Cal Poly named ‘Best Practice Campus’

Cal Poly has received the results from an Operational Benchmarking for Cost Management and Quality Improvement in Higher Education project.

The project was jointly sponsored by the National Association of College and University Business Officers and the CSU. The project, which began in October 1993, provided the CSU campuses with information for assessing their administrative costs and efficiency levels, and information on opportunities for constructive change.

The study consisted of three process mapping efforts in the areas of payroll, procurement and budget. There were 11 functions studied, which included accounts payable; admissions; budget; collections and student accounts receivable; facilities; financial aid; general accounting and treasury/cash management; human resources; payroll; purchasing; and registration and records.

In addition to making recommendations for improvement, each functional area was asked to identify a potential best practice CSU campus to investigate for future study. Three functional areas did not identify a best practice campus, but, of the remaining eight functions, Cal Poly was cited more often than any other CSU campus. Cal Poly was cited as a best practice campus in the functions of accounts payable, budget, general accounting and treasury/cash management, purchasing, and collections and student accounts receivable.

CSU will again participate in the benchmarking study in fiscal year 1995-96. During the interim period, process mapping will be completed for student counter services and construction management.

Cal Poly Foundation to handle ASI finances

The Cal Poly Foundation is assuming responsibility for the payroll and accounting functions of the ASI.

“Cal Poly has reached this decision to guarantee that the appropriate checks and balances are in place to ensure the safety of student funds,” Juan Gonzalez, vice president for student affairs, said.

The action was taken after a comprehensive review of all ASI financial operations indicated the need to strengthen ASI’s fiscal policies and procedures.

The review resulted from alleged improprieties by former employees working in the ASI Business Office. Those incidents are still under investigation.

The foundation has begun processing ASI-related payroll and is working with ASI and the university to develop a plan to transfer the accounting functions by July 1.

The change in fiscal operations will not affect ASI’s autonomy and responsibility to run itself.

Fish appointed director of Grants Development

Michael Fish has been named director of the Grants Development office, effective March 2.

He comes to Cal Poly from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., where he directed the Office for Research for 15 years. He also coordinated the Information Services and Technology Transfer Program at George Mason.

Fish earned a B.A. degree in literature and philosophy from St. Joseph’s College in Philadelphia and an M.A. in history from The Catholic University of America.

Residence hall students to sponsor ‘skip-a-meal’

Cal Poly’s ENRICH (Residents Involved in Community Helping) program invites the faculty, staff, other students, and community members to join in a fund-raiser to benefit the San Luis Obispo Women’s Shelter.

Students living in the residence halls are sponsoring a “skip-a-meal” event on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The fund-raiser, planned in conjunction with Women’s Week, is designed to increase awareness of spousal abuse and raise money for the shelter.

To participate, simply skip a meal and write a check to the Women’s Shelter in the amount of money saved. Checks can be taken to the Women’s Programs and Services office in UU 217 anytime during Women’s Week, Monday through Friday, Feb. 13-17.

ENRICH is a program of the Housing and Residential Life department. For information, call Kim Widic at ext. 6134 or Sam Lutrin, ext. 5839.
Women’s Week to be
Feb. 13-17 at Cal Poly

Noted feminist author Paula Kamen will be the keynote speaker at Cal Poly’s annual Women’s Week celebration, set for Monday through Friday, Feb. 13-17.

This year’s theme is “Women’s Lives: An Infinite Mosaic.” The program will deal with all aspects of women’s lives, in different cultures and for all generations. Scheduled in conjunction with National Women’s History Month, Women’s Week is intended to provide information that looks at women in a holistic way.

A catered luncheon, silent auction, and a variety of presentations are also planned, including talks on education, careers, family, health, and creativity.

Kamen will speak at 7 pm Wednesday, Feb. 15, in Chumash Auditorium on “Getting Beyond the F-Word: Making Feminism Accessible to Women Today.” She wrote “Feminist Fatale: Voices From the Twentysomething Generation Explore the Future of the Women’s Movement” after interviewing hundreds of young women and men.

In the book, she discusses the factors that shape young people’s responses to feminism and documents the “twentysomething” attitude toward work, family, reproductive rights, and sexual violence.

Actress Annabeth Gish will be the featured speaker at the Tuesday (Feb. 14) luncheon set for 11:30 am in Chumash. She will speak on “From Women’s Studies to Wyatt Earp.”

Daughter of Ethnic Studies Program Director Robert Gish and liberal studies lecturer Judith Gish, Annabeth has been featured in the films “Mystic Pizza,” “Shag,” “Coupe de Ville,” and “Wyatt Earp,” as well as many TV movies.

