Spanos gives $1.5 million for music renovations

Cal Poly alumnus, entrepreneur and San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos and his wife, Faye, have given $1.5 million to help fund the renovation of the H.P. Davidson Music Center and the Cal Poly Theatre.

Liberal Arts Dean Harry Hellenbrand said the $1.5 million gift will be used to begin a $15 million project that will both renovate and enlarge the Theatre and the Davidson Center.

The gift, made in 2003, was the couple’s second major gift to the Music Department last year. They also gave $100,000 to establish the Harold P. and Rosalie Davidson scholarship endowment in memory of the former music professor and his wife. While a student in aeronautical engineering in the early 1940s, Spanos was the drum major for the marching band led by Davidson.

Spanos owns A.G. Spanos Companies, one of the nation’s largest builders of apartment communities and one of the few family-owned Fortune 400 companies.

Cal Poly is number one in new Carnegie rankings

Cal Poly has been named the best regional university in the West in new rankings that include both public and private universities and are based on a 2003 survey of nearly 4,000 college-bound students from across the United States.

The survey was part of “Project Connect 2003,” a project of Carnegie Communications, a private media company based in Boston that produces more than 30 annual publications aimed at college-bound high school students.

Carnegie conducted the survey to examine the influence of established annual media rankings of U.S. colleges in determining which universities students actually apply to. The media company also sought data on whether criteria used by other studies – most notably by U.S. News & World Report – match criteria used by students.

In U.S. News & World Report rankings, Cal Poly, while the top public nondoctoral university in the West for 11 consecutive years, is currently number five in that magazine’s combined rating of public and private institutions. In Carnegie’s listing of the top Western regional universities both public and private, Cal Poly was followed by Gonzaga, Cal Poly Pomona, Loyola Marymount and Trinity University (Texas).

Carnegie’s report said that, when selecting colleges to apply to, high school students give less weight to traditional rankings than they give to low student-teacher ratios, a college’s “peer assessment” (its reputation as judged by other colleges), average SAT/ACT scores of enrolling students, the proportion of faculty members who teach full time, and four-year graduation rates.

The survey and rankings are at www.carnegiecomm.com.

Cal Poly, six others form new football conference

Cal Poly has joined with six other universities in five states to form a new Great West Football Conference that will begin conference play this fall.

The NCAA I-AA football-only alliance is scheduled to begin full round-robin play in 2005. The other charter members are UC Davis, North Dakota State, Northern Colorado, Saint Mary’s, South Dakota State and Southern Utah.

Regalia Days March 9-10

El Corral Bookstore will host Faculty Regalia Days March 9-10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to give faculty members the opportunity to buy custom-made regalia at special prices. A representative from Oak Hall Cap & Gown will be selling a package that saves $219 off the regular price.

Cal Poly Report

The Cal Poly Report appears online on Wednesdays. Articles should be e-mailed to polynews@calpoly.edu with the subject line “For Cal Poly Report.” For more information, call ext. 1511.
Nominations sought for two safety awards

Nominations are being sought for these two safety awards:

**Governor’s Safety Award**

The Campus Safety and Risk Management Committee is seeking nominations for the Governor’s Employee Safety Award. The program recognizes individuals and groups of employees who distinguished themselves through outstanding safety and health service to the state during the preceding calendar year.

Awards have been presented for life-saving and responding to hazardous events as well as for developing safety programs that were not part of the person’s or group’s normal duties.

Nomination forms are available on the Web at www.orim.dgs.ca.gov. Nominations should be submitted to Vicki Stover, Administration & Finance, Adm. 115, by March 17 for committee review.

**Cal Poly Safety Award**

For the Cal Poly Safety Award, the campus is invited to nominate individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to campus safety during the current fiscal year (July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004). The award recognizes single acts of safety as well as continuous contributions to improve safety.

Individual nominees must be a faculty member, staff member (state, Foundation or ASI) or student, and individuals can nominate themselves. Nomination forms and award guidelines are available on the Web at www.afd.calpoly.edu/afd/forms/index.html. Nominations should be submitted to Vicki Stover, Administration & Finance, Adm. 115, by July 14 for committee review.

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Guidelines for preventing violence posted on Web

As part of the university’s commitment to maintaining a workplace environment free of any form of violence, **Workplace Violence Prevention Program Guidelines** are posted on the Administration and Finance Division Web site at [http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/afd/violence/violenceguidelines.pdf](http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/afd/violence/violenceguidelines.pdf).

The guidelines include definitions, procedures and other information. For more information, call Vicki Stover at ext. 2258.

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Communication seminar offered for supervisors

A seminar on “Communication: The Key to Effective Supervision During Difficult Times,” designed for supervisors, managers, chairs and deans, is being offered March 10 by the Office of Campus Relations.

Facilitators Anne Goshen and Jean DeCosta will cover skills for effectively presenting thoughts and ideas, mentoring and motivating employees through constructive feedback, and overcoming common supervisor-employee communication barriers.

The seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. in UU 220. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Campus Relations at ext. 6770 or Liz Cofer at lcofer@calpoly.edu.

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March 10 talk to examine male dominance in design

Art and Design Professor Enrica Lovaglio will present “Designing Women? Women as Technology Designers and Women Designed by Technology” at noon March 10 in Room 218 of the Mathematics and Science Building.

Lovaglio will illustrate, for one thing, how technological design is largely dominated by men, and how that contributes to the frequent depiction of female figures in digital games and short animation as sexual objects or superheroes.

For more information, contact Women’s Studies at ext. 1525 or womst@polymail.calpoly.edu or go online to [www.calpoly.edu/~womst](http://www.calpoly.edu/~womst).

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Position Vacancies

**FACULTY** Candidates are asked to visit the employment Web site at [www.calpolyjobs.org](http://www.calpolyjobs.org) to apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

- #100236: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, History Department, College of Liberal Arts (ext. 2670). Closes April 30.
- #100246: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Aerospace Engineering Department, College of Engineering (ext. 5216). Closes June 1.
- #100261: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Graphic Communication Department, College of Liberal Arts (ext. 1108). Closes April 30.
- #100264: Full-Time Lecturer(s), Agricultural Education & Communication Department, College of Agriculture (ext. 2169). Closes May 1.
- #100266: Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Philosophy Department, College of Liberal Arts (ext. 2330). Closes March 31.

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Pre-Doc deadline April 5

April 5 is the deadline for applications for the CSU’s 2004-2005 California Pre-Doctoral Program, designed to increase diversity among CSU students who continue their studies at the doctoral level and become eligible for faculty positions.

The program also aims to increase the number of CSU students who enter UC graduate programs.

Each student chosen will work closely with a faculty sponsor to develop a plan that leads to enrollment in a doctoral program. The three major criteria for selection are potential for success in completing a doctoral program, probable effectiveness of the study plan, and the student’s level of economic and educational disadvantage.

For more information and an application, call Becky Powell in Research and Graduate Programs, ext. 2328, or visit [www.calpoly.edu/~rgp/pdf/calpredoc.pdf](http://www.calpoly.edu/~rgp/pdf/calpredoc.pdf).

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Foundation board to meet

The Foundation board of directors will hold a regular, public meeting at 8:30 a.m. March 19 in the Foundation Administration Building, Conference Room 124.

For more information or a copy of the agenda, call Foundation Executive Director Frank Mumford at ext. 1131.