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With classroom presentations, lab experiments, a field trip — the first was to Texaco’s Kern River oil field at Bakersfield — and other activities, students and teachers learned about the current state and future of energy sources, conservation and use. The week covered fossil fuel, geothermal energy, fuel cells and photovoltaic power as well as solar, wind and hydrogen energy.

For more information call Mechanical Engineering Professor and program director Masoud Madhizadeh at ext. 6-1345.

Staff members needed for Cal Poly Plan Committee

State, Foundation and ASI staff members are needed to fill three vacancies on the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee for 2000-2001.

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"The fund will be used for a wide variety of purposes not usually available through normal funding," said Music Department Chair Cliff Swanson. "It will fund such things as private lessons for non-majors, master classes, and other activities that enrich the orchestral opportunities at Cal Poly." "Mrs. Nelson has been a generous friend and supporter of the Music Department for many years," Swanson said. "She has been a major figure in the musical history of San Luis Obispo." Nelson is one of the founders of the San Luis Obispo Symphony and prime force behind the annual Alice Nelson Music Competition.

Dennis R. Parks

U. Va. administrator to lead Extended Studies

Dennis R. Parks, associate dean of continuing education at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, has been selected dean of extended studies and will begin his new duties in September. Parks was appointed by Provost Zingg after a nationwide search. Parks succeeds Harry Sharp, longtime Cal Poly faculty member and administrator who most recently served as senior university associate dean of extended university programs and services.

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27 graduates named Outstanding Seniors

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- University Contribution — John J. Moffatt, agricultural business.
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Parents’ gift to benefit modern languages lab

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- “The hardware in this new lab is funded by a Cal Poly Plan grant, and the Borner’s donation will enable us to get the lab up and running as soon as possible,” said Bianca Rosenthal, chair of the department.

- The Bosseres are the parents of student Nicole Borner, who recently completed a minor in German.

According to Lab Project Director John Thompson, “The lab is dedicated to the study of world languages and cultures. The lab replaces our tradition of one-on-one and headphone language laboratory.”

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- College Contribution - Sally Lord, political science.
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- Community Service - Maria Maguia, political science.
- College of Science and Mathematics - Academic Excellence - Matthew Regoli, biochemistry.

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10 a.m. July 26 is CPR deadline for the Aug. 2 Cal Poly Report.

Gov. Davis approves funds for 'strategic' CSU programs

In his June 30 budget message, Gov. Gray Davis approved $10 million to enhance quality and set the stage for further enrollment growth in five California State University programs alone. Criteria include goals set critical to meeting the state’s science and technology workforce needs: agriculture, biological science, computer science, and nursing.

- Davis requested that the CSU invest the funds in “one-time expen­ditures, such as instructional equipment, that will enhance the effectiveness and, therefore, the enrollment in these programs.”

- In his budget message, Davis encouraged the CSU to continue to look within its overall budget to identify the resources required to achieve and sustain long-term enrollment increase in these programs.

- In a letter to Davis, Stock, in the week, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed observed that “re-examination of marginal cost funding methodology is the best long-term strategy for determining funding needs in the CSU.”

- President Baker said of the governor’s budget action, “This signals clearly the state’s recognition of the need for the CSU to develop a long-term budget strategy to address the state’s increasingly critical workforce needs in higher professional, scientific and technical disciplines.”

- Nearing the critical leadership role played in the Legislature by Sen. Jack O’Connell and Assembly Member Sarah Reyes, Baker said, “Their clear understanding of the need to expand access to these fields by California students has enabled us to continue on page 6

Unocal donates $5.6 million to Science and Math’s EBI

The Unocal Corp. has given its $5.6 million to the College of Science and Mathematical’s Environmental Biotechnol­ogy Institute (EBI). The donation is one of the most sig­nificant cash gifts in the university’s history. It enhances the public-private partnership fostered by Unocal and Cal Poly through the EBI, a collaborative research project aimed at developing “environmentally sensitive” technology to aid petroleum companies in restoring contaminated sites.

- Unocal helped launch the EBI in late 1996 with a $1.3 million grant.

- The $5.6 million donation is earmarked for a number of specific EBI projects. A capital project to construct facilities for the EBI within the university’s anticipated new science and mathematics building will receive $2 million.

- Another portion of the gift, $1 million, will endow the Unocal Chair for Environmental Studies. This is the second such endowment established at the university and in the College of Science and Mathematics.

- Microbiology professor and researcher Paul Cano will occupy the chair. Cano, a pioneer in the study of ancient bacteria and a specialist in paleobiology and molecular evolution, heads research on the EBI. He directs a team of eight faculty members and more than 30 students conducting research at Unocal’s Guadalupe oil field, exploring ways to improve a technology known as bioremediation.

- The Unocal gift identifies $1.1 million in funds that could be used for another endowment chair or other dis­cretionary uses consistent with the overall Unocal gift. Additionally, Unocal will renew its grant for services with EBI totaling $1.5 million over three years to fund continued research at the Guadalupe oil field.

- President Baker said the EBI “is an extraordinary example of the kind of part­nership between the university, industry and community needed to apply the power of science to pressing social, economic and environmental issues.”

- Commenting on Cano’s selection to occupy the Unocal Chair for Environmen­tal Studies, Baker said, “Dr. Cano is recognized internationally for his accomplish­ments in research and in teaching — and for combining the two in creative and exciting ways to look forward to contin­ued great contributions to research and teaching from both Dr. Cano and EBI.”