Message from the President

Proclamation for Cinco de Mayo, 1982

On Cinco de Mayo, millions of Americans will observe a historical landmark in mankind’s age-old struggle against tyranny, and in the New World’s efforts to rid itself of the oppression of the Old World. On that day, in the year 1862, Mexico’s great President, Benito Juarez, led a force of patriots to victory over the armies of France and her puppet, Emperor Maximilian.

It is entirely fitting that America’s second largest minority, those among us whose heritage includes Hispanic culture, the Spanish language, Indian blood, and Mexican ancestry, should join with their brothers of the Republic of Mexico in observance of this event. And it is fitting, too, that the people of the United States should recognize this day as fateful, not only in the history of Mexico but for all peoples of the New World. For the victory of Juarez marked a turning point; hard-fought proof that the peoples of Mexico would not endure foreign rule and that they would find the strength to successfully resist it. Every American, North and South, is indebted to the brave people of Mexico for that.

In California, schools, cities, and organizations throughout the state will be observing this event as a gesture of solidarity with and affection for the people whose heritage is part of our own. To the extent that California has a heritage, a culture and a tradition, that heritage is inextricably bound up with the people of Mexico. In observing Cinco de Mayo, we honor not merely a gracious tradition and a great blow struck for human freedom in the past, we honor the present, and, hopefully, the future as well. Indeed, we honor ourselves, for we Californians began as Mexicans and part of that heritage remains with us in the names of our cities and streets, in our history, our music, our literature, and our customs.

Please join with me in celebrating this Cinco de Mayo, 1982, and in honoring the Mexican-American community on this special day.

William J. Baker

VP Hazel Jones to address graduation

The university’s chief academic administrator will be the guest speaker at the 76th annual Commencement on Saturday, June 12, at Cal Poly.

Dr. Hazel J. Jones, vice president for academic affairs at Cal Poly, is scheduled to address nearly 12,000 students, parents and friends of the university during the ceremony, which is being planned for 10:30 am in Mustang Stadium on campus.

Vice president since 1974, Dr. Jones announced last fall that she planned to retire in August 1982. Her responsibilities include overseeing the operations of seven academic schools and 49 instructional departments, as well as the university’s 600,000-volume library.

During her time at Cal Poly, she has placed emphasis on improved communications with campus constituent groups, long-range planning, and upgrading the quality of the academic programs.

Dr. Jones, who resides in Arroyo Grande, is a graduate of Western State College (Colo.), where she was honored as outstanding alumna in 1976. She earned advanced degrees from University of California, Berkeley, and University of Southern California.

She was a founding member of California Women in Higher Education. This statewide organization, which promotes the status of women in higher education, recognized the founding efforts of the Cal Poly vice president with a special award and commendation in 1979.
**Store fixtures sale**

El Corral Bookstore has one lot of 46 only 4'x4'x4' wood store fixtures that will be sold at the highest bidder. These fixtures can be examined at the bookstore on campus between the hours of 8 am Monday, May 3, through 4 pm Friday, May 7. Fixtures are of hard wood construction with a large quantity of two inch square oak trim. Not included are top sign strips and movable shelving. Included is all metal hardware.

Sealed bids must be submitted to the Bookstore General Office, by 4 pm on Monday, May 10. Bids will not be accepted for less than total lot of 46 fixtures. Seller reserves the right to refuse all bids. Successful bidder will be responsible for removal of fixtures from exterior storage lot within 24 hours of the date of availability (approximately May 17). Any inquiries regarding this sale should be directed to Court Warren, El Corral Bookstore, Ext. 1101.

**Property sale**

There will be a sale of unclaimed lost and found articles and Cal Poly’s surplus property at the University Warehouse Building Number 70 on the following dates:
- Monday, May 10, 8:30 am to 3 pm only, sales and bids accepted.
- Tuesday, May 11, closed to compile bids.
- Wednesday, May 12, 8 am to 3 pm only, first highest bidders pick up items.
- Thursday, May 13, 8 am to 11:30 am only, second highest bidders pick up items; Noon: Open auction for all unclaimed items at the warehouse.

