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NEWS ADVISORY

TO: News Editors, Photo Editors, Assignment Editors, Reporters

RE: Cal Poly Homecoming 2002 Feature/Photo Opportunities, Schedule

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly's Annual Homecoming Week kicks off Monday, Oct. 21, runs through the big Cal Poly vs. UC Davis Homecoming football game Oct. 26, and culminates with the annual All Alumni Breakfast Oct. 27.

Homecoming week offers plenty of photo opportunities and feature story opportunities. The Homecoming Activities Schedule appears below; for more details as Homecoming approaches contact Rebecca Harris, Homecoming's student public relations char, at 781-0205, or Nikole McCollum in Alumni Relations at the phone number above or Teresa Hendrix in Public Affairs at 756-7266.

Homecoming 2002: Theme "Homecoming 101: Continuing the Legacy"
Homecoming factoid: Homecoming has been a tradition at Cal Poly since 1906

Homecoming 2002 Web Site: <http://www.homecoming.calpoly.edu/>

**includes full event schedule

EVENTS/Photo Opportunities:

MONDAY, Oct. 21, 8-10 a.m., University Union Plaza: Banner Hanging. Student teams competing for points will hang their Homecoming banners in the University Union plaza. Banners will be judged for artistry and best conveyance of Homecoming theme.

TUESDAY, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dexter Lawn: It's the 17th Annual Laugh Olympics. Teams will compete in unusual events, like the Mount Your Mackerel contest (involving piggyback teams slapping each other with fish) and more.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 23, 6-9 p.m., Chumash Auditorium: Mock Rock. Watch

teams lip-synch and gyrate their way through musical performances in costume.

THURSDAY, Oct. 24, 11 a.m., UU Plaza: UU Rally Hour. The top three Mock Rock teams will perform again, and the Homecoming Court will be on hand, along with the Mustang football team and dance and cheer squad.

FRIDAY, Oct. 25

6 p.m., Chumash Auditorium: Honored Alumni Awards Banquet. Alumni event; news release to come.

6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Rec Sports Fields (by Baggett Stadium): Powder Puff Game.

Check out the great Powder Puff (male) cheerleading squad and the tough (female) football teams facing off for Cal Poly's first Homecoming Powder Puff Game.

11:30 p.m., Mustang Statue, Grand Avenue and Perimeter Drive: True Mustang Night. It's the second annual True Mustang ceremony, open to students and alumni. Participants become "True Mustangs" by getting a kiss from an existing True Mustang.

SATURDAY, Oct. 26: Homecoming & Parents' Day

10 - 11 a.m., Higuera Street, SLO: Homecoming Parade. Rain or shine, the Homecoming Court will parade through downtown along with student floats and Honored Alumni. This is a popular annual community event.

1-4 p.m., Orfalea College of Business Lawn: Pre-game tailgate barbecue and wine tasting, hosted by Cal Poly Athletics, the Cal Poly Alumni Association, and ASI. A big alumni event also open to the community.

4 p.m., Mustang Stadium: Homecoming Game. Cal Poly vs. UC Davis. Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at halftime, and the 2002 Honored Alumni will be introduced.

SUNDAY, Oct. 27, 8:30 a.m.: All Alumni Breakfast, Chumash Auditorium. Last Homecoming event.

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