

# CAL POLY

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## REPORT

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### Cal Poly rated tops again in U.S. News rankings

For the fourth year in a row, U.S. News and World Report has rated Cal Poly the top public regional university in the West.

The College of Engineering was ranked fourth in the country (the top public institution), in a new national listing separating engineering schools without Ph.D programs from those offering doctoral degrees.

U.S. News' "America's Best Colleges" edition rates Cal Poly 13th overall among Western regional institutions. The 12 private institutions rated above Cal Poly are led again by Trinity University of Texas.

Cal Poly is also again rated tops in academic reputation among public institutions in its category. It is tied for third place when private institutions are included.

Cal Poly showed improvement in the ratings for the quality of its students, ranking the third most selective among regional universities in the West. This criterion is based on both academic qualification and the percentage of applicants admitted.

The university's success rate in keeping and graduating students dipped from 21st to 24th in its class.

Cal Poly's relative financial resources stayed the same at 53rd.

In the "faculty resources" category (student-faculty ratio, class size, faculty qualifications and salary, and percentage of part-time faculty), Cal Poly dropped from 12th place to 51st. The survey ranked the university 30th, up from 38th, in the percentage of alumni who give money to the school.

No other public institution is among U.S. News' 1996 top Western regional universities. Cal Poly has been among the very best in its class in nine of the ten years the survey has been produced.

In the survey, Cal Poly's engineering program was topped only by three private institutions: Cooper Union (NY), Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (IN), and Harvey Mudd College (CA).

U.S. News and World Report also ranked the "best values" among universities. Looking at "sticker price," Cal Poly is rated the second best buy among Western regional universities and the ninth best-buy in a "discount price" comparison that factors in the amount of financial aid an average student receives.

### Director selected for student relations

The former director of academic support services and director of the office of minority affairs at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, is the new director for campus student relations and judicial affairs in the Student Affairs Division.

Sean Banks succeeds Carl Wallace, who now is special assistant to the director of the University Center for Teacher Education.

Banks also served as assistant resident dean at Thurgood Marshall College at UC San Diego.

He has developed a number of innovative support programs for at-risk students and created new adjudication processes for both college and residential life judicial programs.

He has served as a mediator for the UCSD Mediation Unit and the City of San Diego Mediation Center; researched, drafted and amended California Penal Code legislation; and worked with victims of domestic violence, the elderly, indigent, mentally challenged and incarcerated.

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### Audiovisual Services has new name, policies

Audiovisual Services is now called University Media Services (UMS) and is under the administration of the Kennedy Library.

The name was changed to better reflect the upgrade in the technology supported by the department.

UMS, still located in Room 9 in the Education Building, will continue to check out equipment and provide classroom installations and services for the campus.

The following changes and policies are in effect beginning fall quarter:

New hours are 8 am to 7 pm, with limited services from 5 to 7 pm Mondays through Thursdays, and from 8 am to 5 pm Friday.

☐ Faculty members must have a signature card on file to authorize student check-outs.

☐ For class assignments, class lists with the faculty member's signature can be used.

☐ Quarterly classroom equipment requests are needed to ensure equipment installation by the beginning of fall quarter. Forms have been mailed to individuals and departments.

☐ Videos are now in the Learning Resources and Curriculum Department in the library.

☐ Requests for media distribution to the classrooms will still be made through UMS. Distribution requests should be made by noon at least one day prior to showing.

☐ A rental fee will be charged for all equipment checked out for personal use. Call UMS for a fee schedule.

For request forms or more information, call UMS at ext. 7198.



## The music of Spain to play at Cal Poly

The lively music of Spain will be performed by the quartet La Musgana at 8 pm Saturday, Sept. 21, in the Theatre.

La Musgana plays the traditional music of Spain's Castillian countryside on traditional instruments such as the gaita charra y tamboril (pipe and tabor), zanfona (hurdy-gurdy), bagpipes and other percussive instruments. The group adds a contemporary twist with bass guitar and clarinet to create a unique sound.

La Musgana is known for passionate, exhilarating performances, a flair for fun, and the ability to pass it all along to audiences.

Tickets cost \$10 to \$15 and can be bought at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office. For reservations, call ext. 2787.

