Through the Eyes of Diversity: 100 Years of Cal Poly History

Event Calendar

- Jan. 8-17 - Martin Luther King "37" Convocation and Reception, Jan. 17, Ventura Café, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 14-19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration
- Jan. 14 - Sharing the Dream: A Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration
- Jan. 15 - Diversity Photo and Poster Contest submission deadline
- Jan. 18-Feb. 9 - Joe Schwartz's "Plied of Black America" photo exhibit
- Jan. 18 - Joe Schwartz reception
- Jan. 24 - Centennial Lyceum Lecture by Linda Chavez
- Jan. 25-Feb. 15 - Diversity Photo and Poster Exhibition, Kennedy Library
- Feb. 1 - Announcement of Poster and Poster contest winners and reception
- Feb. 8 - "A Taste of Power: A Black Woman's Story" by Elaine Brown, Cohan Pavilion, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 10 - Dionne Warwick Concert, Cohan Center, 8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12 - Black Quilt Historian Lecture by Carolyn Mazloomi and Exhibits, UU 220, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 - Bridging the Digital Divide Colloquium, Cohan Center Pavilion, 3:30-6 p.m.
- Feb. 21 - "Dead Man Walking" lecture by Sister Helen Prejean
- Feb. 24 - "Women Stepping Up: Taking Leadership to a New Level," Women's Leadership Conference, Ventura Café and Sandwich Place
- March - Cesar E. Chavez Service Day
- March 7 - Women of the Year Luncheon, Chumash Auditorium, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- March 8 - International Women's Day Reception, San Luis Obispo County Art Center

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Weipert family named 2001’s ‘Family of Year’

Cal Poly electrician Ed Weipert and his family were named San Luis Obispo Family of the Year for 2001. Selected by a committee of local residents, the family was chosen partly because of an essay written by Ed’s 12-year-old son, Brandon. Brandon wrote, “The members of my family are like my best friends. Through troubles, bad times and good times, we stay together.” Before their selection, the family was also interviewed by a judge from the Family of the Year Committee.

According to a committee member, the family was recognized for their “strong support system for their patriotism, and for their strong work ethic.”

Obituaries

Arnold Dean, 79

Arnold Dean, soil science professor emeritus, died Nov. 25 at a San Luis Obispo hospital. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in agriculture in Edmonton, Alberta, and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin.

He taught at Cal Poly from 1949 until 1982.

George McMeen, 88

George McMeen, mathematics professor emeritus, died Dec. 5 in San Luis Obispo. McMeen was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He authored many textbooks in arithmetic for elementary school children and co-authored a math book for junior college students.

He taught at Cal Poly from 1960 to 1977.

Reception Tuesday for Sydney and Mark Atwood

A reception honoring Sydney Francis, retiring after 16 years in ITS Data Control, will be held 2-4 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 16) in the Veranda Cafe. Before coming to Cal Poly, Francis worked at the CSU's Pomona campus. Anyone interested is invited to stop by and wish her the best on her retirement.

Ellerson named head football coach

A fund has been established at SESLOC for former player Bill Romanazzi, who was injured in a motor vehicle accident during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Balliol, whose last assignment was in the College of Agriculture, will be hospitalized for several weeks at the University Medical Center in Fresno and in traction for a broken back for 12 weeks.

She needs financial assistance to help with her ongoing medical expenses. Anyone who wants to contribute can drop off a check in Romanazzi’s name at the Cal Poly SESLOC branch office or the main branch office on Los Osos Valley Road. Checks can also be mailed to SESLOC, 11491 Los Osos Valley Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405. Call Marsha Epstein at ext. 6-5541 for more information.

Nominations sought for student employee award

Faculty and staff members are invited to nominate student assistants for the university’s 2000-2001 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year award.

Eligible employees include state, ASI and Foundation employees who have worked at least 10 hours per week for at least six months of the 2000-2001 academic year. Nominations can be made by Work-Study and non-Work-Study students.

For a nomination form, contact Luann McDonald in the Financial Aid Office, ext. 6-5885 or lmcDonald@calpoly.edu, or Carole Moore, Career Services, ext. 6-6526 or cmoore@calpoly.edu. Forms are due to McDonald by Feb. 1.

Resident directors chosen for International Programs

Mathematics Professor Robert Wolf has been chosen resident director of the CSU International Program in France for 2001-2002.

