A Habit of Giving

Through a recent gift of stock, Cal Poly parents Jack and Janice Maher (third and fourth from left) have endowed scholarships in the colleges of Business and Liberal Arts. All three of the Mahers' children attended Cal Poly: son Chris Maher (ECON '82) (far left), daughter Leslie Pease (HE '78) (center), and daughter Lisa Evaristo (CFD '88) (second from right). Their daughter-in-law, Sheila Maher (PE '82) (second from left), and son-in-law, Enrico Evaristo (BUS '86) (far right), are also alumni, and son-in-law Matt Pease (third from right) is a member of the advisory board for the College of Business. "After paying tuition to Cal Poly for 12 years, we just decided to keep writing checks and support other students," said Jack Maher. Over the last decade the Mahers have given more than $63,000, and 55 students have been selected as Maher Scholars. (Photo by Ryan Pease, future Cal Poly alumnus)
Gifts

- The James G. Boswell Foundation of Pasadena—the charitable arm of Corcoran-based J.G. Boswell Co., California's largest and most diverse farming operation—announced a $1.2 million endowment for the College of Agriculture to fund a permanent faculty position in the Crop Science Department. James Boswell, president of the foundation's board of directors, said, "The Board of Trustees wished to acknowledge [the university's] solid record of ongoing performance as well as significantly invest in Cal Poly's vision for a second century of 'learn by doing.'"

- Burt and Virginia Polin gave the university 720 acres of San Luis Obispo County agricultural property, which Burt Polin farmed for more than 40 years. Valued at $409,000, the gift will aid the College of Agriculture and will help build a new Music and Theatre Building for the College of Liberal Arts. A choral or ensemble room in the new music building will be in honor of Virginia Polin, an accomplished vocalist.

- A state-of-the-art Turbostream digital color press, valued at $300,000, was donated by Indigo N.V. of Woburn, Maine, a leader in digital imaging technology, to the Graphic Communication Department's Digital Graphic Imaging Lab. Additional support was received from Quebecor World of Merced. The press does digital variable imaging using patented liquid ink.

- The California Dairy Research Foundation funded a $200,000 Egli Continuous Butter Churn at the Dairy Products Technology Center (DPTC), where the churn is being used in the new butter and spreads applications program. Cal Poly is the only North American university to have a pilot-scale continuous butter churn, according to DPTC Professor Phil Tong.

- Professor Emeritus Winton "Woody" Frey (OH, BIO '58) and his wife, Adele (PE '63, MS PE '65), funded a charitable remainder trust with their former residence in San Luis Obispo. The trust will benefit the Leaning Pine Arboretum, Cuesta College (where Adele Frey was an instructor for many years), and two other local charities. The Cal Poly portion of the trust was valued at more than $125,000.

- The Hearst Foundation made a $100,000 contribution to the College of Architecture and Environmental Design's Hearst Lecture Series Endowment. Through previous foundation gifts, architecture and design professionals have delivered lectures, visited classrooms and studios, and critiqued student design projects. The additional funding will allow faculty to experiment with lecture formats such as symposia with longer presentations, panel discussions, and interdisciplinary themes.

- Ellen Berrier, a Cal Poly parent, created an endowment of $60,000 to benefit City and Regional Planning Department students in memory of her son, Brett (CRP '80).

- Professor Emeritus Lee Osteyee and his wife, Margaret, created a scholarship endowment with a gift of $53,500 that will aid mechanical engineering students. Lee Osteyee was a member of the College of Engineering faculty from 1957 to 1983.

- A $50,000 donation from Pacific Bell helped fund the ImmersaDesk, an educational workbench that embodies virtual reality technology for Cal Poly architecture and computer science students. The "Fakespace Immersive Workbench" allows for powerful virtual modeling displays that can accommodate collaborative work groups with easy access to any segment of a computer model.

- Mike Peachey (ARCH '84) and his wife, Pamela, have created a charitable remainder trust with a gift of $40,000 to benefit the College of Architecture and Environmental Design and Cuesta College equally. Mike Peachey is a partner with APS Architects Inc., an architectural firm in San Luis Obispo, and Pam Peachey is an instructor at Cuesta College in the Department of Nursing and Allied Health.

- The Verizon Foundation funded a two-year grant of $30,000 for the SEMI (Science, Engineering, and Math Instructors) Circle Project to attract minority high school students in Arroyo Grande and Paso Robles into science- and math-related fields through hands-on classroom projects and exposure to technological advances in engineering. Five faculty members from fields such as mechanical engineering, aeronautical engineering, and computer science will receive stipends to lecture and lead laboratory work in the aerospace-themed Endeavour Academy programs.

- Winfield and Jane Arata have established an endowment for the benefit of the Aerospace Engineering Department with a gift of $30,000. Winfield Arata was instrumental in establishing the Aerospace Engineering Industrial Advisory Board in the late 1980s and served as its chairman from its inception until recently.

- Cal Poly parents William and Charlene Glikbarg have established an endowment for the benefit of Environmental Horticultural Science students with a gift of $25,000 in honor of their son, Michael Glikbarg (OH '79), who has owned and operated Orchids of Los Osos since 1979.

- Jaime Oaxaca, the President's Cabinet chair, and his wife, Carolina, funded two charitable gift annuities totaling $25,000 that will help create the Baker Fellows Endowment.

- Patrick M. Edwards (BIO '75) created an endowment of $20,000 with a gift that was matched by his employer, Monsanto Searle, in honor of his former professor, V.L. Holland, now chair of the Biological Sciences Department. Edwards represents the College of Science and Mathematics on the Cal Poly Alumni Association board of directors.