Astronaut Gibson to speak tonight

Cal Poly's alumnus astronaut, Navy Cmdr. Robert L. Gibson, will present President Baker with a pennant that flew in space when Gibson gives a talk on the flight today (June 8).

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium, Gibson will present the space-traveling memento and describe his December mission aboard the shuttle Atlantis.

A 1969 aeronautical engineering graduate, Gibson carried along a special 12-inch by 18-inch green and gold Cal Poly pennant when he commanded the classified military mission. It was his third shuttle flight.

Gibson commanded the shuttle Columbia in January 1986 and co-piloted the Challenger in February 1984.

Participants sought for Women's Week

The Cal Poly Women's Week Committee invites faculty, staff, students, and community members to submit suggestions for participation in Women's Week 1990, to be held at Feb. 12-17, 1990.

The theme will be "Building Bridges." This year, unlike past years, participation will be limited to avoid conflicts in scheduling. The committee is seeking presentations that will address the issue of bridging the gap between cultural/ethnic groups, school and home, generations, campus and the "real world," and male and female.

Women's Programming is being planned for the entire year. One event set for next spring will be "Women and Law." Suggestions are welcome. If you have any ideas or suggestions that may not fit these guidelines, please send us your ideas.

Contact Pat Harris, Purchasing, ext. 5455; Mary Kay Harrington, Writing Skills, ext. 2067; or Mary Whitelord, Academic Programs, ext. 5475, for a proposal form or if you have any questions.

3,213 degrees will be conferred this spring

Degrees and certificates of graduation will be conferred on 3,213 candidates during the 1989 Spring Commencement at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, in Mustang Stadium.

Among the candidates will be 164 for master's degrees, 3010 for bachelor's degrees, and 20 for technical certificates. Nineteen of the candidates will receive degrees with double majors.

Confering the degrees will be President Baker, who will also deliver the commencement address.

Others scheduled to take part in the ceremonies are Vice President for Academic Affairs Malcolm W. Wilson, who will present the candidates, and Dean of Students Hazel J. Scott, who will be the master of ceremonies.

Also on the program will be Tom F. Lebens, who will speak for the university's students, and Dr. Charles T. Andrews, who will deliver remarks on behalf of the faculty.

Lebens, president of ASI, is a senior electronic engineering major, and Andrews is chairman of the Academic Senate and a member of the Accounting Department faculty.

Music for the occasion will be provided by the Symphonic Band under conductor John Anderson of the Music Department faculty.

Other commencement day activities will include a commissioning ceremony for degree candidates who have also completed the university's Army ROTC program and a recognition program and dinner for graduating Chicano students.

About 2500 of the degree candidates and some 13,500 families, friends, and teachers are expected to attend the commencement ceremony.

CSU Trustees OK 3 union contracts

The CSU board of trustees has ratified contracts with three labor unions that will give CSU employees and faculty salary increases of 4.7 to 6 percent.

The CFA Unit 3 agreement on faculty salaries for fiscal year 1988-89 will give CSU faculty members a 4.7 percent increase. There is still a disagreement between the CSU and CFA on additional funds the CFA claims are available. However, both sides agreed to ratify the current contract so monies already agreed upon wouldn't be lost.

Ratification of the APC Unit 4 agreement and the CSEA Units 2, 5, 7 and 9 agreement will give employees covered by those contracts raises of 6 percent effective June 1. The CSEA contract also calls for an increase of 4 percent effective Jan. 1, 1990, and an increase of 3 percent to 5 percent, depending on cost of living, on Jan. 1, 1991.

The CSEA contract will give a special equity adjustment for certain classes of employees on Jan. 1, 1990, and also includes guarantees of promotional opportunities.
Materials engineer will give lecture

A Rensselaer Polytechnic materials engineer will give a lecture on his institute’s Center for Manufacturing Productivity and Technology Transfer today (June 8).

Dr. Robert Messler Jr., associate director at the center, will speak at 11 am in Fisher Science 286.

Messler has more than 15 years’ experience in engineering, manufacturing, and industrial research and development.

‘Processes of Change’ to be lecture topic

The medical director of Atascadero State Hospital will speak on “Processes of Change” today (June 8).

Dr. Gordon W. Gritter will talk following a noon luncheon at Vista Grande Restaurant.

Gritter has worked with Atascadero State Hospital since 1982. He received his medical training in Boston and specialty training in San Francisco with many years of clinical practice. He has held clinical and faculty positions in New Zealand and California.

The program, one in a series of monthly luncheons, is sponsored by the San Luis Obispo area chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and Cal Poly’s Center for Practical Politics.

