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Cal Poly College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences to Unearth 1988 Time Capsule on Nov. 8

SAN LUIS OBISPO — A part of Cal Poly history will be highlighted Saturday, Nov. 8, when the College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences unearths a 25-year-old time capsule buried on campus.

The time capsule was buried on Oct. 20, 1988, as part of a dedication ceremony for the then-new Agricultural Sciences Building.

The unearthing ceremony is set for 12:30 p.m. in the Ag Courtyard (in front of the Agricultural Sciences Building (No. 11). Agribusiness alumnus Dean Callendar (1991), president of the university's Monterey Bay alumni chapter, and agribusiness senior Vanessa Alexandre, president of the College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences Student Council, will serve as emcees. Andrew Thulin, dean of the college, will also deliver remarks.

Bill Kellogg, professor and head of the Agricultural Education and Communication Department, remembers the day the time capsule was buried. "It was a grand day for the School of Agriculture, as it was called at the time. The new building, approved by the taxpayers of California, expressed the confidence the public had in Cal Poly and the School of Agriculture."

At the time, faculty members and each of the school's clubs wrote predictions on brass sheets about what agriculture would look like in 25 years. The predictions were inserted into the time capsule prior to burial. Examples of predictions include:

- Sustainable agricultural practices play a primary role in production agriculture.
- Water conservation remains a big issue even though the ozone layer and greenhouse effect have been reckoned with and solved through legislation, scientific advancements and increased awareness.
- Coronary heart disease has become nearly non-existent due to low-cholesterol, high-fiber diets.
- As a result of a global health-conscious attitude, the huge tobacco companies of the 1980s have died out in the late 1990s.
- Fat has been reduced in our meats, and all foods have higher nutritional value.
- Our current drought conditions and a realization that water is a limited resource is provided an emphasis on utilizing plants and irrigation systems that are more appropriate for our semi-arid climate.

Representatives from various student clubs will be on hand at the unearthing ceremony to read highlights of the predictions, as well as read predictions for what agriculture, food and the environmental sciences will be like in the year 2039.

The public is invited to this free event. For more information, contact Ryan Lau at 805-756-3269.

The time capsule unearthing is being held in conjunction with the Cal Poly Agribusiness Department's Agribusiness Gala Reunion, which includes the Running With the Mustangs 5K race at 11 a.m., and an awards ceremony and barbecue lunch following the race. For more information about the gala, visit <http://agb.calpoly.edu/content/gala>.

About Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Cal Poly is a nationally ranked, comprehensive polytechnic university located in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The university's College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences is comprised of expert faculty members who take pride in their ability to transform academically motivated students into innovative students ready to solve the complex challenges associated with feeding the world in sustainable ways. Students have access to state-of-the-art laboratories including ranchland, orchards, vineyards and forests, all of which provide the basis for Cal Poly's Learn by Doing methodology. These living laboratories, combined with the attention of expert faculty members dedicated to their students' success, offer a powerful combination of rigorous academics with hands-on experiences that lead to fulfilling careers. For more information, visit www.cafes.calpoly.edu.

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