## Art and design faculty exhibit their work

A Cal Poly art and design faculty exhibit of studio art, graphic design, and photography begins today (Sept. 16).

The exhibit, titled "On Your Mark," will be in the University Art Gallery in the Dexter Building through Sunday, Nov. 3.

The "mark" is the logo or representative emblem of the artist's style and will be included with each artist's group of work.

Paintings, drawings, graphic designs, photographs, and three-dimensional work such as glass and ceramic sculpture will be on display, as well as an "assemblage."

An artists' reception is scheduled from 4 to 7 pm Sunday, Sept. 29.

The artists, all members of the Art and Design Department, include studio artists Robert Reynolds, Chuck Jennings, Joanne Ruggles, Henry Wessels, Crissa Hewitt, George Jercich; graphic designers John Mendenhall, Mary LaPorte, Robert Denham; photographers Eric Johnson, Bob Howell, Sky Bergman; and art historian Keith Dills.

The gallery is open from 11 am to 4 pm daily and from 7 to 9 pm Wednesdays.

## Fund-raising workshop on Sept. 18 cancelled

The University Advancement workshop on fund raising planned for Fall Conference from 1 to 3 pm Wednesday, Sept. 18, has been cancelled because of scheduling conflicts.

## Workshop on racism set for Fall Conference

As part of Fall Conference, a workshop on racism has been scheduled from 1 to 3 pm Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the Staff Dining Room.

"Racism: The Hidden Disease" is being sponsored by the Staff Council Cultural Awareness Committee.

Presented by the Central Coast Institute for the Healing of Racism, the workshop will include frank discussions of how racism is perpetuated and how it can be eliminated.

Participants face issues of racism in a sensitive and nonthreatening manner, allowing for open dialogue between cultures. The workshop will also aim to teach new ways to listen to each other, create allies, achieve unity, and preserve diversity.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call Mary Lou Sneed at ext. 5112 or Hope Perez at ext. 7195; or send an e-mail to msneed (@calpoly.edu).

## ...director selected

Banks has conducted workshops and training programs on multicultural awareness, communication, mediation and conflict resolution, and has advised on sexual harassment prevention programs and policy development.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from UC San Diego and an M.Ed and J.D. from the University of San Diego.

## Fall Conference week food service hours

Vending Cellar is always open.

### Monday-Friday, Sept. 16-20

Light House & VG Cafe

Breakfast .....	8 am-10:30 am
Lunch .....	11 am-2 pm
Dinner .....	4 pm-7 pm
the Avenue .....	7:30 am-3:30 pm
Lucy's .....	9 am-3 pm
Julian's .....	7:30 am-5 pm
Backstage Pizza .....	10 am-5 pm
VG Restaurant .....	11 am-8 pm
Campus Store .....	6:45 am-7 pm

### Saturday, Sept. 21

Light House

Breakfast .....	8:30 am-10:30 am
Lunch .....	11 am-2 pm
Dinner .....	4:30 pm-7 pm

VG Cafe

Lunch .....	11 am-1:30 pm
Dinner .....	5 pm-7:30 pm
Backstage Pizza .....	10 am-8 pm
VG Restaurant .....	11 am-8 pm
Campus Store .....	10 am-5 pm

### Sunday, Sept. 22

Light House

Breakfast .....	8:30 am-10:30 am
Lunch .....	11 am-2 pm
Dinner .....	4:30 pm-7 pm

VG Cafe

Lunch .....	11 am-1:30 pm
Dinner .....	5 pm-7:30 pm
Backstage Pizza .....	Noon-9 pm
Campus Store .....	10 am-10 pm
VG Restaurant .....	10 am-2 pm

## Fall SIS training classes scheduled

Four SIS training classes for new users will be offered during fall quarter, all in Chase Hall 104.

Employees need to complete a training session before they can receive an SIS account number and access the student database.

- Wednesday, Sept. 18, 8:30 to 10 am
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 30, 9:30 to 11 am
- Thursday, Nov. 14, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

To reserve a space, call Jane Paris at ext. 2723.





## In a nutshell

*(This summary of material published during summer quarter is intended to bring academic-year readers up to date.)*

## Appointments

Several appointments were announced: **Frank Cawley**, director of El Corral bookstore; **Hiram Davis**, dean of library services; **Polly Harrigan**, interim special assistant to the vice president of student affairs; **Soncia Lilly**, interim ASI executive director; **Mark Shelton**, interim Crop Science Department head; **Ken Solomon** head of the Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering Department; **Wes Witten**, interim coordinator of alumni relations.

