). Call AIDS Support Network, 721-3660, for information.

Friday, November 30

Music: Music Department’s Fall Concert with the Chamber Orchestra, Theatre, 8 p.m. (\$)

Saturday, December 1

Music: University Jazz Bands Fall Concert, Theatre, 8 p.m. (\$)

Monday, December 3

Workshop: Coastal Research Needs and California Sea Grant Program, UU 220, 1 p.m.

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A Gift of Song



The Here Comes Treble quartet will blend its voices with other members of the Cal Poly Choirs at the annual Christmas concert Dec. 8 (see page 3).

Unocal to donate pier at dedication Thursday

At a dedication ceremony Thursday (Nov. 29), Unocal Corp. will donate its Avila Beach pier to Cal Poly for the establishment of a marine science center.

The Cal Poly Marine Science Education and Research Center will be overseen by the College of Science and Mathematics. The laboratory facility will be the only one of its kind between Santa Barbara and Monterey and the only one in the nation focusing on undergraduate education.

The center will be used primarily by undergraduates. Besides regular classes, it will be used for interdisciplinary projects in such areas as marine science, oceanography, marine geology, meteorology, marine biotechnology, bioremediation, molecular biology, biochemistry, and mathematical, statistical and computer modeling.

“This once-in-a-lifetime donation from Unocal is just the latest example of Unocal’s longtime interest in and support of Cal Poly’s science programs,” President Baker said. “The center will not only benefit Cal Poly students and faculty but

also increase the understanding and stewardship of the Central Coast’s marine life.”

The pier, originally built in 1914 and rebuilt in 1984, is valued at \$18 million. Unocal also will establish a \$3.5 million endowment for maintenance and operation of the facility. The corporation bought the pier in 1941 and used it for transporting petroleum until the mid-1990s.

The 0.6-mile-long pier’s existing office building will be renovated for teaching, research, offices and meeting areas. Students working on research projects will be bused from the campus to the pier.

“Our undergraduate students will participate in the development of what surely will become a nationally recognized marine science center,” said Dean of Science and Mathematics Phil Bailey. “Their research will be cutting-edge, important to the marine research community, and beneficial to the Central Coast.”

Plans include partnerships with Cuesta and Hancock colleges, the San Luis Obispo County schools office and community nonprofit organizations. □

Terrorism panel tonight

Cal Poly's discussion series on international politics and terrorism will continue at 7 p.m. this evening (Nov. 28) with a look at military and intelligence issues.

The third forum in the continuing series will be in the Christopher Cohan Center Pavilion.

Panelists will be Political Science Professor Emeritus Randal Cruikshanks, speaking on intelligence issues, and, on the military side, California Army National Guard Lt. Col. Larry Kimmel Jr. They will address the objectives that guide the military and intelligence communities as they respond to international terrorism and the problems they face.

Cruikshanks served as an Army intelligence officer in Europe before joining the Cal Poly faculty. He has an extensive academic background in international relations.

Kimmel, post commander at Camp Roberts, has had a 35-year career in the Armed Forces, including service in Airborne Special Forces in Vietnam. He has served in the National Guard since 1983 and was camp commander at Camp San Luis Obispo in 1995-96.

Political Science Professor Phil Fetzer will moderate the discussion, designed to provide information of general interest.

For more information contact Anny Morrobel-Sosa at ext. 6-1380 or Fetzer at ext. 6-6147.

Baldwin's 'Fire,' politics topic of Thursday forum

English Professor Don Lazere will discuss the intersection between literature and politics in James Baldwin's essay "The Fire Next Time" in a Thursday (Nov. 29) forum.

Part of the English Department's What Else We Do Forum series, the program will be 11:10 a.m.-noon in Science North 201.

Prefacing the talk as "Cultural Studies and Teaching Political Conflicts II," Lazere will continue making a case for "the legitimacy – indeed the necessity – of fostering critical thinking about politics, and of political debate, in teaching all areas of the humanities, without the imposition of 'political correctness' by teachers." The talk follows up a related presentation Lazere made Nov. 8 on Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman."

