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CAL POLY JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT NEWS

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New *Mustang Daily* editor, KCPR general manager chosen

Current M.E. Christine Kohn will head *Mustang Daily*

Christine Kohn, current managing editor for *Mustang Daily*, has been chosen as editor of the publication for the 1990-91 academic year. Kohn was one of three candidates who had applied.

Kohn, a senior journalism major, said the decision to apply for the top spot, was "a tough one," because of the time constraints the position imposes. She said her dedication to the paper made her want to continue for another year.

Kohn interned last year at the *California Journal*, a political analysis magazine, and joined 19 other students from throughout the CSU system for an intensive study of state and local government and politics at CSU Sacramento.

She will continue to pursue her interests in political journalism this summer in Washington D.C., as one of 65 students nationwide chosen to participate in a six-week political journalism internship and attend Georgetown University.



Christine Kohn
...new *Daily* editor

The basic physical structure of the newspaper will not change, according to Kohn, but she hopes to add a number of new positions, including at least one paid full-time reporter to handle in-depth, investigative coverage.

Kohn also hopes to expand coverage of campus and city events by hiring a "freelance editor," who would be in charge of soliciting articles from the public and from students in journalism reporting classes.

Kohn will succeed current *Mustang Daily* editor Doug DiFranco. An editor for *Summer Mustang* has not yet been announced.

Yvonne Moore selected to take over the helm at KCPR



Yvonne Moore
...incoming KCPR GM

Yvonne Moore, current marketing director for KCPR, has been named the station's general manager for the 1990-91 academic year. Forty-three applications were submitted for 14 spots on next year's staff.

Moore, a human development junior, said her duties will include handling personnel matters and

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Poly journalism department named CIPA headquarters

The Cal Poly journalism department has been chosen as the permanent administrative headquarters for the California Intercollegiate Press Association (CIPA).

The decision to choose Cal Poly as headquarters came at the educational organization's 41st annual convention March 1-3 in Long Beach.

CIPA is a non-profit organization that groups the student media from approximately 25 public and private universities in California. Currently 45 student newspapers, magazines and radio and TV stations are CIPA members.

The aim of the organization is to foster journalism education through annual mail-in and on-site news event competitions. In addition, student members hear noted speakers and attend innovative seminars.

Each year about 250 students and their advisors gather for a three-day meeting to compete in different media event categories ranging from hard news to features to editing and layout and design.

As administrative headquarters, the Cal Poly journalism department will house all CIPA documents accumulated through

the years.

The department will also be involved in membership drives, coordination of annual sites, and the maintenance of data banks pertaining to prospective speakers, seminar ideas and news event categories.

Dr. Nishan Havandjian, head of the journalism department, sees the establishment of a permanent CIPA headquarters at Cal Poly as a strengthening factor to the organization.

"Before this decision, CIPA records were passed from school to school in cardboard boxes," Havandjian said. "With a permanent headquarters, there will be more organization, and more strength for the group as a whole."

Havandjian will serve as executive secretary of CIPA. For the past two years he has been state faculty chair of the organization. In 1989, the annual convention was hosted by Cal Poly and held in San Luis Obispo. April Karys, editor-in-chief of *Mustang Daily* for the 1988-89 school year, served as state president. Last year, Doug DiFranco, current *Mustang Daily* editor-in-chief, served as state Vice President for Special Projects.

In Brief...

Daily garnishes 11 CIPA awards

Nine *Mustang Daily* editors and reporters received awards at the 41st convention of the California Intercollegiate Press Association.

As a newspaper, *Mustang Daily* won first place for editorial writing. Individual awards went to Andy Harding (first place, news illustration), Doug DiFranco (second place, on-campus arts review), Laura Fleischer (third place, news series), Jenny Midtgaard (third place, science news feature), and Marni Katz (third place, on-campus arts review).

For the on-site categories, winners for *Mustang Daily* included: Harding (second place, editorial cartooning), Christine Kohn (second place, features writing), Glenn Hom (third place, sports writing), Marianne Biasotti (third place, news writing), and Stewart McKenzie (third place, entertainment writing).

Fleischer wins Mark of Excellence award

Mustang Daily's Arts & Entertainment editor, Laura Fleischer, recently was awarded first place for in-depth reporting for the Society of Professional Journalists' annual "Mark of Excellence" competition at the regional level. The awards were announced at a conference held at Lake Tahoe in late March.

Special note to students taking internships this summer

Students who have not met minimum internship prerequisites prior to taking their internship will not receive credit for the internship.

For reference, see the *WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT INTERNSHIPS* flier located in the bookshelf in the hallway of the journalism department. Listed

on it are classes which are required for each journalism concentration. A student must complete the classes before he/she does an internship.

Before accepting or doing an internship, contact the department head to ensure your internship will count toward your degree.

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