## Deaths

Retired education professor **Edward John Ernatt** died June 21.

## Awards and Honors

1995 Outstanding Staff Employees are **George Enriquez**, Facility Services, **Cynthia Jelinek**, College of Science and Mathematics, and **Carol Montgomery**, Public Safety Services.

1995-96 Distinguished Teachers are chemistry and biochemistry professor **David Keeling**, music professor **John Russell**, and English professor **Richard Simon**. Agribusiness professor **Doug Genereux** received the 1996 Dole Agriculture Faculty Award, and agricultural engineering administrative assistant **Kristy Pena** received the Dole Agriculture Staff Award.

## This & That

The utilidor project to upgrade Cal Poly's heating, electrical and water systems is under way. Some detours and disruptions are expected. Call the "hotline" at ext. 6808 for updates.

The Agricultural Engineering Department has been renamed **Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering**.

## El Corral announces end of Book Club

El Corral has ended its Book Club program that offered a 10 percent discount on its general books.

Customers will now receive a 10 percent discount at the cash register on every general book bought, with the exception of New York Times hardback and paperback bestsellers, which are already discounted 35 percent and 20 percent respectively.

Audio books-on-tape are also exempt because they, too, are already discounted 20 percent.

Students, faculty and staff members who have expired Book Club cards with purchase credits accumulated will receive a discount on their next general book purchase equal to 10 percent of the accumulated amount shown on the card.

## Forum on technology set for Sept. 17

A two-hour information technology forum, *Expanding Frontiers: IT Tools for Access, Teaching and Support*, is scheduled from noon to 2 pm Tuesday, Sept. 17, in Room 213 in the Business Building.

The second annual forum will offer presentations and demonstrations on:

- Improving access to information and institutional data over the network.
- Information technology tools and applications.
- The campuswide electronic mail and calendaring system.
- Instructional use of the World Wide Web.

A "teaching-learning-technology" round table will also be included, and each session will include time to answer questions.

Those who are unable to attend in person can watch the forum on the Cal Poly TV network, Channel 18.

The forum is being co-sponsored by the Instructional Advisory Committee on Computing, Administrative Advisory Committee on Computing, and Information Technology Services.

For more information, call Information Technology Services at ext. 2966.

## Sexual harassment topic of workshop

A training program for the campus community, "No Real Winners – Sexual Harassment in Academia," will be from 2:40 to 4:30 pm today (Sept. 16) in the Performing Art Center lecture hall.

Sexual harassment advisors, facilitators and investigators are especially encouraged to attend.

## Affirmative Action Workshop on Sept. 18

The Affirmative Action Workshop for faculty and staff affirmative action facilitators will be from 1:30 to 3:30 pm Wednesday, Sept. 18, in Chumash Auditorium, Room 207.

Topics will include Proposition 209, affirmative action and the CSU, and the provost's diversity roundtable.

## Grant funding sources now on World Wide Web

Faculty and staff members looking for funds to finance research projects or equipment can check out the Grants Development office home page at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~grants>.

From Cal Poly's home page, scroll down and click on Academics and Research. Then down to Grants Development office, listed under Research and Graduate Programs.

Information is available on federal databases, the Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN) database, state and federal agencies, foundations, distance education funding, laws and regulations affecting grants and other resources.

For more information, call the Grants Development office at ext. 2982 or come to an open house from 2 to 4 pm Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the Math and Home Economics Building, Room 152. Information and refreshments will be provided.

### New date for annual Service Awards Luncheon

The annual Service Awards Luncheon normally scheduled during the spring will be held next year on Thursday, Jan. 30.

Cal Poly, foundation and ASI employees with service anniversaries in 1996 will be honored at the "Mardi Gras" from 11:30 to 1 pm in Chumash Auditorium.

Tickets for the "Cajun Moon" buffet will be on sale for \$8 beginning Monday, Dec. 2. Details will be published in future issues of the *Cal Poly Report*.