In addition, Foreign Languages and Literatures Professor William Little will serve in Spain, and History Professor Barbara Mori will serve in Japan.

Leave solicitations

Catastrophic leave solicitations drives are being held for three faculty.

Janet Rizzoli, an evaluator in Academic Records; Catherine Ann Cichowksi, a Lecturer in Psychology and Human Development and the University Center for Teacher Education; and Ed Turnquist, a Building Construction Management Department, have qualified for catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate to help them remain in full-pay status.

Those interested in donating to Rizzoli may request the Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solution coordinator Patty Warnick-Wait in Academic Records at ext. 6-2732 or by e-mail.

To donate leave credit for Cichowksi, contact Margaret Book, Psychology and Human Development, at ext. 6-2456 or by e-mail.

For donations to Turnquist, request a form from Janice Emmack, Construction Management, at ext. 6-6357 or by e-mail.

CSEA employees (units 2, 5, 7 and 9 only) may donate up to 32 hours total; all other state employees may donate up to 16 hours sick leave and/or vacation credits per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more.

Students sculpt signs into unique holiday ‘tree’

From discarded reflectorized highway signs, a pair of Cal Poly architecture students sculpted a holiday “tree” that one observer likened to “a work by Dr. Seuss.”

What started as a home-improvement project evolved during a coffee roundtable into a one-of-a-kind holiday tree. John Moyer, a fifth-year student and one of the caretakers of Design Village, was experimenting with old donated Cal Poly reflector signs to use as siding for his residence in the village. Cafe owner Linnaea Phillips asked him to make a tree to be used for the cafe’s stage.

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California to host 2001 ambassadors’ conference

Cal Poly is expecting more than 300 student Agricultural Ambassadors from across the United States at the 6th annual ambassadors’ conference Jan. 18-20. Student ambassadors are selected from training specialists in colleges in Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Kentucky, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin plus students from more than a dozen California institutions are expected to attend.

The campus community is invited to the opening session at 9 a.m. Jan. 19 in Chumash Auditorium, where Paul Wenger, second vice president of the California Farm Bureau Federation, will give the keynote talk on “Agriculture — Producing the Best.”

REI awards $25,000 grant for solar energy project

Cal Poly’s Renewable Energy Institute has awarded $25,800 to help a University of Oregon professor develop software that calculates how water can be used to heat and cool buildings while avoiding energy-intensive mechanical systems.

Professor G.Z. Brown of the University of Oregon’s Energy Studies in Buildings Laboratory and the Department of Architecture is the second recipient of an award from the Society of Building Science Educators/Evelyn and Harold Hay Fund (SBSE/EHFF).

The proposal, “Roof Ponds for Energy Shaming,” is to improve software that architects use to determine what extent solar heating and cooling can reduce energy consumption. The software improvements are based on a recently completed Hay Pond project led by Cal Poly Professor David Lord, “An Interactive, Web-based Computer Program Thermal Design of Roof Ponds.”

The SBSE/EHFF program is supported by a donation from Los Angeles area chemist and inventor Harold Hay to Cal Poly’s Renewable Energy Institute. Hay made the gift to advance applied research in the areas of passive energy and water conservation. Grants are made to individuals or teams of individuals who are members of the Society of Building Science Educators.

For more information, visit http://www.calpoly.edu/rgs/Research/reis.html.

Students to sponsor panel on ‘Star Wars’

Representatives of Greenpeace and other organizations concerned about the militarization of space will discuss the proposed National Missile Defense System.

The panel discussion will be held in Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Center at 3 p.m. Wednesday. A video presentation on the missile defense project — popularly known as “Star Wars” — will be shown at 6 p.m., and the panel discussion will follow at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Progressive Student Alliance Disarmament Committee, Greenpeace, and the Central Coast Peace and Environmental Council, the event will include panelists Butch Turk of Greenpeace, Peter Lamontagne of the nonprofit Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz, William Olin, a certified fallout shelter analyst, and Kathy DiPeri of the local Citizens Against Nuclear Waste.

The panelists will discuss their belief that the National Missile Defense System is a “costly reinstallation of the world arms race,” according to Pablo Paster, chairperson of the Cal Poly Disarmament Committee and event coordinator.