Books, videos, collectibles and gift certificates will be among the items donated by local businesses and available during the luncheon’s silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will benefit Cal Poly’s Women’s Programs and Services, co-sponsors of Women’s Week. The luncheon costs $10, and reservations must be made by Friday, Feb. 10.

Some of the speakers and topics:

**Monday, Feb. 13**
- Sonia Garcia, 10 am, UU 219, “Feminism and Chicanas.”
- Suzanne Fritz, 1 pm, UU 220, “Women’s Ways of Learning: Gender Differences in Learning Styles.”

**Tuesday, Feb. 14**
- Rev. Barbara M. Strauss, 9 am, UU 218, “Can Work Be Soulful and Profitable?”
- Patty Mahaffey and Sally Blanton, 10 am, UU 220 “Men and Women 9 to 5: Understanding Mixed Signals and Building Alliances.”

**Wednesday, Feb. 15**
- Sally Blanton and Kevin Rome, 10 am, UU 220, “Sex, Race, and Culture: What’s Love Got To Do With It?”
- Nancy Speed, 11 am, UU 219, “Managing Depression and Anxiety.”
- Surniva Sorby, Thursday, Feb. 16, 7:30 pm, Chumash. One of four women of the American Women’s Expedition who reached the South Pole on foot without the aid of sled dogs or motorized vehicles, Sorby will give a slide presentation on the 67-day journey across Antarctica.
- Claudia Cadwallader, 10 am, UU 219, “Natural Steps to Health and Longevity for Women.”
- Susan Bailey Kadin, 10 am, UU 220, “Transforming Body Image: Learning To Love the Body You Have.”

**Thursday, Feb. 16**
- Maria T. Garcia, 11 am, UU 220, “Hidden From History: Lesbians on the Cutting Edge of Literature.”
- Kris Hiemstra and Marti Fast, 10 am, UU 219, “Creativity as an Attitude.”
- Marla T. Garcia, 11 am, UU 220, “Poetry By and About Women.”

**Friday, Feb. 17**
- Carroll R. Leslie, 9 am, UU 219, “Marriage: A Journey Into the Unknown is co-sponsored by the Psychology and Human Development Dept.
- Presented by Dr. Marshall Jung of the Constructual Family Therapy Training Institute in San Bernardino, the workshop will present a new perspective on problems confronted by couples, stages of marital development, love, and commitment.
- Jung will compare traditional marriages with modern marriages, talk about how loving relationships can grow, and discuss the appropriateness of different types of therapy, based on the Constructual Marital Therapy Model.

For more information, call Basil Fiorito of the Psychology and Human Development Department at ext. 2674 or 2033.
Civil War, 'Lost Cause' to be topic Feb. 13

"Ask Us Not to Forget: The American Civil War and the Mythology of the Lost Cause" will be the subject of a noon talk on Monday, Feb. 13, in the Staff Dining Room.

Melody Bacon, Ph.D. candidate in psychology at Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, will give the presentation.

In the South, the myth of the "Lost Cause" came about to help white Southerners come to terms with their defeat. The myth was, and continues to be, perpetuated in large part by women.

Bacon's talk will address such questions as:
♦ What are the essential tenets of the Lost Cause?
♦ What is the meaning of the feminization of the Lost Cause?
♦ How has the dogma of the Lost Cause influenced our understanding of the war?
♦ Through what mythic context do we view the Civil War?
♦ What evidence of the Lost Cause exists in the South today?

The free presentation is part of the Women's Studies Lunch-Time Seminar series and is co-sponsored by the Psychology and Human Development Department.

For more information, call Women's Studies at ext. 1525.

Nominations sought for student service

Nominations are being sought to honor Cal Poly students for outstanding community service.

The President's Awards for Outstanding Community Service and the Emerging Service Leader's Award recognize students and student groups for service that has addressed unmet social needs in San Luis Obispo County. The awards will be presented by President Baker at a May 5 ceremony.

To be eligible, students must have performed a service off campus as unpaid volunteers. Activities may be class related as long as the service went beyond class requirements.

The President's Award for individuals is given for service performed throughout a student's stay at Cal Poly and recognizes an extensive service record.

The President's Award for group service honors a group for long-term involvement.

The Emerging Service Leader's Award for an individual honors a student who has at least two years left at Cal Poly, has completed service during the past year, and shows promise of increased service.

The Emerging Service Leader's Award for a group honors a newly involved group for exceptional service activities that show promise of continuing.

Two goals of the awards are to inspire groups and individuals to address community needs and encourage them to broaden their education by investigating, organizing and leading activities.

Nominations are due Wednesday, March 1. For forms and information, call Maureen Forgeng or Sam Lutrin in Student Life and Activities at ext. 2476, or stop by UU 217.

Winners will be selected by city and county officials and representatives from ASI and the Academic Senate.