### GRE testing schedule correction noted

A printing error in the 1996-97 Graduate Record Exams Information Bulletin inadvertently omitted Cal Poly as a GRE testing center on Oct. 12.

Students can take the General Exams either on paper or by computer and Subject Exams (except music) on paper only. Below are the correct schedules:

#### Paper-and-Pencil Testing:

General Exams	Subject Exams
	Oct. 12
Dec. 14	Dec. 14
April 12	April 12

Students can register for the Oct. 12 paper test on the same day as the exam. For all other tests, students need to preregister six weeks in advance. Results take six weeks, and the cost is \$80.

**Computer-Based Testing:** (Subject exams not offered)

#### General Exams

Sept. 18, Oct. 9, 16, 23, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11 and 18.

Students can register for the computer-based General Exam anytime by calling ext. 1551. Results are known the same day the exam is taken, and reports are mailed in two weeks. The cost is \$96.

For more information, call the Assessment and Testing Center at ext. 1551.

### Want to switch insurance? Can do - Sept. 2-Oct. 31

The annual open enrollment period for health and dental insurance, Flex-Cash, the Dependent Care Program, and Tax Advantage Premium Plan will run through Thursday, Oct. 31.

The enrollment period was originally set to end Oct. 15, but has been extended.

An open enrollment newsletter will be sent to all employees the first week of September. Human Resources asks faculty and staff members to hold all questions about open enrollment until they have read the newsletter, which answers many commonly asked questions about premiums and member physicians of various health plans.

A Benefits Fair with representatives from insurance carriers and other benefit program organizations will be held from 9 am to 1 pm Wednesday, Sept. 18, in UU 220. Staff members from both the state and foundation Human Resources offices will also be available to answer questions and process forms.

### Cal Poly Women's Club to meet Sept. 22

Active and retired faculty and staff women and the wives of faculty and staff members are invited to join Cal Poly Women's Club members at their fall reception from 2 to 4 pm Sunday, Sept. 22.

For information and directions, call Julia Sleeper at 489-7702 or Dottie Andoli at 541-1827.

### Dateline

Admission charged — \$

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**Fall Conference Week.**

**Fall quarter begins.**

**Exhibit:** "On Your Mark," the Art and Design Department faculty exhibit. Artists' reception Sunday, Sept. 29. Dexter Art Gallery. Through Sunday, Nov. 3.

**Staff Council Meeting:** Performing Arts Center Lobby, 1 pm.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

**Men's Soccer:** University of Texas, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. (\$)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

**Football:** Weber State, Mustang Stadium, 6 pm. (\$)

**Music:** La Musgana quartet, Theatre, 8 pm. (\$)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**Women's Soccer:** UC Santa Barbara, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. (\$)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**Exhibit:** "Barbara Frith: A Retrospective." Through Thursday, Oct. 31. Artist's reception Sept. 28. UU Galerie.

**Auditions:** Try out for a part in "Look Homeward, Angel." Davidson Music Center, 7 pm. Also Friday, Sept. 27.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**Opening Festivities:** Eight days of events planned for the opening of the Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo. Call ext. 7222 for schedule.

**Auditions:** Try out for a part in "Look Homeward, Angel." Davidson Music Center, 7 pm.

**Women's Soccer:** Washington State, Mustang Stadium, 7 pm. (\$)

**Music:** Beethoven's Ninth Symphony performed by members of the San Luis Obispo County Symphony, Mozart Festival, Vocal Arts Ensemble, Cuesta Master Chorale, and Pacific Repertory Opera. Concert Hall, 8 pm. Also Saturday, Sept. 28. (\$)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**Family Day:** School children and marching bands will parade up Grand Avenue. Game booths, rides, circus skills training. Performing Arts Center Plaza, Pavilion, 10 am.

**Cirque Eloize:** A "circus without animals" will tumble, juggle and perform acrobatics. Concert Hall, 11 am and 3 pm. (\$)

**Football:** Central Washington, Mustang Stadium, 1:30 pm. (\$)

**Artist's Reception:** For Barbara Frith. UU Galerie, 3 pm.

**Music:** Beethoven's Ninth Symphony performed by members of the San Luis Obispo County Symphony, Mozart Festival, Vocal Arts Ensemble, Cuesta Master Chorale, and Pacific Repertory Opera. Concert Hall, 8 pm. (\$)