The series is designed for public employees, non-profit staff, and interested community members.

The luncheon cost is $7, and reservations can be made by calling Dr. Dianne Long, Political Science, ext. 2984.

Scandanavia club is seeking members

The Scandanavia Club of Cal Poly, a newly formed student club at the university, is looking for people interested in becoming founding members.

According to Lanny Bergstrand, primary organizer, the club will be social, educational, and cultural, and be of interest to people of Scandanavian ancestry, as well as those wanting to learn more about Scandanavian culture.

Anyone with ideas or willing to help set the groundwork for this organization should call Bergstrand, ext. 3273 or Don Floyd, ext. 2828.

East Indian dancer will perform June 17

The poise and elegance of East Indian Bharata Natyam classical dance will come to the Theatre on Saturday, June 17.

Viji Prakash, accompanied by four Indian musicians, will present Sharanam Sri Rama, a dramatization of the life of Lord Rama, through the compositions of Tyagaraja, Purandaradasa, Swathi Tirunal, and Tulasidas. The program will begin at 7:30 pm.

Bharata Natyam includes both pure dance and narrative. The narratives are much more dance-like than the mime found in ballet, and they rely more on facial expression.

Prakash, who studied dance at a school in Bombay, has established the Shakti Foundation for the Performing Arts in Los Angeles.

Tickets are $10 for the public and $8 for students and senior citizens. They are available at the Theatre Ticket Office and from members of the Indian community. The Theatre Ticket Office is open from 10 am to 4 pm on weekdays. Reservations can be made by calling ext. 1421.

Music professor’s book to be published

A music professor’s book about the Steinway family and the pianos that made them famous will be published in October.

Ronald V. Ratcliffe, a member of the Music Department for more than 25 years, has written “Steinway,” an in-depth look at the founder of the Steinway & Sons piano firm, a history of the technical breakthroughs by the company, and a section on the six most famous Steinway artists — Anton Rubinstein, Ignacy Paderewski, Josef Hofman, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Arthur Rubinstein, and Vladimir Horowitz.

An additional section will include almost 50 color plates of the elaborate “art-case” pianos produced for famous Americans, such as the Vanderbilts.

The book represents the culmination of more than 10 years of research that took Ratcliffe around the world searching for information, from San Francisco to New York to London and to Hamburg, West Germany.

“Steinway” is being published by Chronicle Books of San Francisco. It includes a foreword by Henry Z. Steinway, a great grandson of the founder.

O.H. student wins national contest

A senior ornamental horticulture student won high individual honors and led his team to a third-place finish in the 48th National Intercollegiate Flower Judging Contest held recently at New Mexico State University.

Michael Faigle was the top scorer among the 48 students from 16 colleges and universities who entered the contest.

Cal Poly’s flower judging team and entrants in the floral design contest are coached by Virginia Walter of the ornamental horticulture faculty.
Baseball team wins Div. II World Series

A courageous Cal Poly baseball team fought through the losers’ bracket to win the NCAA Division II College World Series. After losing its first game, the Mustangs won five straight to take the double-elimination tournament. It was Cal Poly’s first trip to the NCAA finals. A tip of the baseball cap to Coach Steve McFarland and his merry band of hitters and pitchers.

National track title

The Cal Poly Women’s Track & Field team has won the NCAA Division II championships. Winner of the national title three years in a row (1982-84), the Lady Mustangs waited five years before claiming its fourth NCAA title. Congratulations to Coach Lance Harter and his team of champions.

University Club elects ’89-90 officers

The Cal Poly Women’s Club elected the following officers for 1989-90: President Margarite Gowgani; First Vice President, Livia Seim; Second Vice President, Barbara Peterson; Secretary, Jutta Howell; Treasurer, Dantza Anderson; and Section Coordinator, Judy Connely.

The Nominating Committee for 1989-90 includes: Elsa Tellew, Janet Peach, Dotty Connors, Rita Henry, and Sylvia Vorhies. The members at large are: Lois Alexander Stark, Irene Rogers, and Sheila Pouraghahbagher.

Who, What, When, Where

James Vilkitis, Natural Resources Management, was the moderator for a session on environmental analysis, planning, and management held during the annual State Conference of the Association of Environmental Professionals in Long Beach.

Karla Walters, English, had a paper, “The Lady and the Industrialist: North and South,” accepted for presentation at the Fourth Annual Colloquium of Interdisciplinary 19th Century Studies in Portland, Ore.

Bill Preston, Social Sciences, chaired a session and presented a paper, “Foraging Involution in the Tulare Lake Basin,” at the annual meetings of the California Geographical Society in Sacramento.

