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“This generous gift will greatly benefit our performing arts program,” said Harry Hellenbrand, dean of the college. “Students flock to our music and theater classes because of the hands-on experiences there, and these programs will be enhanced by this support. The gift will provide them with a great legacy.”

Ralph Hoskins, director of Cal Poly Arts, said a $1 million gift to his program “will assure that non-commercial programming like classical music, dance and theater will always be a part of the university’s performing arts series. This support will help broaden the community’s appreciation of these types of arts programs.”

Another $1 million endowment will provide ongoing support for the Baker Forum, created to honor the leadership of President and Mrs. Baker. The forum is designed to foster discussion among educators, industry leaders and public policy-makers on issues of science and technology, ranging from student preparation to the social and ethical dimensions of the impact of technology on society.

“The Baker Forum recently held its inaugural event, which was very successful,” said Provost Paul Zingg. “It’s gratifying to know that Clifford and Gene’s generosity will guarantee that this forum continues into the future and will help attract national and world leaders to the event.”

Attorney, engineering educator to address grads Saturday

One of the “100 most influential” lawyers in the United States as well as the president of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering will deliver the featured addresses at Commencement ceremonies Saturday in Mustang Stadium.

Joseph W. Cotchett, partner in the Burlingame law firm of Cotchett, Pitre, Simon & McCarthy, will speak at 9 a.m. to potential graduates in agriculture, liberal arts, science and mathematics, and teacher education.

John Brooks Slaughter, named president and CEO of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME) in June 2000, will speak during the 3 p.m. ceremony for candidates in architecture and environmental design, engineering and business.

Both speakers will receive an honorary doctorate — Cotchett a Doctor of Laws, Slaughter a Doctor of Science — from Cal Poly and the CSU.

Some 3,050 degrees are to be symbolically conferred at the two ceremonies, about 210 of them master’s degrees. Cotchett has distinguished himself over a 35-year career as one of the foremost trial lawyers in the country. He has been
June 15 is last workday for Work-Study students

The last day students can work through the Federal Work-Study program for 2001-02 is Saturday (June 15). During final weeks, students may work up to 20 hours through June 15.

All June Work-Study payroll must be approved by the June 19 payroll deadline. No late Federal Work-Study pay will be authorized.

During summer, there is no Work-Study. The Federal Work-Study program will resume Sept. 1 for the 2002-03 academic year.

For more information, contact Luann McDonald in Financial Aid, ext. 6-5885 or lmedonal@calpoly.edu.

GrC students tops in contest

Cal Poly's student chapter of the Technical Association of the Graphic Arts (TAGA), an organization of the Graphic Communication Department, won two first-place awards and one second-place award at an international research competition in Asheville, N.C.

The team competed against student chapters from the United States, France and Russia for the best research paper, the best electronic journal and the best overall journal written and produced by students.

This year, Cal Poly's chapter took first place for the best research paper, first place for the best electronic journal, and second place for the best overall printed journal, walking away with prizes totaling $2,250.

Fee waiver deadlines

The following fall quarter fee waiver deadlines are approaching:
- July 31 — POWER/CAPTURE scheduled registration period begins (see "Priority and Graduate Students" cycle in class schedule).
- Aug. 23 — Last day to pay fees to avoid $25 late fee.
- Sept. 1 — Last day to submit CSU admission application (undecided/nonmatriculated status only).
- Oct. 7 — Last day to submit fee waiver form to Human Resources, Adm. 110.

Fee waiver guidelines, procedures and forms are available on the Human Resources Web site at http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hre/index.html (see Employee Fee Waiver Program). For more information, call Darcy Adams at ext. 6-2472.

Raffle winners named

Employees who won prizes in the recent Cal Poly cat program raffle are Jeanne Seret (Athletics), Berta Kerr (Faculty Services), Dom Lamsden (Speech Communication), Joan Stevens (Earth and Soil Sciences), and Joan McCarthy (Psychology and Child Development).

Additional winners included Johan Uyttewaal (Facilities Planning), Elizabeth Ball (Farm Shop) and Joann Trew (Budget and Analytic Business Services).

Prizes included gift certificates to the Heritage Inn, Bayaide Cafe, Poly Plant Shop, The Pet Department and the Nail Affair.

Jewel tickets on sale

Popular musician Jewel will perform an acoustic concert combining her old hits and new work at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Christopher Cohan Center's Harman Hall.

The solo show is part of Jewel's "New Wild West Tour" and will be presented by Cal Poly Arts as part of its Center Stage summer series.

Jewel's 1995 debut album, "Pieces of You," included such hits as "You Were Meant for Me," "Who Will Save Your Soul?" and "Foolish Games."

The concert will feature songs from her latest critically acclaimed release, "This Way."

Tickets are $44 and $48.

Position Vacancies

STATE: The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at least two weeks prior to closing dates on Cal Poly's Web site at www.calpoly.edu. Select "Employment" from the Cal Poly links drop-down box. As a courtesy to our on-campus employees, job vacancies also are published in the Cal Poly Report. Positions marked with an asterisk indicate that qualified on-campus applicants in bargaining units 2, 5, 7 and 9 will be given first consideration. Job applications must be received in Human Resources, Adm. 110, by 5 p.m. on the closing date.

FACULTY Candidates are asked to contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed for more information or to request an application. 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/chair unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.

#4066: Lecturer(s), Part-Time, Construction Management Department (ext. 6-1233). Closing date: Aug. 15.

#4067: Lecturer(s), Part-Time, Agribusiness Department (ext. 6-5000). Closing date: (Monday) June 17.

#4068: Lecturer(s), Part-Time, Animal Science Department (ext. 6-1241). Closing date: (Monday) June 17.

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named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in the country for the past 10 years.

Widely known as an advocate for the dispossessed, Cotchett has won numerous landmark jury verdicts and settlements for consumers, poor and disadvantaged citizens, organizations and businesses.

A 1960 Cal Poly grad in air conditioning engineering, Cotchett earned his law degree from UC's Hastings College of Law. In 2000, the law school opened the Cotchett Center for Advocacy in his honor.

Slaughter, a former director of the National Science Foundation, president of Occidental College in Los Angeles and chancellor at the University of Maryland, heads an organization founded in 1974 to increase workplace diversity in engineering. Under his guidance, NACME provides the highest number of private scholarships for minorities in engineering as well as offering corporate intern programs, outreach programs in high schools and research and policy analysis.

He earned bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Kansas State University, a master's in engineering from UCLA, and a doctorate in engineering science from UC San Diego.