Writer-musician to read for Black History Month

Accomplished Bay Area writer and musician Al Young will read at 7 pm, Friday, Feb. 10, in San Luis Lounge in the UU as part of Cal Poly's Black History Month celebration.

Young has written five novels and published five books of poetry, including "The Blues Don't Change" and "Heaven."

Young teaches literature and creative writing at UC Santa Cruz.

The presentation is sponsored by Cal Poly Arts' WriterSpeak series.

For more information, call Mary Kay Harrington, chair of WriterSpeak, at ext. 2067.

Send Who, Whats' by 13th for new publication

Monday, Feb. 13, is the deadline to submit items for the first issue of the new quarterly newsletter designed to take the place of the Who, What, Where, When section of the Cal Poly Report.

The first issue will be out Tuesday, Feb. 21, and all items received by the deadline will be included. Items received after that date will appear in the spring quarter edition.

When submitting news of professional accomplishments, please remember that the guidelines for items published will be the same as for the Who, What, Where section. In general, that means significant accomplishments and recognition clearly related -- and in most cases that means directly related -- to a faculty member's teaching or scholarship or a staff member's job at Cal Poly.

Mail items (typed and double-spaced, please) to Jo Ann Lloyd, Communications, Heron Hall, or fax them to ext. 6533, or e-mail du539@oasis. Please be sure to include a phone number in case we have questions.

For more information or a copy of the full guidelines, call ext. 1511.

We apologize

It's professor Robert Smidt, not Roger, who is the main consultant for the Statistics Department's winter quarter consulting service. We apologize for the error.

Please note Smidt's e-mail address is rsmidt@cymbal.

CPR schedule

Cal Poly Report is published on Fridays (except quarter breaks) by the Communications Department.

News items must be submitted to Jo Ann Lloyd, Heron Hall, by 1 pm on Friday for the next week's issue. Letters for the Campus Forum section must be received by 1 pm Monday for the same week's issue.
Health science careers topic of conference

Cal Poly will host the third annual Health Science Careers Conference from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday, Feb. 25, in Room 213 of the Business Building.

Co-sponsored by UC San Francisco, the conference provides under-represented students information about various health science careers and about health issues facing under-represented populations and communities.

Conference topics will include academic and career opportunities in dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and physical therapy.

Information on academic preparation, scholarships, financial aid, and graduate studies will be provided, as well as on health career opportunities for underrepresented ethnic minority students and students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

While the program is designed for underrepresented students, all students and community members are welcome to attend all or some of the activities.

For registration forms or more information, call Ursula Bishop of Cal Poly's Minority Access to Health Careers office at ext. 2840.

“Beating the Budget Blues.” Staff Dining Room, noon.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Meeting: Women’s Council of the State University planning meeting. UU 219, noon.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Speaker: Peter Zimmerman (U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency) will discuss “Ballistic Missile Defenses.” Science E-45, 11 am.
Music: Pianist James Bonn will perform. Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, SLO, 8 pm. ($)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Reading: Al Young (writer-musician) will read his work. San Luis Lounge, 7 pm.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Women’s Basketball: Cal State Northridge, Mott Gym, 7:30 pm. ($)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Exhibit: In observance of Black History Month. Continues through March 12. UU Galerie.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Women’s Week: A variety of talks, a luncheon and silent auction are scheduled. Continues through Friday, Feb. 17. For schedule of events, call Women’s Programs and Services, ext. 2600.
Speaker: Melody Bacon will discuss “Ask Us Not to Forget: The American Civil War and the Mythology of the Lost Cause.” Staff Dining Room, noon.
Music: Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band with saxophonist Eddie Harris, Theatre, 8 pm. ($)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Baseball: UC Santa Barbara, SLO Stadium, 3:05 pm. ($)

Resident advisor positions available

The faculty and staff are asked to let students know that Housing and Residential Life is now recruiting about 60 1995-96 resident advisors. This comprehensive leadership opportunity is open to Cal Poly students who want to learn about themselves while also helping others. Skill development includes advising, multicultural awareness, limit-setting, programming, public speaking and small-group communication. Interested students should watch for recruitment ads in the Mustang Daily or contact Housing and Residential Life at ext. 1226 for additional information.

Position vacancies

More information and applications for the following staff positions are available from the appropriate human resources office. Faxed applications and resumes will not be accepted in lieu of official application.

STATE (Adm. 110, ext. 2236 or job line at ext. 1533). Official application forms must be received by 4 pm of the closing date or be postmarked by the closing date. (No faxes)
CLOSING DATE: March 3
Programmer II, Human Resources (Unit 9).

FOUNDAIION (Foundation Adm. Building, ext. 1533). All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 pm of the closing date. (No faxes)
CLOSING DATE: Feb. 10
Human Resources Assistant, $1835-$2231/month.