Seating is on a first-come basis. For more information, visit www.calpoly.edu/projglab.
Photography exhibition shows unseen Vienna

An unseen Vienna is the subject of work by 10 contemporary Viennese photographers on display in the University Art Gallery Friday (Jan. 12) through Feb. 2. The photographs in "Vienna Exposed" show the Austrian capital tourists don't usually see. In color and in black and white, they depict seedy wine houses, the old subway, scenes remissive of post-war films such as "The Third Man."

One photographer revisits places of his childhood in dark, foreboding self-portraits. Another rephotographs locations of Nazi atrocities and struggles with the past.

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Position Vacancies

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- Come to the HREE office, Admin. 110, and view the posted positions.
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For listing of new openings, check The Tribune's Sunday edition.
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If you have questions, please call HREE at ext. 6-2337. 0

FACULTY Candidates are asked to contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed for more information or to request an advertisement. Additional information and qualifications for each position may also be obtained online at http://www.academic-personnel.calpoly.edu. Please submit all application materials to the department head/chaif unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.
- #13044: Tenure-track Assistant Professor, Music Department (ext. 6-2007). Closing date: March 5.
- #13048: Full-time Lecturer, Landscape Architecture Management Department (ext. 6-1319) Closing date: Feb. 1.
- #13049: Full-time Lecturer, Physics Department (ext. 6-1372). Closing date: Feb. 15.
- #13052: Tenure-track Assistant Professor Position, Journalism Department (ext. 6-1470). Closing date: March 1.
- #13053: Full-time Lecturer, Construction Management Department (ext. 6-1123) Closing date: Feb. 15.
- #13054: Tenure-track position, Construction Management Department (ext. 6-1123) Closing date: Feb. 15.

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Proceeds from the recital will benefit the Music Department Scholarship Fund. The recital is sponsored by the College of Arts and Music and the College of Liberal Arts. For more information, call ext. 6-2406.
For a listing of Music Department events, visit www.calpoly.edu/music.

Orchises to present ‘Dance Perspectives’

“Dance Perspectives,” the 31st annual Orchesis Dance Company concert, set for Jan. 19 in the Founda­tion Building’s Administration Building’s Conference Room (#124). For more information or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Executive Director Frank Mumford at ext. 6-1131. A copy of the agenda packet is available for review at the Kennedy Library Reserve Desk and the Academic Senate Office, Math and Science 143. 0

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Aeros, featuring gold-medal-wining

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Orchesis has commissioned a diverse array of works for the show. Pieces in the show include jazz, modern, contemporary ballet, tap, hip-hop and swing.
Call ext. 6-2053.0

Writing, investing among Extended Ed offerings
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Aeros was hailed by the Italian press as "a challenge to the law of gravity and to physical dance" and "the synthesis that binds the physical power of a team of ranked athletes with the creative genius of three sacred monsters of contemporary choreography.
The performance is directed by Daniel Erazlov, David Parsons and Moses Pendleton in collaboration with "Stompers" creators Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas.

Mandel also gained national recognition for a 37-year radio show reviewing Soviet press, politics and society on Berkeley station KPFA. He has frequently been involved with anti-racist causes such as the defense of civil rights leader Mumia Abu-Jamal, a black man on Pennsylvania death row whose conviction for killing a police officer is being challenged.
Mandel's 1999 autobiography, "Saying No to Power," provided what the Green-Wich Village Gazette called a "grand tour of the left of the last 80 years."
For more information, call Kara Stein at 543-0639.0
Theatre auditioning for 'I Hate Hamlet'

Auditions for "I Hate Hamlet," the Theatre and Dance Department's winter quarter main-stage production, will be held Thursday and Friday (Jan. 11-12). The auditions will be from 7 to 11 p.m. in Viosson Music 212.

Director Mike Malkin calls the recent Broadway hit a "zany comic masterpiece with superb roles" for three women and three men. In Paul Rudnick's play, a well-known soap opera actor moves into a shabby apartment in New York City. There he is guided into the role of Hamlet by the egomaniacal ghost of legendary star John Barrymore.

Auditions will be "warm readings." Actors will be given 20-30 minutes to develop ideas for reading a section of the script. While no advance preparation is required, Malkin recommends those auditioning read the play beforehand. It is available at the reserve desk in the Kennedy Library.

For more information, call Malkin at ext. 6-6453.

