With this special issue of Cal Poly Magazine, we mark Cal Poly's 100th anniversary and celebrate its academic excellence, its traditions, and the public launching of the $225 million Centennial Campaign.

We vary from our usual format by including personal columns from former President Robert E. Kennedy (1967-1979) and History Professor Daniel E. Krieger, and an interview with President Warren J. Baker. We also include special features on History Day (March 8), the Centennial Campaign Gala (April 21), and Founders Celebration (Sept. 27-28). Our advancement section presents major gifts, and the alumni section includes summaries of Open House/Poly Royal (April) and Homecoming (Nov. 9-11). A historical timeline runs on every page, and for the first time "Class Notes" and "In Memoriam" items will be run on the alumni association's Web page at www.alumni.calpoly.edu.

At the heart of this celebratory issue are features and history sidebars on all six Cal Poly colleges (Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, Business, Engineering, Liberal Arts, and Science and Mathematics) and major units (Athletics, Kennedy Library, Student Affairs, and University Center for Teacher Education). These entities chose subjects which they felt best represented them, whether a research project, a particular student effort, or a faculty member.

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On the cover: Nearly 100 brightly colored banners decorate the streets of Cal Poly for the Centennial.