The presentation will sum up the perspective Lazere has developed in his books, articles and courses in relation to recent theoretical trends in English and the humanities. He will illustrate these points with an analysis of the literary dimensions of "The Fire Next Time," demonstrating what he calls Baldwin's "astonishing foresight into current American politics, nationally and internationally," including the events of Sept. 11.

For more information, contact the English Department at ext. 6-2597 or series organizer Debora Schwartz at ext. 6-2636. □

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Monday, December 3 (continued)

Musical: "Ragtime," Christopher Cohan Center's Harman Hall, 8 p.m. (\$) Reception 5-7 p.m., University Art Gallery (Dexter). Pre-concert lecture by Alyson McLamore (Music), PAC Philips Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4

Music: Tim Jackson, BackStage Pizza, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, December 5

Music: Guy Budd, BackStage Pizza, 11 a.m.

Thursday, December 6

Music: Jill Cohn, BackStage Pizza, 11 a.m.

Music: Music Department student recital, Davidson Music Center 218, 11 a.m. □

Restaurants mark World AIDS Day Saturday

More than 50 restaurants from Parkfield and Ragged Point to Arroyo Grande and Morro Bay will donate 10 percent of their profits on Saturday (Dec. 1) to the county's AIDS Support Network to mark World AIDS Day.

Other related events include an "Awareness, Survival, Hope" presentation at the Cuesta College Art Gallery at 3-4 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 29), a waiters race at 6:30 p.m. during San Luis Obispo's Farmers' Market Thursday, art shroudings in downtown San Luis Obispo and at Cal Poly Friday (Nov. 30), and an AIDS Memorial Grove Open House at Rancho El Chorro Regional Park Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For a list of participating restaurants, check www.ASN.org or call the AIDS Support Network at 781-3660. For other information, call Suzanne Fritz in Housing and Residential Life at ext. 6-6124.

The events, supported by a grant from the state's Office of AIDS, are co-sponsored by Cal Poly, Cuesta College, the AIDS Support Network, the County Arts Council and the participating restaurants. □



Children's gifts sought for holidays

The university's Center for Student Community Volunteerism and Service Learning, in conjunction with Cal Poly's Enrich program, the San Luis Obispo Housing Authority, and the nonprofit Big Brothers and Sisters organization, is coordinating a holiday gift drive through Dec. 8.

Items such as books, soccer balls, jewelry kits and blocks are being sought for children of low-income families in San Luis Obispo County.

"We hope to be able to provide gifts for more than 300 children," said Anita Shower of the Housing Authority. "Colorful Legos and anything that goes fast are what kids seem to go for in our office. The gifts are given anonymously so that the parents can specify who the present is from."

A tree of names to pick from is located in UU 217-L. For more information, call Maya Andlig at the Center for Student Community Volunteerism and Service Learning at ext. 6-6749.

Coastal research topic of Monday workshop

A Coastal Research Needs workshop, sponsored by the California Sea Grant Program and the Grants Development office, will be held 1-4 p.m. Monday (Dec. 3) in UU 220.

The California Sea Grant, the largest of 30 similar multidisciplinary programs in coastal and Great Lakes states, is charged with "increasing the understanding, assessment, development and conservation of the nation's coastal and marine resources by providing assistance to promote a strong educational base, responsive research and training activities, and broad and prompt dissemination of knowledge and techniques."

Presenters and topics will include:

- Shauna Oh, program manager, research and education, California Sea Grant Program, UC San Diego: Sea Grant research opportunities for 2002.

- Regina Wilson, program manager for the Morro Bay Volunteer Monitoring Program: recent research on Morro Bay and current research needs.

- Michael Fish, director of Grants Development: Cal Poly's institutional proposal process.

Faculty members and students from Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Science and Mathematics, and the University Center for Teacher Education are invited.