Changes announced to PERSCare and PERS Choice

CalPERS has announced significant changes to PERSCare and PERS Choice Health Plans effective Feb. 1. The changes affect co-payments, deductibles and premium rates.

CalPERS has mailed a Health Benefit Information packet to current enrollees detailing the changes.

Employees now enrolled in the plans can disenroll during a special Open Enrollment period effective immediately through Feb. 9.

For information on available health plan options and instructions on disenrollment from PERSCare or PERS Choice, contact Sheree May in Human Resources at ext. 6-6567, smay@calpoly.edu.

Campus closed Jan. 15 to observe Martin Luther King Jr. birthday

Virtual-reality technology to aid student designers

Cal Poly has become the first institution of its kind to offer undergraduates the use of an "Immersive Workbench" that embodies virtual-reality technology.

A $50,000 donation from Pacific Bell helped to fund the state-of-the-art "Fove Space Immersive Workbench." It's part of the university's Immersive Visualization Project, a collaboration among undergraduate student teams from the Architecture and Computer Science departments that has been in development for more than 3 1/2 years.

The technology allows students to see before anything is built — what it would be like to move around inside an environment they have designed. The installation incorporates 3-D glasses, "pinch gloves" to hold virtual objects, and special projection systems.

When McCormick first put on the 3-D glasses, he said, "It felt like being on the job again. Early in my design process, I was able to see more than I might not have caught in the design development or production stage."

Ticket information

Tickets to the performances listed in today's Cal Poly Report are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. Saturdays. Call ext. 6-2787, or fax your order to ext. 6-6088. Tickets can also be bought online via Tickets.com. Visit the Performing Arts Center's Web site at pacaslo.org and click on "Events Calendar." Information on Cal Poly Arts events, including audio and video samples of artists' work, can be found on the Web at www.calpolyarts.org.

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The program, titled "The Art of Dance," will include Bach's Partita No. 1 in B flat major, Debussy's "Homage a Rameau" from "Images, Book I," and Ravel's "Valses Nobles et Sentimentales." Spiller will also play Chopin's Mazurkas in D major, Op. 33, No. 2; Mazurka in C sharp minor, Op. 60, No. 3; Waltz in G major, Op. 69, No. 2; Waltz in C sharp minor, Op. 69, No. 2; Waltz in A flat major, Op. 34, No. 3; Polonaise in C major, Op. 40, No. 1; and Polonaise in A flat major, Op. 33.

Tickets to the benefit recital are $6 for students and senior citizens and $10 for the public.
Weipert family named 2001's 'Family of Year'

Cal Poly electrician Ed Weipert and his family were named San Luis Obispo Family of the Year for 2001. Selected by a committee of local residents, the family was chosen partly because of an essay written by Ed's 12-year-old son, Brandy, in which he said, "The members of my family are like my best friends. Through troubles, bad times and good times, we stay together."

Before their selection, the family was also interviewed by a judge from the Family of the Year Committee. According to a committee member, the family was recognized for their "strong support system for their patriotism, and for their strong work ethic." 0

Obituaries

Arnold Dean, 79

Arnold Dean, soil science professor emeritus, died Nov. 25 at a San Luis Obispo hospital. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture in Edmonton, Alberta, and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin.

He taught at Cal Poly from 1949 until 1982.

George McMeen, 88

George McMeen, mathematics professor emeritus, died Dec. 5 in San Luis Obispo. McMeen was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He authored many textbooks in arithmetic for elementary school children and co-authored a math book for junior college students.

He taught at Cal Poly from 1960 to 1977.

Ellerson named head football coach

A fund has been established at SESLOC for former staff member John Ellerson, who was injured in a motor vehicle accident during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Ellerson, whose last assignment was in the College of Agriculture, will be hospitalized for several weeks at the University Medical Center in Fresno and in traction for a broken back for 12 weeks. The needs financial assistance to help with her ongoing medical expenses. Anyone who wants to contribute can drop off a check in Romazzini's name at the Cal Poly SESLOC branch office or the main branch office on Los Osos Valley Road. Checks can also be mailed to SESLOC, 11491 Los Osos Valley Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405. Call Marsha Epstein at ext. 6-6541 for more information.