Some of the available items include clothing, books, jewelry, calculators, bikes, typewriters, potter’s wheels, microscopes, electrical and electronic equipment and cameras. The university reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All sales final. All items are subject to a 6 percent sales tax.

**Trustee O’Connell receives high honor**

Chairman John F. O’Connell of The California State University Board of Trustees has been selected to receive the 1982 Distinguished Alumnus Award of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

O’Connell, a former president of Bechtel Inc., and a 1937 graduate of California State University, Chico, will be the recipient of an award given annually by the association to an alumnus of an AASCU institution who has achieved noteworthy prominence in his or her field and has brought honor upon AASCU institutions by these accomplishments.

Former recipients include President Lyndon B. Johnson, National Broadcasting Company President Julian Goodman, author James Michener, California Superintendent of Public Instruction Wilson Riles and several U.S. Ambassadors.

The award will be presented on Nov. 2 in Nashville, Tenn., during the 22nd annual meeting of the AASCU. O’Connell will be introduced by President Robin Wilson of California State University, Chico.

**Union balloting**

On April 12, 1982, the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) mailed a ballot to the home address of each CSU employee eligible to vote in the runoff elections for the following three units: Unit 2 — Health Care Support; Unit 3 — Faculty; and Unit 4 — Academic Support. Election ballots are to be returned to the PERB and are due by 8 am, May 4, 1982.

Employees who believe they are eligible to vote but have not received a ballot in the mail as of Monday, April 19, may contact the Public Employment Relations Board to request a duplicate ballot by mail at P.O. Box 161299, Sacramento, Calif. 95816, or by telephoning PERB collect at (916) 324-0141 or directly on the ATSS at 8-454-0141. Requests for duplicate ballots will be accepted by PERB from Monday, April 19, through Friday, April 23, only. The PERB election office hours are 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

The runoff for Unit 2 (Health Care Support) will be between the Health Care Bargaining Council/CSEA (California State Employees’ Association) and the United Professors of California. For Unit 3 (Faculty) and Unit 4 (Academic Support), the runoff will be between the United Professors of California and the Congress of Faculty Associations.

The elections in each unit will be decided by the actual number of votes cast, not by the majority of those eligible to vote.
Wolf will direct Annual Giving

Fred E. Wolf, a Cal Poly employee for the last 11 years, has been named Director, Annual Giving. He succeeds Clyde Hostetter, who has returned to the journalism faculty. Wolf was formerly Coordinator of Publications and Special Services. He will be in charge of direct mail and telephone fund raising campaigns for the university. Annual Giving is part of the university’s development program headed by Carroll D. Price II (Director of Development).

The Annual Giving Program, now in its sixth year, is expected to raise in 1981-82 approximately $250,000 in private gifts from alumni and friends of Cal Poly.

FFA judging leaders

Two former state FFA officers now attending Cal Poly have been named to the student coordinating committee for the 54th annual State FFA Judging Finals at the University May 1.

Tony Washington, a senior agricultural education major and former state sentinel, will serve as general chairman for the event, which annually attracts 2,000 FFA members for competitions in over 20 agricultural proficiency contests.

George Andrade, a freshman dairy science major from Apple Valley, and former state treasurer, will serve as co-chairman. Becky Harrell, a senior agricultural science major from Visalia, is the other co-chairman.

Also named to the committee were Nancy Fitzgerald, a senior agricultural science major from El Cajon as tabulations chairman; Bill Ritchey, a sophomore agricultural management major from McFarland, as arrangements chairman; and Carla Lunsford, a senior agricultural science major from Corona, as results chairman.

The student committee is responsible for all activities of the day-long contest, from scheduling of the judging events to handing out the awards. The State FFA Judging Finals culminates a year of competition for the FFA hopefuls that began at the local and regional levels. There are team competitions as well as individual proficiency contests.

Dr. Larry Rathbun, Cal Poly’s Agricultural Education Department head, serves as chairman of the faculty consulting committee for the annual event. The State Judging Finals event is followed immediately by the annual conference, also on the Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, campus May 2 through 4.