Refreshments will be served. Reservations are required.

For more information or to make a reservation, call ext. 6-2982. □

Cal Poly Housing Corp. to hold meeting Friday

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corp., the nonprofit auxiliary charged with developing faculty-staff and student housing, will hold a regular meeting at 10 a.m. Nov. 30 in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information or a copy of the agenda, contact Bob Ambach, associate executive director of the Foundation, at ext. 6-1131. A copy of the agenda packet is available for review at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk. □

'Whose holiday is it?' to be lunch topic Dec. 7

The Cultural Awareness Committee will hold a Brown Bag Discussion noon-1 p.m. Dec. 7 in Erhart Agriculture 241 on how the coming holiday season affects students of different cultures.

For more information, contact Bonnie Krupp at ext. 6-5406. □

Retirement reception set for two ASI employees

ASI is planning a retirement reception for two longtime employees, Sally Mello and Linda Lee Thoresen, 2-4 p.m. on Dec. 12 in UU 220.

Mello, assistant to the executive director, came to Cal Poly in 1979. Thoresen, reservations coordinator, was hired in 1984. □

Cal Poly CFFA chapter wins national award

The Cal Poly chapter of the Collegiate Future Farmers of America (CFFA) has been recognized as the Outstanding Professional Development Program among CFFA programs nationwide.

The group won the award in the National Program of Excellence Competition for Collegiate Agricultural Education and Alpha Tau Alpha organizations held at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky, in October.

The chapter's 2000-2001 activities were evaluated for originality, number and variety, and relevance to professional development, community service, fund raising and fellowship.

Competition team members were agricultural science majors Sara Araujo, Gregg Bridges, Albert Graham and Alana Pucci and agriculture graduate students Kristopher Elliot, Josiah Mayfield and Roberta McDonald.

The competition included chapters from 10 other colleges and universities across the country, including such schools as Cornell University, UC Davis and the University of Illinois.

Foundation board to meet Dec. 7

The Foundation Board of Directors will hold a public meeting at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 7 in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Foundation Executive Director Frank Mumford at ext. 6-1131.

A copy of the agenda packet will be available Dec. 3 for review at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk, Room 114, and at the Academic Senate office in Room 143 in the Mathematics and Science Building. □

Cal Poly Choirs to give Christmas concert Dec. 8

The Cal Poly Choirs will ring in the holidays with their annual concert, "A Christmas Celebration," at 8 p.m. Dec. 8 in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center.

The concert will feature performances by PolyPhonics, the 34-member mixed choir; The University Singers, Cal Poly's largest mixed choir; Cal Poly Vocal Jazz; and the barbershop quartets Here Comes Treble (see photo on page 1) and Grand Avenue.

The choirs will be accompanied by Music Department members Susan Azaret Davies and Catherine Harvey.

Besides singing familiar compositions from the Renaissance and newly composed works, the choirs will invite the audience to participate in a carol sing-along.

The featured work, "O Magnum Mysterium" by Leo Nestor, is described as a moving piece for chorus, brass and percussion. For its performance, the Cal Poly Choirs will be joined by faculty members Clyde Quick on trumpet and Jane Swanson playing the French horn, as well as by students from the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra. Faculty member Henry Spiller will be featured on the harp with The University Singers.

Tickets are \$7 to \$15. The holiday concert is sponsored by the Music Department, College of Liberal Arts and Instructionally Related Activities program.

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

Deadline Jan. 14 for faculty support grants

The deadline is Jan. 14 to submit proposals for State Faculty Support Grants, which support research, scholarship, and creative activities that help faculty members remain current in their disciplines. The work should also be intended to strengthen California socially, culturally and economically.

Faculty members in Bargaining Unit 3 are eligible to compete for funding. Priority will be given to non-tenured faculty members, to those in disciplines with few outside sources of support, and to projects likely to attract external funding.

Types of support are:

- Mini-grants of up to \$5,000, to be expended during the 2002-2003 academic year.