Nominations sought for student employee award

Faculty and staff members are invited to nominate student assistants for the university's 2000-2001 Outstanding Student Employee award. Eligible student employees include those who have worked for a minimum of six months in the 2000-2001 academic year. Nominations can be made to Work-Study and non-Work-Study students.

To donate leave credit for Cichowski, contact Margaret Bourke, Personnel Manager, at ext. 6-6356 or by e-mail. For donations to Turnquist, request a form from Janice Emmick, Construction Management, at ext. 6-6357 or by e-mail. CSEA employees (shifts 2, 5, 7 and 9 only) may donate up to 32 hours total; all other state employees may donate up to 16 hours leave and/or vacation credits per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more.

Reli awards $25,000 grant for solar energy project

Cal Poly's Renewable Energy Institute has awarded $25,000 to help a University of Oregon professor develop software that calculates how water can be used to cool and cool buildings and to avoid energy-intensive mechanical systems.

Professor G.Z. Brown of the University of Oregon's Energy Studies in Buildings Laboratory and the Department of Architecture is the second recipient of the SBSE/EHHF program, sponsored by the Progressive College of Ag to host 2001 ambassadors' conference

Cal Poly is expecting more than 300 student Agricultural Ambassadors from across the United States at the 6th annual ambassadors' conference Jan. 18-20.

Other students from training specialist programs at universities in Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Kentucky, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Washington and Wisconsin will also participate. Cal Poly properties are home to more than a dozen California institutions are expected to attend.

The campus community is invited to the opening session on 9 a.m. Jan. 19 in Chumash Auditorium. While Paul Wanger, second vice president of the California Farm Bureau Federation, will give the keynote talk on Agriculture.

For more information, contact Sabo, Cal Poly Ag Ambassador advisor, at ext. 6-7225 or by e-mail at sabol@ calpoly.edu.

Students to sponsor panel on 'Star Wars'

Representatives of Greenepeace and other organizations concerned about the militarization of space will discuss the proposed National Missile Defense System Jan. 17.

The panel discussion will be held in Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Center. The event will be broadcast on the missile-defense project — popularly known as "Star Wars" — will be work at 6 p.m., and the panel discussion will follow at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Progressive Student Alliance Disarmament Committee, Greenpeace, and the Central Coast Peace and Environmental Council, the event will include panelists Butch Turk of Greenepeace, Peter Lamontagne of the nonprofit Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz, William Olin, a certified fossil fuel economist, and Kathy DiPersio of the local Citizens Against Nuclear Waste.

The panelists will discuss their belief that the National Missile Defense System is a "costly redefinition of the world arms race," according to Pablo Paster, chairperson of the Cal Poly Disarma­ment Committee and event coordinator.

Seating is on a first-come basis. For more information, visit www.calpoly.edu/rgs/Research/rael.html.

Rich Ellerson

Rich Ellerson, defensive coordinator at the University of Arizona for the past four seasons, has been named Cal Poly head football coach.

At Arizona, Ellerson was the mind behind the team's defensive schemes that led the Pac-10 Conference and ranked 12th nationally in rushing defense in 1998, a key to UA's school-record 12 victories that year. This past season, Arizona again led the Pac-10 and finished the regular season ranked 8th in the nation in rushing defense, allowing just 88.5 yards per game. The Wildcats also ranked second in the league in total defense, concluding the year 5-6. Ellerson joined the University of Arizona staff in January 1992 to coach the outside linebackers, then assumed more duties as coach of the entire defensive front in 1993. He was named assistant head coach prior to the 1995 season.

Resident directors chosen for International Programs

Mathematics Professor Robert Wolf has been chosen resident director of the CSU International Program in France for 2001-2002.

In addition, Foreign Languages and Literatures Professor William Little will serve in Spain, and History Professor Barbara Mori will serve in Japan.

Leaves solicitations

Catastrophic leave solicitations drives are being held for three faculty members.

Janet Rizzoli, an evaluator in Academic Records; Catherine Ann Cichowski, a lecturer in Psychology and Human Development and the University Center for Teacher Education; and Ed Turnquist, a project manager in Construction Management Department, have qualified for catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate to help them remain in full-pay status.

Those interested in donating to Rizzoli may request the Catastrophic Leave Form donation from solicitation coordinator Patty Warnick-Wait in Academic Records at ext. 6-2732 or by e-mail. To donate leave credit for Cichowski, contact Margaret Bourke, Personnel Manager, at ext. 6-2456 or by e-mail.