James D’Albro, Ornamental Horticulture, was reappointed chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the Central Coast Floral Association. The association membership includes retailers, wholesalers, and growers from Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Scholarships are awarded to high school graduates pursuing college education in floriculture.

Richard Schmidt, Architecture, delivered two lecture series on “Pioneers of Modern Architecture in California” to Elderhostel students in Cambria. The lectures focused on the work of nine architects, from 1890 to present, who exemplify the California spirit of experimentation and innovation.


Barbara Weber, Home Economics, chaired a three-person team that conducted an on-site, internal review of the master’s degree program in the Department of Family Studies and Home Economics at Fresno State University.


Hernan Castellano-Giron, Foreign Languages and Literatures, had the essay, “Ciudad existencialista, ciudad surrealista” published in the literary volume “Pedro Lastra o la erudicion compartida” (Mexico: Premia Editores, 1988). This volume contains essays and creative texts from Latin American writers, as a tribute to the centenarian of the Chilean poet and scholar.

Allen Martin, Home Economics, presented a paper, “Compatibility of Energy Source and Container” accepted for publication in the proceedings of the 40th Annual International Appliance Technical Conference at Purdue University, Ind. The paper will also be published in the proceedings.

Joe Weatherby, Political Science, has been selected to serve on the Search Committee to select the founding faculty for the new CSU, San Marcos, campus.

Joe Weatherby, Political Science, has been elected as the 1989-90 president of the corporate board of the Model United Nations of the Far West. The board coordinates the Model United Nations activities of a 100 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

Donald Grinde, History, has accepted the Rupert Costo Chair in American Indian History at UC in Riverside for 1989-1991. His research topic will be “Southern California Indians’ Resistance to the Indian New Deal.”

Carol MacCurdy, English, presented a paper on the contemporary novelist John Hawkes, titled “John Hawkes and the American Frontier,” at the Popular Culture Conference in St. Louis.

Odile Clause, Foreign Languages and Literatures, served as secretary of the French Literature Section at the PNCFL Conference in Missoula, Mont. She also presented a paper at the French Culture section, titled: “A la Recherche d’Antoinette A....”

Paul Hillpold, History, delivered a paper, “Authority and the Urban Elite,” at the international conference of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies meeting in St. Louis.

Faculty promotions announced for 1989-90

President Baker has announced the promotion of 33 academic employees effective in the 1989-90 academic year. The promotions include 26 to the academic rank of Professor, five to Associate Professor, and two to the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian.

President Baker extended his congratulations and appreciation to the following faculty members receiving promotions (listed by school in departmental alphabetical order):

**PROFESSOR**

- School of Agriculture
  - James J. Ahern, Agricultural Management
  - William E. Plummer, Animal Sciences and Industry
  - James S. W. Greil, Crop Science
  - JoAnn Wheatley, Crop Science
  - Douglas Piirto, Natural Resources Management
  - Terry L. Smith, Soil Science

- School of Architecture and Environmental Design
  - Donna P. Duerk, Architecture

- School of Business
  - Michael W. Stebbins, Management

- School of Engineering
  - Chien-Kuo Lo, Civil and Environmental Engineering
  - Ahmad Seifoddini, Industrial Engineering
  - Daniel Walsh, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering

- School of Liberal Arts
  - Eric B. Johnson, Art and Design
  - Susan Currier, English
  - George B. Cotkin, History
  - Nishan R. Havandjian, Journalism
  - Talmage Scriven, Philosophy
  - William L. Preston, Social Sciences

- School of Professional Studies and Education
  - Howard Drucker, Education

- School of Professional Studies and Education
  - Michael Blum, Graphic Communication
  - Lynn Jamieson, Physical Education and Recreation Administration
  - Patrice L. Engle, Psychology and Human Development

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

- School of Agriculture
  - Robert A. Flores, Agricultural Education

- School of Engineering
  - James M. Meagher, Mechanical Engineering

- School of Liberal Arts
  - Manzar Foroohar, History

- School of Science and Mathematics
  - Nancy A. Morris, Home Economics

**LIBRARY**

- Senior Assistant Librarian
  - Madeleine M. Johnson, Learning Resources and Curriculum

- Reference

- Assistant to the Director of Alumni Relations
  - $1,607-$1,952/month, Alumni Office

**CPR schedule**

The Public Affairs Office will publish one more issue of **Cal Poly Report** during Spring Quarter: June 15. The first issue of Summer Quarter will be June 29. Additional Summer issues will be published on July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, and Aug. 24. The first issue of Fall Quarter will be Monday, Sept. 11.

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