- Assigned time for research, creative activity or scholarship.

- A quarter leave at full pay to develop or complete an appropriate activity related to one's academic discipline.

Awards, made only to faculty members who intend to return to Cal Poly the following fall quarter, are contingent on next year's budget.

Proposals are due in Research and Graduate Programs, Science and Math 154, by 4:30 p.m. Jan. 14. For guidelines, call ext. 6-1508, stop by the office, or go online to www.calpoly.edu/~rgp. □

Business dean receives fund-raising award

Orfalea College of Business Dean Bill Pendergast has been chosen to receive the California State University's Bautzer Faculty University Advancement Award to attend the Dec. 8-11 western district conference of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, a national organization of fund-raising and public relations professionals.

Pendergast was selected for his involvement in the university's Centennial Campaign and other fund-raising efforts and his interest in expanding such activities in his college. He will receive \$1,500 to attend the conference.

Each of the CSU's campuses chooses a representative to receive the award.

Student entries sought for CSU research contest

Faculty advisers are asked to encourage their senior project students and graduate students to submit entries for the 16th annual CSU Student Research Competition to be held May 3-4, 2002, at Long Beach State.

The annual systemwide competition showcases research being conducted by undergraduate and graduate students in all academic disciplines offered by the CSU.

Student participants will make oral presentations to juries of experts from major corporations, foundations, public agencies and universities in California. Cash prizes are awarded in each category.

Campus entries must be received in Research and Graduate Programs by Feb. 25. Students must be nominated by their college dean. Guidelines and a registration form are available online at www.calpoly.edu/~rgp/src.

For more information, call Research and Graduate Programs at ext. 6-1508. □

Cashier open Dec. 31

The December payday for faculty and staff members is Dec. 31, an official campus holiday. Arrangements have been made to have the Cashier's Office (Adm. 131-E) open 3-4:30 p.m. that day for the release of payroll warrants.

Checks cannot be released before that time because of state treasurer's office restrictions. Checks will be released directly to the individual employee because individuals normally authorized to pick up checks for departments will be gone. Checks not picked up on Dec. 31 can be picked up by a department representative as a batch on Jan. 2.

For more information on the December payday, call Payroll Services at ext. 6-2605. □

CPR Schedule

The last fall quarter edition of *Cal Poly Report* will be out Dec. 12. Articles for that issue are due to Public Affairs by 10 a.m. Dec 5. Items can be e-mailed to polynews@polymail, faxed to ext. 6-6533, or mailed to Public Affairs, Heron Hall. For more information, call ext. 6-1511.

Position Vacancies

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INC. is accepting applications for the following position(s). Complete position descriptions and applications are available at the ASI Business Office, University Union, Room 212, M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., ext. 6-5800. All applications must be received by 5 p.m. of the listed closing date. AA/EOE.

UU Administrative Assistant, \$16-20.59. Open until filled, review of applications begins Dec. 3. □

Campus Dining wins waste reduction award

Campus Dining was recognized for outstanding efforts to reduce waste and protect the environment in the state's 2001 Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP).

The award is sponsored by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the state's primary recycling agency and part of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

WRAP awards recognize businesses for cutting the amount of trash they produce, conserving resources and reducing waste disposal in landfills. Practices evaluated include waste prevention, materials reuse, recycling, recycled-product procurement and employee education.

For more information about Campus Dining's waste reduction efforts, call Alan Cushman, associate director, at ext. 6-1175.

For a list of winners by county, visit the waste board's Web site at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/WRAP/. □

Ticket information

Tickets to performances listed in today's *Cal Poly Report* are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Call ext. 6-2787, or fax your order to ext. 6-6088.

Tickets can also be bought online via www.Tickets.com. Visit the Performing Arts Center's Web site at www.pacslo.org and click on "Event Calendar."

Information on Cal Poly Arts events, including audio and video samples of artists' work, can be found on the Web at www.calpolyarts.org.