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Students sculpt signs into unique holiday 'tree'

From discarded reflectorized highway signs, a pair of Cal Poly architecture students sculpted a holiday "tree" that one observer likened to "a work by Dr. Seuss."

What started as a home-improve­ment project evolved during a coffee roundtable into a one-of-a-kind holiday tree.

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"A Centennial Celebration of Diversity: Our Past, Our Present, Our Future"

Through the Eyes of Diversity: 100 Years of Cal Poly History

- 1901 - Governor Henry Gage signs bill to establish the California Polytechnic School for men and women
- 1903 - First Swiss-Italian student, Henry Pezzoni, enrolls in Cal Poly's first class
- 1903 - First woman faculty member, Gwendolyn Stewart, Household Arts
- 1904 - Sixty-two students enrolled, including fourteen women
- 1904 - First Japanese-American student from Oakland: Eizo Kondo, Agriculturc major; graduates in 1908
- 1906 - First woman graduate with vocational diploma: Laura & Irene Bighetti, Idan Fox, and Katherine Twombly
- 1907 - First international exchange student:agos Bonito, D.J., Jadushit Gouram & Devendra Gahen sent by the Indian Government to study Agriculture
- 1908 - First Latino-American students: Manuel Herrera from Morro Bay, Mechanics major; Irene & Lily Guerra from Cambria, Household Arts
- 1909 - First women's basketball team
- 1910 - First Female Organization, the Anacapa Club, founded with the help of faculty member Margaret Chavez
- 1912 - First Filipino-American student: Alberto Concepcion, Mechanics major
- 1912 - First exchange students from Mexico
- 1920 - First Chinese-American students: Helen, Fred & Young Louis from a local San Luis Obispo merchant family
- 1920 - First Native American student enrolls in the post-war veterans' education program
- 1921 - An African-American student enrolls in the post-war veterans' education program
- 1923 - Female students enroll in printing classes for the first time when budget cuts eliminate Household Arts' program
- 1927 - School adds a two-year Junior College including studies in Engineering/Mechanics and Aeronautics

Event Calendar

- Jan. 8-17 - Martin Luther King "IT" Community Reception, Jan. 17, Veranda Cafe, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 14-19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration
- Jan. 14 - Sharing the Dream: A Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration
- Jan. 15 - Diversity Photo and Poster Contest submission deadline
- Jan. 18-Feb. 9 - Joe Schwartz's "Pleoth of Black America" photo exhibit
- Jan. 18 - Joe Schwartz reception
- Jan. 24 - Centennial Lyceum Lecture by Lida Chue
- Jan. 25-Feb. 15 - Diversity Photo and Poster Exhibition, Kennedy Library
- Feb. 3 - Announcement of Photo and Poster contest winners and reception
- Feb. 8 - "A Taste of Power: A Black Woman's Story" by Elaine Brown, Cohan Pavilion, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 10 - Dione Warwick Concert, Cohan Center, 8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12 - Black Quilt Historian Lecture by Carolyn Mazloomi and Exhibits, UU 220, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 - Bridging the Digital Divide Colloquium, Cohan Center Pavilion, 3:30-6 p.m.
- Feb. 21 - "Dead Man Walking" lecture by Sister Helen Prejean
- Feb. 24 - "Women Stepping Up: Taking Leadership to a New Level," Women's Leadership Conference, Veranda Cafe and Sandwich Plant
- March - Earth Day, Chavez Auditorium, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- March 8 - International Women's Day Reception, San Luis Obispo County Art Center

The event calendar will be updated as needed online at www.centennial.calpoly.edu. For information on events, call Cathy Soubat at ext. 6-2227 or check the Campus Climate Colloquium. (To be continued in upcoming issues of the Cal Poly Report.)

Deadline reminder

The deadline is approaching for the photo and poster contest focusing on "Diversity: Our Past, Our Present and Our Future." The contest, part of the Centennial Celebration, is sponsored by the Cultural Awareness Committee and the Campus Climate Colloquium. For photo contest rules, contact Denise Campbell at ext. 6-2200. For poster rules, contact Harvey Levenson, ext. 6-1631. Posters and photos are due by 5 p.m. Monday (Jan. 15) in 317 D Admin.