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**Cal Poly Animal Science Celebrates 100th Birthday May 16-18
-- Alumni, Parents and Friends Invited to Festivities**

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly's Animal Science Department turns 100 this year, and the university is hosting a weekend celebration in its honor May 16-18.

Alumni, family, university friends, parents of current students and industry partners are invited to join the weekend festivities. They include an evening tasting of Central Coast wines and Cal Poly-made cheeses and desserts at the Cal Poly Arboretum, tours of the Animal Science Department facilities - including Cal Poly's Western Ranches, the annual Cal Poly Horse Sale, a golf tournament, and a dinner and live auction at the university's Farm Shop, followed by dancing to the Central Coast's Monte Mills Band.

The department is also publishing a commemorative book about the first 100 years of animal science education at Cal Poly, complete with a bonus CD-rom of additional photos. The book, "A Century of Heritage: Animal Husbandry and Science," will be on sale throughout the weekend celebration.

The department has 100 years of "learn-by-doing" history, noted current department head Andrew J. Thulin. Graduates are living and working all over the United States, but are heavily concentrated in California and the rest of the West.

Event details and registration forms are available at the department's Web site, <http://animalscience.calpoly.edu/>. For more details, call the department at (805) 756-2419. Registration will be taken through May 16, but pre-registration by April 16 is encouraged.

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Note to editors: the Animal Science Department has historic and current

photos available. Contact the Public Affairs Office at (805) 756-7266 to request e-mailed jpg files.

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