As I read your fall 2000 issue, I noticed photo after photo of men. Skimming through, I counted images of 10 women out of 60.

Why should I notice or care?

One of my two daughters is a Poly grad. Four of my grandchildren are girls. Certainly Poly women, grads, and students are doing worthwhile and interesting things. I think it’s important for girls to have positive role models, successful women to receive positive exposure, and men to recognize women’s achievements.

I look forward to your next issue and a more equal balance of photos.

Shirley Powell

Editor’s note: Our top priority in Cal Poly Magazine is to present newsworthy stories about students, faculty, and alumni, without regard to gender. But because Cal Poly has historically had a larger male student population, we seek to highlight women’s accomplishments. Our first magazine cover in fall ’97 showed a woman cyclist; our fall ’98 cover showcased an agriculture student working in her own vineyard; and women were prominent on the covers of the fall ’99, spring ’00, and fall ’00 magazines, which showed students working in a community nursery, an alumna with her company’s new film processing system, and an alumna helping plan Cal Poly’s arboretum, respectively. In the fall ’00 issue we also included features about two women in India: one the mother of a Cal Poly professor, the other a psychology professor currently serving as head of UNICEF there.