Retirement system interest rate boost

State employees currently hired half-time or more with an assignment length of six months or more are members of the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS). As a member of PERS, a portion of the employee’s monthly pay is deducted each month to put into the retirement fund. In addition, the state, as the employer, contributes a substantial amount on the employee’s behalf each month. PERS uses both the employee and employer contributions, as well as income from investments, to pay for benefits of the retirement program. The employee’s contributions are currently credited with interest at a rate of 6 3/4 percent, compounded annually.

At the March 17 meeting of the PERS Board of Administration, the Board adopted the following resolutions pertaining to PERS interest crediting rate:

- Effective July 1, 1982, the regular interest crediting rate applicable to all funds held on behalf of members, annuitants, and employers will be increased from 6 3/4 percent to nine percent.
- All member, retired member reserve, and employer accounts on deposit July 1, 1982, will be credited with a one time additional one percent interest based on June 30, 1982, balances.

For information regarding the impact of redeposits based on the increased interest rates, contact Robert Negrant or Barbara Melvin at the Personnel Office, Ext. 2236.

Academic Senate elections

Elections are now being held by the Academic Senate for the local Academic Senate, the Statewide Academic Senate, and the Personnel Review Committee. Ballots have been distributed to departments and the deadline for the receipt of these ballots by the Academic Senate Office is noon on Thursday, April 29, 1982. Ballots will be counted by Friday afternoon in the Academic Senate Office, Faculty Office Building 25-H.

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**Position Vacancies**

Vacant faculty and staff positions at California Polytechnic State University and the Cal Poly Foundation are announced in this column, and are posted outside the respective personnel offices. Contact those offices (University: Adm. 110, 805-546-2236—Foundation: University Dining Complex, 805-546-1121) for applications and additional position details. Both Cal Poly and the Foundation are subject to all laws governing affirmative action and equal employment opportunity. All interested persons are encouraged to apply.

**CLOSING DATE: 5-6-82**

**Clerical Assistant II-A, $1031-$1215/month, temporary through Aug. 31, 1982, subject to annual renewal contingent upon adequate sponsor funding, Cooperative Education Program, Foundation.**

**CLOSING DATE: 5-14-82**

**Public Safety Dispatcher (Typing), $1215-$1439/month. Department of Public Safety.**

**Lecturer (Part-time), salary commensurate with qualifications and experience, Agricultural Management, School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.**

**CLOSING DATE: 5-15-82**

**Lecturer (Part-time), part-time salary commensurate with qualifications and experience, Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering and Technology.**

**Lecturers (Part-time), salary commensurate with qualifications, experience, and assignment, Industrial Engineering, School of Engineering and Technology.**

**Closing Date: 5-21-82**

**Lecturers (Part-time), $5804-$7632/month, based on 15-unit teaching load and will be adjusted depending on assignment, Child Development and Home Economics, School of Human Development and Education.**

**CLOSING DATE: 5-31-82**

**Lecturers (Part-time), salary commensurate with qualifications and experience, Industrial Engineering, School of Engineering and Technology.**

California, Santa Barbara, will speak on "Ancient Ice Ages Through Geologic Time." Engineering East, Room 140, 11 am. All interested persons are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Cal Poly student chapter of Sigma Xi.

**University Club: Tim Gaskin (Ornamental Horticulture) on "Plant Hunting in the South Seas." Staff Dining Room, noon. Faculty and staff invited.**

**Play: "Godspell." Cal Poly Theatre, 8 pm (repeat performances Friday and Saturday). Sponsored by the Speech Communication Department and the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities.**

**Saturday, May 15**

**Spring Concert: Cal Poly Symphonic Band, Chumash Auditorium, 8 pm. Sponsored by the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities, Music Department, ASI and Instructionally Related Activities.**

**Sunday, May 16**

**Golf Tournament: Cal Poly Alumni Association/YMCA Spring Classic Invitational Golf Tournament. San Luis Obispo Country Club, 11 am. Reservations can be made by calling Alumni Services Office, Ext. 2525.**